

OUR LITURGY

In the desert, God was with Moses at the *rock and produced flowing water* for the thirsty people. In the Gospel, Jesus sat at the well and greeted the Samaritan woman. He offered her *living water*. Paul taught that the love of God has been poured out for us, and even though we are sinners, Christ has died on the cross for us.

ALTAR BREAD & WINE
In Memory of

Requested by



OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

This Week

Next Week

Fr Thomas	5:00 PM	Fr Tapel
Fr Thomas	7:00 AM	Fr Tapel
Fr Boyle	9:00 AM	Fr Thomas
Fr Tapel	10:30 AM	Fr Maffeo
Fr Maffeo	12:00 Noon	Fr Boyle
Fr Tapel	5:00 PM	Fr Maffeo

F 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.

*First Saturday
Our Lady of Fatima
Devotion*

The 1st Saturday of each month will be devoted to Our Lady of Fatima. The devotion will include 8am Mass, Novena to Fatima / the Rosary, Confessions after Mass and fellowship in Carew Hall at 9am.



Our Lady came to Fatima with a message from God to every man, woman, and child of our century. Our Lady of Fatima promised that the whole world would be in peace, and that many souls would go to Heaven if Her requests were listened to and obeyed. Please join us in this devotion.

MASS INTENTIONS



Sunday, February 24 Third Sunday of Lent

- 7:00 William J. Schaudel requested by Loving Wife & Daughter
- 7:00 John Ryan requested by Theresa & Children
- 9:00 Joseph Onufrak requested by Loving Wife & Family
- 9:00 Deceased Members of St Regis
Knights of Columbus & Columbiettes
- 10:30 Mario Zeolla requested by Gina & Ken MacVicar
- 10:30 Joseph J Calviello requested by Kitty & Norm West
- 12:00 James DeMaio requested by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Gabriel
- 12:00 Raymond Fluddy requested by The Bitonti Family
- 5:00 William J. Kennedy requested by Kenneth & Gina MacVicar
- 5:00 Martha C Tedeschi requested by Kenneth & Gina MacVicar

Monday, February 25

- 7:00 William Barry requested by Kitty Bassa
- 9:00 Stephen Bauer, Jr requested by Loving Mom, Dad & Family
- 12:10 Lillian Morrone requested by The Dujat Family

Tuesday, February 26

- 7:00 People of the Parish
- 8:45 Margaret Gregorek requested by
Katherine Yamaguchi & Family
- 8:45 William Barry requested by The Antonucci Family
- 12:10 Mary Dineen requested by Maureen & John

Wednesday, February 27

- 7:00 Intentions of the Celebrant
- 9:00 Anthony Grosso requested by The Mawn Family
- 12:10 Atilio Randazzo requested by Alexander & Linda Mavrovich

Thursday, February 28

- 7:00 Intentions of the Celebrant
- 9:00 James Gibson requested by Patricia Brozinsky
- 9:00 Michael Melchiona requested by Loving Family
- 12:10 William J Kelleher, Sr requested by Loving Family

Friday, February 29

- 7:00 Intentions of the Celebrant
- 9:00 Intentions of the Celebrant
- 12:10 Vincent Fortunato requested by Deacon Jim Altonji

Saturday, March 1, First Saturday

- 8:00 Alice & Ted Budzinski requested by Mr & Mrs Larry Tavano
- 8:00 Theresa & Angelo DeFilippo requested by Loving Family

Anticipated Mass for Sunday

- 5:00 James Gibson requested by Patricia Brozinsky
- 5:00 Janet Rodgers requested by The Binger Family

Sunday, March 2, Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 7:00 Josephine Onorio requested by Jenna & Kenneth Macvicar
- 9:00 Deana Possenriede requested by Linda Savage & Family
- 9:00 Eileen Rieder requested by Kathy Brann
- 10:30 Joseph Wolanski requested by Loving Family
- 10:30 Michael DiFuccia requested by Alice Ann Brown
- 12:00 Mr & Mrs John Gabriel requested by Mr & Mrs Edward Gabriel
- 12:00 Robert DuBois requested by Frank & Joan Duarte
- 5:00 Martha Camille Tedeschi requested by Dave & Susan Gilman
- 5:00 Catherine DeBellis requested by The Prieter Family

FROM THE DESK OF FR. MIKE

Our entrance antiphon for today's mass gives us the direction about what it is we are focusing on this **3rd Sunday of Lent**. As we read/recite: *"I will prove my holiness through you. I will gather you from the ends of the earth; I will pour clean water on you and wash away all of your sins. I will give you a new spirit within you, says the Lord."* (**Ex. 36:23-26**) Yes, the theme of Baptism and what it promises is seen in our readings from *Exodus*, and the *Gospel of John*, and clearly this theme is seen with the reference of water that gives life. Both *Exodus* and *John* tell us of people looking for water; people in the desert, and the woman who comes to the well at Mid-Day.

