

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?

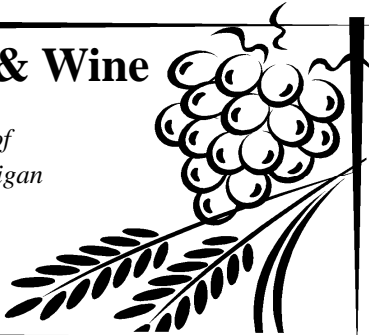
Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic can contact the Parish Office for information about becoming part of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

OUR LITURGY

Today's first reading spells out the communal rules that relate to those who suffer from leprosy. In the second reading, the faithful are reminded that they must do everything for the glory of God. Jesus, in the Gospel, demonstrates His great compassion for a leper who comes to Him for a cure. He heals the man.

Altar Bread & Wine

*In Loving Memory of
Elizabeth & John Mulligan
Requested by
Karen & John*



OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

Priest Schedule Subject to Change

<i>This Week</i>		<i>Next Week</i>
Fr. Boyle	5:00 PM	Fr. Boyle
Fr. Boyle	7:00 AM	Fr. Boyle
Fr. Leuthardt	9:00 AM	Fr. Leuthardt
Fr. Maffeo	10:30 AM	Fr. Maffeo
Fr. Thomas	12:00 PM	Fr. Thomas
Fr. Maffeo	5:00 PM	Fr. Maffeo

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, February 12

- 7:00 Antonio Izzo req. by Tony & Anna Nocera
- 7:00 James J. Heiman req. by Helen Onufrak
- 9:00 James Ferriolo Sr. req. by Marjorie Cecere & Children
- 9:00 Sandra Nichols req. by Linda Savage & Family
- 9:00 Sal Arturi req. by Frank & Lorraine Perillo
- 10:30 Edward Kenny req. by Claire & Jim
- 10:30 Zaida Cottone req. by Mr. & Mrs. R. Kelly
- 12:00 Frances & John Panella req. by Loving Family
- 12:00 Carmine Cassara req. by Loving Family
- 5:00 Peter J. Biegen req. by Loving Family
- 5:00 Joseph Biegen req. by Elizabeth & Brian Dinger & Family

Monday, February 13

- 7:00 Louis Fava req. by Teresa & William Rouse
- 7:00 Melissa Cruz-Block req. by Enrique Cruz
- 9:00 Veronica Perdue req. by The Perdue Family
- 9:00 Irene Vazquez req. by Loving Husband

Tuesday, February 14

- 7:00 Bridie, Jack, & Patrick McWeeney req. by Mary & Anne
- 7:00 Mary Dougherty req. by Loving Husband
- 8:45 Jim Gibson req. by Pat Brozinsky
- 8:45 Franklin M. Duarte req. by Loving Wife

Wednesday, February 15

- 7:00 James Ables req. by Andrew & Pat Erato
- 9:00 John McCulloch req. by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Cavaliero
- 9:00 Mr. Leiche req. by Joe Liguori

Thursday, February 16

- 7:00 Phyllis McLoughlin req. by The Chiefs & Supervisors of CBP
- 9:00 Greg Hartard req. by The DeLisio Family
- 9:00 Emanuel Quarantino req. by Loving Wife & Family

Friday, February 17

- 7:00 Richard T. Fahey req. by Loving Family
- 9:00 John Walsh req. by Loving Family
- 9:00 Rosalie Hoffman req. by Loving Family

Saturday, February 18

- 8:00 Jennie Marino req. by Linda Marino
- 8:00 For the People of the Parish

Anticipated Mass for Sunday

- 5:00 John Touhy req. by Sal & Debbie Maddaluno
- 5:00 Matilda Rofrano req. by The Anello Family

Sunday, February 19

- 7:00 Intentions of the Celebrant
- 9:00 Joseph Onufrak req. by Loving Wife & Family
- 9:00 Joseph J. Onufrak req. by Loving Mother & Family
- 10:30 Joseph Sanfilippo req. by Loving Wife, Mother & Family
- 10:30 Salvatore Sanfilippo req. by Loving Wife, Mother & Family
- 12:00 Vincent Festa req. by Millie & Tom D'Agostino
- 12:00 John Reynolds req. by Kevin & Margo Rainone
- 5:00 Theresa Averso req. by Kathi Carreiras
- 5:00 Marie Foley req. by The Cavaliero Family



