

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church

Parish Office Hours

Monday Through Friday (effective January 2, 2009)

9am to Noon; 1:15 to 5:00 PM; 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Saturday - 9:00 AM to Noon; 1:00 to 5:00 PM

Sunday - 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Pray with the Parish

Rosary - Prayed daily after the 9 AM Mass

Liturgy of the Hours - Prayed at 8:40 AM (Monday to Friday)
and 7:40 AM on Saturday

Eucharistic Adoration - Mondays (except holidays),
2:00 to 6:45 PM

Nocturnal Adoration & Devotion to the Sacred Heart -
7:30 to 8:30 PM on First Fridays.

Eucharist

The Lord's Day: Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 7:00, 9:00, 10:30, 12 Noon & 5:00 PM

Weekdays 7:00 AM & 9:00 AM,
8:00 AM Saturday

Holy Days As announced in Bulletin

Exposition Monday 2:00 to 6:45 PM
First Friday 7:30 to 8:30 PM

Penance/Reconciliation

Mon., Wed., and Fri. after the 7:00 AM & the 9:00 AM Mass.

Saturday after the 8:00 AM Mass and 4:00 to 4:45 and also upon request



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.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Monday (except holidays) from 2-6:45 PM

And on each First Friday from 7:30- 8:30PM

Please come and spend some quiet time with the Blessed Sacrament



St Joseph's Parish Monthly Recollection

On the First Friday of every month, at 7:30 PM, we hold 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.

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

Baptism

Celebrated most Sundays at 1:30pm. Please contact Parish Office when child is born to schedule Baptism Preparation requirements and date of Baptism.

Confirmation

A parish program building on foundation laid by the School and Religious Education Program. There is a separate program for any adult or teenager who has not yet been confirmed. Those interested should contact the Parish Office.

Marriage

Couples should contact the Parish Office to see one of the priests or deacons at least 6 months before the proposed wedding date, and before making any other arrangements. Both parties must complete marriage preparation programs before the marriage date. At least one of the parties must be registered in the parish.

Anointing of the Sick

This is a Sacrament for the living. A Catholic should receive this Sacrament if they are chronically ill, or are about to undergo surgery and hospitalization, or are suffering the effects of advanced age. We celebrate it during a Special Mass each Spring and Fall. Reception of the Sacrament at other times can be arranged by contacting the Parish Office.

Holy Orders

Anyone feeling called to the priesthood or religious life should feel free to contact one of the parish priests or deacons for guidance and direction.

Interested in becoming a Catholic?

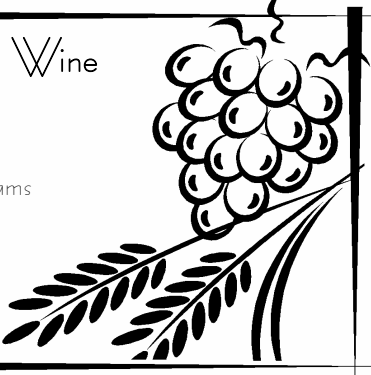
Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic can contact the Parish Office for information about becoming part of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

OUR LITURGY

Today's first reading tells how the early Christians loved and cared for one another. On one was in need. The second reading reminds us that when we believe in Jesus and follow his commands, we conquer the world. In the Gospel, the Risen Jesus comes to the disciples. He gives them the Holy Spirit and the power to forgive sins.

Altar Bread & Wine

In Memory of
The Mickelson & Williams
Families
Requested by
Barbara Mickelson



OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

Priest Schedule Subject to Change

This Week Next Week

Fr. Rene	5:00 PM	Fr. Boyle
Fr. Rene	7:00 AM	Fr. Boyle
Fr. Maffeo	9:00 AM	Fr. Thomas
Fr. Thomas	10:30 AM	Fr. Maffeo
Fr. Boyle	12:00 PM	Fr. Thomas
Fr. Thomas	5:00PM	Fr. Maffeo

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

Are You A Registered Parishioner?

Many parishioners support St Joseph's in the weekly collection and we do not have them listed in our census. We would like to make sure you are given proper credit for your donations. *If you do not receive mail from us then you are not on our census.*

Please fill in the bottom of this page and we will send you a registration form.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Town: _____
 City & Zip: _____

MASS INTENTIONS



- Sunday, April 19, Devine Mercy**
- 7:00 Ed Korovich req. by Louis & Mary Jane DeMaio
 - 7:00 Helen DiBiase req. by Michael & Patricia Timo
 - 9:00 Frank Dinatale req. by Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Dinatale & Children
 - 9:00 Joseph J. Onufrak req. by Loving Mother & Family
 - 10:30 Mary & Edward Tempesta req. by Claire & Jim
 - 10:30 Bill Warnken req. by The Heilemann Family
 - 12:00 Florence Lattanzio req. by Loving Husband & Family
 - 12:00 Pray to End Abortion req. by St. Joseph's Respect Life
 - 5:00 Joseph Bonserio req. by Diana & Fred Sheinblum
 - 5:00 Christopher G. Umpierre req. by Rafael & Isabel Figueroa

- Monday, April 20**
- 7:00 Robert Ortiz req. by Loving Family
 - 7:00 Intentions of the Celebrant
 - 9:00 Lucille Schenk req. by Michael & Marion Jordan

- Tuesday, April 21**
- 7:00 Elda Pallatta req. by Thomas & Joanne DiGiamoco
 - 8:45 For the People of the Parish

- Wednesday, April 22**
- 7:00 For the People of the Parish
 - 9:00 Christine Bandl req. by Loving Family
 - 9:00 John Finn req. by Patty & Jerry Peters

