

## 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 reading from Acts reminds us that God offers salvation to all people through faith in Jesus Christ. The second reading teaches that, *Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.* In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that we remain in His love by loving one another as He has loved us.

### Altar Bread & Wine

*In Loving Memory of  
Angelina Maddaluno*

*Requested by  
Ann Festa & Eileen Gelardi*



## OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

Priest Schedule Subject to Change

### *This Week*

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

### *Next Week*

**Fr. Maffeo**  
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**Fr. Leuthardt**  
**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, May 13

7:00  
 9:00 *Mother's*  
 10:30 *Day Novena*  
 12:00  
 5:00

### Monday, May 14

7:00 Mother's Day Novena  
 7:00 Kelly Griffin req. by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Brown  
 9:00 Angelo DeFillippo req. by Marie DeFillippo  
 9:00 Jack Q. Gibson req. by Pat Brozinsky

### Tuesday, May 15

7:00 Thomas Ryan req. by Rosemary Hughes  
 7:00 Kevin G. Halzapfel req. by Loving Mother & Father  
 8:45 Mother's Day Novena  
 8:45 Charles R. Contato req. by Loving Family

### Wednesday, May 16

7:00 Mother's Day Novena  
 9:00 Jacqueline Sheehan req. by Carlo & Mary Verardi  
 9:00 Margaret Long req. by Mary Hoever  
 7:30 For the People of the Parish

### Thursday, May 17 (Ascension)

7:00  
 9:00 *For the*  
 12:10 *People of the*  
 5:00 *Parish*  
 7:30

### Friday, May 18

7:00 Mother's Day Novena  
 7:00 Theresa Maisano req. by Loving Family  
 9:00 William Arabio req. by Loving Wife

### Saturday, May 19

8:00 Mother's Day Novena  
 8:00 Jim Gibson req. by Pat Brozinsky

### Anticipated Mass for Sunday

5:00 Joseph Kubicko Jr. req. by Rosemary & Gerry McMenamin  
 5:00 Josephine Bradley req. by Joyce McGay

### Sunday, May 20

7:00 Mother's Day Novena  
 7:00 Manuela Castelluccio req. by The Fischer Family  
 9:00 Joseph Onufrak req. by Loving Wife & Family  
 9:00 Joseph J. Onufrak req. by Loving Mother & Family  
 10:30 Margaret & George Kolibash req. by Claire & Jim  
 10:30 William Waletitsch req. by Donna & Dimitri  
 12:00 Dominick Mariano req. by Loving Daughter & Family  
 12:00 Adeliada Marzan req. by Nelly Esquerra  
 5:00 Pray to End Abortion req. by The St. Regis Council  
 5:00 Patricia Wall req. by Joyce & Joe Ando

The Mass Book is now open for 2013



## From the Pastor's Desk

Happy Mother's Day, on behalf of Fathers: Thomas, Boyle, Henry, and Peter Liu and our Deacons: James Altonji, Joseph Califano, Michael DeBellis, Frank Dell'Aglio, Michael Devenney, Bill Dobbins, and Joseph Dougherty, and of course the entire parish staff. At all of our Masses today, and during this whole month of May we will pray for all of our Mothers those living, and those who have gone on before us.

This month we honor our Mothers because we honor our Dear Blessed Mother, Mary. She is indeed our Mother because she cares for us just as she cared for her Son Our Lord Jesus Christ. She is our Mother because of the account we find in John's Gospel, as Jesus hung upon the Cross. In John Chapter 19 verses 26 and 27 we read, "When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his home." The Church has always understood this to mean that Jesus did not just give His mother to St. John but to the whole Church that John represented. Tradition tells us that they moved to Ephesus and many people would seek her out for prayers and she would proclaim the Gospel to all. Tradition also tell us that when she is taken up into Heaven, and crowned the Queen Mother of Heaven and Earth, she became the most powerful Saint in Heaven whose constant intercession we can rely on because as we stated above, she loves us as she loves her Son. We will honor our dear Mother with our annual Crowning of the Statue of the Blessed Mother in the Church at the 12 Noon Mass (our First Communion Children will be crowning the statue).

