

# St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church

## Parish Office Hours

**Thurs. & Friday (effective August 1, 2011)**

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

**Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday** 9am to Noon; 1:15 to 5:00 PM

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

**Sunday** - 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

## Pray with the Parish

Rosary - Prayed daily after the 9 AM Mass

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

In today's first reading, Moses speaks of a new prophet whom God will raise up among the people. In the second reading, we hear that our first concerns in life are to be the *things of the Lord*. The Gospel describes the astonishment of the people at the authority with which Jesus taught and healed so many.

### Altar Bread & Wine

*In Loving Memory of  
Requested by*



### OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

Priest Schedule Subject to Change

*This Week*

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

*Next Week*

Fr. Maffeo  
Fr. Maffeo  
Fr. Boyle  
Fr. Leuthardt  
Fr. Boyle  
Fr. Leuthardt

### ARE YOU REGISTERED IN THE PARISH?

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 send us the following information and we will send you a registration form.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## MASS INTENTIONS



### Sunday, January 29

- 7:00 Intentions of the Celebrant
- 7:00 Antonio Izzo req. by Mr. & Mrs. Vito Nocera
- 9:00 Karen Joan Sweeney req. by Linda Savage & Family
- 9:00 Corine Bambino req. by Marilyn & Dom Pizzurro
- 10:30 Paul Puglisi req. by Mr. & Mrs. Kelly
- 10:30 Edna Rowland req. by The Terrano Family
- 12:00 Antonio Sr, Elisa, & Francisco Valisno req. by Ida, Ting & Scott Samson
- 12:00 Thomas Altomare req. by Loving Family
- 5:00 Vincent Festa req. by Barbara Cutrone
- 5:00 Ester Velasquez req. by Mr. & Mrs. Seda

### Monday, January 30

- 7:00 Intentions of the Celebrant
- 9:00 Edward Hattorff req. by Nicholas Placco
- 9:00 Frank Salemi req. by Lucretia & Rose Lucivero

### Tuesday, January 31

- 7:00 Michael Cardone req. by Nicholas Ferrara
- 8:45 The Perez & Albano Family (**LIVING**) req. by Grandma
- 8:45 Adelaida Marzan req. by Corazon Gamboa & Family

### Wednesday, February 1

- 7:00 Eugene Rozek req. by Kevin & Margo Rainone
- 9:00 William Arabio req. by Loving Wife

### Thursday, February 2

- 7:00 Bridie McWeeney req. by Loving Dtrs. Mary & Anne
- 9:00 Calogera Liggio req. by The Uhlmann Family

### Friday, February 3

- 7:00 For the People of the Parish
- 9:00 Frank Salemi req. by Ann Festa

### Saturday, February 4

- 8:00 Angelo & Theresa DeFillippo req. by Marie DeFillippo

### Anticipated Mass for Sunday

- 5:00 Angelo Mauceri req. by AnnMarie Hengerle & Family
- 5:00 Vincent Festa req. by Michele Yuskiewicz

### Sunday, February 5

- 7:00 Betsey Gillin req. by Tom & Carol Gillin
- 7:00 John W. Biglin req. by Loving Wife & Family
- 9:00 Living & Dec'd. Mbrs. of the Onufrak Family req. by Helen M. Onufrak
- 9:00 Cathy Cunningham req. by Norma Saporito
- 10:30 Paul Stockmeyer req. by The Terrano Family
- 10:30 Fred Scheckenbach req. by Loretta Finnegan
- 12:00 Thomas Altomare req. by Loving Family
- 12:00 Pray to End Abortion req. by St. Regis Council
- 5:00 Mary Giuliani req. by Joseph Buccellato
- 5:00 Gerald Gole req. by Martin DeBobes



## From the Pastor's Desk

When we read the Book of Genesis, we see that God communicates with key people directly. He speaks to Adam and Eve, even when He is expelling them from the Garden of Eden. He speaks to Cain, after he kills his brother Abel and He speaks to Noah to tell him about the Flood. God speaks to Abraham when He calls him to leave Ur and go to the Promised Land, and God speaks to him when He makes His Covenant with Abraham and his descendants, and later God will communicate directly with Jacob.