- Thursday, April 23**
- 7:00 Leroy Lawlor req. by Rolden & Amy Danielson
 - 9:00 Lucille Schenk req. by Eileen & John Kalmus

- Friday, April 24**
- 7:00 Stefano LoPiccolo req. by Lise & Pat Assalone
 - 9:00 Marie C. Minto req. by Loving Husband
 - 9:00 Emma Rivera (LIVING)

- Saturday, April 25**
- 8:00 Salvatore T. SanFilippo req. by Carmella SanFilippo
 - 8:00 People of the Parish

- Anticipated Mass for Sunday, April 26**
- 5:00 Louise Schaaf req. by The Quagliata Family
 - 5:00 Frances Patterson req. by The Devlin, Zbikowski & McGee Families

- Sunday, April 26**
- 7:00 Elaine Kokesh req. by Virginia Magarian
 - 7:00 Intentions of the Celebrant
 - 9:00 Joseph Onufrak req. by Loving Wife & Family
 - 9:00 Dec'd Members of St. Regis K of C & Columbiettes
 - 10:30 Jerry Barberio req. by Andrew & Pat Erato
 - 10:30 Bridgid Quinn req. by Kieran, Fionna, Ciara & Olivia
 - 12:00 Simone Placco req. by Mary & Fred
 - 12:00 Marian Kulikowski req. by Isabel Gonzalez
 - 5:00 Theresa Rivicccio req. by Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Erato
 - 5:00 William McCarren req. by MarieAnne Drew

*The 2010 Mass Book
is now open for
Mass Intentions.*

FROM THE DESK OF FR. MIKE

"On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open, I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receives Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment... Let no soul fear to draw near to me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity." (Diary of St. Faustina #699)

These words and others spoken by *Our Lord to Saint Faustina* describe why this 2nd Sunday of Easter is also known as **Divine Mercy Sunday**. According to the accounts of Jesus' visitations to St. Faustina, this Sunday which immediately follows Easter Sunday is to be dedicated to the devotion of the Divine Mercy. As Jesus told her: *"Whoever, approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (#300), and "This Feast emerges from the very depths of my mercy, and it is confirmed on the vast depth of my tender mercies" (#420).* Clearly Our Lord wants us all to approach Him so we can benefit from His love and mercy shown to us. He does not want us to stay in sin and darkness, and what better time to take part in this pouring out of Divine Mercy than in the Octave of Easter when we are celebrating the new life given to us in the Resurrection. This devotion was celebrated unofficially in many places for some years, but on April 30, 2000, **Pope John Paul II** canonized **St. Faustina** and designated this Sunday after Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday in the General Roman Calendar. To mark Divine Mercy Sunday, we shall have a Holy Hour before the **Exposed Blessed Sacrament** (today) starting at 3 PM in which we will also pray the **Chaplet of the Divine Mercy**.

Today is also known in *the Eastern Churches* (both Eastern Rite Catholic and Orthodox Churches) as **St. Thomas Sunday** because of the Gospel Reading for today. Every year we hear from John's Account of how Jesus appeared to the Apostles in the locked Upper Room on that first Easter Sunday Night and how Thomas was missing.

When Thomas returns he refuses to believe and makes his pronouncement that he will not believe until he touches Jesus' Five Wounds. A week later, Jesus returns and this time Thomas is there and after he is challenge by the Risen Lord, Thomas makes the greatest confession of faith found in the whole New Testament: **"My Lord and my God."** It is because Thomas makes this most perfect confession of who Jesus truly is, as Savior, Lord, and God that the Eastern Churches honor him. They unlike us in the West do not refer to him as *"Doubting Thomas"*, but as *Holy Thomas the Apostles* who God has gifted with this most perfect profession of faith. Of course when Thomas sees the Risen Lord he has no need to doubt, and for us as we contemplate this Divine Mercy Sunday, we too have no need to doubt. No need because we are present with this wonderful Fountain of God's Mercy given to us through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ: the Divine Mercy who we can always trust in.

Please keep our First Communicants and their families and teachers in your prayers and all of those who will receive Confirmation this coming Pentecost Sunday.

We close with the prayer from today's Mass.

God of mercy, you wash away our sins in water, you give us new birth in the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate Christ's resurrection increase our awareness of these blessings, and renew your gift of life within us. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.



Happy Easter
Fr. Mike

We are updating our SICK LIST and our TROOPS LIST. Please notify the Rectory Office if you would like to renew your relative's posting in either list. In two weeks, we will remove entries older than two months on the sick and six months on the troops.

Remember Our Sick

Vincent Ahrem	Margaret McComb
Abigail Alvarado	Marie Mangan
Michael Ambrosio	Frederick Martinek
Baby Luke James Infanzon	Elaine Mattera
Anne Bannon	Anne Murtha
Oliver Bouchard	Joseph O'Connell
Mary Brennan	Joanora O'Donnell
Virginia Buccellato	Alyssa Ohlenschlager
Danny Caggiano	Vito Orlando
Denio Castagna	Pacita Arellano
Marie Cintron	Anthony Palladino
Edith Colon	Joan Parenti
Diane Cunningham	Richard Pepe
Kathy Cunningham	Grace C Peshkur
Debbie Daley	Jennifer Pizzurro
Grace DeBennette	Lucy Polis
Joan DeCicco	Nicole Ramaglia
Michael DePinto	Joseph Randazzo
Anthony DeVito	Joan Reilly
John Errico	John Reynolds
Paul Feltman	Rose A. Ricciardi
Robert Filce	Emma Rivera
Adam Franciosa	William Rotteck
Dawn Griggs	Francis Rubenbauer
Raymond Harold	Brandon Saporito
Deborah Heckman	Dawn Saporito
Kyle Heffron	Vicki Sara
Gregory Heraghty	Patrick Schilt
Rosemary Hughes	Anna Schramm
Jasper & Margaret InDelicato	Joseph Senia
Clinton Inniss	Denis Sheehan
Mary Johnson	Darryll Smith
Connie Kalish	Reno J. Staffa
Cecelia Keller	Jessica Story
Christian Koehler	Stacie Tizzard
Joann Lach	Robert Torres
Kevin Latini	Lloyd Turnier
Patricia Lavarge	Joseph Vereline
Cathy Lordi	Claire & Jim Watson
Pasquale Lucivero	Barbara Wengler
Agnes Ludwigson	Bruce Wojno