Keep in mind that this **Thursday May 17th is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and it is a Holy Day of Obligation.** On the Old Liturgical Calendar, this marked the last day of the Easter Season, but that is no longer the case. On the current Calendar Easter will end 10 days after Thursday on Pentecost Sunday and coming of the Holy Spirit. On Ascension Thursday, we remember the day when Our Lord returned to Heaven from where He came and told His Apostles not to leave Jerusalem until they received the Holy Spirit. See the bulletin for the schedule of Masses.

Let us close with this Mother's Day Poem written by Jill Lemming

There is no love like a mother's love,  
no stronger bond on earth...  
like the precious bond that comes from God.  
A mother's love is forever strong,  
never changing for all times...  
and when her children need her most,  
a mother's love will shine.  
God bless these special mothers.  
God bless them every one, for all the tears  
and heartache,  
and for the special work they've done.  
When her days on earth are over,  
a mother's love lives on...  
through many generations  
with God's Blessing on each one.  
Be thankful for our mothers.  
For they love with a higher love...  
from the power God has given  
and the strength from above.

Happy Mother's Day and Happy Easter  
Fr. Mike



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

**From the  
Pastor's Desk**

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



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to your Smartphone  
or Blackberry.



Pray for the Sick

Michael Ambrosio	Agnes Lane
Gabrielle Aversano	Alfred LaRocca
Anne Bannon	Alfred LaRocca Jr.
John Bertone	Nicole Laudadio
Sara Bertone	Ida Lucivero
Dottie Bially	Vito Lucivero
Mary Biglin	Samara Marbelestone
Ryan Blair	Carolyn Martins
Stephen Bonansinga	Jim McQuillan
Maryann Bonitz	Eugene Merkle
Rosario Bulalacao	Catherine Mucha
Richard Busick	Ray Niccia
Marie Califano	Anna Pepe
John Cavalluzzi	Barbara Petersen
Martin Condit	Mason Plouffe
Kathleen Connelly	Amanda Quinn
Joyce Cooper	Nicole Ramaglia
Victor J. Crema	Joan Reilly
Genevieve Delamater	Baby Emma Grace Riccio
Michael DePinto	William Rouse
Ann Doherty	Angela Rose Russo
Sharon T. Eichler	Ann Sabourin
Lois Emma	Joseph Sabourin
Michael Emma	Dawn Saporito
Lucy Erraught	Denise Savage Harper
Anthony Falese	Anthony Scardino
Amelia Fava	Edward Schneider Sr.
Ellen Fava	Alecia Sirico
Philip Fava	Brian Sullivan
Rosemarie Fava	Brian Sullivan
S Fay	Matthew Swenson
Jim Fenyak	Mary Thron
Robert Filce	LLoyd Turnier
Mary Forsyth	Theresa Vlahos
Joann Friederich	Larry Walsh
Carl Freiermuth	Karen Wroblecki
Cathy Garcia	Mary Yodice
Joe Hartman	
Erica House	
Rosemary Hughes	
William Hughes	
Eileen Kennedy	
Nanette LaFranca	
Janet LaGuarina	
Joseph LaMomicca	
Kenny Landgrover	