Without a doubt, water means life to thirsty people in the desert, and to the woman who does not have it readily available in the kitchen and even to each of us. But we are to look past just the surface use of water. In the case of *Exodus*, we see that the deeper meaning of the life giving water is that God does not abandon the people on their journey through the desert; the journey from slavery to freedom. Even when it appears all is lost, God is still there to give life. At the end of the reading, we see this implied as we read: *"The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the Lord saying, 'Is the Lord in our midst or not?'"* Oh yes, God was in their midst, but they were too blind to see, to numb to feel, and so self-absorbed that they totally miss the point of what God did for them and what He was continuing to do for them.

The woman at the well likewise came looking for water as did Jesus, and she too missed the point about what was being said to her, and of course who was telling her about the water. She at first thinks Jesus is speaking about the water from the well founded by *Jacob*. However, what He really wants is her, and He does not want her to give Him water, but for her to accept the water He wants to give her. She asks Jesus do you think you are greater than our Father *Jacob*. Yes, He is and soon even she would realize it. But, she still misses the point until Jesus asks her about her life and then she begins to understand, but she still thinks she has to prove herself to Jesus: speaking about things she really does not understand. We see this in her dialogue with Jesus. *"The woman said to him; 'Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain; but your people say that the place of worship is in Jerusalem!'"* But Jesus again corrects her and calls her to the higher reality of faith, a reality **that**

likewise calls to us. *"Believe me, woman, the hour is coming, and it is now here, when true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and Truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him, must worship in Spirit and Truth."*

Please God let that be us! Let our worship be true, and filled with trust in you and the new life given to us through water and the Holy Spirit. Help us to know that you are always with us even when we think that you are far away: for we know that when we experience this, you are truly there holding us up. Help us to be like the woman at the well who when she realized that you were the Messiah went out and told the whole village. Help us to be like the people of *Sychar* who said; *"...we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."*

Please see the bulletin for the schedule of prayer during our Lenten Season, also do not forget our **St. Joseph Feast Day Celebration on Saturday March 8th following the 5 PM Mass** and we will celebrate a special Mass in honor of **St. Joseph on Saturday March 15th at 12 Noon with the blessing of St. Joseph's Bread. Note the day is the 15th and not the 19th this year, because March 19th this year is the Wednesday of Holy Week.**

Also mark your calendar for our **Parish Centennial Dinner-Dance on April 26, 2008.** (Yes, it is on the 26th) **The cost is only \$75 a person** and limited to 400 people, so please join us for this wonderful event.

Please remember the *Catholic Ministry Appeal* and all of the good it does for the people of Rockville Centre, if you have not made your pledge yet, please use the form found in the bulletin or go on line. Thank you, for your very generous support.

Happy Lent
Fr. Mike

REMEMBER OUR SICK

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| Al Barone | Samuel Joseph Baxter |
| Edmond Blinn | Oliver Bouchard |
| Elsie Bratisax | Kathy Cunningham |
| Michael DePinto | Nesam Devaraj |
| Brian Devereux | Louis Fava |
| Paul Feltman | Joanne Fergus |
| Robert Filce | Ann Fortunato |
| Louise Harney | Kyle Heffron |
| Jane Keaveny | Vincent Keaveny |
| Cheryle Kijik | Nancy Klemm |
| Krystyna Kuras | Marion Lewis |
| Rose Malinowski | Bill Mangan |
| Marie Mangan | Anthony Martinez |
| Msgr Frank Midura | Barbara Mooney |
| Catherine Mytko | James O'Donnell |
| Ann Sue Pasquarella | Richard Pasquarella |
| Grace C Peshkur | Anna Plude |
| Nicole Ramaglia | John Reynolds |
| Louis Russo | Louise Schaaf |
| Margie Sempey Mytko | Darryll Smith |
| Ken Stokes | Stacie Tizzard |
| Lloyd Turnier | Patricia Vasiento |
| Philip Weiner | |

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



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| SGT Deborah Alfieri | PFC Matthew Altonji |
| LCPL Justin Aragones | TSGT Louis Barletta |
| 2LT Stephen Bartoszak | LT Michael-Jon Bonacorsa |
| LCPL John Brown | PFC Justin Browne |
| LTCOL James Cersosimo | CPL Glenn Clacher |
| SPC Thomas E. Corcoran | SPC Jason Crawford |
| CPT Edward Cuevas | PFC John B Cuneo |
| SGT Ryan Delaney | TSGT Timothy Dermody |
| LTCOL Kurt Diehl | SGT Stephen DiGirolamo |
| SSGT Tony Elliott | LT Kelly Fletcher |
| SPC Adam Franciosa | CPT Mark Gillman |
| CPT Evan Gotkin | RCT RJ Hartmann |
| AB J.R. Kay | SGT John W Keohane |
| SSGT Steven Knight | CPL Andrew Kochman |
| PFC Thomas Lupo | SGT Wade Lynch |
| LCPL Marshall | PVT Thomas B McGinn |
| SGT Patrick McNally | PFC William Meyer |
| CPO Gregory Migliore | SGT Glenn Miller |
| 1LT Heather Miras | SGT Daniel Montville |
| SSGT Brian Moran | MAJ Gregory Mueller |
| LCPL Thomas Napolitano | LCPL Michael Napolitano |
| PVT Todd Nelson | LCPL James Neubauer |
| LCPL Anthony Notaroberta | PVT James Notaroberta |
| SGT Brian Pacella | N/Seal Paul Padro |
| ENS3 Lucy Padro | CPT Michael Parisi |
| 2LT Anthony Parisi | MAJ Paul E Pinaud |
| CTR2 Matthew Pistritto | LT David A Rewkowski |
| SGT Edwin Rivera, II | LCPL William R Rodgers |
| LCPL Anthony Sbrocco | SSGT Jason Schiavo |
| CPL Brian Schildt | LCPL W.Mason Shehan |
| SPC James Stanek | PVT Erica Sweeney |
| PFC Greg Terrish | CPL Jason Tulowitzki |
| SSGT Nick Vicale | SGT John Thomas Vogt |
| LCPL Brandon Waldon | SGT Randolph Weaver |
| 2LT John Wolfen | |

