

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.

FROM THE DESK OF FR. MIKE

"I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard, my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord God is my help... See the Lord God I my help; who will prove me wrong?"

"He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly... Then Pete took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and looking at his disciples rebuked Peter and said; 'Get back behind me Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.'"

If we put ourselves in Peter's place, we might say, *well how else am I supposed to think, since I am a human being?* Or if we were to speak to Isaiah, we might say, *how can the Suffering Servant believe that God is his constant help?* None of this makes sense, for if you are suffering, how is God your help, and if you are the Messiah how can you die on the Cross after all you are the chosen one! No, none of this makes human sense, but for God it makes perfect sense, and for us it is the best thing that could ever happen.

Isaiah's Suffering Servant has always been viewed by the Church as a vision of what the Messiah would have to endure. Of course this could not properly be understood until the events of our Lord's Passion. Through it all the Servant, our Lord, knew that God was with Him and knew that all that the Father had planned for His Christ would free us from sin and death and allow us to enter into the new life of the Resurrection.

Bear in mind that these events are not restricted to 2000 yrs. ago, no they are made present to us each time we celebrate the Eucharist (the Bloodless Sacrifice of Christ on the Cross); each time a person is Baptized (as they die with Christ on the Cross and rise again with Him in the very same moment the water is poured over them); and hopefully each and every day of our lives as we offer ourselves to God in our prayers. *"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."* This is what we must strive to do always: die to sin in the areas of our life that keep us from freely being with Jesus in this life and the next.

In the film, *The Ten Commandments*, *Sephora* (Moses' wife, played by *Yvonne DeCarlo*) tries to comfort *Moses* in his misery over the slavery of his people in Egypt, by telling him that God must have His reasons for allowing the slavery to continue. She tells him, who can know the mind of God? What she is saying is can we judge God, because neither *Moses*, *Sephora*, *Joshua*, *Ramses II*, or even *Nefertiti* could know what God had in mind: right after that *Moses* is called by God from *the Burning Bush* to go set the people free. We on the other hand, know more of what God has in mind, for we have been given a share in the Divine Plan at that share is none other than Jesus.

Through the Gospel and the power and grace of the **Holy Spirit** we are reminded day after day of the great revelation to humanity which is Jesus, and we are given the strength to indeed pick up our cross everyday and to die to sin and rise to new life.

Today's readings are indeed very appropriate for that which we will celebrate tomorrow (Monday Sept. 14th) throughout the whole world; **The Solemnity of the Holy Cross aka, The Triumph of the Cross**. This is a day when we celebrate and remember with great joy the day the **King of Kings mounted the Throne of the Cross** and saved us all.

Next weekend we celebrate **Catechetical Sunday** in which we honor all of those in our parish who share their faith with our young people through our **Religious Education Program** and those who also prepare adults for the Sacraments through the **RCIA Program**. There will be a blessing and commissioning at the 5 PM Saturday Mass and the 10:30 AM Mass next Sunday. Please keep these people who share their faith and who freely give of their time in your prayers.

Also next weekend at all of the Masses, we will take up the special **Second Collection for the Pius X Assisted Living Facility** for our retired priests. Please see the notice further on in this bulletin.

And this weekend we would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new **Pastoral Year Seminarian Mr. Michael Duffy** (who spoke at today's Masses). Michael will be with us for this year until May, so that he can learn all he can about ministering in a parish. Michael, like *Fr. Lee* and *Fr. Lachlan* has come to our beautiful parish to learn all he can from the best teachers ever: the people of St. Joseph's.

God bless you always.

Fr. Mike

Celebrating 100 Years of Service



The Mother Church of the Ronkonkomas

We regularly update 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. Each week we remove entries older than two months on the sick and six months on the troops.