Pray for Our Troops

PFC Eric Lange, USMC	CPT Michael Parisi
SGT Deborah Alfieri	2LT Anthony Parisi
SGT Matthew Altonji	MAJ Paul E Pinaud
PRVT Andrew Altonji	CTR2 Matthew Pistritto
Paul Donato	LT David A Rewkowski
TSGT Louis Barletta	SGT Edwin Rivera, II
LT Michael-Jon Bonacorsa	SGT Anthony M Sbrocco, USMC
LCPL John Brown	SSGT Jason Schiavo
PFC Justin Browne	LCPL W. Mason Shehan
LTCOL James Cersosimo	SGT Jennifer Tomaneng
CPL Glenn Clacher	SSGT Timothy McGoyne
SPC Thomas E. Corcoran	SPC James Stanek
SPC Jason Crawford	SGT Erica Sweeney
CPT Edward Cuevas	EO3 Taylor Taranto
PFC John B Cuneo	MM3 Gregory Taranto
CPT Ryan Delaney	PFC Greg Terrish
TSGT Timothy Dermody	SGT Jason Tulowitzki
SGT Stephen DiGirolamo	SSGT Nick Vicale
SSGT Tony Elliott	SGT John Thomas Vogt
LT Kelly Fletcher	CPL Brandon Waldon
SPC Adam Franciosa	SGT Randolph Weaver
CPT Mark Gillman	MSTR Robert Casey
CPL RJ Hartmann	ILT Richard Lutz
SSGT J.R. Kay USAF	HN Frederick James Borsell
SSGT Jessica Kay	SPC Darian L. Clark/Army
SGT John W Keohane	SAMN Bill Ried
MAJ Sean P Kilkenny	CPL Michael Casonova
CW2 Steven Knight	SPEC4 David Cooper
LCPL William Langdon	MIDN Michael Cristiano
SPC Christopher Leone	SGT Brian P. O'Leary
SGT Wade Lynch	PFC Gregory Caplan
MAJ Kevin McCue	MPS Timothy Caplan
PVT Thomas B McGinn	E6PO1 Gerard McGarrity
SGT Patrick McNally	LT John Cox II
PFC William Meyer	PFC Nicholas Barbieri
CPL Brian G Meyer	LCPL Jim A. Mock
CPO Gregory Migliore	SGT Maj. John A. Krumholz
SGT Glenn Miller	LCPL Joseph R. DeGroot, USMC
LT Heather Miras	RCT Dustin A. Whitton, USMC
SPC4 George Monica	SPC Peter Reilly
SPC4 John Monica	SMAN T.J. Waldhauser, US Navy
SGT Daniel Montville	LCP Brian Kolarik, USMC
GYSGT Brian Moran, USMC	LCPL Kevin Erb
MAJ Gregory Mueller	PVT Chris Dorn, Army
LCPL Thomas Napolitano	SSGT Ray C. Sigman II
LCPL Michael Napolitano	N/Seal Paul Padro
PVT Todd Nelson	LCPL Sean Rainone, USMC
LCPL James Neubauer	SGT Thomas Lupo
SGT Brian Pacell	SGT Mike Hengerle, USMC
CPT Stephen Bartoszak	SPC Anthony Lupo US Army
ENS3 Lucy Padro	
PFC Matthew Pandolfi	
LCPL Kevin J. Uffmann Marine	



**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of person who is ill

\_\_\_\_\_  
Person making this request:                      Relationship to ill person

Your Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Friends can be placed on the silent prayer list only)

**PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name, Rank and Branch of Service

\_\_\_\_\_  
Person making this request                      Relationship to Soldier

(Friends can be placed on the silent prayer list only)

**—REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED—**

**Leona Bogacki**

our deceased soldiers and all of our deceased relatives and friends.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.  
May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

# Respect Life

DID YOU KNOW ?.....The state of Vermont debates assisted suicide.. here's the story:

Vermont is facing a "Death with Dignity Act." (Similar bills have been rejected in California, Michigan, Maine and Hawaii.) The Vermont bill would allow a patient determined to have less than six months of life to request medication ending his/her life. The doctor may write a prescription or dispense the drug directly.

The legislation is written for patients who are considered competent and terminally ill. Experience from the Netherlands has shown that once the law is passed, however, assisted suicide expands. Doctors begin to include incompetent patients who suffer from strokes or dementia. Then those who aren't terminally ill, but who are severely handicapped are included. Next, competent people who are chronically depressed are given lethal drugs. Rather than working to improve end-of-life care, physicians and society are more inclined to find a way to end it.

Statistics from the Netherlands show the unforeseen consequences that assisted suicide brings. Family members have coerced patients to die. More than 1000 deaths per year – 25 percent of the patients – did not request aid in dying. Even teenagers and infants with physical disabilities have been given lethal drugs under doctors' care.

According to the Vermont Alliance for Ethical Healthcare, this bill reverses 2500 years of doctors and society working to preserve life, not end it. The 1994 revision of the American Medical Association's Code of Medical Ethics retains the statement that

"Physician assisted suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician's role as healer, would be difficult or impossible to control, and would pose serious societal risks."

In The Gospel of Life, Pope John Paul II said "euthanasia is a grave violation of the law of God, since it is the deliberate and morally unacceptable killing of a human person."

Guidelines from the National Catholic Bioethics Center warn people to avoid using the expression 'quality of life' because advocates of euthanasia use the term to suggest that life is not worth living. The guidelines say, "While illness and other circumstances can make life very difficult, they cannot diminish the inestimable worth of each human life created by God."

