

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 the first reading, despite their sins, God assures the people of His love, and forgives and forgets their offenses. The second reading reminds us that the fidelity of God, which is seen in His Son Jesus, is to be seen in Christ's followers, as well. In the Gospel, people bring a man to Jesus for healing. Jesus not only heals him, but also forgives his sins.

Altar Bread & Wine

*In Loving Memory of
Joshua Pappas
Requested by
Loving Parents*



OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

Priest Schedule Subject to Change

This Week

Next Week

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

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 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

Monday, February 20

- 7:00 Frank DeRosa req. by Marie, Martin Elizabeth & Paul Jr.
- 7:00 Christopher Frances White req. by Diane Sheridan
- 9:00 Elsie Granari req. by Michael Burns
- 9:00 Joseph Kubisko req. by The Wimpleberg Family

Tuesday, February 21

- 7:00 Ann Herrington req. by Susan Bitonti
- 8:45 Kathleen Pagliuca req. by Loving Family

Wednesday, February 22 (Ash Wednesday)

- 7:00 For the People of the Parish
- 9:00 Mr. & Mrs. George J. Raab Jr. req. by Loving Family
- 12:10 *Prayer*
- 5:00 *Service*
- 7:30 *Service*

Thursday, February 23

- 7:00 Rev. Vincent Zuliani req. by Tom Caminiti
- 7:00 Richard Pasquarella req. by Loving Family
- 9:00 Jane Favale req. by Loving Family
- 9:00 Michael Neikam req. by The Lorenzo Family
- 12:10 Robert Vincent req. by Lenore & Ernie Pappas

Friday, February 24

- 7:00 Intentions of the Celebrant
- 9:00 Geraldine Michaelson req. by Sal & Debbie Maddaluno
- 9:00 Joseph Ferencsik req. by Sal & Debbie Maddaluno
- 12:10 For the People of the Parish

Saturday, February 25

- 8:00 Stephen Bauer Jr. req. by Mom, Dad, Family & Friends
- 8:00 Vincent Bruno req. by Marilyn & Dom

Anticipated Mass for Sunday

- 5:00 James Patrick Donnelly req. by Sal & Debbie Maddaluno
- 5:00 Billy Cronin req. by Loving Mom

Sunday, February 26

- 7:00 William Schaudel req. by Loving Wife & Daughters
- 9:00 Dec'd Mbrs. of St. Regis K of C & Columbiettes
- 10:30 Michael Peshkur req. by Kevin & Kerry Vann & Family
- 10:30 Robert Wissell req. by Tom O'Brien
- 12:00 John T. Ryan req. by Loving Wife & Children (29th Anniversary)
- 12:00 Anna & Gasper Crimauo req. by Loving Family
- 5:00 Virginia Martinez req. by Louann Stewart
- 5:00 Joseph Savage req. by Elizabeth & Brian Dinger & Family



From the Pastor's Desk

“Which is easier to say...your sins are forgiven; or to say, Rise, pick up your mat and go home.”

These words spoken by Jesus at Capernaum, tells us so much more about our Lord's earthly mission than one could imagine. We know and have heard so many times that the people 2000 years ago equated illness, injury, suffering or chronic conditions with sin or sin's effects. The sin could have been committed by the person himself or by the some direct ancestor like a parent or grandparent. We also know that Jesus did not believe this, but spoke about sin and illness in this way because the people did. Yet, if Jesus does not believe that illness is caused by sin, why does He first tell the paralytic in today's account that his sins were forgiven? Again, because the people believe in this connection, but on a deeper level, He wanted to show them that His mission was more than just performing miracles. For the Messiah did not come to earth just cure the sick, cast out demons, turn water into wine, feed huge crowds with a few loaves and fish, and walk on the water. No, He came to reconcile humanity with God and to destroy the wall that stands between God and us: Sin! So by equating illness with sin, in this one account, Jesus is telling us that sin does to the soul what injury and illness does to the body. Christ did not just come to heal the body, but to heal the soul He is the soul's true physician. This is why we say just before we revive Communion; "Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed."

Sin makes it hard for us to be what we want to be, and to do what we want to do in our spiritual life and it does get in the way from having a meaningful relationship with the God who loves us so much. Sin gets in the way of everything and prevents us from seeing the good people we really are and the better people we can truly be. God does not want this for us, so by sending us His Son He takes matters into His own hands.