From the Pastor's Desk

In today's world when a person is suffering from a serious disease, or has been exposed to a person who is inflicted, we place that person under quarantine. We of course do this so no one else will catch the disease and to avoid an epidemic. As today's first reading, and Gospel reading, tell us this was kind of in place in ancient Israel especially when it came to Leprosy or any other skin ailment. But the rule to separate the person from the community had more of an effect than just preventing the spreading of a disease. The Mosaic Law also declared that the infected person was also spiritually unclean and could no longer be a part of the community's worship of God. They were totally cut off from all life, physically and spiritually. The Law also made sure that the person was kept apart from others, by requiring the leper to shout out: "unclean, unclean."

This was the Law for centuries, even during the time of Jesus so when we read the Gospel how the leper came up to Jesus and begged Jesus to make him clean he was taking a big chance. He was violating the Law and there could have been great repercussions. But he was not the only lawbreaker, for Jesus moved with pity stretched out His hand, touched him, and said, "I do will it. Be made clean." Our Lord of course breaks this law, so that He can make the man whole, and restore his relationship with his family and friends and most importantly with God as a part of the faith community. But this could only happen if the man does what Jesus tells him to do once he is cured. "...go show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed..."

The leper had a direct encounter with Christ and as a result was cured, and able to return to a full life. But encounters with the Lord are not restricted to the Gospel or Old Testament Figures. We too can have an encounter with Christ, and in a way that is far better than the leper or anyone in the Gospel. Certainly, his cure was a miracle, but in many ways, this was just a one-time encounter with Jesus, and one that was alive only in his memory. Our encounters with Christ come every day as we pray, read Scripture, attend Sunday and Weekday Mass, and receive the Sacraments. The Sacraments especially are a direct encounter with the Risen Lord and they are a regular part of our lives as we live them out on this side of God's Kingdom.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes the Sacraments as powers that come forth from the Body of Christ, which is ever living and life giving. They are actions of the Holy Spirit at work in His Body the Church; the Sacraments are efficacious signs of grace instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church by which the divine life is dispensed to us. The visible rites by which the Sacraments are celebrated signify and make present the graces proper to each

Sacrament. The Seven Sacraments touch all the important moments of Christian life: they give birth and increase healing and mission to the Christian's life of faith. There is a certain resemblance between the stages of natural life and the stages of spiritual life (just as we see lived out in today's readings). The Seven Sacraments are divided into three groups. The Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist; the Sacraments of Healing: Penance and Anointing of the Sick; and the Sacraments of Vocation: Matrimony and Holy Orders. Therefore, Christ is with us not only in our memories, but also in our weekly encounters in Word and Sacrament.

Please remember the Catholic Ministries Appeal and help that it offers for so many people in our Diocese and even here in our own parish. Once again, our goal for this year is approximately \$100,000; and remember that every pledge of \$200 or more puts you in a raffle for 10 dinners for two with the parish priests and deacons and staff. You have 10 months to pay off your pledge and a pledge of \$250 is only \$25 a month or only 68cents a day. You can make a pledge at the table in the back, using the form in the bulletin, or by sending it directly to the Ministry Appeal Office: yes, we will get credit.

God bless you always

Fr. Mike

Fr. Mike's Weekly Letters are available online in a "blog" format at 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...



Scan

"From the Pastor's Desk"
PastorsDesk.StJoRonk.org
to your Smartphone
or Blackberry.



Religious Education

E-mail: RelEd@StJoRonk.org

Website: 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 2 parent meetings will take place on Wednesday, February 15th at 7:30 pm and again on Thursday, February 16th at 10am. Both will take place in Carew Hall. Please attend one of these meetings for First Communion.

Level 1 Activity will take place on Monday, February 27th in the school gym. Please come at the time you chose.

St. Joseph School

e-mail: school@stjoronk.org

website: www.stjoeronkelem.org



Tickets are on sale for our Annual Chinese Auction held at the Watermill Inn on Thursday, March 15th. Basket raffles and Mega 50/50 tickets are also available in the back of the church. Please contact the school office for more information. 588-4760.

