

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

The death of Jesus scattered His disciples, but His Resurrection united them into a true community of believers, as told in the first reading. We are told in the second reading that those who are begotten by God can conquer the world. In the Gospel, Thomas doubted, but that doubt was resolved by the appearance of the Risen Jesus.

Altar Bread & Wine

*In Loving Memory of
Kerry Migliaro
Requested by
Bea DeLisio*



OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

Priest Schedule Subject to Change

This Week

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

Next Week

Fr. Leuthardt
Fr. Leuthardt
Fr. Maffeo
Fr. Boyle
Fr. Thomas
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, April 15

- 7:00 Tom McKinnon req. by Bernadette Vovchik
- 7:00 Josephine Bradley req. by Rosalie Longo
- 9:00 Joseph J. Onufrak req. by Loving Mother & Family
- 9:00 Pray to End Abortion req. by St. Regis Council
- 10:30 Mary & Edward Tempesta req. by Claire & Jim
- 10:30 Vincent Festa req. by Cathy & Norm West
- 12:00 Richard Hynes req. by Fran & Jim Hefferman
- 12:00 The Crean Family (**LIVING**) req. by Donna Crean
- 12:00 Angelina Maddaluno req. by Cindy, Mike Jennifer & Kristi Rawdin
- 5:00 Frank Salemi req. by Mr. & Mrs. Dan Ventola
- 5:00 Eileen Desimone (**LIVING**) req. by Frank Dell'aglio

Monday, April 16

- 7:00 Richard Cook req. by Dolores Peretti
- 7:00 (Uncle) Jerry Corrado req. by Patrick & Carol Massi
- 9:00 Louis Lucivero req. by Joe & Marie Califano
- 9:00 Jane Bott req. by Al & Dottie Avisita

Tuesday, April 17

- 7:00 Harold Mitchell req. by James Long & Lisa Damato
- 7:00 Pauline & Dave Farrell (**LIVING**) req. by Loving Family
- 8:45 Suzanne Fracasse req. by John & Sharon Buckley & Family

Wednesday, April 18

- 7:00 Bill Grover req. by H. Binger & The L.I. Ducks
- 7:00 Irving Ellwood Evans req. by Dilfina Munoz
- 9:00 Barbara Mooney req. by Loving Husband
- 9:00 Peter Palamara req. by Eileen McManus

Thursday, April 19

- 7:00 Marilyn Bilboa req. by The Clarry Family
- 9:00 Emogene Hicks req. by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Cavaliero
- 9:00 Inying Alzona req. by Ning Ning Amper

Friday, April 20

- 7:00 Teresa Erickson req. by Patrick & Antoinette Farley
- 9:00 Inying Alzona req. by Elsa Morgan
- 9:00 Mary Szeglin req. by Jerry & Clarise Barrett

Saturday, April 21

- 8:00 Josephine Bradley req. by Rosemary & Gerry McMenamin
- 8:00 Josephine Carpenter req. by Paul & Barbara Esposito

Anticipated Mass for Sunday

- 5:00 Bill & Louise Schaaf req. by Fr. Boyle
- 5:00 Michael Coffey req. by Michael Sambuco

Sunday, April 22

- 7:00 Carmelita Roxas req. by The Roxas Family
- 9:00 Dec'd. Mbrs. of St. Regis K of C & Columbiettes
- 9:00 Josephine Bradley req. by St. Regis Columbiettes
- 10:30 Dominick Ceccoli
- 10:30 David McAteer Sr. req. by Patty & Jerry Peters
- 12:00 Carmine Cassara Jr. req. by Loving Family
- 12:00 Robert Montgomery req. by Loving Wife & Family
- 5:00 Frank Salemi req. by Mr. & Mrs. Dan Ventola
- 5:00 Robert Furey req. by The Hunter & Nicotri Families

The Mass Book is now open for 2013

From the Pastor's Desk

If today were not a Sunday, you know what would be due today! As it is because it is a Sunday and tomorrow is a Public Holiday in the District of Columbia, the dreaded day is put off to Tuesday the 17th, so I hope you have already taken care of the matter or you will take care of it by 11:59 PM on the 17th. To make this fact a little easier to deal with let us focus on the following quote (#699) from the Diary of St. Faustina. "On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open, I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fountain of mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receives Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment...Let no soul fear to draw near to me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity."