Also at work in today's readings are Faith and Friendship; we see Friendship on the part of God to the people in the reading from Isaiah; in Paul's Letter he speaks about the support and friendship of Silvanus and Timothy; and in the Gospel, we see deep friendship on the part of the man's friends. Faith in Isaiah is seen, as God calls the people to remember Him in all things. How they are called to change their actions toward God in the past, and believe that He wants something new for them. Faith in Paul's Letter is seen when he tells the people of Corinth that he (Paul) will return to them as promised so he could teach them again. Paul tells them to have faith in Jesus who will help the, in all things and bring them closer to Himself.

Faith in today's Gospel is seen clearly in the faith of the friends of the paralyzed man. So strong was their faith in Jesus that they would stop at nothing to get their friend to Jesus: even putting a hole in the roof!

As we enter into the Season of Lent this Wednesday, we might want to keep in mind the paralyzing effect of sin on us, and how sin stands in our way from having a meaningful relationship with God. God does not want us to remain in a state of sin for they are a burden to Him. They are a burden to God, because they are a burden to us. To destroy this burden we must use the 40 days ahead to the best of our ability. We must identify that which is standing between God, and us and we must get out of God's way so He can help us and wipe away our sins.

Ashes will be blessed and distributed on Wednesday February 22, 2012 at the 7 & 9 AM Masses, and at Prayer Services being held at 12:10, 5 and 7:30 PM. Also starting on Thursday February 23, 2012 to Wednesday April 4th, we will have Mass at 12:10 PM for the Holy Season of Lent.

We close now with the Entrance Antiphon from Ash Wednesday: You are merciful to all, O Lord, and despise nothing that you have made. You overlook people's sins, to bring them to repentance, and you spare them, for you are the Lord our God.

Happy Lent

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

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OF FR. MIKE'S
WEEKLY LETTERS
TO THE PARISH,
PASTORAL ADVICE
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OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

STATEMENT

DATE: February 10, 2012

RE: Statement on HHS Contraception Mandate

FROM: Bishop William Murphy

On Friday, January 20, President Obama approved new regulations from the Department of Health and Human Services. These regulations mandated that, with few exceptions, all Catholic employers, including Catholic Charities and Catholic hospitals, provide coverage for contraception, abortion-producing drugs and sterilization in the healthcare benefits provided to their employees. Most insurance programs would have to include coverage for these products and procedures as well.

This mandate constituted direct interference with the freedom of conscience of individuals and with the freedom of religious belief and practice of our Catholic institutions. By issuing the mandate, the Administration chose to cast aside the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, denying to Catholics our nation's first and most fundamental freedom, that of religious liberty and free exercise of conscience. Under the mandate, we Catholics would be compelled either to violate our consciences or to drop healthcare coverage for our employees and suffer significant penalties for doing so.

This incursion by the government through this mandate into religious freedom resulted in an appropriate outcry, not only by Catholics but by people of all faiths. I wrote about the issue in *The Long Island Catholic* newspaper and prepared a letter to be read at the Masses this weekend. That letter is printed in many parish bulletins. We are grateful to all those who voiced their concerns on behalf of religious liberty.

On Friday, February 10th, the Obama Administration announced an accommodation to the rights of religious organizations to free expression of their beliefs through contemplated changes to the mandate. The details of this "accommodation" still need to be worked out and are yet to be fully understood.

The issue of religious liberty continues to be a primary concern for us all. Freedom of religion is a basic human right endowed by God and enshrined in our nation's Constitution - first among all rights in the Bill of Rights. Legislation continues to be necessary to protect religious liberty in our country.

Our diocesan Facebook page, website, *The Long Island Catholic* and Telecare will provide information and updates regularly on this evolving matter. Please consult these resources and continue to make your voice heard. The USCCB website – www.usccb.org will also provide you with the latest information on this issue. In an issue as important as the freedom of religious belief and free exercise of conscience, we need to be constantly vigilant.

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Respect Life

Three strikes and they're out! Throwing abortion advocates a curveball with the facts:

The Charge: The unborn are only "potential human beings" not real human beings.

Strike 1: When does an individual human life or human being come into existence? The answer is at fertilization. The uniting of sperm and egg creates a new human being with its own genetic code. Leading embryology text books confirm that from the earliest stages of development, the unborn are distinct, living and whole human beings. The heart begins to beat 22 days after fertilization and at 48 days, brain waves can be recorded on an EEG (electroencephalogram). At 8 weeks, every organ is in place and functioning. These are scientific facts.