If you would like to include a soldier from your family who is serving, please fill out the cut out below & 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 #: _____

(Friends can be placed on the silent prayer list only)

REMEMBER OUR DEAD

Vincent Fortunato, Giovanio Senia, Anne Gennaro, Maria Miglozzi, Consolacion Garcia, 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



Office Hours are:

9 - 4 on Monday & Thursday
10 - 4 on Tuesday & Wednesday

Reconciliation for **Level 6** will be held on Monday, March 3rd. Please follow the instructions that you will receive in class this week.

St Joseph's School

school@stjoronk.org



Registration is now open for new students in grades Nursery thru Grade 8 for the 2008-2009 school year. Please call the school office to arrange a tour and to receive application information. The hours are daily from 8:30 - 3:00 at 588-4760. RE-REGISTRATION INFORMATION WILL BE COMING HOME THIS WEEK.

Our teachers will be participating in a 10 day technology workshop thru BOCES. We will be incorporating many new ideas into lessons in all grades and subject areas with the use of Smart boards, digital microscopes, power-point presentations, digital photography to name a few.

Our Early Childhood programs will be sponsoring bake sales to support the special functions that will come to our school thru the Cornell University Science Programs.

Our new fashion show -titles March Magic will be held on Wednesday, evening March 12th @ the Watermill Inn. Please call the school office for information. We will have the same event as a fashion show without the fashions and the inclusion of a Magic Show! Please join us.

Please stop by at Carew Hall after all the Masses next weekend to see our Science Fair. We will be sponsoring our School Science Fair along with Unity Sunday. We will also be inviting back to our school any alumni. Share the 9 AM Mass with us on Sunday, March 2nd, see our Science Fair and share Unity Sunday and memories with us. We are looking forward to having you!

Baptisms

Nicholas Michael Dowgiallo



Hold The Date



St Joseph's Centennial Dance
will be held

Saturday, April 26, 2008
at 7:30 PM



CYO Nassau Suffolk is celebrating 50 years of serving Long Island's youth. Did you participate in CYO? Do you have a photograph or a story you would like to share?

As part of our celebration we want to print your pictures and memories in our commemorative journal which will be given out at our annual Role Model Awards Dinner on April 11th, 2008. The deadline to submit your photos and stories is March 1st, 2008. You can e-mail them to maryellen@cyons.org, or fax them to (516)433-1238 or mail them to CYO Nassau Suffolk, 20 E. Cherry Street, Hicksville, NY 11801 - Attention Maryellen. You can also check our website www.cyons.org for more information. If you need photographs returned, please include your name and address on the back. Thank you.

Lenten Learning

A new selection of Lenten literature for adults, teens and youngsters is now available on our parish bookrack in the vestibule of the church.



We invite you to browse our selection of booklets, some of which include:

- "Safe Fasting for Teens" - "Lenten Saints"
- "The Seven Last Words of Christ"
- "The Way of Love"- "40 Ways for 40 Days"
- "Lenten Prayers for Seniors"
- "A Scriptural Way of the Cross"

as well as story and coloring books for your children.



RESPECT LIFE

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In his State of the State message of 1/09/08, Governor Spitzer promoted RHAPP, his radical abortion-on-demand bill, titled the “**Reproductive Health and Privacy Protection Act**”. The words “reproductive health” & privacy protection” are expected to sound positive & desirable, but the purpose of this bill is to provide legal protection for abortionists & abortion industries from regulation & litigation – it certainly would not “protect” women & would, most certainly, ensure the death of innocent unborn babies.

The proposed NYS RHAPP bill would be a very “bad rap” for babies, their moms and dads, & for all of us too, in many other ways. **Now is the time to show your opposition to RHAPP and any bill like it – your participation is vital.** Information & sample letters on this dangerous bill can be found in the Legislative pages of 11/07 and 1/08 LIFE NEWS. These pages can be downloaded from www.ProLifeLI.org. Contact the following:

>Governor Eliot Spitzer, State Capitol, Albany, NY 12224

To leave a phone message: 518-474-8390

E-mail: www.state.ny.us/governor, select contact the governor

>Senator Kemp Hannon, Chairman,
Senate Health Committee, NYS Senate, Albany, NY 12247

Long Island Office 516-739-1700, Albany Office
518-455-2200

>Senator Joseph Bruno, Senate Majority Leader, NYS Senate,
Albany, NY 12247, telephone 518-455-3191

>Your NYS Senator-----, Albany, NY 12247
Senate switchboard 518-455-2800

>Your NYS Assembly member _____ Albany, NY 12248
Assembly switchboard 518-455-4100

To learn more about New York State Legislation call Mary Arden Smith at 516-825-4852, or e-mail
maryardensmith@aol.com. LIFE NEWS February 2008

A plea: please consider joining a few intrepid souls in witnessing for life on the first Saturday of the month, for just an hour. The exposure to autos whizzing by is very encouraging – maybe just one person is influenced not to go in and have that abortion; maybe one person is given something to mull over as they drive to wherever; maybe one child asks the question “why are they standing there with signs?”