Registration is now open for the 2012 - 2013 school year. Registration is on a first come first serve basis. Avoid being placed on a waiting list. Call our school between 8:00 and 3:00 for more information. Daily tours are available. Call 588-4760.

Congratulations to all who participated in our school musical production of "Cinderella." Bravo to Mr. & Mrs. DePersio for all your hard work and making this such a great success. Thank you to all who helped them in making this possible. Great job to all our performers grades K - 8! Your hard work paid off! We are blessed with so many shining stars!

Congratulations to the following Cub Scouts who received the "Light of Christ " Award:

Tyler Bruce - pack 272

Johnpaul Marando - pack 272


William Schwalback - pack 272

Congratulations to the following Scouts who received the "Parvuli Dei" Award:

Anthony Liguori - pack 272

Dominic Marando -pack 272


Thank you to all parents who lead our boys through this fine organization.



Banns of Marriage
(First Time)

*Allison Fennell of St. Elizabeth and
Michael Bellone of St. Elizabeth*

*Linda Ann Brown of St. Joseph and
Rocco Diamanti of St. Margaret*





The perfect date on *Valentine's Day* 

Making Reservations for Valentine's Day?

GoodDining donates up to 6% of your check to St. Joseph's Parish!

Order that bottle of wine and splurge on that other appetizer you want to try – it all goes to help St. Joseph's Parish.

The new GoodDining program gives back to the parish every time you dine at a participating restaurant.

- GoodDining will donate up to 6% of your check.
- Donation includes tax and tip – so tip big!
- There is no extra cost to you.
- Choose from great restaurants in our local area.
- Impress your date by "giving back" while you dine

Sign up for GoodDining and make your reservations for your Valentine's Day today



— Visit the parish website —
<http://StJoRonk.org>
for more information.

Register for GoodDining Today

Respect Life

Federal:

The Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate requiring the Catholic Church to provide employees with health insurance that includes contraception coverage. To that contraceptive mandate, HHS added, and the President approved, a broader mandate that includes not only contraceptive but also sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs.

Following is reprinted from the USCCB 1/20/2012 News Release: "The Catholic Bishops of the United States called 'literally unconscionable' a decision by the Obama Administration to continue to demand that sterilization, abortifacients and contraception be included in virtually all health plans."

The Long Island Catholic, 1/25/2012, printed a very strong letter of opposition by Bishop William Murphy, a column by Pope Benedict XVI titled: "Pope warns of 'grave threat' to religious freedom in U.S.", and, a Page 1 editorial: "Obama administration renews assault on religious freedom". These articles explain the depth and danger of the mandate.

More on the above: The NY Daily News, 1/25/2012, reported: "On the eve of his pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Archbishop Timothy Dolan ripped President Obama for birth control policies he contends run counter to Catholic teachings. Dolan said Obama called Friday morning [1/20] to say he has no plans to change the policy, which is part of the President's national health care reform. Dolan said he had been hopeful Obama would change his mind about the policy after he paid a recent visit to the Oval Office. But on Friday, Obama made it clear he's not budging, Dolan said."

New York State:

The Reproductive Health Act S.2844 (Stewart-Cousins)/A.6112 (Glick). This bill seeks to ensure that abortions are legal throughout all nine months of pregnancy in NYS, would allow post-viability abortion in clinics that go virtually unregulated by public health authorities, allows any health care practitioner to perform the procedure, jeopardizes any agency that does not refer for abortion and seriously threatens conscience protection for hospitals and medical professionals and excludes parental involvement. Visit [NYS Catholic.org](http://NYS.Catholic.org) and newyorkstaterighttolife.org

ACTION - Contact your NYS Senator and Assembly Member. Urge they vote against the Reproductive Health Act S.2844 (Stewart-Cousins)/A.6112. Ask they reply.

Your NYS Senator _____, Legislative Bldg. Albany, NY 12247
Senate Switchboard 518-455-2800 NYS senate-click on your Senator-go to e-m

Your NYS Assembly Member _____, Legislative Bldg., Albany NY 12248

Assembly Switchboard 518-445-4100 NYS assembly-click on your Member-go to e-m

HELP NEEDED 2/11 & 2/12
After Masses, to take petitions
to oppose above legislation.
Call 588-0168. Thank you.