After Jacob, it appears that God does not directly communicate with His people until He calls Moses to rescue the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. God comes to Moses in the Burning Bush, but there is no doubt that Moses is experiencing the power of God. As the Book of Exodus continues, God communicates with Moses and the people, and as we see in today's first reading, God communicates even in the Book of Deuteronomy. However, as we see today, the people are upset over this, for they are afraid of God. God, for His part gives in to their request, but He does not leave it at that! God tells them that He will send them a prophet from their own people, who will speak like Moses and speak totally in God's name. When this prophet comes, all should listen to him. As we see, "Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it."

The people were afraid and begged God not to let them see Him talking to Moses, the same is not true of the people in today's Gospel: when the promised prophet drives a demon out of the man. The people in that Capernaum Synagogue were more amazed and realized that Jesus spoke with the authority God said He would in Deuteronomy. Notice what is at work here, Jesus would not allow the demon to identify Him as the Holy One of God, yet He did not stop the people from spreading His name throughout Galilee. That is because Jesus want human testimony, and He wants them to spread the Good News about Him, so others would be ready to listen to Him when He came to their town. We too should not be afraid of God, we too should be totally amazed and accepting of His Divine Authority, and we too should be spreading the Good News: just as they did 2000 years ago.

Today starts Catholic Schools' week and we are very blessed to have our own St. Joseph's School. During this week, we will have several activities to celebrate our school. We will also have an Open House with student-guided tours and people will be able to speak with our Principal Mrs. Arpino and other members of the school community. If you have children or grandchildren from Nursery to 8th Grade, and are looking for a great place to send them for their education then look no further; you have found it right

here! Yes, going to Catholic School means paying more for your child's education, but you get back so much more than you can ever imagine. Also, keep in mind that Tomorrow's Hope Scholarships are available to those who qualify; please call the school at (631) 588-4760 for more information.

Next week at all of the Masses, we will be speaking about the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Volunteers will be available in the Church Lobby to take your pledge to support this worthwhile appeal. Please pray about this and be as generous as your means allow; so many people are depending on you.

God bless you always  
Fr. Mike



Fr. Mike's Weekly Letters  
are available online in  
a "blog" format at  
[PastorsDesk.StJoRonk.org](http://PastorsDesk.StJoRonk.org)  
or via the Parish Website  
(StJoRonk.org).

**From the  
Pastor's Desk**

**A WEB-LOG  
OF FR. MIKE'S  
WEEKLY LETTERS  
TO THE PARISH,  
PASTORAL ADVICE  
...AND MUCH MORE...**



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[PastorsDesk.StJoRonk.org](http://PastorsDesk.StJoRonk.org)  
to your Smartphone  
or Blackberry.





### Religious Education

E-mail: [RelEd@StJoRonk.org](mailto:RelEd@StJoRonk.org)

Website: [RelEd.StJoRonk.org](http://RelEd.StJoRonk.org)

981-1805

#### Office Hours

Monday through Thursday

9:00 Am - 3:00 PM



**Sunday school** takes place in Carew Hall during the 10:30 mass. Consider bringing your 3, 4 or 5 year old. You may register with Maureen if this meets your family needs.

**Level 6** students will be visiting Temple Beth Chai on Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. Please refer to your notice for time and directions.

### Baptisms

*Joedel Pauline Liquori  
Madison Ann Graef*

### Defensive Driving

The defensive driving course will be offered at St. Joseph Church on Saturday, February 11, in Carew Hall from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Fee is \$45. Please call the rectory at 588-8456 to reserve your place. Make checks payable to St. Joseph Church.



### St. Joseph School

e-mail: [school@stjoronk.org](mailto:school@stjoronk.org)

website: [www.stjoeronkelem.org](http://www.stjoeronkelem.org)



### HOORAY !!! IT'S CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!

Don't miss out on the celebration. Join our Open House on Sunday, January 29th from 11:30 - 1:00. See all we have to offer at St. Joseph School. You'll be glad you did!

This week we will celebrate all the parish ministries for all they do for our school. Students will tour visitors to our school. There will be a special day designated as "Kids Day" because our students are special. We will celebrate families and teachers. Be a part of our community. Registration opens on Sunday, January 29, 2012. It is on a first come first serve basis. If you are looking for a quality education for your children you should be touring St. Joseph's. At a time when schools are closing and programs are being cut we still continue to offer a quality education, with social, emotional, and spiritual development along with many clubs, sports, and extra-curricula activities.