These words and others spoken by Our Lord to St. Faustina describe why this Second Sunday of Easter is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. According to the accounts of Jesus' visitations to St. Faustina, this Sunday, which immediately follows Easter Sunday, is dedicated to the devotion of the Divine Mercy. As Jesus told her, "Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishments" (#300). He also said, "This Feast emerges from the very depths of my tender mercies" (#420). Clearly, Our Lord wants us to approach Him so we can benefit from His love and mercy. He does not want us to stay in sin and darkness, and what better time to take part in this outpouring of Divine Mercy than in the Octave of Easter when we are celebrating the new life given to us through the Resurrection. This devotion was celebrated unofficially in many places for some years, but on April 30, 2000 Blessed Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina and designated this Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday for the whole Church around the world. To mark Divine Mercy Sunday, we shall have a Holy Hour before the Exposed Blessed Sacrament (today) starting at 3 PM in which we will also pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.

Today is also known in the Eastern Churches (both Eastern Rite Catholics and Orthodox Churches) as St. Thomas Sunday because of the Gospel reading for today. Every year we hear from John's account, of how Jesus appeared to the Apostles in the locked upper room on that first Easter Sunday Night, and how Thomas was missing. When Thomas returned, he refused to believe that Jesus was there, and he made his pronouncement that he will not believe until he touches the five wounds suffered by Christ. A week later, Jesus returns and this Thomas is present and Our Lord challenges him. Thomas after he sees the Risen Lord, not only believes, but he makes one of the most profound statements of faith found in the New Testament, "My Lord and my God."

It is because Thomas makes this most perfect confession of whom Jesus truly is, as Savior, Lord, and

God that the Eastern Churches honor him. They unlike us in the West do not refer to him as Doubting Thomas, but as Holy Thomas the Apostle who God has gifted with this most perfect profession of faith. Of course when Thomas sees the Risen Lord, he has no need to doubt, and for us as we contemplate this Divine Mercy Sunday, we too have no need to doubt. No, need because we are presented with this wonderful Fountain of God's Mercy.

Last weekend, at the Easter Vigil, the following people were baptized: Lyndalis Alcantara, Christopher Chamberlin, May Garcia and Miriam Garcia. The following were brought into Full Communion with the Church: Heather Burke, Esmeralda Braganaca, Miiko Hernandez, Daniel Purcell, Michael Saunders, Linda Brown, and Felix Fernandez. We are so happy for all of these new members of the Church and those coming into Full Communion and for their sponsors and families. May God bless them always and may we help them to grow more and more in their faith, and may they do the same for us!

We close with the prayer from today's Mass. God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Happy Easter

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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Respect Life

“Never before has the federal government forced individuals and organizations to go out into the marketplace and buy a product that violates their conscience. This shouldn’t happen in a land where free exercise of religion ranks first in the Bill of Rights.”

So said Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan; those few, powerful words have been said and printed before, but they bear repeating because they are so to the point.

Kathleen M. Gallagher, in her article in the LI Catholic of 3.21.12, tells of the charges which come from that pro-choice group called the National Organization for Women (NOW), that the Catholic Church “doesn’t care if women get hurt”, and called our Catholic Bishops’ Conference “violently anti-women.” In reality, nothing could be farther from the truth; just consider this: in diocese after diocese across this county, women fill vast numbers of leadership positions. Just look at the **Diocese of Rockville Centre**, where the bishop entrusts the Catholic school system, Catholic Charities network, Faith Formation efforts, Youth Ministries, and Respect Life Office, all to women.

Additionally, three-quarters of Bishop Murphy’s chancery staff are female. All of the critical programs to protect children from abuse are led by a woman. The ladies are running the place!