Remember Our Sick

Kevin Archbold	Marian O'Grady
Anne Bannon	Christian Ohlenschlager
Oliver Bouchard	Kevin Ohlenschlager
Charles Bukowski	Richard Pepe
Patrick Cassidy	Mary Percoco
Denio Castagna	Nicole Ramaglia
Kathy Cunningham	Raymond Ramos
Michael Delaney	Ralph R. Redo
Ryan Delaney	Joan Reilly
Michael DePinto	John Reynolds
Susan DePinto	John Reynolds
Emily Dinger	Emma Rivera
Ann Doherty	Wendy Rivera
Lois & Michael Emma	Wendy Rizerio
Paul Feltman	Elizabeth Ross
Frank Ferigno	William Rotteck
Baby Nicholas Fernandez	Louis Russo
Robert Filce	Flora Sabatella
William C. Fischer	Brandon Saporito
Ann Fortunato	Dawn Saporito
Dawn Griggs	Patrick Schilt
Kyle Heffron	Anna Schramm
Jasper InDelicato	Faustina Sciortino
Margaret InDelicato	Catherine Sheehan
Baby Luke James Infanzon	Nancy Ann Smith
Clinton Inniss	Jessica Story
Carole Jacobs	Lamm Thomas J.
Wayne Edward Kalish	Frances Tola
Cecelia Keller	Donna Tritto
Kevin Latini	Anthony Troiano
Pasquale Lucivero	Orazio Troiano
Agnes Ludwigson	Richard Troiano
Marie Mangan	Lloyd Turnier
Marie Mangan	Monica Waring
Peter Michael Marsenison	
Sheila McGovern	
Margaret Miklas	
Anne Murtha	
3 year old Nathan	

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS



SGT Deborah Alfieri	SPC Matthew Altonji
CPL Justin Aragones	TSGT Louis Barletta
LT Stephen Bartoszak	LT Michael-Jon Bonacorosa
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 Kilkenny
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	SGT Jason Tulowitzki
SSGT Nick Vicale	SGT John Thomas Vogt
CPL Brandon Waldon	SGT Randolph Weaver
MSTR Robert Casey	MAJ Jennifer Kochman-Gotkin
ILT Richard Lutz II	HN Frederick James Borsello
PV2 Darian L. Clark	SAMN Bill Ried
CPL Michael Casonova	SPEC4 David Cooper
MIDN Michael Cristiano	

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

Paul Corrigan, Sadiq Giacalone

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

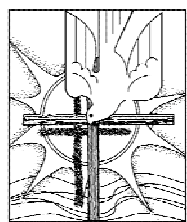
e-mail: RelEd@StJoRonk.org
website: RelEd.StJoRonk.org
981-1805

Summer Office Hours
Monday through Thursday
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM




Registration papers may be dropped off at the rectory.

Level Ones first Prayer Service is on Monday, September 14, 2009 at 7:15 in the church. Books will be distributed at that time.



Confirmation Corner

Confirmation Parent Meeting
Thursday, September 10, 2009
Carew Hall, 7:00 PM

 *If you or someone you know is grieving the loss of a loved one, you may find comfort and guidance in some of the reading materials offered free on the parish bookshelf in the vestibule of our church. Please feel free to browse and help yourself.*

St. Joseph Parish Outreach Center

e-mail — sjpo@verizon.net website — <http://outreach.stjoronk.org>

Through your generosity we were able to help more than 246 people throughout the month of August. Financial assistance for the month of August was \$8,760.75 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."

St. Joseph School

e-mail: school@stjoronk.org
website: www.stjoeronkelem.org



Welcome Back!

Full days begin on September 14th.

St. Joseph School hours are from 8:10 AM – 2:35 PM.

After-Care begins on September 14th.

Meet the Teacher Night is September 17th at 7:00 PM.



PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!

Sept 13 - Unity Sunday
 Sept 20 - Catechetical Sunday
 Sept. 25 & 26 - Vegas Nights
 7:30 PM to 12 AM
 Sept. 27 - 25th & 50th Anniversary Mass 3:00 PM
 Oct. 2 - Outreach Chinese Auction 6:30 PM
 Oct 4 - Unity Sunday
 Oct 4 - Blessing of Animals on rectory lawn 3:00 PM

RESPECT LIFE

•**FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE** • – September 23rd to November 1st, 2009

This fall, from September 23 to November 1, our community will be uniting across America for the 40 Days for Life campaign. People of faith are praying that this effort will mark the beginning of the end of abortion.

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign that has generated measurable lifesaving results. Please join us in:

> Prayer and Fasting: for 40 days of fervent prayer and fasting for an end to abortion

> Peaceful Vigil: stand for life through a 40-day peaceful public witness daily from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM outside the *Planned Parenthood of Nassau County abortion* facility, 540 Fulton Ave., Hempstead, (1 mile west of Meadowbrook on Rte. 24); minimum one hour time slot suggested. There will also be a prayer vigil at the *Planned Parenthood abortion facility* at Maple Avenue, Smithtown, each day from 9:00 AM to NOON.