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS



SGT Deborah Alfieri	SPC Matthew Altonji
CPL Justin Aragonas	TSGT Louis Barletta
LT 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
CPT Ryan Delaney	TSGT Timothy Dermody
SGT Stephen DiGirolamo	SSGT Tony Elliott
CPL Joseph Espinoza	LT Kelly Fletcher
SPC Adam Franciosa	CPT Mark Gillman
CPT Evan Gotkin	LCPL RJ Hartmann
AFC J.R. Kay	SAMN Jessica Kay
SGT John W Keohane	MAJ Sean P Kilkeny
WO-1 Steven Knight	CPL Andrew Kochman
LCPL William Langdon	SPC Christopher Leone
RCT Tiffany LiCausi	SPC Thomas J Lupo
SGT Wade Lynch	MAJ Kevin McCue
PVT Thomas B McGinn	SGT Patrick McNally
PFC William Meyer	CPL Brian G Meyer
CPO Gregory Migliore	SGT Glenn Miller
LT Heather Miras	SPC4 George Monica
SPC4 John Monica	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	PFC Matthew Pandolfi
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 M Sbrocco
SSGT Jason Schiavo	CPL Brian Schildt
LCPL W.Mason Shehan	CPL Samantha Sickles
SPC James Stanek	SPC Erica Sweeney
EO3 Taylor Taranto	MM3 Gregory Taranto
PFC Greg Terrish	CPL Jason Tulowitzki
SSGT Nick Vicale	SGT John Thomas Vogt
LCPL Brandon Waldon	SGT Randolph Weaver
MSTR Robert Casey	MAJ Jennifer Kochman-Gotkin
ILT Richard Lutz II	NC Frederick James Borsello

Please note: To keep our prayer list current, we will keep names on the list for two months.

REMEMBERING THE SICK

Name of person who is ill

Person making this request:

Relationship to ill person

Your Phone #: _____

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

REMEMBERING OUR TROOPS

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

Albert Azzara, Irene Sherry, Maurice Normandeau, John Trojcak, Edith Colon

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

981-1805

Office Hours are:

Monday through Thursday
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

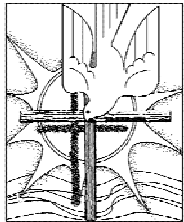


Registration for **2009/2010** is underway. If you were unable to pick up your registration forms for the next year, please come to the Religious Education Office located in the Upper School (room 12) during office hours to pick them up. This is a mail in registration. Please send them back as soon as possible.

Communion Rehearsal

Tues., April 21 at 4:30 PM for the 10:30 AM Communion on April 25th.
Wed., April 22 at 4:30 PM for the 1:00 PM Communion on April 25th.

Parents of level 1 student who have not recited their prayers or returned their book may call the Rectory and make an appointment to do so. The student's book may also be returned at that time.



Confirmation Corner

Any parent or guardian who was unable to participate in either "Parent Meeting" please call Sister Anne Marie at 981-1805 to make an appointment to register your child for Confirmation in the Fall of '09.



sjpo@verizon.net

Feinstein Matching Grant - This foundation will match all donations made to the Outreach Program during the months of March and April. *The more of a donation you send the more Feinstein money Outreach will get.*

Dear Friend: My name is Alan Shawn Feinstein. For the past 10 years, I have been giving away \$1 million each year to anti-hunger agencies throughout the country.

This year, I am doing it again...whatever you donate to OUT-REACH, I will add money to it. The more you give, the more of my \$1 MILLION they'll get - thanks to you!

Why am I doing this? Because I believe each of us was put here on earth to do what we can to help those in need. This letter is written because we feel that YOU believe that, too. This has become the greatest grass roots campaign ever to fight hunger in our country. Your donation makes you a partner in it with me!

I'm only here to give you some support and to remind you of this: *That all that will matter to us someday is what we did while we were here to help those who needed us.*

Please give whatever you can- I will gladly add some of my money to yours. Thank you for sharing my heart, and the hope that-someday-no one will ever go hungry.

Sincerely Yours,
Alan Shawn Feinstein

St Joseph's School

school@stjoronk.org



This week our students will enjoy the workshop of Mr. Robert Kurkela. Mr. Kurkela is a well known children's author. He will be working with our students on poetry workshops.

Our students in grades 6 through 8 will participate in an alcohol abuse awareness workshop provided by the Department of Health.

Registration is open for September 2009-2010 for students in grades Nursery through Grade 8.

Congratulations to Fr. Rene Tapel

on his 25th Anniversary
of Ordination
to the Priesthood.



*We wish Fr. Rene many blessings in his ministry.
He certainly is a blessing to St. Joseph's Parish.*

St. Joseph Parish Outreach Center

sjpo@verizon.net

Through your generosity we were able to help more than 268 people throughout the month of March. Financial assistance for the month of March was \$3411.46. In these tough economic times we are seeing people of increasing need. On their behalf, we thank you for sharing your own limited resources with your brothers and sisters.