As to the charge from NOW that the Church’s assaults on women’s reproductive rights are so unethical that they deny women health care and allow them to die – well, let it be said that the Catholic Church is the largest non-profit provider of health care in this country and in our state, and religious sisters (women!) operate many of these systems.

The Church runs hospitals, nursing homes, hospice and home care programs, and nationally recognized specialty units like St. Francis Hospital’s cardiac care center.

(As we are constantly told, heart disease is the leading cause of death for females in the U.S.)

The Church was in the forefront of legislative efforts to assist (the mostly female) victims of human trafficking, to help them escape forced labor and sexual mistreatment. And you may not know that the Catholic Church continues to provide services to these women, despite losing a major federal grant because they wouldn’t refer them for abortion.

And there’s the rub. Because the Church holds firm to her deep convictions about the sanctity of every human life, born and unborn, she is accused of waging war on women!

The reality is that if the Church continues to be discriminated against with unfair laws that mandate abortion and contraception, women will be the biggest losers. Finally, if you are a woman who stands with the Catholic Church and you do not believe the empty rhetoric about the so-called war on women, tell President Obama and Congress exactly how you feel about the birth control mandate, sign the open letter you will find at www.womenspeakforthemselves.com.

Adapted from The Long Island Catholic, 3.21.12



Weekly Offering



Fiscal Year Beginning 9/1/2011

Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012 Offerings **\$46,457**
Same collection last year 23,892

Poor Box last weekend \$574

Diocese Collection
Good Fri - Holy Land 2012 \$2,126
2011 2,073

Fuel Collection YTD \$4,895
Same time last year 7,007
YTD Fuel Cost 11,502

Easter Sun. Budget Amount **\$46,000**
Budget YTD **\$656,810**

Collection **46,457** Actual YTD **671,538**

Overage +457 Overage +\$14,728

*Pay Down Debt Donations

This Month \$
Total Funds **192,939**
Less Payment made to RVC **137,000**
Fund Balance **\$55,939**

RVC Loan **604,000**
Less Payment **137,000**
Balance **\$467,000**

*Includes Faith Direct Collections for April
(53 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

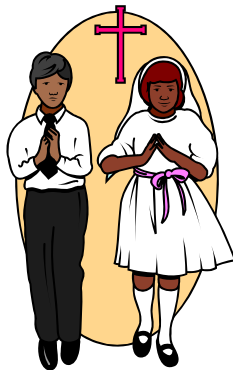
Monday through Thursday
9:00 Am - 3:00 PM



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@stjorok.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.

Rehearsal for the April 21st 10:30 Communion will take place on Wednesday, April 18th at 4:30PM in the Church.

Rehearsal for the April 21st 1:00 Communion will take place on Thursday, April 19th at 4:30PM in the Church.



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!

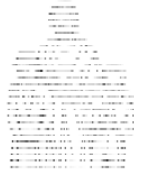
Why am I doing this? Because I believe each of us was put here on earth to do what we can to help those in need. This letter is written because we feel that YOU believe that, too. This has become the greatest grass roots campaign ever to fight hunger in our country. Your donation makes you a partner 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@stjorok.org
website: www.stjoeronkelem.org



Reminder orders are due to the Main Office for our plant sale on Monday, April 16th. Orders will be filled before Mother's Day.

Registration is open for the Fall 2012 - 2013 school year. Nursery and Pre-Kindergarten classes are on a first come first serve basis. Waiting lists will be created shortly.



Girls Travel Basketball Tryouts

For girls entering 6th, 7th or 8th grade in September. For more information please contact Dennis at 467-6174.



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.**



Please join us on

Tuesday, June 3, 2012

At 1:35pm

Along with Cub Scout Pack #272

As they participate in the Ducks Color Guard Program

For the Long Island Ducks VS the York Revolution

At

Bethpage Park

3 Court House Drive, Central Islip, NY 11722

Arrive early (gates open 12:30pm)

1st 1500 Fans receive a free logo Baseball and stranger awareness info!!!!

