

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church

Parish Office Hours

Thurs. & Friday (effective August 1, 2011)

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

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

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

Sunday - 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Pray with the Parish

Rosary - Prayed daily after the 9 AM Mass

Eucharistic Adoration - Mondays (except holidays),

2:00 to 6:45 PM

Nocturnal Adoration & Devotion to the Sacred Heart -

7:30 to 8:30 PM on First Fridays.

Eucharist

The Lord's Day: Saturday 5:00 PM

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

Weekdays 7:00 AM & 9:00 AM,

8:00 AM Saturday

Holy Days As announced in Bulletin

Exposition Monday 2:00 to 6:45 PM

First Friday 7:30 to 8:30 PM

Penance/Reconciliation

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

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



Our Lady of Fatima Devotion

The 1st Saturday of each month will be devoted to Our Lady of Fatima. The devotion will include 8am Mass, Novena to Fatima / the Rosary, Confessions after Mass and fellowship in Carew Hall at 9am.

Our Lady came to Fatima with a message from God to every man, woman, and child of our century. Our Lady of Fatima promised that the whole world would be in peace, and that many souls would go to Heaven if Her requests were listened to and obeyed. Please join us in this devotion.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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

Please come and spend some quiet time with the Blessed Sacrament



St Joseph's Parish Monthly Recollection

On the First Friday of every month, at 7:30 PM, we hold our Monthly Parish Recollection. This is an hour of prayer, of recollection before our Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament - whose Sacred Heart is the source of immense charity and generous love. The foundation of this prayer is God's presence in our souls as Creator, Preserver, and Author of Graces ("in Him we live, and move, and are" Acts 17:28). God is our Father, and our Friend and is our sweet Guest. We must acknowledge the realization of this great truth: God is in each of us, our soul is His Temple.

This prayer of recollection includes the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction, Praying of the Psalms, Silence, Gospel Reading and a Talk /Reflection on the following topics: The Cardinal Virtues of prudence, justice, temperance and fortitude. The Theological Virtues of faith, hope and love. The gifts of the Holy Spirit; wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord.

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

Baptism

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

Confirmation

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

Marriage

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

Anointing of the Sick

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

Holy Orders

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

Interested in becoming a Catholic?

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

OUR LITURGY

In today's first reading, the Israelites' lack of faithfulness results in their enemies destroying Jerusalem and exiling the people to Babylon. Eventually, though, God raises up a king to liberate them. The second reading teaches that God's grace saves us. The Gospel tells that God sent His only Son to redeem and save all who believe.

Altar Bread & Wine

*In Loving Memory of
Mary Branciforte
Requested by
Loving Sister Bea*



OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

Priest Schedule Subject to Change

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

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, March 18

- 7:00 Marilyn Greek req. by Loving Family
- 7:00 Marie Mooney req. by Loving Children
- 9:00 Joseph Onufrak req. by Loving Wife & Family
- 9:00 Joseph J. Onufrak req. by Loving Mother & Family
- 10:30 Thomas Cavallo req. by Edward & Laura Mitchell
- 10:30 Manuel & Maria Martins req. by Loving Family
- 12:00 Peggy Rieder req. by Chrissy & Joe
- 12:00 Louis Lucivero req. by Frank, Lynn & Family
- 5:00 Frank Dell' Aglio Jr. (**LIVING**) req. by Frank Dell' Aglio
- 5:00 Anthony Braganca req. by The Braganca Family

Monday, March 19

- 7:00 Fr. Douglas Arcoleo (**LIVING**) req. by The Addiss Family
- 7:00 Jozef Wolanski req. by Loving Daughter
- 9:00 Andrew Napolitano req. by Loving Daughter & Family
- 9:00 Jozef Wolanski req. by Loving Sister
- 12:10 For the Priests, Deacons, & Lay Staff of St. Joseph Church req. by Charlie & AnnMarie Knight

Tuesday, March 20

- 7:00 Mary McCall req. by Christopher McCarthy
- 7:00 Deacon Arnold Quaranto
- 8:45 Karen Violi req. by Arthur Booth & Karen Fitts
- 8:45 Madonna Yellico (**LIVING**) req. by Francesca Yellico
- 12:10 Dorothy Cavaliero