Weekly Offering



Fiscal Year Beginning 9/1/2011

Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012, Offerings **\$20,105**
Same collection last year 19,855

Poor Box last weekend \$405

Snow Removal 2012 \$204
2011 382

Fuel Collection YTD \$3,335
Same time last year 5,574
YTD Fuel Cost 5,918

Weekly Budget Amount \$17,900 Budget YTD \$457,510

Collection 20,105 Actual YTD 467,844

Overage +\$2205 Overage +\$10,334

***Pay Down Debt Donations**

This Month \$
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

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 or www.inforatvibs.org

Suffolk County Coalition Against Domestic Violence

631-666-8833 (hotline)

www.sccadv.org

The Retreat

Domestic Violence
631-329-2200 (hotline 24hrs/7 days shelter)
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

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

Family Service League of Suffolk County

631-427-3700
www.fsl.li.org

Hope House Ministries

631-928-2377
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

Haven House/Bridges

631-231-3619
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

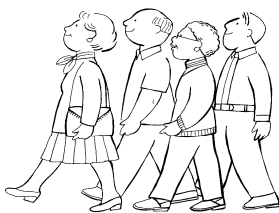
Birthright of Nassau/Suffolk

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

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



Through your generosity we were able to help more than **173** people throughout the month of January. Financial assistance for the month of January was **\$5,564.95**. 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."*



Anne Kelly
 has been selected
 Grand Marshal of Ronkonkoma's
 22nd 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: _____



ST. JOSEPH R. C. CHURCH

45 Church Street
Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
631 588-8456

February, 2012

Dear Parishioners,

We are truly blessed at St. Joseph's. Over the years our Parish has grown in numbers and, most importantly, has grown spiritually. We thank God for all of His blessings and recognize that as we look back in appreciation, we must also look forward with a sense of responsibility.

Our responsibility is to support initiatives that help those in need. On Long Island, our Church assists the marginalized through the many programs of Catholic Charities. We continue to fulfill our mission by educating our children through our Catholic Schools and Religious Education programs. We also recognize the need to support endeavors related to Pastoral Ministries such as Respect Life, Vocations and Campus Ministry programs. Lastly, it is critical to remember that Parishes bring us all together and our Parish is part of this effort.

In previous years, the annual appeal of the Diocese has provided support for all of these programs. In recent years, in an attempt to improve our effort, we relied upon committees of pastors and lay volunteers to advise us on how to reshape our appeal so that we can strengthen our Church and help more of our brothers and sisters who are in need. The Catholic Ministries Appeal will focus on the five areas critical to the mission of our Church – Catholic Charities, Education, Formation, Pastoral Outreach and Parishes. Our Parish will also benefit because we will share in the funds raised.

To enable our Church to continue with its critical work, we call upon the faithful for their support. While I know that these times are very hard for all of us, I also know that our needs are great and that you would be interested in learning about them as one of the faithful. Accordingly, I ask you to consider making a sacrificial gift to this year's Appeal.

I thank you for considering such a request and ask that you please pray for the continued success of our effort and I will keep you in my prayers.

In Jesus' Love,

Rev. Michael T. Maffeo



**2012
CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
APPEAL**



ONE FAITH, ONE HOPE, MANY GIFTS

“The Gifts We Have, We Are Given to Share.” As stewards, we choose to live our lives in thanksgiving to our generous God. The CMA allows us to share our gifts in many different ways; through prayer, through gifts of time and talent and by sharing our financial resources. More than 550,000 of our sisters and brothers receive support and assistance from funds shared through the CMA each year.

Feeding the hungry, providing religious education for thousands of students, educating our seminarians, deacons, and lay people for service to the Church and her people, housing the homeless, caring for the sick in hospitals and helping people prepare for the Sacraments are among the vital ministries the Catholic Ministries Appeal supports.