Courtesy of The Rose Brucia Educational Foundation & St. Joseph's College

Cost - \$10.00 per person **Due by April 19th**

Please make checks payable to Pack 272

Mrs. Scotti 979-0060

Name _____

Address _____

attending _____ X's \$10.00 = _____

**2012
CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
APPEAL**



ONE FAITH, ONE HOPE, MANY GIFTS

We need your help. Back in February we began the **2012 Catholic Ministries Appeal**. As you may recall when we spoke about the Appeal, we told you that last year we only reached 92 % of our goal which gave us a rebate of **\$11,706.20**. While that is a nice amount which we are happy to receive, it is **\$10,000 less** than our rebate of **\$20,775.20** from the previous year. This year, we are on track to reach the goal which is higher than last year's. Once we reach our goal we receive **20%** as the parish rebate portion. In addition, any money raised over our goal, we will receive **80%** of that total making the rebate even larger. So if we can raise enough in pledges this year, we could make up for the **\$10,000 shortfall** in last year's rebate. We have almost 6400 registered families. Last year, only **414** made pledges! That is less than 10% of the parish supporting the Appeal. We are hoping that this year more families will make a pledge. By making a pledge, you are helping to fulfill your mission as a Catholic Christian. So as **Lent** comes to a close, and we prepare to celebrate the **Resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ**, we look at our own journey, we reflect on our own lives, and we strive to put our faith into action. One way to do that is by giving to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**. Please take the time to prayerfully consider all that God has blessed you with in this life. We ask you to give as generously as your means will allow. You can choose a one time gift or make a pledge and pay it off monthly. You may use your credit card to make the payments. We offer a incentive for those who give \$200 or more; you will be entered in a special drawing. Ten names will be randomly selected to win dinner for two with the parish priests and deacons. It is not important how much you give ,(that is an individual sacrifice) yet it is important that you do give to help meet the needs of all those who are hungry or homeless, aged or ill, studying to grow in their faith and to help build the Kingdom of God right here on Long Island. Please complete the form below and return it to St. Joseph's 45 Church St. Ronkonkoma NY 11779. Thank you for your generous support.

Year-to-date Comparison:

2011 Goal \$96,236 2012 Goal \$100,500
2011 273 Pledges 2012 303 Pledges

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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Supporting the Community Around Us

TO PROVIDE FUNDS I/WE AGREE TO MAKE A GIFT OF:

PLEDGE \$ _____ INITIAL PAYMENT \$ _____ BALANCE \$ _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PARISH OF DONOR _____

SIGNATURE OF DONOR _____

A GUIDE TO GIVING	
PLEDGE	10 PAYMENTS
\$5,000	\$500
2,500	250
1,500	150
1,000	100
500	50
300	30
150	15
OTHER \$ _____	
EVERY GIFT COUNTS!	

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

*Place in collection basket. —or— Drop off at the Rectory. —or—
 Mail to St. Joseph Church, 45 Church Street, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779-3301*

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

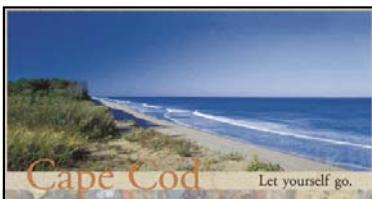
Al-Anon Suffolk County

631-669-2827

info@AL-Anon-Suffolk-NY.org



Cape Cod Trip



Sept. 4th, 5th, & 6th, including 2 - breakfasts, 2 - lunches and 2 - dinners. Join us on a trip to Cape Cod where we will be staying at the Heritage House which has an indoor pool and other

amenities. The first day we will visit the JFK museum and the JFK memorial after lunch. Our second day will include a cruise and after lunch a trip to the glass museum. Our last day means a tour of the Cape Cod potato chip factory and then a train ride that includes a complete luncheon. \$420PP/double, \$478/single. If interested and need more details please call Arlene at 631-648-3582.