The location is 200 Motor Parkway in Hauppauge, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Meet at 10 a.m. in the parking lot across from St. Joseph’s Church; next date is March 1st. For information, call 588-4437.

“It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness.”

Fr. James Keller

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

Weekly Offering

Sunday, February 17, 2008 Offerings	\$15,651
Same collection last year	14,822

Poor Box last weekend	\$350
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<i>Fuel</i> Collection	\$8,195
Same time last year	8,528

Weekly Budget Amount	\$18,125
Last Week’s Collection	<u>15,651</u>
Shortage	\$ 2,474

<i>Snow Removal</i> Collection	\$1,257
Last Year	1,588

Thank you for your generous response to the appeal for increased giving.

God Bless You Always, Fr Mike

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS NEWS

Next scheduled meeting will be at 7 pm on March 4th, Carew Hall, Room B.

C. West, Regent 585-1719

Mark Your Calendars



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| <i>Feb 29</i> | Stations of the Cross 7:30 PM Church |
| <i>Mar 1</i> | First Saturday Devotion 8-9AM |
| <i>Mar 1</i> | Defensive Driving 8:30-3 PM Carew Hall |
| <i>Mar 2</i> | Unity Sunday & St Joseph School
Science Fair 9 AM - 1 PM Carew Hall |
| <i>Mar 3</i> | Baptism Class 8-9 pm Rectory Basement |
| <i>Mar 7</i> | Stations of the Cross 7:30 PM Church |
| <i>Mar 7</i> | Gospel Study 10-11:30 AM Carew Hall |
| <i>Mar 8</i> | Feast of St Joseph Celebration 6-10 PM |
| <i>Mar 9</i> | St Patrick’s Day Parade |
| <i>Mar 14</i> | Gospel Study 10-11:30 AM Carew Hall |
| <i>Mar 14</i> | Stations of the Cross 7:30 PM Church |
| <i>Mar 15</i> | St Joseph Husband of Mary - Feast Day
Mass & Blessing of Bread 12:00 Church |
| <i>Mar 16</i> | Palm Sunday |
| <i>Mar 17</i> | Reconciliation 4-5 PM, 7-8:30PM Church |
| <i>Mar 19</i> | Feast of St Joseph 7:30 PM Mass |
| <i>Mar 20</i> | Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:30 |

2008 Catholic Ministries Appeal

The Hands of Christ-Supporting the Community Around Us

TOTALS for the 2007 APPEAL

Parish Goal:	\$83,700
Number of Pledges:	458
Total Amount Pledged:	\$88,025
Total Amount Paid:	\$85,705
Amount Over Goal:	\$ 2,005
Parish Rebate:	\$18,162

2008 TO DATE

Number of Pledges:	133
Amount Pledged:	\$30,618



Pastoral Outreach

Pastoral Outreach helps connect the Church on Long Island to thousands of people from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds. It helps bring together our youth and young adults, and ministers to those who are suffering and alone.

These programs include the Office of Hospital Ministry, where more than 300,000 people are served in our local hospitals every year, as well as the Office of Worship, the Respect Life Office and Prison Ministry. It also encompasses the Office of New Evangelization, whose ministries are designed to welcome, support and help evangelize people from many different backgrounds to our faith. In addition, it supports our young people through campus ministries and supports our adults through Renewal Services with local prayer groups and Healing Masses.

New Evangelization also supports our Mission in the Dominican Republic, which serves the religious, spiritual and health needs of more than 45,000 people. Pastoral Outreach receives 20 percent of all of the funds raised from the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Please consider what you can do to make this campaign successful.

Please make your check payable to:
Catholic Ministries Appeal

Pledge: \$ _____

Down Payment: \$ _____

Balance: \$ _____

Parish: _____

Payment Plan:

Name: _____

Monthly Quarterly

Address: _____

Annually Other

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Donor Signature: _____ Date _____

** Pledges of \$200 or more will be entered into a drawing. Five winners will each receive an invitation for dinner for two with your parish priests!



AND THE WINNERS ARE....