"Whenever you did it for the least of my people, you did it for me."



RESPECT LIFE

Stem cells are clearly very important in the development and maintenance of life. But why are so many people talking about stem cells?

How it all began... In the 1960s, researchers in Toronto showed that bone marrow could save mice given a lethal dose of X-rays. This meant that bone marrow contained stem cells capable of repairing and maintaining the bone marrow and that these cells could be transplanted.

This important experiment led to the development of bone marrow transplantation to treat blood disorders in humans. The patient is given drugs and X-rays sufficient to destroy his own bone marrow (which, in turn, destroys the disease) and is then given a transplant of **donor** bone marrow. The **donor** bone marrow repairs and maintains the patient's bone marrow, and health is restored.

However, to transplant bone marrow, the donor and recipient must be a perfect match. If not, the recipient suffers from rejection, which can be fatal. This problem led to the development of bone marrow banks containing thousands of potential bone marrow samples available for transplant, but ...many patients still could not receive a transplant because no suitable match was found. Many people, even today, die because they cannot find a suitable bone marrow donor.

Then, later on, at Cambridge University, a researcher who eventually went on to develop in vitro fertilization was busy establishing the theoretical and practical basis for all of the current **embryonic stem cell research**. His work led to the discovery of mouse embryonic stem cells in the 1980s and the development of human embryonic stem cell lines in the U.S. in the 1990s.

These stem cells have generated the most interest and arguably the most hype so far. They have been promoted as the ultimate cure for a range of diseases, and championed by scientists, politicians and even celebrities. **However, we have found that the supposed promise of embryonic stem cells has not measured up to the reality.** The reality is that, in addition to the immorality of destroying human embryos to obtain them, the scientific problems associated with the use of embryonic stem cells are immense and may never be overcome.

Clinical trials are planned for use of cord blood stem cells in the treatment of conditions such as multiple sclerosis and stroke. Stem cells have been identified in baby teeth. Stem cells take from the nose have been used to repair nerves. Bone marrow stem cells are being assessed for heart disease treatment. Racehorses with tendon damage have received their own bone marrow stem cells to treat that damage and return to winning races. Humans are storing their babies' cord blood in private and public cord blood banks for possible future use.



Clearly, adult stem cell-based therapy is here to stay.

Celebrate Life, Nov/Dec 2008

Weekly Offering

Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009 Offerings \$46,719
Same collection last year 46,020

Poor Box last weekend \$562

Fuel Collection \$11,766
Same time last year 11,844

Easter Sunday Budget Amount	\$46,000	YTD	\$613,750
Collection	<u>46,719</u>	YTD	<u>585,987</u>
Overage	+719	Shortfall	-27,763

Education Collection 3,291
Last Year 3,421

Easter Flower Donations 2009 \$5,142
2008 4,991

If you missed last week, please make it up this week. Thank you.

Envelopes 989

Thank you and God Bless You Always, Fr Mike



USING SCRIP MAKES DOLLARS and SENSE !

Please use parish-purchased gift cards for all your shopping needs. Not only will you take advantage of the gas-saving convenience of *one-stop shopping* here, at St. Joseph's, but our church will benefit from the profit of selling the cards. This will help fill the budget gap noted each week in this bulletin.

God bless you for using your time, talent, and treasure to support the ministries of this parish.

Tune in

to "Religion and Rock" with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 on the East End of Long Island. Listen on Saturdays at 11:00 PM on Sirius Satel-



RELIGION AND ROCK

lite Radio Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11:00 PM on XM Satellite, Channel 117. You can visit us anytime to listen or download a show at www.religionandrock.com or at "Religion & Rock" on ITUNES.



2009 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

100% of every dollar raised by the CMA goes to support the community around us.

HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Every year, through the support and commitment of individuals and organizations, we are able to serve more than 500,000 people in our Long Island community. They may be the elderly who need help with their housing and other basic needs or the increasing number of families reaching out to us for food and clothing. This year we have seen a 40% increase in requests for food in our parish food pantries, and in the first two months of the new year Catholic Charities had 1,000 new calls for aid.

**BECAUSE OF YOU,
ALLISON AND HER SONS
HAVE ENOUGH TO EAT.**



"I don't know how my sons and I would have been able to make it without our Parish outreach program."

**BECAUSE OF YOU, OTHERS
ARE ABLE TO ANSWER
GOD'S CALL TO SERVE.**



"The wonderful, dedicated individuals that share their gifts by supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal, gave me the opportunity to pursue my vocation. I feel blessed to now have the opportunity to give something back to them."

**BECAUSE OF YOU, MARY
HAS A SAFE, AFFORDABLE
PLACE TO CALL HOME.**



"Catholic Charities gave me a chance to feel safe and secure in a place that I can call proudly call home."

HOW YOU CAN HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- A gift of \$25 helps pay the gas for a Meals On Wheels van to deliver food for a day.
- A gift of \$50 from an emergency fund helps pay the electric bill in a cold winter month for a family in need.
- A gift of \$100 can help care for a newborn infant in Catholic Charities Regina Residence.
- A gift of \$250 will help an honor student remain in a Diocesan high school after a parent has lost their job.
- A gift of \$1,000 will help support a Seminarian's education at our Seminary.

For more information or to donate online, please visit our web site at www.drvc.org or call 516-379-5210 Ext 229



2009 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Pledges
through
3/31/09
\$63,862.00

VOICE OF OUR YOUTH CONTEST

How do you see the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) at work in your community, your school, your parish?

We want to hear from you!