Wednesday, March 21

- 7:00 Kaylee Athena Varsamas req. by The Clarry Family
- 9:00 Rose Shillitani req. by Mr. & Mrs Peter Cavaliero
- 12:10 Chester Zawicki req. by The Mawn Family

Thursday, March 22

- 7:00 Charlie Hubbard req. by Carol Bowker & Ed Bosch
- 9:00 Agata Sciortino req. by The Fernandez Family
- 12:10 Peggy McGann req. by Patty, Cheryl, Gerri & Jane

Friday, March 23

- 7:00 Jerome Wallin req. by Fr. Boyle
- 7:00 Edna Barnes req. by Thomas Caminiti
- 9:00 Michael Boyle Sr. req. by Fr. Boyle
- 9:00 Louis Lucivero req. by Dcn. & Mrs. Devenney
- 12:10 Fannie Abbruzzese req. by The Stingo Family

Saturday, March 24

- 8:00 John Kelleher req. by Loving Wife Eileen
- 8:00 Bertram Morahan req. by The Lucivero Family

Anticipated Mass for Sunday

- 5:00 Christine Sisto req. by Maggie Marcincuk
- 5:00 Fannie & Carmine Abbruzzese req. by The Stingo Family

Sunday, March 25

- 7:00 Nellie Schmidt req. by The DeLouisa Family
- 7:00 DeNute Stonkevicius req. by The DeLouisa Family
- 9:00 Dec'd Mbrs of St Regis K of C
- 9:00 For the St. Regis Columbiettes 50th Anniversary
- 10:30 Paul Liquori req. by Loving Mom & Family
- 10:30 Kerry (Foy) Migliaro req. by Patty & Jerry Peters
- 12:00 Jennie & Leo Heiman req. by Helen M. Onufrak
- 12:00 Pacita Arellano req. by Rene & Anna Arellano
- 5:00 Helen Erdman req. by Loving Family
- 5:00 Adolfo Manalo req. by Greg N. Hermy



From the Pastor's Desk

"Brothers and sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ-by grace you have been saved-, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus."

This quote from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians stands right between the harsh reality from the Second Books of Chronicles and the tender compassion of God, showed us in Jesus' words from St. John's Gospel. This letter stand between the two reading not just because they placed that way in the Lectionary, but as a hinge to bring the two readings together. 2nd Chronicles reminds the people of Israel how they had failed in their practice of the faith, they ignored the Prophets God sent to call them back to their senses, and they disobeyed God so much that they lost His protection when they were invaded by the Babylonians. As the author writes, "Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans..." God was indeed angry with the people, but it does not end with this emotion. For the author wants us to know that when the time was right, and at God's choosing, Cyrus the King of Persia would come and set the people free, for even though the people had sinned greatly, God forgave them. As Paul reminds us, God in His rich mercy and love forgives and brings us to new life.

The King of Persia and the setting the people free from exile is only a foreshadowing of the greater acts of mercy and redemption achieved through the work of Jesus. Paul reminds us that God gives us the riches of His grace through Christ Jesus. As Our Lord tells Nicodemus in today's Gospel' "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that we might be saved through him." God's love for us is truly immeasurable and He will not allow anything to get in the way from having a relationship with us, not even sin and darkness. So even if the people greatly sinned, God's love, forgiveness and mercy are always there for the people of the Old Testament and certainly for us the people of the New Testament. All we need do is believe and accept all that God has done for us through Christ Jesus. But this is not automatic, there is one catch; we have to believe. Remember God does not force Himself upon us, so we have to be open and accepting of what God wants to do for us. As Jesus says today, "...the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light..."

Its up to us, do we turn toward the light and become people of the light or are we going to prefer darkness?

This holy season calls us to look at our lives and see where we have embraced the light and where we have allowed the darkness to embrace us. Use this season well, use it so well that when people look at you they will have wear sun glasses because the light of Christ is shining brightly through us.

Mark your calendars for next Saturday Evening March 24th when we will celebrate our Patron Saint, St. Joseph with our annual dinner. Admission is free, but you need a ticket to get in because space is limited; see the bulletin for details.

Happy Lent and may 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...**



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or Blackberry.



CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING
Diocese of Rockville Centre



Cub Scout Fun and Faith Day
"JOURNEY WITH JESUS"

Saturday, March 31, 2012

Saint Patrick's Church

Program starts in the St. Patrick School Gym

Bay Shore

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Join with other Catholic Cub Scouts in a day of crafts, games, prayer and fun. Learn about the traditions that are a part of our Catholic faith. Let us all "Journey with Jesus".

ALL PACKS, DENS, AND INDIVIDUAL CUBS ARE WELCOME!

Early Registration before or on March 23, 2012: \$ 8.50 each

Registration after March 23 or Walk in: \$ 9.50 each

Please be kind and register on time so we can have enough program materials. Bring your own bagged lunch. Fee includes a craft and a patch.

REGISTRATION: Pack _____ Pack City _____
Name _____ Telephone # _____
Address _____ E-Mail _____
City _____, NY ZIP _____

Early Registration: Number attending at \$ 8.50 each: \$ _____
Late Registration: Number attending at \$ 9.50 each: \$ _____
TOTAL \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Catholic Committee on Scouting and mail to:

Catholic Scouting Office, P.O. Box 9023 Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023

For information contact: Austin Cannon at 516 678-5800, ext. 245 or scouting@drvc.org

For updates and further information, visit our website at www.ccos-drvc.org/SCCBSA1.html

Respect Life

The following is the 2012 Bishops' Legislative Agenda as told at the 2012 Public Policy Convocation on March 3, 2012. These five issues, are deemed to be most important to the Catholic Church in the New York area. They are:

The Radical Abortion Bill, the Reproductive Health Act; Preserving Catholic Schools; Protecting the Poor; Community Re-integration; and Assistance for Immigrants.

The so-called **Reproductive Health Act** is first and foremost a guarantee, if passed, that abortion will be protected and available throughout the nine months of pregnancy. Governor Cuomo has indicated support for this radical proposal. At the same time, funding for abortion alternatives, namely the **Maternity & Early Childhood Foundation**, has been gutted. We urge you to write, call, e-mail your state reps to vote against this. If you need names and numbers of your state representatives, call the NYS Board of Elections, at 800-367-8683 **OR** the League of Women Voters, 631-862-6860.

The RHA says abortion is fundamental and untouchable – no regulations on abortion, ever; it would make New York a safe haven for late-term abortionists and ensure that abortions are legal through all nine months of pregnancy if deemed necessary to protect the life or “health” of the mother. The Supreme Court has interpreted the term “health” so broadly as to include social, economic and emotional factors, rendering the term meaningless. The RHA threatens religious liberty in that it provides some conscience protections for individuals, but it could require institutions licensed or funded by the state- including religious hospitals, agencies and schools – to support abortion, provide abortion coverage, or allow abortions to be performed. The bill says “the state shall not discriminate” against the exercise of the fundamental right to abortion in the “provision of benefits, facilities, services or information.”

You do know - don't you – **New York is the abortion capital of the nation.** While the national abortion rate stands at about 20 percent, New York's is 37 percent, and New York City's is at 40 percent. Write, call. E-mail – let's try to change those figures.

www.nyscatholic.org

Prayer to the Blessed Trinity

The Father is my hope, the Son is my refuge, the Holy Spirit is my protector. Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever. Amen



Weekly Offering



Fiscal Year Beginning 9/1/2011

Sunday, March 11, 2012 Offerings			\$19,844
Same collection last year			17,791
Add'l			Total
Ash Wed. Collection	2012	\$240	7,462
	2011	185	6,801

Poor Box last weekend \$444

<i>Fuel</i> Collection YTD	\$4,445
Same time last year	6,515
YTD Fuel Cost	10,703

Weekly Budget Amount \$17,900 Budget YTD \$553,010

Collection	19,844	Actual YTD	563,993
Ash Wed.	240	Ash Wed.	240
Total	20,084	Total	564,233

Overage +2184 Overage +\$11,233

*Pay Down Debt Donations

This Month	\$ 615
Total Funds	186,763
Less Payment made to RVC	131,000
Fund Balance	\$55,763

RVC Loan	604,000
Less Payment	131,000
Balance	\$473,000

***Includes Faith Direct Collections for March
(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

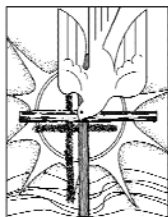


Registration for religious education classes, which begin in October, will start this month. To register a child for the first time, you can find all the forms on line at reled@stjoronk.org or call us at 981-1805 to have them sent to you. All others please return the re-registration form your child brought home. Please register as soon as possible to be assured of the time and day that is the most convenient for you.