Congratulations to Jonathan Pham, a recent graduate from St. Joseph School. Jonathan has achieved the honor roll at Chaminade High School. Great job Jonathan!

Congratulations to our 8th graders. Our students were all accepted into the high school of their first choice for the upcoming school year. Our students were accepted into St. Anthony's, Chaminade, St. John the Baptist, McGann Mercy, Mercy Academy, Sacred Heart Academy, and Kellenberg. Thank you to the teachers for their hard work and dedication in providing a great foundation for our students.

We welcome all Grandparent's and VIP's to our school this weekend! We are proud that you could visit us.

Thank you to our Teachers for all you do! Happy Teacher's Appreciation Day celebrated at our school on Friday, February 3, 2012.

# Respect Life

## GIVE and TAKE

Some people say "I am pro-choice, not pro-abortion". However, the term "pro-choice" gives one the illusion that there is a middle ground on abortion. The problem with this term is that it is incomplete – it doesn't say what the person is choosing. Now, in the abortion debate, being "pro-choice" means the person believes that it is acceptable for an innocent baby to be dismembered and killed in her mother's womb. Abortion advocates don't finish the sentence in saying what they are pro-choice about, they are reluctant to say they support the choice of killing an innocent baby.

Throughout history, nearly all human rights violations have been defended on the ground of the "right to choose." In the 1800s those who were pro-choice about slavery considered their moral position to be sound since many of them didn't personally own slaves. Yet it was not just the pro-slavery position, but the pro-choice-about slavery position, that resulted in the exploitation, beatings and deaths of innocent people in this country. Similarly, in the 1940s, most people in Germany did not personally favor the killing of the Jews. However, most did nothing to try to stop that killing. Today in the United States, about 3,300 innocent unborn babies die each day as a result of "choice."

The "pro-choice" position always overlooks the fact that the victim is deprived of his right to choose". African-Americans didn't choose to be enslaved; Jews didn't choose the Nazi gas chambers and babies don't choose to be killed by abortion.

## RECIPE FOR LIVING

A cupful of patience, A portion of dreams, A teaspoon of planning, A few idle schemes, A wee bit of thinking, Some books of your own, A serving of lectures, A place to call home....

Some health is important, A mixture of charms, A spoon of persistence, A heart soft and warm, A faith in tomorrow, A smile for today, Believing and trusting, Each step of the way ...

Some keen understanding, A blue sky above, A vision unequalled, A heart full of love, A serving of knowledge, A questioning mind...

'Tis these that make up living, All nicely combined.

Garnett Ann Schultz/Salesian Inspirational Books



# Weekly Offering



Fiscal Year Beginning 9/1/2011

Sunday, January 22, 2012, Offerings **\$15,840**  
Same collection last year 17,639

Christmas 2011 **\$58,914**  
2010 **65,906**

Poor Box last weekend \$314

Fuel Collection YTD \$3,015  
Same time last year 5,349  
YTD Fuel Cost 5,364

Weekly Budget Amount **\$17,900** Budget YTD **\$421,710**

<b>Collection</b>	<b>15,840</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>423,153</b>
Christmas Addtl.	<u>140</u>		<u>140</u>
	15,980	Adjust	<u>5,848</u>
			429,141

Shortage **-\$1,920** Overage **+\$7,431**

## \*Pay Down Debt Donations

This Month \$ **6,488**

Total Funds **179,955**

Less Payment made to RVC **125,000**

Fund Balance **\$54,955**

RVC Loan **604,000**

Less Payment **125,000**

Balance **\$479,000**

\*Includes Faith Direct Collections for January  
(50 Participating Households)

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

Envelope users: Please enter the amount of your donation on the envelope in the space provided. This will be a big help to us when counting the collection. Also, it is not necessary to tape or staple the envelope closed. Your help is appreciated.