St. Joseph Parish Outreach Center

e-mail — sjpo@verizon.net

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

Parish Outreach



Through your generosity we were able to help more than **163** people throughout the month of March. Financial assistance for the month of March was **\$5,870.87** 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."**




Calendar Club



The Winners Are

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4/1 #734 Clare & Lou Antonucci \$50	4/2 #187 Steve & Eileen Lorenzen \$25	4/3 #890 Steve & Stefanie Vessa \$25	4/4 #130 Barbara Arabio \$25	Holy Thursday No Drawing	Good Friday No Drawing	Holy Saturday No Drawing

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




Banns of Marriage
(Second Time)

*Kristen Lotito of St. Louis De Monfort and
Michael Domiano of St. Joseph*

*Lauren Heimer of St. Joseph and
Brien Fletcher*

*Jessica Barry of St. Joseph and
Michael Jablonski of St. Joseph*



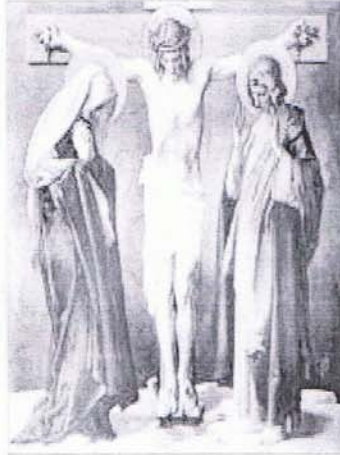
Baptisms

No Baptisms
Easter

Legion of Mary

invites you to the

3rd Annual Women's Silent Retreat "BEHOLD THY SON"



HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE
MASS

REFLECTIONS

ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED
SACRAMENT

CONFESSION
AVAILABLE

Come ponder "Motherhood" in your heart after the example of Mary. Come pray with Mary for our children and our priests. Come and receive strength to become the "perfect women" we are called to be:

"Thus the 'perfect woman' (Prov 31:10) becomes an irreplaceable support and source of spiritual strength for other people, who perceive the great energies of her spirit. These 'perfect women' are owed much by their families, and sometimes by whole nations. "Mulieris Dignitatem

Friday, 11 May 2012 - Saturday, 12 May 2012

**Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY**

COST: \$100 per person (add \$10 if joining us for Friday dinner)
includes 3 meals on Saturday & private room w/shower

check in Friday between
1 - 6 p.m.
Ends Saturday 9 p.m.

SEND CHECK PAYABLE TO ST. PATRICK PARISH TO:

ST. PATRICK RC CHURCH, 284 E. MAIN STREET, SMITHTOWN, NY 11787 ATTN: LEGION OF MARY

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT CORINNE ADISS @ (631) 804-7222

NAME _____ Parish _____

ADDRESS _____ Phone # _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____ Approx. arrival time Friday: _____



Don't Forget Your Baby Bottle!

On the weekend of April 14th & 15th, Saint Joseph will once again be hosting a Baby Bottle Fundraiser to benefit The Life Center of Long Island. The Life Center is a crisis pregnancy center that counsels women and men who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. They provide maternity housing, medical care, referrals, cribs, car seats, diapers and ALL other baby items that are needed. We are asking that you pick up a baby bottle and fill it with your change. Most importantly, we are asking you to recite the prayer on the bottle.

The prayer attached to the bottle will enable the counselors at The Life Center to say just the right words a mother or father may need to hear. It especially opens a mother's heart to accept the truth. We believe these prayers lead abortion-minded women to call The Life Center in the first place.

Let us pray with our whole heart for the lives of our unborn children.





Do You Have a Green Thumb?

Its spring, and time for planting. Come join our St. Joseph's Gardening Ministry. We meet at 10am every Tuesday and Thursday on the front lawn of the rectory. Just bring your gloves and gardening tools and join us in "Gardening Therapy"