Level 1 recital of prayers and book return will take place on Saturday, March 24th from 10:30-12 noon in Carew Hall. Please come at your assigned time.

Many thanks to all the catechists and students who shared their religious education experiences, through their art work, with the parish for Religious Education Week.

Confirmation Corner



Level 7 parent meeting will take place on Thursday, March 22nd at 7:30PM in Carew Hall and again on Saturday, March 24th at 10:30am in the Church. Confirmation information and registrations will be handed out. Your attendance is needed at only one of these meetings.

Outreach Ministry

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

Dear Friend: My name is Alan Shawn Feinstein. For the past 12 years, I have been giving away \$1 million each year to anti-hunger agencies throughout the country.

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

Why am I doing this? Because I believe each of us was put here on earth to do what we can to help those in need. This letter is written because we feel that YOU believe that, too. This has become the greatest grass roots campaign ever to fight hunger in our country. Your donation makes you a partner in it with me! I'm only here to give you some support and to remind you of this: *That all that will matter to us someday is what we did while we were here to help those who needed us.*

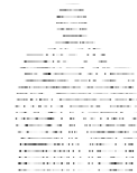
Please give whatever you can- I will gladly add some of my money to yours. Thank you for sharing my heart, and the hope that- someday-no one will ever go hungry.

Sincerely Yours,
Alan Shawn Feinstein

St. Joseph School

e-mail: school@stjoronk.org

website: www.stjoeronkelem.org



St. Joseph School will proudly celebrate the feast of our patron saint on Monday, March 19th - St. Joseph's Day. Classes have special activities planned for the day along with a special school prayer service.

Thank you to Mrs. Giordano and her committee who helped to make our Chinese Auction a tremendous success. Thank you to all who helped and supported us in any way.

Registration is open for the 2012-2013 School Year at St. Joseph's School. We are very close to waiting lists for our classes from Nursery thru Grade 1. For tours and more information please call the school office Monday through Friday from 8:30am -3:00pm at 588-4760.

Congratulations to our students who performed in the Diocesan Honor Band this weekend:

Alexandra Ambrosio
Kelsey Smith
Evan McAteer
Raina Barbato
Haley Vicente
Jason McDonnell
Allison Guerra
Natalie Webb
Allison Ramos

Samantha Latva
Luke Ambrosio
Zachary Trompeter
Elina McAteer
Jason Crean
Emily Webb
Joseph Prieter
Sean Ingber



**USING SCRIP
MAKES
DOLLARS
and SENSE !**

Please use parish-purchased gift cards for all your shopping needs. Not only will you take advantage of the gas-saving convenience of *one-stop shopping* here, at St. Joseph's, but our church will benefit from the profit of selling the cards. **God bless you for using your time, talent, and treasure to support the ministries of this parish.**



Venturing Crew 777 Chinese Auction

(Sponsored by MacArthur Business Alliance)

Saturday, April 14, 2012

Fr. Carew Hall

6:00 - 9:00 PM



Desert will be served, and as always, there will be plenty of fantastic items. Please come out to support the scouts. For tickets (\$5), or if you would like to make a donation, or have any questions, please call 631-981-1399.

WELCOME TO “LIVING THE EUCHARIST”

On Thursdays during Lent, we invite you to join us for a special session “Living the Eucharist” to be held in Carew Hall from 10 to 11 AM and again from 7:30 to 8:30 PM in Rectory Room A. We will reflect on the Sunday readings in the light of the historical setting of the readings. Each Thursday we will discuss on a particular topic and share our experience.

Living the Eucharist is a parish-based renewal experience that fosters spiritual growth and discipleship by promoting full, conscious and active participation in the Eucharist. Living the Eucharist runs during Lent for three years. This program is designed to revitalize parish life and evangelizing activity through meaningful and transforming encounter with Christ. Pope Benedict XVI in his apostolic exhortation, “The Sacrament of Charity”, focusing on the Eucharist as the source and summit of the Church’s life and mission, treats the theme under three main sections: The Eucharist, a Mystery to be Believed, 2nd The Eucharist, a Mystery to be Celebrated and 3rd The Eucharist, a Mystery to be Lived.