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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 \$ _____

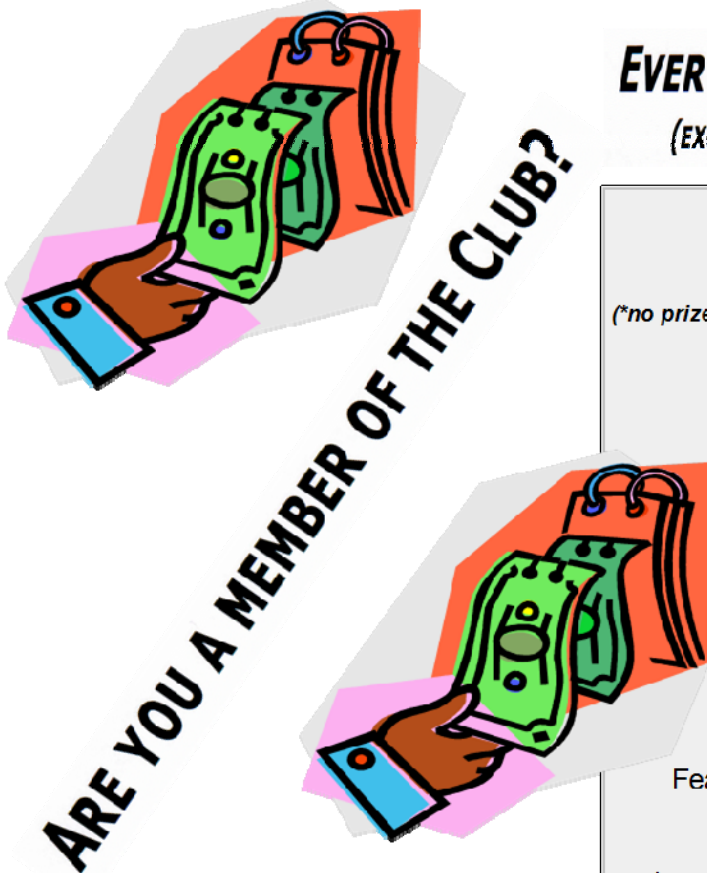
EVERY GIFT COUNTS!

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

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.**

<i>Sign me up for Calendar Club 2012</i>			
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



Calendar Club

February Winners



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			2/1 #780 Rachel Lupinacci \$25	2/2 #759 Marion & Joe Scarglato \$25	2/3 #817 Pat Blinn \$25	2/4 #762 Thomas McCann

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



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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.



18th Annual Dinner & Chinese Auction Reservation Form:

Your response is required by March 1st 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' payments 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'oeuvres, 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

18th Annual Dinner & Chinese Auction

Thursday, March 15th 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 15th 2012 and contacted by phone (if not in attendance.) If you have any question, please contact the school at 631-588-4760.

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





USING SCRIP MAKES DOLLARS AND SENSE!

What Is Scrip?

Scrip gift cards are available in the Rectory Office during regular office hours and in the Church vestibule after most Sunday Masses.

Scrip is a term that means, "Substitute Money".

When you purchase scrip, you're purchasing negotiable gift cards that are used just like cash. The scrip is issued by national and local retailers where you probably already shop. These merchants want to support non-profit organizations, and in return ask you to support them by shopping with scrip at their stores. You can use scrip to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, and other essentials, and with every purchase, you earn revenue for our parish.

How scrip generates revenue for the parish

A Scrip clearance center acts on behalf of many churches, schools and other non-profit organizations to purchase large amounts of scrip from grocery stores, department stores, and other retailers. Because the scrip is purchased with cash-up-front, the participating retailers offer a substantial discount. We buy the scrip from a scrip clearance center at a discount, and re-sell the cards to you for full face value. The bulk of the discount - from two to fifteen percent or more - is retained by our parish as revenue.

Scrip is "shopping cart fundraising".

The reason for the effectiveness of scrip is simple: families generate revenue through purchases they would make anyway. Groceries, clothing, toys, gifts; even gasoline can be purchased with scrip. It is estimated that a group of 150 families will spend between one and two million dollars per year on food, clothing and other essentials. If these families use scrip for these purchases, they can raise as much as \$40,000 to \$80,000 per year for the parish -- without spending an additional penny.

Retailers like Scrip, too.

Families who purchase scrip cards actively support the retailers who participate in this program. The reason is simple... they know that buying from a scrip participating retailer provides a steady source of revenue for their parish community.

Can I use the scrip cards anywhere?

Yes, the cards are accepted at all participating retailer locations.

Does it cost a family anything to participate? Do I have to sell anything?

There are no membership fees or application fees. You simply pay face value for the cards you purchase through the parish. The beauty of the scrip concept lies in the fact that you raise money for your parish by using your existing household shopping budget. Some families may enlist relatives, friends and neighbors to buy scrip. But, unlike other fundraising programs, scrip families do not have to "sell" anything to help our parish raise money.