Golden Wedding Jubilee



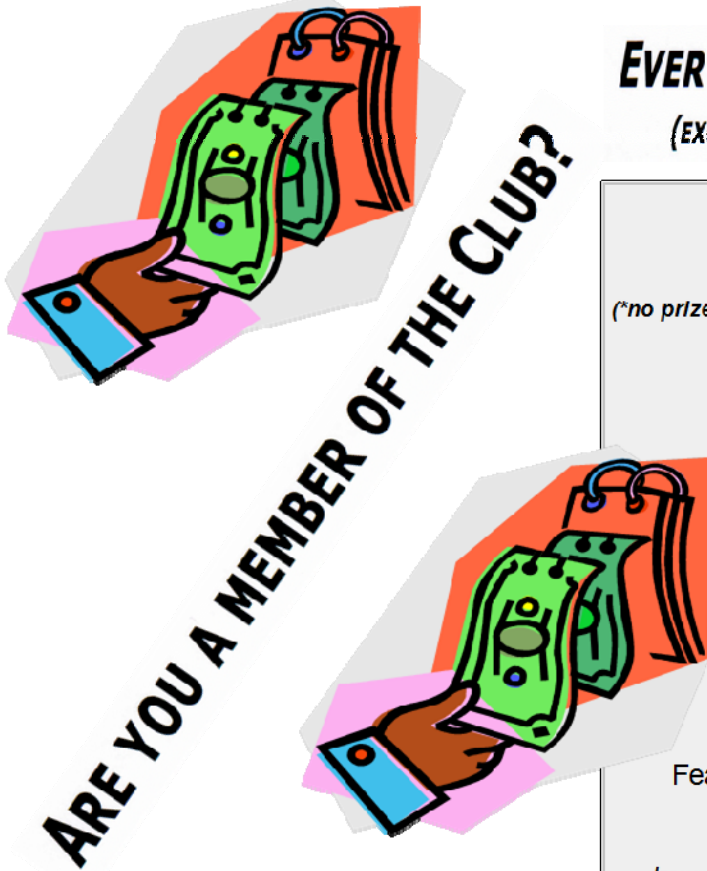
This spring, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at liturgies on Sunday, April 22 at the Church of Saint Lawrence the Martyr in Sayville and on Sunday, May 20th at the Church of Maria Regina in Seaford. Both liturgies will begin at 2:30 PM. Couples may register for ONE liturgy. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory. Registration must be received by the Office of Worship by April 5th for the April liturgy and by May 3rd for the May liturgy. There will be additional celebrations in the fall for

those who may find that more convenient. If you have any questions you may call 516-678-5800, extension 207.

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 & Girls): 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, April 15th
Sunday, April 22nd

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 Annes' K of C - Columbiettes will be having heir annual Garage Sale/Flea market on Saturday, April 28, 2012. Setup begins at 8am and sale is fro, 9-4 pm. If you would like to rent a space or donate new or used items please contact Jeanne Dorrian at 631-273-4863. Cost for vendors spaces is \$25.

Pro Life— Learn to communicate effectively lobby training day on Long Island. Sat., April 21, 2012 fro, 10am to 2pm. Our Lady of Mercy R.C. Church (Lower Hall) 500 South Oyster Bay Rd., Hicksville. Its is now more important than ever to learn to communicate the pro-life message effectively with your legislators at their local office, in Albany or in Washington, D.C. Techniques Can also be useful in everyday conversation. Adults and Students welcome. Bring your lunch. Beverages & snacks will be provided. Free will offering. Presented by the N.Y.S. Right to Life Committee, Inc. sponsored by L.I. Coalition for Life. To register leave name & phone number by April 20th at 631-748-2093 or e-mail maryannedumas@yahoo.com.

Irish Pipe Band - Siol Na hEireann Irish Pipe Band is accepting new members to join our band. We offer free lessons on the bagpipe and snare drum every Wednesday night at 7pm in the AOH Hall located at 82 Magnolia Dr. Selden. And, you don't need to be Irish. If interested please call Phil at 631-467-0629.

Court St. Joseph No. 975 Catholic Daughters of the Americas

SPRING AUCTION

FRIDAY, April 27, 2012

New location: St. Joseph's School Hall (Gym)
25 Church St., Lake Ronkonkoma

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Admission \$7 includes 25 tickets, cake,
coffee & tea. Hot dogs, soda & water sold.

Extra tickets \$2 per card.

No strollers or baby carriers please.

For information call 631-588-3046 or 631-615-2181.