Living the Eucharist will give us an opportunity to learn to appreciate the Eucharist better and participate in the Eucharist fully. Fr. Thomas and team will animate the sessions.

Come and Join us to “Live the Eucharist”.





**BOY SCOUT TROOP 272
12TH ANNUAL
PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER**



**Sunday, March 18, 2012
8 AM – 12 PM**



**Saint Joseph R.C. Church
Carew Hall (below Church)
45 Church Street, Ronkonkoma**

Tickets May Be Purchased In Advance or At the Door

From Our Scouts

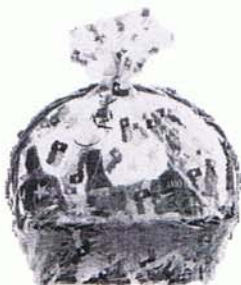
March 4th and 11th after all Masses

From Audra via email at audra631@optonline.net or phone 631-737-1187

\$ 5 Adult

\$ 3 kids 3 -12 yrs

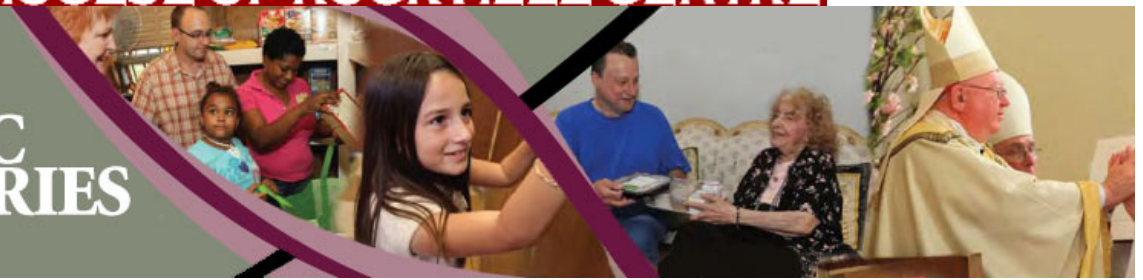
2 and under FREE!



CHINESE AUCTION
Drawing to be Held at 12:30 PM Same Day



**2012
CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
APPEAL**



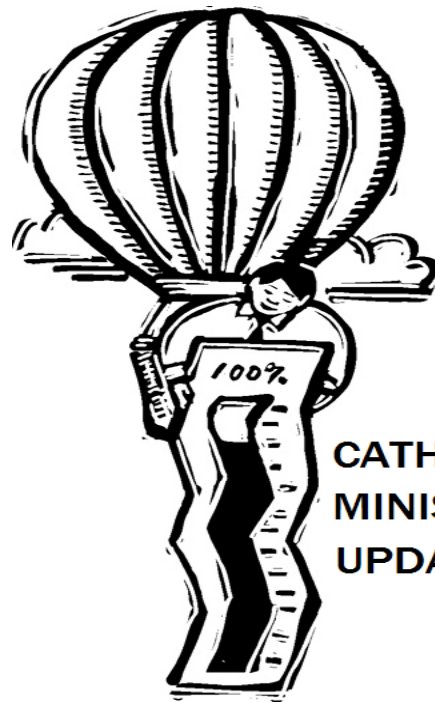
ONE FAITH, ONE HOPE, MANY GIFTS

“WHY I GIVE”

We've been supporting the CMA (and its predecessor) for many years. The needs of our Long Island community are many and we have always felt we should do what we could to help. The CMA helps to make sure that there is an ongoing commitment to those in need through outreach, food, housing assistance and other similar programs. Our government support for these programs always seems to be in some form of jeopardy and our Church is there to try and ensure there is ongoing assistance available. Equally important is the support the CMA gives to our catholic schools. Educating and reinforcing catholic values in our children will help create a strong lasting Church that can continue to provide for the needs in the community.

Goal \$100,500.00

Pledges as of 3/16/2012 \$ 52,534



**CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
UPDATE**

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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

Outreach Resources

Emergency Resources

Family Resources/Support Groups

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.)