Strike 2: Life is a continuous process: zygote, embryo, fetus, infant, child, Adolescent and adult all refer to stages in a human being's life cycle. All human beings come into existence at fertilization and progress along the cycle until biological death occurs – be it at 80 years from natural death or at 8 weeks from dismemberment due to abortion.

Strike 3: The "potential life" argument asserts that a fetus is not a person because he lacks "self-awareness" – having ideas, passions, hopes, memories, expectations and intentions. That reasoning would exclude from the human race a large number of people already born – people who are mentally handicapped, elderly people with degenerative disorders (i.e. Alzheimer's), people who are in comas, not to mention newborn babies as well.

LIFENET www.lifenet.org

Tomorrow is President's Day, and in a fitting way to honor them, especially Abraham Lincoln, let us once more read his famous Gettysburg Address. It speaks to all of us.

"Fourscore and seven years ago, our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that the nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate –we can not consecrate— we can not hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us – that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion –that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth



Weekly Offering



Fiscal Year Beginning 9/1/2011

Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012, Offerings		\$16,620
Same collection last year		17,162
Poor Box last weekend		\$390
Snow Removal	2012 \$204	
	2011 382	
Fuel Collection YTD		\$3,475
Same time last year		5,674
YTD Fuel Cost		5,918
Weekly Budget Amount	\$17,900	Budget YTD \$475,410
Collection	16,620	Actual YTD 484,464
Shortage	-\$1,279	Overage +\$9,054
RVC Church in Need Collection	2012 \$1,644	
	2011 1,643	
*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**

Religious Education

E-mail: RelEd@StJoRonk.org

Website: RelEd.StJoRonk.org

981-1805

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday

9:00 Am - 3:00 PM



There **will not** be any classes this week for winter break. Classes resume February 28th.

Sunday school will **not** be meeting on February 26th.

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



LECTORS WANTED!

To parishioners of Confirmation age or higher:

Do you feel reasonably comfortable addressing large groups?

Do you speak and read clearly – with confidence, strength, passion, and certain knowledge of what you speak or say?

Do you feel a calling – a vocation – to become God's instrument in proclaiming His Word to His people?

Do you believe you can truly bring Scripture *alive* to the listener; and are you willing to spend a half-hour or more in practice (*before each assignment*) to assure a smooth, effective, and vibrant proclamation?

If your answer to all of the above is "Yes," then your parish needs you!

On an evening in mid-December, a two-hour Lector Training session will be held in the rectory.

Interested? If so, call Greg Walsh at 585-4524.

St. Joseph School

e-mail: school@stjoronk.org

website: www.stjoeronkelem.org



Congratulations to the cast and producers of our school musical Cinderella! It was a great performance. Thank you to Mr. & Mrs. DePersio for their work in producing this event. Thank you to Mrs. Rainone for your work with our ensemble and all parents and staff who helped make this event so enjoyable.

Congratulations to Cynthia Ferraiolo who has achieved honor roll status for two semesters at Our Lady of Mercy Academy High School.

Plans are underway for our Chinese Auction to be held at the Watermill Inn on Thursday, March 15th at 7PM. Raffle baskets will be on display this weekend at the back of the church. Many more baskets will be on sale for the evening at the event. Be sure to get your tickets so that you may attend this wonderful evening.

Thank you to all who worked on the Father/Daughter Dance. Look on our website for photos.

Be sure to go to our website for updated slide shows featuring the events that take place daily at our school.

Registration is open for the 2012 - 2013 school year. We have had many new families register to date. If you are interested in attending for the new school year please submit your registration and re-registration as soon as possible to avoid a waiting list.



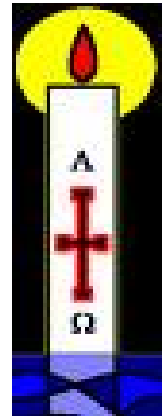
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DOLLARS
and SENSE !**

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.**

Paschal Candle Memorials

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

<i>Paschal Candle Memorial</i>	
Name:	
Address:	
Telephone:	Parishioner ID#
In Memory Of:	



St. Regis Columbiettes



Council 4651
P.O. Box 57
Lake Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

St. Regis Columbiettes Membership Drive now through March 11th

Please join us Sunday February 26, 2012 10:30am to 11:30am for refreshments
at

St. Regis Knights of Columbus on the corner Rosevale and Pond Avenue

Find out more about joining St. Regis Columbiettes.