Thank you, Deacon Mike DeBellis

**Thank you and God Bless You Always,  
Fr. Mike**

# Outreach Resources

## Emergency Resources

### **Response of Suffolk County**

Crisis Hotline  
631-751-7620 or 631-751-7500 (hotline 24 hrs./7 days)  
[www.responsehotline.org](http://www.responsehotline.org)

### **Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk—VIBS**

Domestic/date violence, rape, sexual assault, & elder abuse  
631-360-3730 or 631-360-3606 (24 hrs. hotline for domestic violence and rape)  
[www.vibs.org](http://www.vibs.org) or [www.inforatvibs.org](http://www.inforatvibs.org)

### **Suffolk County Coalition Against Domestic Violence**

**631-666-8833 (hotline)**

[www.sccadv.org](http://www.sccadv.org)

### **The Retreat**

Domestic Violence  
631-329-2200 (hotline 24hrs/7 days shelter)  
[www.theretreatinc.org](http://www.theretreatinc.org)

### **Brighter Tomorrows**

Domestic Violence  
Hotline (631)395-1800

### **Islip Hotline**

Crisis Hotline: 631-277-4700

### **Runaway Hotline**

631-549-8700, 1-800-621-4000

### **American Red Cross, Suffolk County Chapter**

631-924-6700  
[www.redcross.org/ny/suffolk](http://www.redcross.org/ny/suffolk)

### **Child Abuse**

1-800-342-3720 (24-Hr.)

### **HIV and Aids Teen Hotline**

**1-800-440-TEEN (fri./Sat. 6:30PM to Midnight)**

### **Child Health Plus Information and Referral**

1-800-522-5006 (24 Hr.)

## Family Resources/Support Groups

### **Child Care Council of Suffolk**

631-362-0303  
[www.childcaresuffolk.org](http://www.childcaresuffolk.org)

### **Family Service League of Suffolk County**

631-427-3700  
[www.fsl.li.org](http://www.fsl.li.org)

### **Hope House Ministries**

631-928-2377  
[www.hhm.org](http://www.hhm.org)

### **Islip Town Teen Parent Resource Center**

631-224-9766

### **Suffolk County Department of Health Services**

**Project Hope Mothers' Group**  
631-853-3035 (call for locations)  
[www.co.suffolk.ny.us/health](http://www.co.suffolk.ny.us/health)

### **Haven House/Bridges**

631-231-3619  
[www.tsli-hhb.org](http://www.tsli-hhb.org)

### **Alcoholics Anonymous**

631-669-1124

### **Gamblers Anonymous**

631-586-7171

### **Narcotics Anonymous**

631-827-9500

Life Center of L.I. - Pregnancy Care

631-243-0066

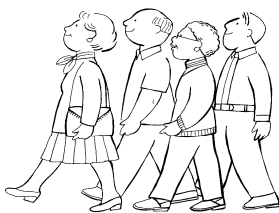
Birthright of Nassau/Suffolk

516-785-4070



## Westbury Music Fair/Swan Club Celebration

St. Joseph Seniors are inviting you to join us on March 14th to celebrate St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's days with a show at Westbury Music Fair followed by dinner at the Swan Club. Transportation by Hampton Jitney leaving from St. Joseph's parking lot. The cost is \$79. Call Arlene @ 648-3582 for more information. Cut off date for making reservations is February 1st.



*Calling All Seniors!*

## St. Joseph Parish Outreach Center

e-mail — [sjpo@verizon.net](mailto:sjpo@verizon.net)

website — <http://outreach.stjorok.org>



Through your generosity we were able to help more than **377** people throughout the month of December. Financial assistance for the month of December was **\$12,688.68**. 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."*

Looking for More From Your Child's Educational Experience?

Looking for Grades Nursery, Pre-K or K thru 8th for Next Year?

Chances are if you've had a nagging feeling that you wanted something more for your child in terms of their educational experience – Catholic Education holds the answer!



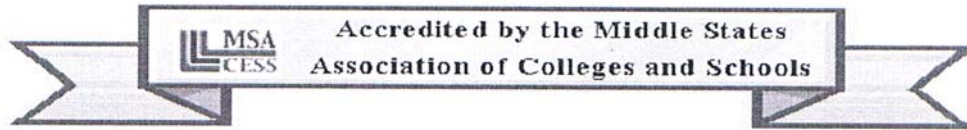
## Saint Joseph Catholic School

25 Church Street,  
Ronkonkoma NY 11779  
(631) 588 – 4760  
[www.StJoeRonkElem.org](http://www.StJoeRonkElem.org)

- ✓ **Nursery:**  
2, 3 or 5 Day
- ✓ **Pre - K:**  
Full-Day
- ✓ **Kindergarten:**  
Full-Day
- ✓ **Elementary:**  
Grades 1 - 5
- ✓ **Middle School:**  
Grades 6 - 8

OPEN HOUSE

January 29, 2012; 11:30am – 1:00pm



## Family Movie Night

**BELLA** (rated PG-13)

Please join us for a Sunday night movie fit for the whole family, hosted by Venturing Crew 272 and the Life Center of Long Island.