“Please speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves” should be our focus, here on Long Island. To sign up, e-mail 40daysfor-lifeLI@gmail.com; call 631-243-1435 (The LI Coalition for Life). You will receive a confirmation of your commitment.

Some people can do forty days; some can do less. Can you commit to one hour, one day per week? Please e-mail or call to discuss this commitment.

On Monday evening, September 28th, the guest speaker at the LI Coalition for Life meeting will be Father Robert Ketcham, currently a curate at Holy Name of Mary in Valley Stream. Fr. Ketcham has come to know many who do the work of the Life Center on Long Island, as well as the Sisters of Life. His topic will be “Dying for Life: Soul-Saving Sacrifice.” The meeting will be held at the K of C Hall, Pond Road and Rosevale Avenue. Light refreshments. Father will speak at 7:45 pm, prior to the general meeting. All are welcome!

LIFE NEWS, September

2009

Q & A

Question:Where is the proof that abortion will be covered in proposed 2009 Health Care legislation?

Answer: Verification came in the form of an Associated Press article written by Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar. The article appeared in Newsday, 8/06/09 under the heading “Proposed Health Plan Covers Abortion.”

Prior to this many claimed the bill did not mention abortion. Here is the first paragraph of the AP article: Washington - Health care legislation before Congress would allow a new government-sponsored insurance plan to cover abortions, a decision that would affect millions of women and recast federal policy on the divisive issue.

Please read the rest of this article in the September issue of Life News. You will find a copy of Life News on the booklet counter in the lobby of the Church.

DYING FOR LIFE; SOUL-SAVING SACRIFICE

This will be the topic when Father Robert Ketcham speaks on Monday, September 28th at 7:45 PM prior to the general meeting of the Long Island Coalition for Life. Father Ketcham has worked with the Life Center of Long Island and the Sisters of Life. The meeting will be held at the St. Regis K of C Hall, Pond Rd. and Rosevale Ave in Ronkonkoma. For further information call (631) 243-1435. All are welcome. Light refreshments upon arrival.



Weekly Offering

Last Sunday, Sept. 6, 2009 Offerings \$17,225
Same collection last year 18,917

Poor Box last weekend \$597

Fuel Collection \$210
Same time last year 250
YTD Fuel Cost

Weekly Budget Amount	\$18,500	YTD	\$18,500
Collection	17,225	YTD	17,225
Shortage	-1275	Shortfall	-1,275

Catholic University Collection This year \$593
Last year 647

Haiti Mission Collection \$10,639 Thank You!!!

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



Envelopes 525

**Thank you and God Bless You Always,
Father Mike**

Banns of Marriage

(Second Time)

Laura Ciambrone of Christ the King and
Robert Carey Sr. of St. Joseph

Aline Assalone of St. Joseph and
Anthony Friscia of St. Sylvester



**Jamie Arianna Bridgwood
Cadence Eileen Sullivan**

It's a Family Thing

Be a part of our New Parish Directory



FELLOWSHIP
of Hope
Teaching, Sharing, Growing
Member Directory

FREE 8x10 Signature Portrait (\$20 Value)
and FREE Parish Directory

for participating families

- Immediate viewing of video proofs
- It takes less than an hour
- Specially priced portrait packages

Schedule your appointment today!

All major credit cards accepted

Announcement

Dear Friends,

We are excited to announce that we are going to create a new pictorial directory of our church family. The directory will help us connect names with faces. It will be an ideal outreach tool and will capture the history of our church congregation.

Please participate! All we ask is that you have your picture taken by the professional Photographer and meet with a Portrait Consultant at the church. For the next several weeks, we will be making appointments before and after services and meetings at the church.

Please sign up as soon as possible to get the best appointment to fit your schedule.

- Every participating family/household that selects a pose for the directory will receive a free directory and a complimentary 8x10 Custom Natural Portrait.
- You will come to the church only once for photography and for portrait viewing.
- The program is available at no cost to the church budget.
- You will have the opportunity to order additional portraits during your scheduled appointment time.
- If you wish to purchase extras, the portraits come with a 100% Satisfaction Guarantee.
- Whether you decide to dress formally or casually, you will want to make the most of this opportunity.