New!

WE NOW CARRY IN STOCK, TARGET, AÉROPOSTALE, AMERICAN EAGLE, WALGREENS, DAVE & BUSTERS (ALL \$25 DENOMINATIONS) ***WALDBAUMS GIFT CARDS CAN BE USED FOR PATHMARK**



ST. JOSEPH'S CYO

P.O. Box 2755, Lake Ronkonkoma
New York 11779

**SOME GAMES NOW
BEING PLAYED AT
RAYNOR BEACH PARK**



2012 BOYS BASEBALL

CALL GENE 588-1879

	NEW TB Boys & Girls 5-6	FARM 7-8	MINORS 9-10	MAJORS 11-12	SENIORS 13-16
ORIGINAL COST:	\$55.00	\$70.00	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$90.00
\$25 OFF COUPON:	- 25.00	- 25.00	- 25.00	- 25.00	- 25.00
YOUR FINAL COST:	\$30.00	\$45.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$65.00

2012 GIRLS SOFTBALL

CALL DENNIS AVETA 467-6174

	FARM 7-8	MINORS 9-10	MAJORS 11-12	SENIORS 13-14
ORIGINAL COST:	\$70.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
\$25 OFF COUPON:	- 25.00	- 25.00	- 25.00	- 25.00
YOUR FINAL COST:	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00

**BAD ECONOMY!! WE CUT OUR COSTS TO HELP YOU.
LET YOUR CHILDREN PLAY BALL.
SIGN THEM UP NOW FOR EARLY DISCOUNT.
USE THE COUPON TO THE RIGHT.**

\$25.00 OFF REGISTRATION FEE
MAIN-IN COUPON WITH REGISTRATION FORM.
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ONLY EXPIRES 2/29/12

COACHES NEEDED. BECOME A TEAM LEADER

**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 • CERTIFIED UMPIRES
DUGOUT WITH BENCHES • GROOMED FIELDS
ALL GAMES PLAYED AT LOCAL RONKONKOMA BASEBALL COMPLEX
OVER 40 YEARS EXPERIENCE • T-BALL FOR YOUNG ATHLETES
EXPERIENCED ADULT UMPIRES • EVERYONE PLAYS EVERY GAME
EVERY ATHLETE RECEIVES A TROPHY AT YEAR END AWARDS
CEREMONY • NEW PITCHING MACHINES

IN PERSON REGISTRATION DATES OR MAIL IN

Tuesday, February 7th • 6:30 to 8pm • Seneca Middle School Gym Hallway, Holbrook
Saturday, February 11th • 12 Noon to 4pm • St. Joseph's Gym Hallway, Church St., Ronkonkoma
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Wednesday, February 15th • 6:30 to 8pm • Cherokee St. School, Cherokee St., Ronkonkoma
Thursday, February 16th • 6:30 to 8pm • Ronkonkoma Middle School, Ronkonkoma
If you are unable to register in person, please use mail in registration below.

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 responsible for this activity.

I DO NOT WANT TO DO ANY FUND RAISING. I ADDED \$25.00 TO REGISTRATION COST.

I WILL DO FUND RAISING OF CANDY

Please sign indicating you have read and understand the above statement

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Child's Name _____ Boy Girl Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Town _____ Zip _____

Home Phone # _____ School _____ Grade _____

Make All Checks Payable to ST. Joseph's CYO Baseball

Mail Registrations to:

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

**** LITTLE LEAGUE RULES WIL APPLY (BATS, BALLS, PITCHING, ETC.) ****

THERE WILL BE A \$40.00 SERVICE CHARGE (BANK FEE) FOR ALL RETURNED CHECKS

This group is not sponsored or insured by the Connetquot Central School District of Islip

No Registration Refunds - St. Joseph's CYO reserves the right to change age groups based on registration numbers and the athletes ability.



ST. JOSEPH

P.O. Box 2755, Lake Ronkonkoma, New York 11779



2012 SPRING SOCCER



St. Joseph's CYO Soccer Club Trainer Joining Club

Serving the Ronkonkoma and Surrounding Communities with Intramural, Interleague, Pre-Travel and Travel Soccer
Boys and Girls 4-13 • All Faiths Welcome
Intramural Games Played at Ronkonkoma Jr. High.
That means no need to travel. We have our own travel program and do not need to rely on other Soccer Clubs for travel rights.