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

Al-Anon Suffolk County

631-669-2827
info@AL-Anon-Suffolk-NY.org



Cape Cod Trip



The Seniors are sponsoring a trip to Cap Cod July 3rd, 4th and 5th. Some highlights include Hyannis Harbor cruise,

fireworks, JFK museum, Cape Cod baseball hall of fame and much more. Call Arlene for details at 648-3582. Meals, gratuities and a stop at Mohegan Sun with casino bonus included. Must be 21 or older to participate.

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 **151** people throughout the month of February. Financial assistance for the month of February was **\$1,886.78** 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."*

SPRING HAS SPRUNG 50/50 CASH RAFFLE



TICKETS ARE \$10 EACH; 3 FOR \$25
DRAWING TO BE HELD ON MARCH 24th
AT THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH DINNER
(WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT)

PRIZE AMOUNT DETERMINED BY TICKET SALES
HALF GOES TO ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH
HALF TO ONE LUCKY WINNER

☺ *I would like to purchase tickets.* ☺

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Number of tickets requested _____

*If you would like different names on each ticket please list the info on the back of this form. The tickets will be mailed to you, not to individuals.

2012

Ashes, Prayers & Stations



Rules of Fast and Abstinence

During the season of Lent the Church calls us to fast and abstain. The days of fast are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fast means that those between the ages of 18 and 59 limit themselves to one full meal and eat nothing between meals. The other meals on a fast day are light meals. All the Fridays of Lent, as well as Ash Wednesday and Good

Daily Mass—A Lenten Tradition

Monday through Friday 7AM, 9AM and 12:10 PM.

Saturday at 8AM

Sunday Masses remain the same at 5PM on Saturday, 7, 9 & 10:30 AM, 12 Noon and 5PM on Sunday

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Daily as we pray the "Our Father" we petition our God to "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." These simple words recall the basic need that each of us has to experience forgiveness and to share it with others. As a faith community the Sacrament of Reconciliation has long served to seek forgiveness of God and to be reconciled with one another. Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation provides us with an encounter with our Compassionate God. Lent is an especially opportune time to experience God's mercy in this sacramental way.

The parish offers weekly celebrations of the sacrament each Monday, Wednesday & Friday after the 7 & 9 AM Masses and on Saturday after the 8AM Mass and from 4-4:45 PM.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be celebrated at the following times:

Monday of Holy Week - April 2nd - after the 7 & 9 AM masses, 4-5PM and 7-8:30PM

Wednesday of Holy Week - April 4th - after the 7 & 9AM masses

Holy Saturday - April 7th - 10-12 Noon for those unable to attend other services.



Learn More About Your Faith

On Wednesday's in March - Fr. Boyle's program "Catholicism". 10-11:30am or 7:30-9pm in Carew Hall

On Thursday's in March-Fr. Thomas's program "Living the Eucharist" 10-11am in Carew Hall
or 7:30-8:30pm in Rectory Room A

Stations of the Cross

Recalling the Passion of our Lord Jesus during the season of Lent has nourished Catholics from the earliest days of Christianity. One of the traditional ways in which we recall Jesus' *Way of the Cross* is the praying of the *Stations of the Cross*. Join us for the Stations on each of the following Fridays at 7:00 PM: Feb. 24th, March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th.

Lenten Retreat on the Mysteries of the Rosary

On Fridays, March 2, 9, 16, and 23, join us at 7:35 pm in creative devotion as we reflect on the Mysteries of the Rosary. Listen to a scripture reading for each mystery; consider a reflection for our spiritual growth; sing songs of praise; and, of course, pray the Rosary. (follows shortly after the Stations of the Cross)

Lenten Feast Days

Celebrate with us two of our favorite patron saints - St. Patrick and St. Joseph. There will be a St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 11th, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. **On March 24th we will celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph with a dinner in Carew Hall following the 5:00 PM Mass.**

Seven Last Words

Good Friday is a time of deep recollection and prayer. For centuries Christians have prayed over the Passion of the Lord in many ways. As a parish community, on Good Friday at 12 Noon, our prayer service will be structured around "The Seven Last Words", a very powerful and moving reflection presented by members of our parish family. Come pray with us.