Only requirement is that you have to be a Catholic lady and over 17
We are the largest Ladies Catholic Organization in the United States.

For the past 50 years we have dedicated much time and effort in
support of St. Joseph and neighboring parishes
also many charities of Suffolk County and our local Community.

This is also a great way of making new friends.

or for more information, please call

Rosemary at 648-3090 or Regina at 736-2099



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

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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!	

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 Catholic Ministries Appeal
Thank you for your support

St. Joseph School

Ronkonkoma, NY



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IMPORTANT DATES - PLEASE NOTE

Sale Ends - March 2, 2012

Delivery - (APPROX. 4 -6 WEEKS LATER)

Catalogs are available
in the Church Lobby

Order forms can be dropped off at
St. Joseph School Main Office
or in the Church Lobby

During Chinese Auction Basket Raffle
Sale Sunday 2-19, 2-26 and 3/4

Order Forms

- Print Seller and School names neatly on the form
- Include payment with white & yellow copies
- Keep the Pink copy and the color brochure to assist you in product delivery.
- You will be notified about delivery date.

Checks should be made payable to:

St. Joseph School

- * List the seller's name on the memo line

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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 \$25
2/5 #571 W & M Poggi \$50	2/6 #224 Margaret Walsh \$25	2/7 #113 Kathleen Donohue \$25	2/8 #56 Edith Matlock \$25	2/9 #424 Susan Vultaggio Vita O'Keefe \$25	2/10 #42 Linda Marino \$25	2/11 #654 Fred Amerino \$25

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

February 22, 2012



7:00 AM	Mass	Fr. Maffeo
9:00 AM	Mass	Fr. Boyle
12:10 PM	Prayer Service	Fr. Leuthardt
5:00 PM	Prayer Service	Fr. Thomas
7:30 PM	Prayer Service	Fr. Maffeo

There will be a 12:10 PM Mass starting Thursday, Feb. 23rd Until Wed., April 4th for the holy season of Lent.



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' 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 _____

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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





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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Lent 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The season of Lent is an extraordinary moment of grace the Church is called to live every year in preparation for the Sacred Triduum. These Lenten weeks of prayer and fasting and works of charity are all pointed to the solemn holy days of the Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Friday of His Passion and Death on the Cross and then the exultant moments of proclaiming His Resurrection at the Easter Vigil and Easter Day.

What we will celebrate on those days shapes and informs what we seek to become by conversion, prayer and penance in the Lenten season. At the heart of the Cross of Jesus Christ is forgiveness and reconciliation. In fact the message of the Cross is the message that love, God's love for us, the Son's love in human form, that love is poured forth as the greatest act of forgiveness the world can ever know. God forgives us through His Son's death, a death that brings about the reconciliation of all humankind to God. Praised be Jesus Christ! Hail, O Cross, our only hope!

As we enter into the season of Lent with our eyes fixed on Jesus, I would like us all to pray for forgiveness of our own sins and pray for the conversion of the hearts and lives of us all so that we may belong more deeply to Christ, to His Church and to one another. As we examine our consciences and as we see ourselves in the light that shines forth from the Cross, I pray we may all receive the forgiveness that only a merciful Father can give us through His Son and through the Church. I pray that we all will seek the healing of our hearts and reconciliation with God that the Church offers through the great sacrament of merciful love, the sacrament of penance and reconciliation.

And I pray that, as we are forgiven by God, we may also forgive one another and be reconciled with one another so that, as the one Body of His Church, we may celebrate the Easter sacraments worthily and with great joy. Sister Mary Hughes, OP, Prioress of the Dominican Sisters of Amityville, wisely shared these thoughts with consecrated women: "Forgiveness never pretends that all was well...Neither does forgiving mean that one does not speak. Make no mistake. It is wrong to have so many fractured relationships in the Church and in our world". She is right! Forgiveness and reconciliation are sorely needed in our Church and in our world. If God forgives us, we too must forgive one another. You know those whom you must forgive. You know those with whom you must be reconciled. Are they in your family? In the Church? In your neighborhood? Near or far away? Now is the time for forgiveness, now is the time for salvation.