January 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 \$50 Danny Murphy # 442	2 \$25 Mary Jane Finnegan # 692	3 \$25 Anne Kelly # 123	4 \$25 Mr & Mrs DeLouisa # 104	5 \$25 Joseph & Julia Rivellese # 408
6 \$50 Gerry LePage # 70	7 \$25 Mary Williams # 373	8 \$25 Thomas Cusanelli # 830	9 \$25 Marilyn Crisham # 54	10 \$25 Elaine Mazziotti # 721	11 \$25 Richard & Joanne Fahey # 507	12 \$25 Sr Theresa A Gallagher # 432
13 \$50 Sarah Hausner # 493	14 \$25 John White # 193	15 \$25 Joanne DeBellis # 503	16 \$25 Catherine Anello # 690	17 \$25 Ed & Doris Straub # 293	18 \$25 Frances Romagnuolo # 418	19 \$25 Brian Sanders # 86
20 \$50 Florence Graeber # 359	21 \$25 Linda Assande # 395	22 \$25 Richard & Joanne Fahey # 363	23 \$25 Cathy West # 368	24 \$25 Mary Ann Heilemann # 228	25 \$25 Marie & Roger Koferl # 701	26 \$25 Marilyn Crisham # 100
27 \$50 Alice & Wolf Hasselbach # 593	28 \$25 Anne Kelly # 123	29 \$25 Robert Pavinski # 649	30 \$25 Roxana Hogan # 684	31 \$25 Thomas F Mistretta # 569		

The Calendar Club

Everyday for the next year we will draw one number. The owner of that number will win the prize for that day. Then the number is put back into the mix for the next day's drawing, giving you another opportunity to WIN!

A donation of only \$25 buys you 1 number and 362 chances to win.

A donation of \$100 will buy you 1,810 chances to win!!!!!!

Your donation must accompany this form. The calendars will be mailed to you. . Thank you and Good Luck!

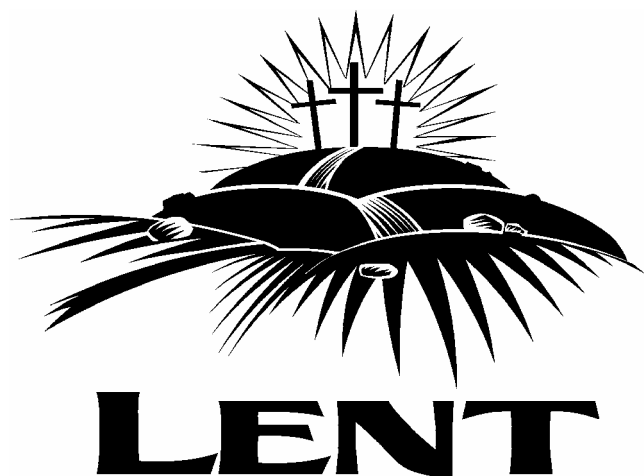
MAIL TO: St Joseph Church, 45 CHURCH STREET, RONKONKOMA, NY 11779-3301

MEMBERS NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

NUMBER OF CALENDARS: _____ **X \$25 = \$** _____



Rules of Fast and Abstinence

During the season of Lent the Church calls us to fast and abstain. The days of fast are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fast means that those between the ages of 18 and 59 limit themselves to one full meal and eat nothing between meals. The other meals on a fast day are light meals. All the Fridays of Lent, as well as Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, are also days of abstinence, which means that those 14 years of age and older are to abstain from eating meat.

Daily Mass—A Lenten Tradition

Monday through Friday 7AM, 9AM and 12:10 PM.

Saturday at 8AM

Sunday Masses remain the same at 5PM on Saturday, 7, 9 & 10:30 AM, 12 Noon and 5PM on Sunday

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Daily as we pray the “Our Father “ we petition our God to “forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” These simple words recall the basic need that each of us has to experience forgiveness and to share it with others. As a faith community the Sacrament of Reconciliation has long served to seek forgiveness of God and to be reconciled with one another. Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation provides us with an encounter with our Compassionate God. Lent is an especially opportune time to experience God’s mercy in this sacramental way.

The parish offers weekly celebrations of the sacrament each Monday, Wednesday & Friday after the 7 & 9 AM Masses and on Saturday after the 8AM Mass and from 4-4:45 PM.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be celebrated at the following times:

Monday of Holy Week - March 17 - after the 7 & 9 AM masses , 4-5PM and 7-8:30PM

Wednesday of Holy Week - March 19 - after the 7 & 9AM masses

Stations of the Cross

Recalling the Passion of our Lord Jesus during the season of Lent has nourished Catholics from the earliest days of Christianity. One of the traditional ways in which we recall Jesus’ way of the cross is the praying of the Stations of the Cross. Join us for the Stations on each of the following Fridays: February 8th 15th, 22nd & 29th. March 7th, 14th, 21st.

Paschal Candle Memorials

If you would like to memorialize the Paschal Candle for the upcoming year please fill out and return this tab with your payment of \$100 to the Rectory.

In Memory of: _____

From: _____

Telephone: _____



Building for the Future

It's Time



Goal: \$200,000

To Date: \$127,625

We've begun, but we still need your help.

As you can see, we are half way to our goal of funds needed to complete the projects we have been speaking of since last Spring. The convent has been torn down and all the debris has been carted away. Our next step is to permanently install the modular buildings we purchased to become our new Religious Education Office. This is made possible by the generosity of all parishioners, many of which have already responded. We thank those who have made a pledge or donation and we ask you to please help us in any way you can. Use the tear out below and drop it in the collection basket at mass or bring/mail to the rectory office at

45 Church St. Ronkonkoma, NY 11779. God Bless you.

Yes, Fr. Mike, I want to Help St. Joseph's

Finish the Restoration Projects and Build for the Future!