Palm Sunday

Distribution of
Palm at all Masses

Saturday March 31
5:00

Sunday April 1st
7,9,10:30 AM
12 Noon
5:00PM

Holy Thursday

April 5th

9:00

Morning Prayer

7:30 PM

Mass of the Lord's
Supper followed by
Solemn Procession with
the Blessed Sacrament to
the Repository

11:00 PM

Closing of Repository

Good Friday

April 6th

9:00

Morning Prayer

Noon

Reflection on the Seven Last
Words

3:00

Commemoration of the Passion
and Death of the Lord Jesus

7:30PM

Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

April 7th

9:00

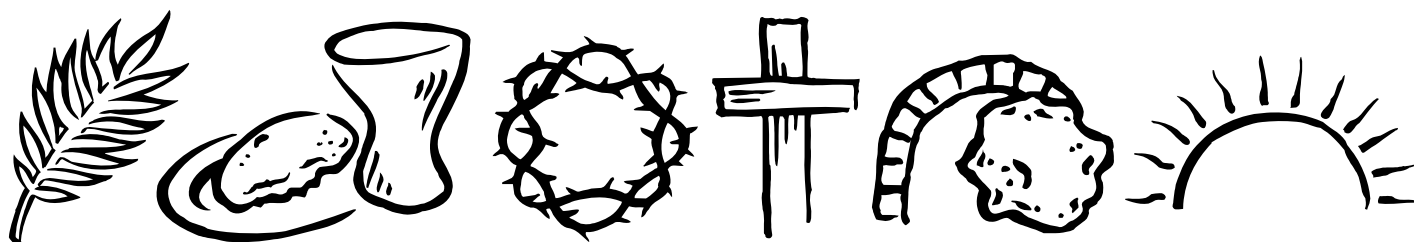
Morning Prayer and
Blessing of Easter food

10-12 Noon

Confessions for those
unable to attend other
services.

7:30

Easter Vigil Liturgy



FINAL REGISTRATION



ST. JOSEPH'S CYO

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

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



2012 BOYS BASEBALL

CALL GENE 588-1879

NEW	TB Boys & Girls	FARM	MINORS	MAJORS	SENIORS
	5-6	7-8	9-10	11-12	13-16
	\$45.00	\$60.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$80.00

2012 GIRLS SOFTBALL

CALL DENNIS AVETA 467-6174

FARM	MINORS	MAJORS	SENIORS
7-8	9-10	11-12	13-14
\$45.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00

**SIGN UP BY MONDAY, MARCH 12TH
FOR BASEBALL OR SOFTBALL
AND RECIEVE 10 FREE ROUNDS OF HITTING
AT MATT GUILIANO'S - PLAY LIKE A PRO**

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

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

Wednesday, March 7th • 6:30 to 8pm • Ronkonkoma Middle School, Ronkonkoma
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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 _____

Email _____ Baseball Softball

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 \$30.00 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.

FINAL REGISTRATION



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 3-13 • 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.

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

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

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

**DIVISIONS: 3-4 YEAR CLINIC • 5-6 MICRO • 7-8-9 MIDDLE
10-11-12 UPPER • *GIRLS SUBDIVISION**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL BETH 737-6299 OR JOE 585-0748

GIRLS AND BOYS GRADES K-8

2012 SPRING TRACK

REGISTRATION FEE \$40.00

Plus \$10.00 jersey if needed

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 _____

Email _____

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. JOSEPH'S C.Y.O. • P.O. BOX 2755 • LAKE RONKONKOMA, NEW YORK 11779
ALL FAITHS WELCOME • \$30.00 BANK SERVICE FEE RETURNED CHECKS NO REGISTRATION REFUNDS • CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PREFERRED
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Easter Bunny Brunch

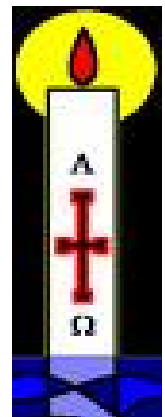
The Easter Bunny Brunch will be on Sunday April 1st from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at St. Regis Knight's of Columbus. There will be food, crafts, fun and a photo opt with our special guest "The Easter Bunny". Please bring your cameras to take your own pictures with the Easter Bunny. The cost is \$5.00 per person and children two and under are free. For more information or to make reservations please email Stephanie at stephs74@optonline.net Hope to see you there!