Sooner or later every one of us will face an irreversible moment that will change our lives forever. Bella is the touching story of a day that changed the lives of three people.

*Popcorn and refreshments will be served.*

**When:** Sunday, January 29, 2012

**Time:** 6:30 pm

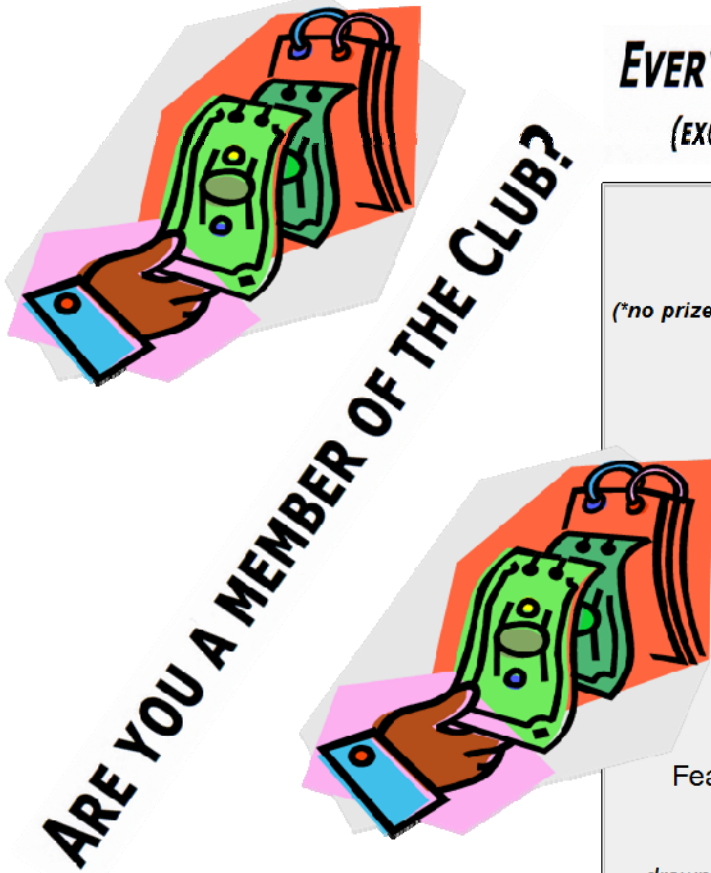
**Where:** Carew Hall (basement of the Church)

**And the best part of all... it's free!!**

# Calendar Club 2012

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

**(EXCEPT HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY AND HOLY SATURDAY)**



## Calendar Club 2012 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*

**MEMBERSHIP DONATION IS \$25 PER "CALENDAR".**

**GET FIVE MEMBERSHIPS FOR A DONATION OF \$100.**

*Sign me up for calendar club 2012*

<b>Member Name:</b>	#	<b>@ \$25 each</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	#	<b>@ 5 for \$100</b>	
<b>City, State, Zip</b>		<b>Total</b>	
<b>Phone Number:</b>	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



# Calendar Club



The 2012 January Winners will be drawn on January 31st  
and posted in the February 5th bulletin

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

The 2012 January Winners  
will be drawn on January 31st and  
posted in the February 5th bulletin.  
Get your membership now before  
the drawings start!

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



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



### Share Your Favorite Recipes

St. Joseph Church is preparing a "Custom Cookbook" featuring your family's favorite recipes. Get ready to gather your culinary treasures and share them with your fellow parishioners.

Recipes may be dropped off at the rectory or placed in the basket in the lobby of the church. **Recipe Collection Sheets** are available there for you to fill out and return. *It is also an insert in this bulletin.* Please include your name and phone number in case we have any questions. The Deadline for submitting recipe sheets is **Feb. 12, 2012.** details to follow. This is sure to be a great *fun* and *fund-raiser* for our parish.