Name: _____ Phone# _____

Address: _____ ID # _____

We welcome all pledges. If each family could make a pledge of \$200 it would be greatly appreciated. All pledges are payable over the period of time you designate.

Pledge Amount _____ Amount Enclosed _____

I would like to make payments of \$ _____ Monthly Quarterly please circle one

Fr. Mike, I authorize you to charge my credit card for \$ _____ each month until the total of my pledge is paid in full.

Credit Card Type: MC Visa American Express Other _____

Credit Card # _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Security code # on back of card (3 or 4 digit #) _____ Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

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.

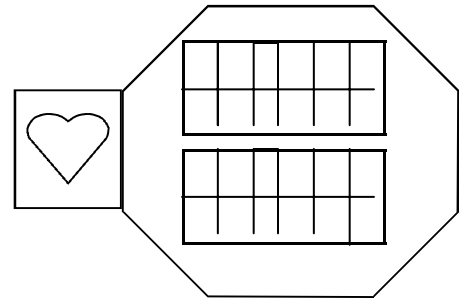
Occupying a prominent position in our Baptistry, and All Saints Shrine, the Tree of Life commemorates our support of St Joseph's Parish. Leaves and stones may be engraved to honor benefactors, highlight or memorialize people or events with special significance in life, or express the sentiments of donors.

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.

The St. Joseph School Parents Association
presents

MARCH MAGIC

14th Annual Dinner & Chinese Auction
(formerly "The Fashion Show")

featuring a
Comical Magic Performance
from Ronjo Costume & Magic

Wednesday, March 12, 2008 * 7pm to 11pm

At Watermill Caterers

711 Smithtown Bypass, Smithtown, New York

Ticket Price of \$50.00 includes:

Butler passed hors d'evours, salad, pasta, a choice from three entrees,
dessert, coffee/tea/soda.

A CASH BAR will be available for any other preferred beverages.



* \$5.00 gift item * Raffle Baskets *
* Grand Raffle Baskets *
* Mega 50/50 *

March Magic - 14th Annual Dinner & Chinese Auction



Reservation Form

Your response is requested by March 5, 2008

Reservations for _____ guests, under the name of _____

Contact's Phone # _____ Child's Name/Grade _____

GUESTS:

	Full Name	Phone #	Check #	Credit Card #	Zip	Exp. Date	Security Code
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Tables are set for 14.

If there are more than 5 guests in your party, please attach a list of additional guests with the above information.

Completed Reservation Form along with payment (checks made payable to St. Joseph School) can be left at the Rectory, or, sent to: Ann Ambrosio, PA Treasurer, St. Joseph School, 25 Church St., Ronkonkoma, NY 11779.

Tickets are sold on a first come, first served basis and seating is limited!

*****Early Bird Special*****

The first 10 full tables of 14 will receive one sheet of 25 regular raffle basket tickets Free! (A \$25.00 value)

Ticket price of \$50.00 includes Hors d'oeuvres, Pasta, Salad, Choice of Entree, Dessert, Coffee/Tea/Soda, DJ & Magic Performance



**The MEGA 50/50 Raffle Jackpot
is already over \$800**



Previous winners have taken home a CASH prize amount of over \$3000!

THE MORE TICKETS SOLD, THE BIGGER THE JACKPOT! WINNER NEED NOT ATTEND!

DONATION: \$5.00/each or 5 for \$20.00

Tickets can be purchased at the Rectory or by sending the completed form below to:

Ann Ambrosio, PA Treasurer, St. Joseph School, 25 Church St., Ronkonkoma, NY 11779.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

of Tickets: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____ (Please make checks payable to St. Joseph School)

Child's Name & Grade: *(St. Joseph School Only)* _____



Grand
Marshal
Maurice
"Mo"
Maloney

ST. REGIS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

presents

RONKONKOMA'S 18th ANNUAL

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Sunday, March 9th, 2008 • 2:00p.m.



Parade steps off at Portion Road and
Patchogue/Holbrook Roads,
Marches South on Hawkins Avenue,
right onto Church Street to end at St. Joseph's Church.



Parade Chairman: Martin Gaughan

Anyone interested in marching, please contact
the Parade Committee at 981-4887 to register.



PRIZES: 1ST PLACE - \$200 • \$100 - 2ND PLACE
FOR MOST AUTHENTIC IRISH FLOATS
6 FEET OR LARGER REGISTERED WITH COMMITTEE.



IRISH FAMILY HERITAGE FLOATS WELCOME.

BOB MORRIS IRISH BAND BENEFITS ON FEB. 27 & MAR. 3 WILL AID ARSON-DEVASTATED WYANDANCH PARISH

The Bob Morris Irish Band will perform again between 8 and 10 PM on February 27th at Nag's Head Ale House in Huntington village (396 New York Avenue, near W.Carver St.) to help **Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish in Wyandanch** rebuild its recently arson-devastated Gerald J. Ryan Outreach Center, food pantry, clothing outlet and rectory. About a thousand needy residents are served there each month on a nonsectarian basis. Voluntary donations will be gratefully received.