- ▶ Send your essay and our judging panel will select a winning essay from all entries.
- ▶ The winning essay will be printed in the **CMA** Newsletter, The Long Island Catholic and posted on our website.
- ▶ You and your family will also be invited to a special **CMA** "thank you" event at the end of the year, where you will be given the opportunity to read your essay aloud.


Did you know? Every year because of the **Catholic Ministries Appeal** we are able to serve more than 500,000 people in our Long Island community.

Contest Rules:

- ▶ Essay entries should be no longer than 1,000 words.
- ▶ Contest is open to all youth ages 12-17.
- ▶ All entries must be received by October 15, 2009

Essays can be submitted via email to: bkilarjian@drvc.org **or mail to:** Barbara Kilarjian, Director Marketing & Development
Office of Institutional Advancement, Diocese of Rockville Centre
PO Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023

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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Supporting the Community Around Us

TO PROVIDE FUNDS I/WE AGREE TO MAKE A GIFT OF:

PLEDGE \$ _____ INITIAL PAYMENT \$ _____ BALANCE \$ _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PARISH OF DONOR _____

SIGNATURE OF DONOR _____

A GUIDE TO GIVING

PLEDGE	10 PAYMENTS
\$5,000	\$500
2,500	250
1,500	150
1,000	100
500	50
300	30
150	15
OTHER \$ _____	

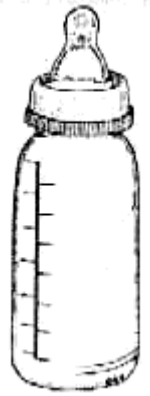
EVERY GIFT COUNTS!

Please make checks payable to:
Catholic Ministries Appeal
Thank you for your support

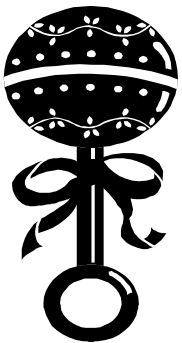
Place in collection basket. —or— Drop off at the Rectory. —or—
Mail to St. Joseph Church, 45 Church Street, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779-3301

Change For Life Sat. April 18th & Sun. April 19th

Next weekend a pro-life project, popular at St. Joseph's, will once again be presented. After each Mass you will be told of the services to thousands of expectant mothers each year at the offices of the Life Center of Long Island located in Deer Park, Massapequa and Hempstead. You will be asked to take home a baby bottle and for three weeks place spare change in the bottle. All monies collected will be donated to the Life Center. St. Joseph's Respect Life volunteers will distribute the bottles from the main entrance and bottles will be available in containers at the side doors. We thank our Pastor Rev. Michael Maffeo, for welcoming this effort.



Sat. May 9th & Sun. May 10th



On this Mother's Day weekend the bottles are to be returned. Volunteers from St. Joseph Respect Life will be available before and after each Mass. If you forget your bottle please bring it to the Rectory Office during the week.

Note: This Mother's Day we are not asking for clothing. We will gladly accept handmade clothing and blankets crocheted and knitted by parishioners and any baby items and diapers you may have purchased in advance. If you have not already made a purchase we ask that you support the "Change for Life" bottle project as the work of the Life Center requires office space, telephones, staff, and educational materials. Checks can be made to: Life Center of Long Island. Their phone number is 631-243-0066. In October 2009 we will resume our regular Diapers for Babies collection. For information, or to volunteer with the St. Joseph Respect Life group, call 588-0168 or 724-8586. Thank you.

May Crowning of the Statue of Our Blessed Mother, Mary

*Mothers Day, May 10, 2009
12:00 PM Mass*

We will honor Mary, Queen of Heaven and Mother of the Church by crowning her image on Mothers Day at the 12:00 Mass. Our young people who have received or will receive their First Communion this year are invited to wear their First Communion outfits and join us in our crowning procession. Meet us in the vestibule of the Church at 11:45 if you wish to participate.





He has risen! Alleluia!

The Easter Lamb

The paschal Lamb symbolizes the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

~ **The Lamb of God** ~ is the Christian symbol of the Passover Sacrifice of Jesus' Death to Life.

It is to be placed on the front window or storm door of the home, witnessing to what we believe as Catholic Christians:

The symbol of the Lamb remains in a prominent place *from* Easter Sunday, *until* the Easter Season is completed ~ 50 days later ~ on Pentecost Sunday (May 31, 2009). It is taken down on this day.

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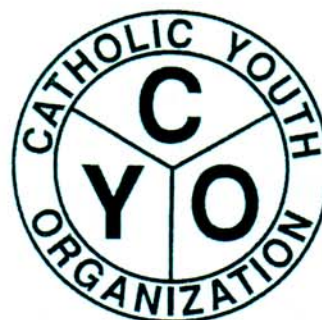
St. Regis

Knights of Columbus

BINGO				
4	19	41	51	●
7	22	44	●	71
10	28	●	56	63
13	●	45	48	75
●	18	31	46	65

Bingo Night

To Support



St. Joseph's CYO

United in Sportsmanship

Friday, April 24, 2009 at 7:00 PM

Bohemia Bingo Hall

1644 Locust Ave., Bohemia

(Just South of Veterans Highway)

Must be 16 or older to play



Calendar Club 2009



THE WINNERS ARE!!!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			4/1 #810 MaryAnn Dario \$50	4/2 #202 Mary Barbuscia \$25	4/3 #496 Janet and Bill Wrobleski \$25	4/4 #458 Muratore Family \$25
4/5 #112 Camille and Nick Vicale \$50	4/6 #364 Anne and Pete Kelly \$25	4/7 #843 Grieb Family \$25	4/8 #863 John J. Mahon \$25	4/8 <i>Holy Thursday</i>	4/9 <i>Good Friday</i>	4/10 <i>Holy Saturday</i>
4/12 #56 Florence Graber \$200	4/13 #400 Mary Barbuscia \$25	4/14 #746 Chris and Ron Firestone \$25	4/15 #316 Richard and Joann Fahey \$25	4/16 #164 Douglas and Roxanne Savage \$25	4/17 #800 Eileen Turi \$25	4/18 #174 Gail Flood \$25
4/19 \$50	4/20 \$25	4/21 \$25	4/22 \$25	4/23 \$25	4/24 \$25	4/25 \$25
4/26 \$50	4/27 \$25	4/28 \$25	4/29 \$25	4/30 \$25		

Calendar Club 2009 Prizes

Weekdays* and Saturdays*---\$25

(*no prize is awarded for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Holy Saturday)

Sundays---\$50

larger prizes on the following special days...