On the Cross Jesus cried out to the Father, "Forgive them". That cry was for each and every one of us. This Lent He will whisper that same cry to each one of us: "Forgive them". As He healed a fractured world and a torn humanity making us one with God and one another, I pray we too might help heal any and every fracture in our lives by imitating Him, forgiving one another from a sincere heart, and reconciling ourselves with one another so that His cross might be not only our hope but the hope for all humankind.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Bishop of Rockville Centre

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

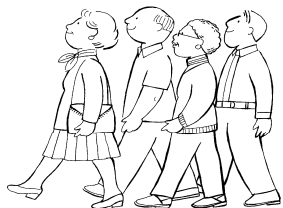
Birthright of Nassau/Suffolk

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.stjoronk.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."*

Grand Marshal's Ball



Honoring Anne Kelly
2012 Grand Marshal
of Ronkonkoma's
St. Patrick's Parade

St. Regis Knights of Columbus Hall
250 Pond Rd, Ronkonkoma

\$35 includes Irish Food, Open Bar, Bagpipers, Band

ALL WELCOME

For tickets: Gerry McMenamin 631-648-3090 or Jimmy Tallman 917-440-1955

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: _____

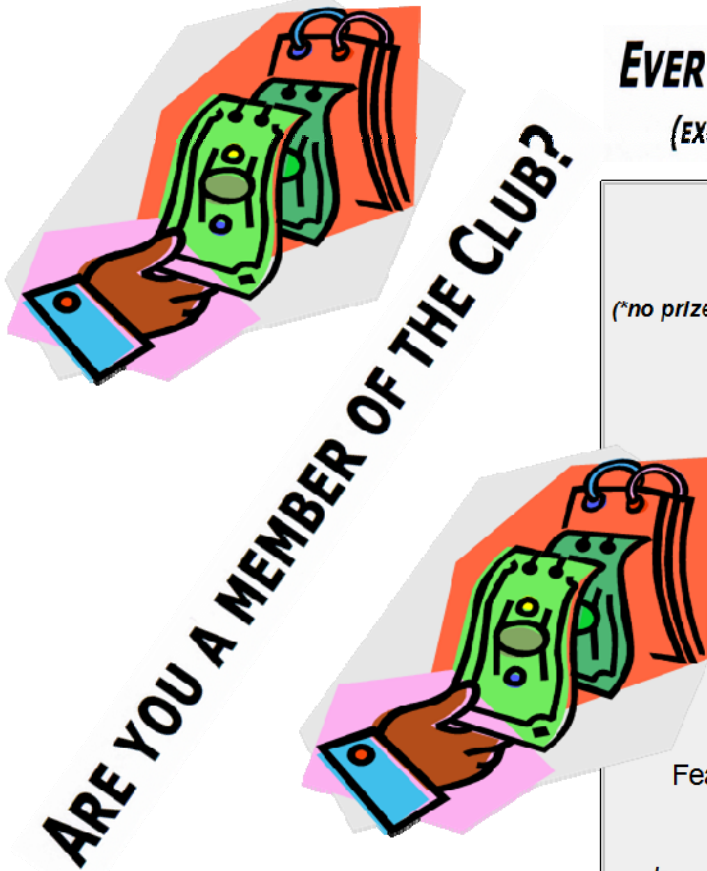
E-mail Address: _____

Please answer the following: I check my e-mail each day each week rarely.

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

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



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. 19th Tonight
Sunday, Feb. 26th

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.*

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.

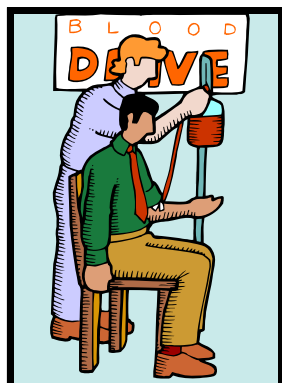
Professional Therapy - provided by NYS licensed therapists, are available to our parish & 80 other parishes. It is provided by the Catholic Counseling Center which is independent of & not controlled or supervised by the parish or diocese. Most insurance policies are honored. For information & appointment,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

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.



President's Day Blood Drive



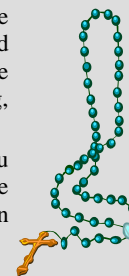
On Monday, Feb. 20th from 4 -9 PM, a community blood drive will be held at St. Regis Council, Knights of Columbus hall, Rosevale Ave. and Pond Rd., Ronkonkoma. Help meet the challenge of maintaining Long Island's emergency blood supply. Persons 17 and older (16 years with permission, ID & D.O.B.) are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

WANTED

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.



Banns of Marriage (Second Time)

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

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