The Band's fundraiser at the Huntington site on January 23rd raised more than \$10,000 from a standing-room-only crowd of 204. That event drew from Huntington, Northport, Farmingdale and Lindenhurst. Other Suffolk attendees came from as far off as the Hamptons, Sag Harbor and the Patchogue area. Nassau support came from such distant communities as Island Park, Levittown, Lynbrook and Elmont.

Fr. Bill Brisotti, pastor of the Wyandanch church, is a veteran lead banjo player in the Irish traditional music group. It has held Eight annual benefit concerts at the Wyandanch parish hall and will hold another there from 3 to 6PM on March 3rd. The Bob Morris Irish Band is named for a deceased Syosset telecommunications executive who spearheaded area interest in Irish traditional music and dance. Current band members hail from Greenlawn, Huntington, Lake Grove, Lake Ronkonkoma and Shirley in Suffolk County, and Bethpage, Malverne, Plainview, Rockville Centre, and Syosset in Nassau County. Besides playing at churches, schools, retirement facilities and private parties, they appear at the Nag's Head Ale House in Huntington on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Their Repertoire includes jigs, marches, reels, hornpipes, waltzes and a variety of sing-along favorites.

CONTACT: Bob Walsh (rdw727@hotmail.com) (631-239-5162)

The Feast of Saint Joseph



On Saturday, March 8th we will be celebrating the Feast of St Joseph - our parish's patron saint - with a dinner in Carew Hall following the 5 P M Mass. While there is no charge, reservations are necessary so please call the Rectory and leave your name, the number of people attending and your phone number.

On Wednesday, March 19th, the Feast of St Joseph, we will celebrate Mass in his honor at 7:30 P M. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join us.

Prayer:

Saint Joseph, patron of the universal Church, watch over the Church as carefully as you watched over Jesus, help protect it and guide it as you did with your adopted son. Amen



TAG SALE FUNDRAISER

To raise funds for
Mike Cristiano's

Eagle Scout Project

which will be the
Music Room Restoration

Saturday, February 23rd

10 AM to 6 PM

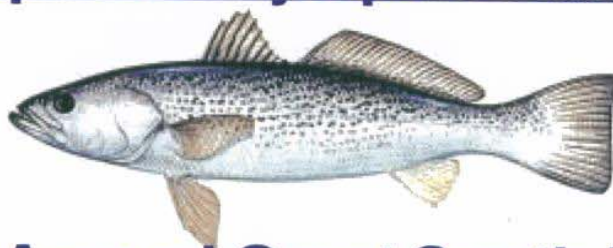
Sunday, February 24th

9 AM to 2 PM

For more information call 467-6275



A Special Olympics Fundraiser



1st Annual Great South Bay Weakfish Tournament

Sponsored by The St. Regis Knights of Columbus Council #4651, Ronkonkoma

Estimated Cash Prizes Totaling Over \$20,000

(Based on 500 individual entries and a minimum of 100 boats in the "Calcutta")

Starts: 12 Noon - Thursday May 22, 2008

Ends: 12 Noon - Monday May 26, 2008

This is a Weakfish Only Tournament. Weakfish **MUST** be a minimum of 20". This contest rule is in the interest of conservation.

Entrance fee is \$70.00 per person and must be paid on or before 11 AM, Thursday May 22, 2008 at any participating agent.

Private boat "Calcutta" (\$50.00 per boat). A separate completed form must be filled out that includes the names of up to four (4) additional members of your boat crew (Crew members must be entered into the tournament).

Captains' meeting will be held on Tuesday May 20, 2008, at 8 PM at St. Regis Knights of Columbus Council #4651 Hall, Pond Road and Rosevale Ave, Ronkonkoma. Awards Ceremony/Buffer will be held on Thursday, May 29, 2008 at 7:30PM.

** Prizes to the 12 heaviest Weakfish and 5 "Calcutta" boat prizes. Estimated prizes based on 500 individual participants and a minimum of 100 boats entering the "Calcutta". Individual prizes can be higher or lower depending on the actual number of participants in the tournament. Two individual prizes will be added for each additional 100 participants over 500. At the judges' discretion. Winners may be required to pass a polygraph test.

Estimated Prizes - Individual prizes are based on 500 participants.

1st \$3,600	2nd \$2,400	3rd \$1,850	4th \$1,500	5th \$1,250	6th \$1,100
7th \$ 950	8th \$ 800	9th \$ 650	10th \$ 500	11th \$ 350	12th \$ 250

Calcutta Prizes - Boats (percentage of Calcutta pool)

1st 50%	2nd 25%	3rd 12.5%	4th 7.5%	5th 5%
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Participating Sign-up and Weigh-in Agents

Riverview Restaurant - 3 Consuelo Pl, Oakdale
 Combs B & T - 74 Merrick Road, Amityville
 Bergen Point Fishing Sta. - 605 Bergen Ave, W. Babylon
 Augie's Custom Tackle - 450 Fire island Ave, Babylon
 Salt Water's Tackle Inc. - 939 Montauk Hwy, W. Islip
 J & J Sports - 265 W. Main St, Patchogue
 Smiths Point B & T - 2396 William Floyd Pkwy, Shirley

Causeway B & T - 30-31 Merrick Road, Wantagh
 Chasing Tails B & T - 1506 Montauk Hwy, Oakdale
 Bob's B & T - 4 Wilson Ave, Amity Harbor
 Capt T's - 650-3 Montauk Hwy, Bayport
 Fishin Mission - 1048 Merrick Rd, Copiague
 Lindenhurst B & T - 281 Montauk Hwy, Lindenhurst
 J & H Outlet - 4112 Sunrise Hwy, Oakdale

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

In Carew Hall after 5:00 PM Mass

Open to all young men & women from 9th grade to age 20. For info about our crew or to join us, just visit one of our meetings.