The Scheduled Dates for Photography and Portrait Viewing Are:

Thursday, October 15, 2009 - 3:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Tuesday, October 20, 2009 - 3:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Friday, October 30, 2009 - 3:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Saturday, October 31, 2009 - 10:00AM - 5:00 PM

All portrait sessions will be held in Father Carew Hall

If you have questions, please contact the rectory at 588-8456.

We look forward to seeing everyone in the directory.

Our new pictorial directory just won't be complete without you.



CALLING ALL
PARENTS!!!!



We will be opening a second Pre-Kindergarten classroom this year at St. Joseph School!

We are looking for donations of clean and in good condition

“Little Tikes Play Sets.”

We are particularly in need of:
kitchen sets, workbenches, shopping carts, carriages,
etc.

Please call the School Office:
Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
@ 588-4760



St. Joseph's Parish Outreach **Chinese Auction**

Friday, October 2, 2009 at 6:30 PM, St. Joseph Parish Outreach will host a Chinese Auction in St. Joseph School Hall Located at 25 Church St, Ronkonkoma. Admission \$6 including cake, coffee & tea. Extra tickets \$2. Hot dogs, soda & water sold. For further information call the Outreach Office at (631) 981-6888.



featuring
Las Vegas Craps
Black Jack (with Push)
Roulette
Big Wheel



FREE ADMISSION
18 years of age or older, only
For information, call (631)588-8456

You Are Invited to

Las Vegas Nites

at

St. Joseph's
45 Church Street
Ronkonkoma

Friday, Sept. 25, 2009
Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009

St. Joseph's Lower Hall

7:30pm-12:00am



Refreshments will be available.

Mark your calendar.
Post this reminder on your
refrigerator or bulletin board



2009 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

421 Families Have Made Pledges Through

9/08/09

\$85,662.00

same time last year

\$88,933.00

Our Goal

\$89,616.00

100% of our goal Our parish receives:	\$17,923
\$5000 over our goal Our parish receives:	\$21,923
\$10,000 over our goal Our parish receives:	\$25,923
\$25,000 over our goal Our parish receives:	\$37,923

"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 Web Site.
- ▶ 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



St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility For Our Retired Priests



During the weekend of September 19th and 20th, there will be a second collection throughout the Diocese to support the *St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility in Amityville*.

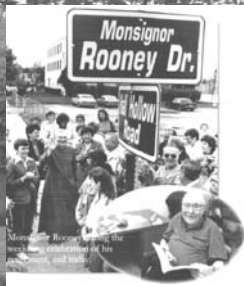
This facility, which is located at *Dominican Village*, houses our retired priests who are in need of assistance for their daily living. This facility was built to replace the former *St Pius X facility in Uniondale*. That facility was in deep need of upgrades and renovations so expensive that it was deemed impractical to make them.

The new residence is completely wheelchair accessible and includes *19 bedrooms, a Chapel, and a dining room*. It also provides nutrition counseling, transportation into town, and a computerized emergency call system. **Most importantly, this new facility allows our retired priests to live together in community in a setting that fosters their spiritual life, nurtures their physical and mental well being, and guarantees that they can continue to live their older years with dignity.**

This annual collection is not to be confused with the Diocesan-wide collection for retired religious held annually in June. That collection exclusively supports the retirement needs of *Religious Sisters and Brothers* who have lovingly served the Diocese. **The proceeds from this new collection go to fill the budget gap for the cost of this new Assisted Living Residence for our retired priests.**

Please come prepared on that weekend to assist our retired priests with a gift as generous as your means will allow. Your gift may be placed in the collection basket on that weekend or, if you wish, you can mail a donation by using a postage-paid envelope that will be available in the church. Brochures describing this appeal are available in the back of the Church, and some of you may have already received or will receive them at home.

On behalf of all of the priests who serve our Diocese, Thank You!




Calendar Club 2009



THE WINNERS ARE!!!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9/6 #687 Rosalie & Thomas Longo \$50	9/7 #709 Carol Weinisch \$25	9/8 #49 Janet Lamm \$25	9/9 #670 Harry & Marilyn Watson \$25	9/10 #433 The Russell Family \$25	9/11 #3 Marianne Mueller \$25	9/12 #663 Mary Donohue \$25

Congratulations to our Winners. Thank you for your generous support!



WE NEED YOU!!

CAN YOU CARRY A TUNE??