Easter Bunny Brunch sponsored by the Squirrelles

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.

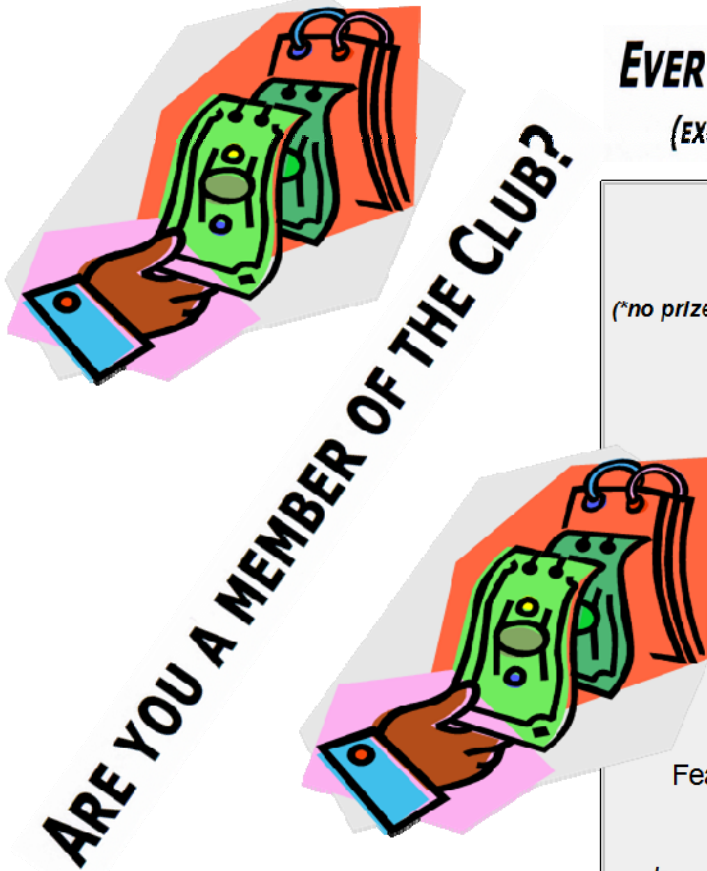
<i>Paschal Candle Memorial</i>	
Name:	
Address:	
Telephone:	Parishioner ID#
In Memory Of:	



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, March 18th Tonight
Sunday, March 25th

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's Single Fellowship - Sunday, March 18th at 10am to 12pm. St. Patrick's Parish, 280 E. Main St., Smithtown, NY. Coffee, tea, cake and conversation, and event planning. Come & join us and perhaps meet a new friend. For more information call the Outreach Dept. at 631-265-2668 (10-2 Weekdays).

Pro-Life Movement - Rev. Donald Havrilla, Pastor of Southampton Full Gospel Church will be the guest speaker on Mon., March 26th at 7:45 pm prior to the general meeting of the L.I. Coalition for Life. His talk will cover pro-life activities as well as the involvement of clergy and lay people. The meeting will be held at the St. Regis K of C Hall, Pond Rd. & Rosevale Ave., Ronkonkoma. Light refreshments and all are welcome. For further info call 631-243-1435.



Volunteers Needed

Do You Know: There are 91 pews in St. Joseph's Church?

Do You Know: Dirt collects around the hardware securing the kneelers to the floor because machines and mops, cannot reach into these areas?

Parishioners, young and adult, are needed to help clean on Sat. March 24 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. – come for all or part time. Please bring gloves, brushes, scrapers, battery run dust busters, and old cloths. Do not bring cleaning solvents, or sprays. Solvent will be supplied. Important you call 588-0168 (leave name and phone number) to say you will be coming. If you have previously told Fr. Maffeo you will help, please call, as a count is needed to plan for cleaning materials.

This project was initiated by the Catholic Daughters of St. Joseph's. With an okay from our Pastor and after speaking to the head of maintenance our members began the task some months ago. We quickly realized more help is needed, especially from persons able to reach under benches. Father agreed to our asking all parishioners to help. With many hands we can make those areas sparkle for Easter. Due to the busy schedule at St. Joseph's this is the only Saturday available