SPECIALS:

Allstar Game • Child-Parent Game

- Participation Award for Every Player
- Qualified Referees • Qualified Licensed Coaches
- Insurance Coverage • On Site Bathroom
- Guarantee of 50% Play Time

SPRING 2012

\$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

**FUNDRAISING: 1 Box of Candy
or \$25.00 Extra At Registration**

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL BETH 737-6299

GIRLS AND BOYS GRADES K-8

2012 SPRING TRACK

REGISTRATION FEE \$40.00

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 • OVER 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE ALL MEETS LOCAL - ON LONG ISLAND • EVERY ATHLETE RECEIVES A TROPHY AT YEAR END AWARDS CEREMONY • MOST ATHLETES WILL RECEIVE 5-15 AWARDS DURING THE SEASON

COACHES NEEDED - BECOME A TEAM LEADER

**FAMILY
DISCOUNTS
3RD CHILD
FREE
For All Sports**

MAIL IN ASAP

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL JERRY AT 585-4048

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I DO NOT WANT TO DO ANY FUND RAISING I ADDED \$25.00 TO REG. COST

I WILL DO FUND RAISING CANDY CHECK ONE SOCCER TRACK

Please sign indicating you have read and understand the above statement

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Child's Name _____ Boy Girl Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Town _____ Zip _____

Home Phone # _____ School _____ Grade _____

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. JOSEPH'S C.Y.O. • P.O. BOX 2755 • LAKE RONKONKOMA, NEW YORK 11779
ALL FAITHS WELCOME • \$40.00 BANK SERVICE FEE RETURNED CHECKS NO REGISTRATION REFUNDS • CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PREFERRED
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SOUPER BOWL CELEBRATION WEEK

February 5-12, 2012

Please join St. Joseph's CYO in celebrating the 2012 Super Bowl by stocking OUTREACH's Food Pantry when you bring a donation of (canned/dry) soup or any other non-perishable item to Basketball or Mass during the week of February 5 – 12, 2012.

Collection boxes will be set up in the Gym and Church lobby.

For info call Cathy 588-1879





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

<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

→ 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.

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, Feb. 5th Tonight

Sunday, Feb. 12th

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.

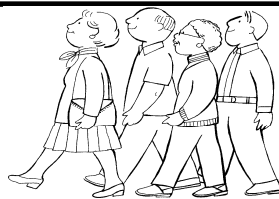
Free Food for NY Seniors - The C.S.F.P. funded by USDA NYSDOH, and administered by Catholic Charities is offering free food for 6 to 12 months post partum women, children from the age of 5 up to their sixth birthday, and seniors age 60 and over, who are income-eligible. Gross monthly income for seniors: 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>.

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).

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.



St. Joseph Seniors

Psst! The word is out! St. Joseph Seniors are seeking new members to join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

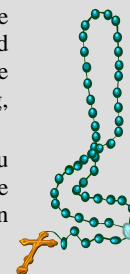
Meetings are held at the St. Regis Knights of Columbus on Pond Rd. at 11 am. Stop by and be our guest for a cup of coffee or tea or call Arlene at 648-3582 if you have any questions.



People who love to pray the Rosary and want to share this in a special way during Lent.

On the March Fridays of Lent, following the Stations of the Cross, a special moment of retreat, led by Father Thomas and others, will be offered. It will center each week on the Mysteries of the Rosary and will include Scripture Reading, Reflections, Creative Presentation and song.

We need people to help present this evening. Are you interested? Leave your name and info at the Rectory and Mike Keller will contact you about a special meeting to be held soon to explore how we can share our prayer.



President's Day Blood Drive

On Monday, Feb. 20th from 4-9 PM, a community blood drive will be held at St. Regis Council, Knights of Columbus hall, Rosevale Ave. and Pond Rd., Ronkonkoma. Help meet the challenge of maintaining Long Island's emergency blood supply. Persons 17 and older (16 years with permission, ID & D.O.B.) are needed to donate. Free buffet for donors. For an appointment call Karl Sunquist at 631-265-2691 or just stop in.