DO YOU PLAY AN INSTRUMENT??

Graduation has past and this year we have lost several key members of our choir. If you are interested in joining the 9:00 AM choir, we would love to talk to you. We are in need of instruments, and voices. If you like to sing but cannot read music, it's OK. However playing an instrument requires reading music. Please see Andrea (Flute) or Ann (Piano) after the 9:00 AM Mass.



*Anniversary
Celebration*

*St Joseph Parish is planning a special Mass
on Sunday, September 27th at 3:00 PM
to honor and bless couples who have celebrated
their
25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary
since September 2008.*

*Please leave your name, wedding date and phone
number at the rectory if you would like to participate.*

A coffee and cake reception will follow in Carew Hall.

Dear Fr Mike,
We would like to attend the Mass on September 27th to receive a special blessing
as we celebrate our wedding anniversary.

Name _____
Wedding Date _____
Church of Wedding _____
Phone Number _____

St. Joseph's Backward Drawing



**Start
Saving
Now!**

The Backward Drawing is scheduled for Saturday, November 28. The Ticket price is \$100 for a chance to win \$10,000. You can start saving just \$10 a week and you'll be able to buy a ticket or share one with friends or family. Then you will have a 1 in 500 chance to win \$10,000! Watch your mail & the bulletin for more information.

This could be you!

Only
500
Tickets
Sold



Win
\$10,000
or one of
15 other
Cash Prizes



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 or call the rectory.



CYO Sport Programs

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.

Pack, Troop, and Crew 272 have a YEAR-ROUND scouting program.



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, Sept. 20th

Sunday, Oct. 4th

e-mail: Crew272@StJoRonk.org

phone: Advisor Mike Keller (631) 467-6468

What did you do this weekend?



**D.O.G.
DEPEND
On
GOD**

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

Psalms 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 & 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.

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>.

St. James Church - Immaculee Ilibagiza, author of the book, "Left to Tell" will be speaking at the Parish on Monday, October 19, 2009 at 7:00 PM. 429 Route 25A, Setauket, NY 11733. Tickets \$20. Checks only: payable to St. James R.C. Church. Tickets can be purchased by mail. For more information contact Roni at 631-689-2410. or visit St. James R.C. Church web site at www.stjamessetauket.org.



St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel Jesus says "If a man wishes to come after me, he must deny his very self, take up his cross, and follow in my steps." The

cross of Jesus and the crosses of his members can evangelize us: the sick, who bear illness with courage; the grieving, who hope against hope; the dying, who clearly trust in the resurrection; the suffering of our poor brothers and sisters who are hungry & homeless, but who still trust in God's love. **Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul...we want to help!**

Cleary School for the Deaf - is offering evening American Sign Language classes, levels 1,2,3, Intermediate & Advanced. Fall Session - September 9th through December 9, 2009. Call Carolyn Kelly at (631) 588-0530 or e-mail ASL4CK@CS.COM for more information.

Stony Brook University Hospital - is in need of additional Eucharistic Ministers to bring the Body of Christ to our hospitalized brothers and sisters. Volunteers can visit monthly, biweekly, or weekly. Your very presence at the bedside can be the love of God reaching out to enfold the patient. Please call 444-7775 as soon as possible for more information or to volunteer; a SBUH Chaplain will return your call promptly.

Fall Craft Festival - Join us for the 9th Annual St. Brigid/OLH School Fall Craft Festival, Saturday September 19, 2009 at 101 Maple Ave, Westbury from 10-5 PM. It is a outdoor, fun family event with craft vendors, face painting, games, kid's rides, raffles and more. For further information call (516) 359-9341.

Dominican Sisters of Amityville - has openings for (3) Registered Nurses on a Per Diem basis at the Queen of the Rosary Motherhouse which houses the aged and infirmed Sisters of the Dominican Sisters of Amityville. Nurses are required to work 12-hour shift. Day Shifts - 7AM-7PM and Night Shifts 7PM - 7AM. For further information please call Joy Benedict, RN at (631) 482-6734.



Golden Wedding Jubilee

On Sunday, October 18, 2009 couples married 50 years or more are invited to a special mass to be celebrated by Bishop Paul Walsh at Christ the King, Comack, at 2:30 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 October 4th. Approximately one week to ten days before the ceremony information regarding the day will be mailed to you. If you have any questions call (516) 678-5800, ext. 242.