# St Joseph School Students Celebrate Parish Appreciation



The students and parents of St. Joseph School have always been very generous in reaching out a helping hand to those in need. It is about halfway into the school year, and the school's Student Council has already been able to organize various events and projects that have benefitted the school and parish community. During the course of the school year, the Student Council strives to set good examples and be role models for the student body. Our mission is ultimately to always keep in mind good Christian values in each thing we do. When this is accomplished, we hope we will be able to inspire Christian spirit within the younger grades and even within our peers.

Throughout November, the Student Council organized a Thanksgiving food drive where we were able to allow all the students to share their blessings with the less fortunate. Each class was assigned a specific food item in order for there to be a variety of food for the Parish Outreach, which was where the food was to be donated. By the time the Student Council had finished collecting the donations, we were glad to see that the students of our school had really come through to help those in need, as bags and bags filled with food were given. During the season of Advent and Christmas, we prepared ourselves for the coming of Christ by helping others. We participated in different organizations and fundraisers to help people in need, and by doing so we also prepared ourselves for the spirit of Christmas and the season of giving as well. We ran the Bring a Bear If You Care fundraiser and collected more than 50 bears for children. An organization we contributed to was the Samaritan's Purse in which students of the school put toys and supplies in shoe boxes for a boy or girl in need. We also collected lots of toys for children in the Toys for Tots Program. Furthermore, in the spirit of Christmas and giving, the Student Council had decided to donate money to two families in our school and parish that were in need. We tapped into our treasury and were able to donate a sum of \$100 for both families all together. The money donated was earned through fundraising events such as bake sales. As the Student Council of St. Joseph School, we are pleased to know that those who we have shared our service with are as thankful as we are eager to help. As the school year progresses, we hope to be able to partake in even more projects that will support our school and parish community.

# St. Joseph R.C. School

invites you to join us at the

## ***18th Annual Dinner and Chinese Auction***

Thursday, March 15th, 2012  
The Watermill Inn, Smithtown, NY  
7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

### Featuring:

Grand Raffle Baskets, Exclusive Grand Raffle Baskets  
(for attending guests)  
Regular Raffle Baskets, and Mega 50/50

**Ticket Price: \$50.00**

**Number of Guests Attending: \_\_\_\_**

Includes: Hors d'oeuvres, Choice of Entree, Dessert,  
Soda, Cash Bar, Coffee, Tea & DJ

Reservations are limited and must be received by March 1st, 2012



# 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner & Chinese Auction Reservation Form:

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Your response is required by March 1<sup>st</sup> 2012

In order to facilitate reservations, please provide all requested information (If paying by check, credit card information is not needed). Tables are made up of 14 guests. If your table is not filled, additional guest will be seated at your table. If possible, please enclose all guests' payment s in one envelope to ensure your seating preference. Seating is limited and is on a first come first serve basis.

Ticket price of \$50.00 includes Hors d'oveures, choice of Entrée, Coffee/Tea/Soda and D/J

Reservations for \_\_\_\_\_ guest, under name of \_\_\_\_\_

Contacts Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name/Grade \_\_\_\_\_

FULL NAME	PHONE#	CHECK#	CREDIT CARD#	ZIP	EXP. DATE	SECURITY CODE
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Complete Reservation form all with payments (made payable to St. Joseph School) can be left at the Rectory, or sent to St. Joseph School, ATTN: Ann Ambrosio, 25 Church St. Ronkonkoma, NY 11779.

# MEGA 50/50



St. Joseph School Parent Association presents the

## 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner & Chinese Auction

Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 2012

The Watermill, Smithtown, NY

Previous winners have won over \$3000!

The more tickets sold, the BIGGER THE JACKPOT!

WINNER need not attend!

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

Send the completed form below to:

St. Joseph School, Attn: Ann Ambrosio, Treasurer  
25 Church Street, Lake 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) \_\_\_\_\_

50/50 Raffle ticket stubs will be entered to win with the above contact information. The receipt stub will be mailed back to the above address as confirmation of your purchase. Winner will be drawn on March 15<sup>th</sup> 2012 and contacted by phone (if not in attendance.) If you have any question, please contact the school at 631-588-4760.