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God---\$50

St. Joseph's Day---\$50

Easter Sunday---\$200

April Fools Day---\$50

Ascension Thursday---\$50

Mothers Day---\$75

Fathers Day---\$75

Independence Day---\$75

Feast of the Assumption of Mary---\$75

All Saints Day---\$75

Thanksgiving Day---\$75

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary---\$75

Christmas Day---\$200

New Years Eve---special drawing,

drawn from those who have not won throughout the year---\$250

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE CLUB?

THE ARE STILL SOME MEMBERSHIPS LEFT IN THE 2009 CALENDAR CLUB.

EVERY DAY THERE'S A CHANCE YOU'LL WIN!

(EXCEPT HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY AND HOLY SATURDAY)

MEMBERSHIP DONATION IS \$25 PER "CALENDAR".

GET FIVE MEMBERSHIPS FOR A DONATION OF \$100.

Sign me up for Calendar Club 2009

Member Name:	#	@ \$25 each
Address:	#	@ 5 for \$100
City, State, Zip	Total	
Phone Number:	Place in envelope with donation and mail or bring to the Rectory or drop in the collection basket.	

Make check payable and mail to St. Joseph R.C. Church, 45 Church Street, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR WINNERS! THERE ARE STILL MEMBERSHIPS LEFT! JOIN THE CLUB NOW!

**ST. JOSEPH'S
Parish & School
10th Annual Golf Outing
at the
Pine Hills Country Club
June 8, 2009**



The Golf Outing will be held at the Pine Hills Country Club located at:
2 Country Club Drive in Wading River, NY (631) 878-7103

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
BBQ Lunch

1:00 PM
Shotgun start (18 holes with Golf Cart)

Open Bar, Buffet Dinner & Presentations

Golf format
Will be a Calloway Handicap System

- **Free Door Prize Give-Aways**
- **50/50 Raffle**
- **Sports Memorabilia Auction**
- **Special "Mystery" Raffle**

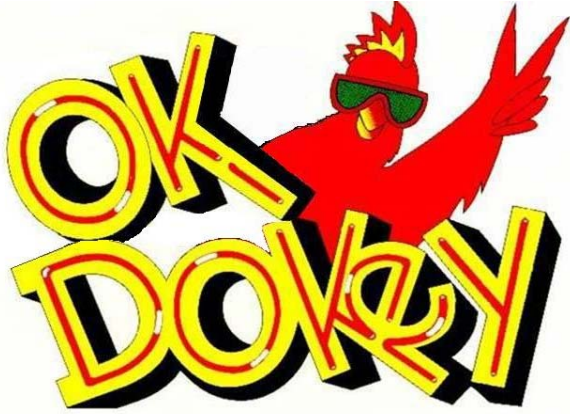
Beyond a great day of golf, we will be honoring:

Deacon Michael J. DeBellis



Information (Including Registration Forms) is located at the back of the church.

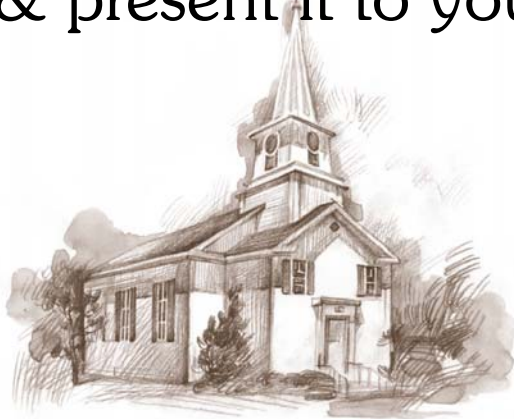
Thank you. God Bless you.



Bar & Grill
1551 Montauk Highway
Oakdale, NY 11769
631-567-1965

**Come dine at OK Dokey
April 22nd between 5:30-
9:30 pm and 10% of your
check will go to
St. Joseph's Church.**

You must bring in a St. Joseph's Church
Bulletin & present it to your server.



** Tax & gratuity not included

**Cannot be combined with any other special



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Legislation Unfairly Targets Church

The New York State Legislature is considering a bill that would allow individuals to file civil lawsuits claiming abuse at any time in the past. The bill does not apply evenly to all victims and all institutions. **It is selectively targeted at the Catholic Church and other private organizations. Significantly, it would not apply to public schools or other public entities.** The proposal would rescind the statute of limitations on abuse-related lawsuits against private organizations for one year, rejecting a legal doctrine respected by generations of judges and legislatures that civil claims should be brought in a timely fashion to ensure a fair and just resolution based on the facts. **The New York State Catholic Conference and other religious organizations have urged the Legislature to adopt alternative legislation that treats all victims and institutions fairly and evenly.** The unfair legislation, if enacted, could imperil all of the Church's missions and ministries in New York State. For more information and to contact your legislators about this important issue please visit www.protectnychildren.com.