Next Meetings

February 24, March 9

E-mail: Crew272@StJoRonk.org
Phone: Advisor Mike Keller (631) 467-6468



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 979-0060
or e-mail JoinScouting@StJoRonk.org.



**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 Fr. Carew Hall on Thursday's at 10:00 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!



**Sport for all Seasons
ST. JOSEPH CYO**

Baseball:

Intramural (Coed, ages 5-16): Gene ☎ 588-1879
Travel * (Boys) : Vinny ☎ 467-3651 or
Tony ☎ 737-8136

Basketball:

Girls Intramural / Lower Division: Debbie ☎ 467-6174
Girls Intramural / Upper Division: Dave ☎ 981-5513
Clinic Division (Coed Grades K-2) Henry ☎ 467-6091
Boys Intramural(Grades 3-12) : Henry ☎ 467-6091
Travel* (Boys): Vinny ☎ 467-3651

Track:

Boys & Girls, Grades K-8
Karen ☎ 588-8636 or Gina ☎ 676-6208

Soccer :

Intramural Boys & Girls(ages 4-12): Joe ☎ 737-6299
Travel (LIJSL): Tony B ☎ 737-5159

Chairman: Henry Melchiona ☎ 467-6091

*Must register for the intramural program as well

Courtesy Announcements

American Sign Language Classes - begin March 3rd at the Cleary School for the deaf. Levels 1-5 are being offered. Call Carolyn at 588-0530 for more information.

Charismatic Healing Mass - Our Lady of the Island Shrine on March 8th at 1PM. Includes Praise & Worship, Mass & Anointing of the Sick. Contact St Joseph prayer Center at 730-6210 or the shrine at 325-0661 for more information.

Charismatic Prayer Meeting - at Our Lady of the Island Shrine the fourth Wednesday of each month from 7- 9PM.

Victorian Tea - hosted by St Regis Columbiettes to raise funds for DDI Foundation to help children with Autism. It will be held on March 30th at 2PM at the West Sayville Country Club. \$25 for Adults and \$12 for children. For more information please contact Rosemary Mc Menamin at 648-3090.

Free Food for NY Seniors - the FAN is offering free food for Seniors age 60 and over who are income eligible. New eligible include a single senior whose gross monthly is \$1,107 or less, and a senior whose gross monthly income is \$1,484 or less. Call 631-491-4166 or 516-623-4568.



Free Food for NYS Women & Children -the FAN (Food and Nutrition Program) is offering FREE ENFAMIL Formula (both regular & Soy), also nutrition food for income eligible children under six years of age (not on WIC) plus pregnant & up to one year postpartum women. The INCOME guidelines are: A family of two with a weekly gross income of \$488 is eligible. For each additional member add \$124. Call: 631-491-4166 or 516-623-4568.

Meals-On-Wheels - Lake Nutrition Meals-on-Wheels provides food to elderly & homebound Monday thru Friday, two meals a day. Hot meals & cold meals are available for a charge of \$6 for both meals. Call 467-8948 for information. **Wanted- Volunteers** - 1 hour of your time, 1 day a week to deliver meals to the homebound, Monday thru Friday, 10:45-12:00 Noon. Please call Suzanne at 467-8948 if you are able to help Meals on Wheels.

Smithtown Central School District Adult Basic Education Program—Free Classes! Learn English, Earn your GED, High School Equivalency Diploma, Prepare for Citizenship, Gain Basic Computer Skills (Seniors & ESL Students) & Receive Career Counseling! For more info call 382-2181 or www.smithtown.k12.ny.us

Professional Therapy provided by NYS licensed therapists, are available to our parish and 80 other parishes. It is provided by the Catholic Counseling Center which is independent of & not controlled or supervised by the parish or diocese. Most insurance policies are honored. For confidential information & appointment, call Dr Giuliani at 243-2503.

The 2008 Diocesan Bereavement Conference, “Comfort My Heart” will be held on Sat., March 8th at Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale, 8:30AM-5:30PM, for the bereaved and those caring for them, sponsored by Catholic Cemeteries. The day features an opening Keynote by Catherine O’Connor, CSB,PhD, 36 workshops for all losses (registrants may choose three), Conference Bookstore and closing Eucharistic Celebration. Breakfast, lunch and conference folder are included in the registration fee. Brochures are available by calling 516-334-7990 ext. 120 or 119 or from our website: www.holyroodcemetery.org by simply clicking on the word Bereavement on the bar on top of the home page and then scrolling down to bereavement Conference Information. Advance registration is requested.

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!!!