Anne Kelly  
 has been selected  
 Grand Marshal of Ronkonkoma's  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
 St. Patrick's Parade  
 Sunday, March 11, 2012

Mrs. Anne Kelly, Director of St. Joseph Parish Outreach for over seventeen years came to America from Dublin, Ireland, in 1962. Anne was head nurse at the Cenacle, Lake Ronkonkoma, before beginning her work at St. Joseph's. She and husband, Peter, are a vital part of St. Joseph's Parish. All are welcome to join the parade sponsor, St. Regis Council, Knights of Columbus, Lake Ronkonkoma, in honoring her dedication to the community. Journal ads of congratulations from your family, organization or business may be ordered using the coupon below. Parade Chairman is Martin Gaughan.



**JOURNAL ADS — DEADLINE FOR ADS IS FEBRUARY 28, 2012**

Full Page (8 1/2 x 11) \$125, Half Page \$75, Quarter Page \$50, Gold/Cover Page \$250

Attach Ad Copy and Payment with this Coupon:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contract Maker's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, P.O. Box 318, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

For further information on the journal, marching groups, etc. call Paula 631-648-4998.

**Help us take the first steps to improving our parish communications!**

We are in the process of adding e-mail addresses to our parish database. Please help us by providing your e-mail address and answering some questions to help us decide the best way to use electronic media. Place in the collection basket or send/deliver to the Rectory.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parishioner ID#, if known: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please answer the following:** I check my e-mail \_\_\_each day \_\_\_each week \_\_\_rarely.



## 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](mailto:YIM@StJoRonk.org) or call the rectory.



## CYO Sport Programs

<http://stjoecyosports.com>

### Baseball:

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

### Basketball:

Girls Intramural Debbie ☎467-6174  
 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 Jerry 585-4048

### Soccer :

Intramural Boys & Girls(ages 3-13) Joe ☎737-6299  
 Travel (LIJSL): Tony B ☎737-5159

*\*Must register for the intramural program as well*

Interested in joining Venturing?  
 Want to enroll your son in  
 Cub Scouting or Boy Scouting?

Send an e-mail from your  
 Smartphone or Blackberry  
 while it's on your mind to  
[JoinScouting@StJoRonk.org](mailto:JoinScouting@StJoRonk.org)

→ You can scan us! →



# 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](mailto: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, Jan. 29th Tonight**  
**Sunday, Feb. 5th**

*e-mail: [Crew272@StJoRonk.org](mailto: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.*

*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 C.S.F.P. funded by USDA NYSDOH, and administered by Catholic Charities is offering free food for 6 to 12 months post partum women, children from the age of 5 up to their sixth birthday, and seniors age 60 and over, who are income-eligible. Gross monthly income for seniors: Single Senior \$1,174 or less or Senior Couple \$1,579 or less. For further information, and income **guidelines** for women & children in Nassau or Suffolk, please call 631-491-4166 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>.

**Parish of the Holy Cross** - Faith and Light Meeting, Friday, Feb. 3rd at 7 PM. 95 Old Nichols Rd, Nesconset. (Faith & Light is an international faith-sharing organization for people with developmental challenges and their families and caregivers).

**St. Patrick Church** - Singles Fellowship. 280 E. Main St., Smithtown. Sunday, Feb. 19th 2012 10AM-12PM. Widowed, single, divorced and separated ages 45-60 + baby boomers. Coffee, tea, cake and conversation, & event planning. Come join us and meet a new friend. For more info call the Outreach Dept. 265-2668 (10-2).

**Our Lady of the Snow** - is looking for 2 part-time Sacristan positions. (one for weekdays and one for weekends). For more info please contact **Irene** Mauro at 363-6385 ext. 10.

**St. Joseph College Pilgrimage** - The Spirit and Spirituality of Spain & Portugal, 10 days, May 23, 2012. Medieval Monasteries/Gothic Cathedrals/Basilica at Fatima. Travel with St. Joseph's College faculty member Sister Grace Rowland, CSJ. For a detailed brochure call Sister Grace at 631-654-0199 or e-mail [growland@sjcny.edu](mailto:growland@sjcny.edu).


  
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This commitment to recurring electronic giving will not only provide our parish with the consistent resources that help us with the operating needs of St. Joseph Catholic Church but in turn provide you with the convenience of automatic debit from your specified checking account or credit card.

There is no cost to you to enroll. Please enroll today by visiting [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net), our parish code is NY252.

God bless you!

*Fr. Mike*