To be clear, this bill does nothing to protect children from abuse today. The Legislature could take any number of actions that could more effectively address the crises of child sexual abuse. The Church fully supports extending criminal and civil statutes of limitations going forward. The Church supports increased criminal penalties for those who abuse children. The Church supports measures to mandate sexual abuse prevention programs in every institution, public and private, that work with children. The Church supports mandatory reporting by clergy members and others of those suspected of committing abuse.

An alternative bill has been introduced in the Legislature by Assembly Member Vito Lopez (D-Brooklyn) and Sen. Carl Kruger (D-Brooklyn) that would extend the statutes of limitations prospectively and, importantly, would amend the notice of claim requirement, leveling the playing field for all victims, so that those abused in public institutions would have the same rights as those abused in private institutions. The Catholic Conference urges passage of this bill, A5708/S.3107.

We urge you to support laws to protect your children and grandchildren from child abuse. But reopening the statutes of limitations for only one class of victims is not just or equitable, and will only serve to punish today's Catholic parishioners, schoolchildren and those in need of the services of our health care institutions and charities. Please call on your legislators to reject this terribly misguided and unjust bill. Go to www.protectnychildren.com to take action today.



Divine Mercy Sunday

Today

April 19, 2009

3 PM Holy Hour

During the course of Jesus' revelations to Saint Faustina, He asked that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy on the Sunday after Easter Sunday. The liturgical texts of that day center around the Sacrament of Penance, the Tribunal of Divine Mercy, were well suited to the request of Our Lord. This feast was granted to the universal Church by Pope John Paul II at the canonization of Saint Faustina.

In a decree dated 23 May 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated, "throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come."



ST. JOSEPH CYO 2009 BASEBALL



TEAM:	T-B	FARM	MINORS	MAJOR	SENIORS
AGE:	5-6	7-8	9-10	11-12	13-16
YOU PAY UP FRONT COST:	\$50.00	\$70.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$80.00
SELL 2 CHANCE BOOKS:	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$24.00
<small>(YOU KEEP THE MONEY)</small>					
FINAL COST TO YOU:	\$26.00	\$46.00	\$51.00	\$51.00	\$56.00

GIRLS WELCOME

WE USE ONLY PAID ADULT UMPIRES

FAMILY DISCOUNT - 3RD CHILD FREE

NO FUND RAISING: ADD \$25.00 TO COST OF REGISTRATION OR **FUND RAISING: 1 BOX OF CANDY TO BE SOLD BY EACH ATHLETE**

***At St. Joseph's CYO We Give You A Choice**

INFO CALL HENRY - 467-6091 OR GENE 588-1879

2009

SOCCER

Information Call:

Beth...585-0748

- Participation Award for Every Player
- Qualified Referees
- Qualified Licensed Coaches
- Insurance Coverage
- On Site Bathroom
- Guarantee of 50% Play Time
- L.I. Jr. Soccer Travel Program
- All Girls Teams
- Interleague same price as Intramural
- Free Coaching School L.I. Jr. - WE PAY FOR IT
- Soccer C-B-A License - ASK FOR DATE

DIVISIONS

4YR CLINIC • 5-6 MICRO
7-8-9 MIDDLE • 10-11-12 UPPER
*GIRLS SUBDIVISION

**Specials: Allstar Game
Child Parent Game
*COACHES WANTED***

Fundraising:
1 box candy or
\$25 extra at registration

\$40.00 NET

YOU PAY \$52.00

YOU WILL RECEIVE A
\$12.00 CHANCE BOOK,
YOU KEEP THE \$12.00.
THE FINAL COST TO
YOU IS \$40.00
+ uniform (\$25.00) if needed.

2009

TRACK: BOYS/GIRLS GRADES K-8

FEE:
\$40⁰⁰*

Information:

GINA: 676-6208

Information:

KAREN: 588-8636

***At St. Joseph's CYO We Give You A Choice**

FUND RAISING:
1 BOX OF CANDY
TO BE SOLD BY EACH ATHLETE

OR

NO FUND RAISING:
ADD \$25.00 TO COST
OF REGISTRATION

- QUALIFIED COACHES
 - ALL MEETS LOCAL - ON LONG ISLAND
 - OVER 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE
 - EVERY ATHLETE RECEIVES A TROPHY AT YEAR END AWARDS CEREMONY
 - MOST ATHLETES WILL RECEIVE 5-15 AWARDS DURING THE SEASON
- FAMILY DISCOUNT - 3RD CHILD FREE**

Mail in your application right away.

Assure your child a place on a team.

Do not delay... There's no time like TODAY!

Coaches needed for all sports - become a team leader.

I agree as parent/guardian to provide all transportation to and from all games and practices. I hereby authorize my child's participation in St. Joseph's CYO sports program, and I know of no physical disabilities or illnesses which would interfere or prevent his/her participation. I do hereby waive, release, indemnify and agree to hold harmless or responsible, the St. Joseph's CYO, its sponsor, staff and participants, for any claim arising out of injury to my child, whether the result of negligence or for any other cause, except to the extent of St. Joseph's CYO liability for this activity.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Name _____ Boy ___ Girl ___ D.O.B. _____ School _____

Address _____ Town _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Grade _____

Check One Sport..... Track Soccer Baseball
 I DO NOT WANT TO DO ANY FUND RAISING I ADDED \$25.00 TO REG. COST
 I WILL DO FUND RAISING OF CANDY

St. Joseph's CYO reserves the right to change age groups based on number of Registrants.

If At All Possible, Check or Money Orders (No Cash). Make Checks Payable To:

ST. JOSEPH'S CYO • P.O. BOX 2755 • LAKE RONKONKOMA, NEW YORK 11779

No Registration Refunds - \$40.00 Bank Service Fee For Returned Checks.

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ST. JOSEPH'S CYO
SOCCER & TRACK
REGISTRATION

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YOUTH IN MINISTRY

Every Sunday at 5:00 PM, St. Joseph's Parish offers an upbeat experience of celebrating Mass designed especially for youth and their families.

Everyone in Grades 7-12 is invited to participate.

We're looking for: Lectors Ushers Musicians/Singers Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers (Eucharistic ministers must be over 18)

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



CYO Sport Programs

REGISTRATION INFO/FORM FOR 2009 BASEBALL / SOCCER / TRACK ON PAGE 18

Baseball:

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

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

*Must register for the intramural program as well

Scouting as Youth Ministry



Cub Scout Pack 272

Boy Scout Troop 272



St. Joseph's Cub Scout Pack 272 and Boy Scout Troop 272 have fun, exciting, educational, character building programs for boys, age 7 through 17 (first Grade and up).

For more information or to enroll your child, contact Dr. Louis Scotti at 656-8428 or e-mail JoinScouting@StJoRonk.org.



Venturing Events

In Carew Hall after 5:00 PM Mass

Venturing is open to men and women age 14 through 20 who have graduated from 8th Grade. This year's crew plan is jam packed with interesting and fun activities here at St. Joseph's and "off-campus" as well.

Come down to our meeting and check it out.

Visit our next meetings —

Sunday, April 19th

Sunday, May 3rd

e-mail: Crew272@StJoRonk.org

phone: Advisor Mike Keller (631) 467-6468



D.O.G.
DEPEND
On
GOD

My salvation and my honor depend on God;
He is my mighty rock, my refuge.

Psalm 62:7

Courtesy Announcements



Charismatic Prayer Meeting - at Our Lady of the Island Shrine the fourth Wednesday of each month from 7- 9PM. Praise, worship & teaching. Contact the Shrine at 631-325-0661 for info.

Free Food for NY Seniors - the FAN is offering free food for Seniors age 60 & over who are income eligible. New eligible include a single senior whose gross monthly is \$1,127 or less, & a senior couple whose gross monthly income is \$1,517 or less. Call 631-491-4169 or 631-491-4156.

Meals-On-Wheels - Lake Nutrition Meals-on-Wheels provides food to elderly & home-bound 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.

Professional Therapy provided by NYS licensed therapists, are available to our parish & 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 information & appointment, call Dr Giuliani at 243-2503 or visit our website at <http://thecatholiccounselingcenter.net>.

Bishop McDonnell - Class of 1959, We are having our 50th Anniversary Celebration on June 7, 2009 at Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston. Call Helen Craig for details: 718-849-9413.



St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!"

During Mass we turn to each other and say "Peace be with you!" As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul box you say "Peace be with you!" to those who are poor and hungry.

50 Year Anniversary - On Sunday, April 26th couples married 50 years or more are invited to a special mass to be celebrated by Bishop William Murphy at St. Lawrence the Martyr, Sayville, at 3:00 PM. Please pick up your registration card at the rectory, fill it out and return it to the rectory in time to reach the Diocese of Rockville Centre no later than April 12th. Approximately one week to ten days before the ceremony information regarding the day will be mailed to you. If you have any questions, you may call 516-678-5800, extension 242.

Dominican Village - Dominican Village is a not-for-profit Independent & Assisted Living Retirement Community sponsored by the sisters of St. Dominic, located in Amityville. Open house is Saturday, March

28th, April 2, 18, 26 and May 7, 16, 21 and the 31st. from 1-3 PM. For more information, or to schedule a tour contact us at 631-842-6091 or info@dominicanvillage.org

Gennesaret Retreat - We have gathered a team of experienced professionals, priests, doctors, nurses and retreat planners. The retreat is held at Montfort Spiritual Center, Bay Shore, NY. There is no cost to you for this retreat. Expenses are paid through the generosity of individuals, parishes and church communities who value retreat experiences. The retreat for 2009 is planned as follows: Spring—May 1, 2 & 3 2009. Fall—September 25, 26 & 27 2009. For more information please contact Colette Fanelli (631) 665-7052.

The Catholic Men's Conference— at Holy Trinity Diocesan H.S.: Join former St. John's University Basketball Coach, Lou Carnesecca, NYPD's Steven McDonald, Msgr. Jim Lisante, former NY Giants legendary tight end, Mark Bavaro and Brother Louis Leonelli, CFR, on Saturday, April 25th for a day of talks, food, prayer and fellowship. The theme of the day is "You Have What It Takes"! Registration begins at 8:30 AM and will conclude with Mass celebrated by Bishop William at 4:30 PM. For more information go to www.catholicmensministry.net or 1-866-8839 ext 636.

Molloy College - Spring open house, Sunday, April 26, 2009 at 1:00 PM. Rockville Centre, NY (516) 678-5000 ex. 6230.

Hope House Ministries - Support Group for Separated & Divorced, Wed 7:30-8:30 PM beginning April 22, 2009. Parenting of Teens Workshop, Tuesday 7:30-8:30 PM beginning April 21, 2009. Counseling sessions available by appointment. Fee is a donation. To register or for more information call 631-928-2377.

St Joseph's College - On Monday April 20th John Quinones, star of ABC television programs Primetime Live and What Would You Do? Will appear at St. Joseph's College (155 W. Roe Blvd in Patchogue). Mr. Quinones will speak on race and diversity in our society. His presentation will be offered at 12:30 PM and again at 7:30 PM and is free and open to the general public. No RSVP is required. For more information, call 631-447-8252.