Question: How can one individual presume to judge the quality of another's life?



# Weekly Offering



Fiscal Year Beginning 9/1/2011

Sunday, May 6, 2012 Offerings	\$17,456
Same collection last year	18,138

Poor Box last weekend \$480

DRVC Cath. Elem School Collection	2012	\$1,070
	2011	745

Fuel Collection YTD	\$5,470
Same time last year	7,222
YTD Fuel Cost	14,026

**Weekly Budget Amount \$17,900 YTD Budget \$731,700**

**Collection 17,456 Actual YTD 746,181**

**Shortage -444 Overage +\$14,481**

### \*Pay Down Debt Donations

This Month	\$
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>198,658</b>
<b>Less Payments made to RVC</b>	<b>143,000</b>
<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$55,658</b>

<b>RVC Loan</b>	<b>604,000</b>
<b>Less Payment</b>	<b>143,000</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$461,000</b>

\*Includes Faith Direct Collections for May  
(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](mailto:RelEd@StJoRonk.org)

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

981-1805

### Office Hours

Monday through Thursday

9:00 Am - 3:00 PM



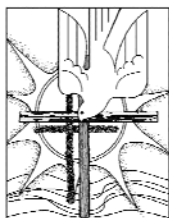
*Congratulations to all our First Communicants! May God continue to bless you and His Blessed Mother keep you always in Her loving care.*

*Our thanks to all the catechist and volunteers who gave of themselves and their time. Your faith is truly a wonderful gift.*

*A special thanks to the Knights of Columbus, Music Ministry, Lectors and Altar Servers who so graciously helped complete our celebration.*

**Registration** for religious education classes, which begin in October, has started. To register a child for the first time, you can find all the forms on line at [reled@stjoronk.org](mailto: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.

## Confirmation Corner:



Confirmation interviews will take place on Tuesday, May 29th and Thursday, May 31st in Carew Hall for those who have registered. Please come at you assigned time. You may call the office with any questions.

## Prayer for Evening Holy Hour

*Friday, May 25, at 7:30 PM in the Church*

Celebrate the last Friday of the Easter Season in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

an evening of PRAYER

an evening of PRAISE

an evening of PEACE

- Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament -
- Sung Evening Prayer -



*Music by Chris Catalano and Voices of Faith  
Homily by Rev. Michael T. Maffeo*

Share your faith and joy.  
Bring a friend.

# St. Joseph School

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

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



Congratulations to the students at St. Joseph School who have received their First Communion. Kathleen Aliperti, Michelle Arroyo, Giavanna Ciaravino, Caelan Connors, Julia Curran, Juliana DePersio, Loredana Dinardo Rohan Douglas, Jessica Gonzalez, Anthony Liguori, Julia Mansfield, Gabriel Maravilla, Mason Nijkamp, Gavin Pfeiffer, Sachelle Pierrecharles, Albert Portillo, Elizabeth Pray, Emily Rusielewicz, Nicholas Santaniello, Ralph Silvestre, Jordan Spencer, and Alexis Zanini, Thank you to Mrs. Carnavos for your hard work preparing our children for this blessed sacrament.

Thank you to all who helped with our Technology recycle program and walk-a-thon. We raised over \$7,000 for our classrooms.

Congratulations to our graduates who achieved Honor Roll status at their Catholic High Schools. Cynthia Ferriolo, Jonathan Pham, Alicia Vicente, Richard Belz, Maximillian Crean, Daniel Terrano and Katrina Thomson. Congratulations to our administration and faculty for providing such an outstanding academic foundation for our students.

Congratulations to our music teacher , Margo Rainone, who was honored by the diocese on Thursday evening for over 25 years of service in Catholic Education.

Please join our school community on Monday, May 14th at 1:15 in the church as we honor the Blessed Mother.



## Defensive Driving

*The defensive driving course will be offered at St. Joseph Church on Saturday, June 16,*

*in Carew Hall from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Fee is \$45. Please call the rectory at 588-8456 to reserve your place. Make checks payable to St. Joseph Church.*



# May Is The Month Of Mary



## Special Devotion To Our Lady

May devotion to Mary, our Mother, is a time-honored tradition in the Church. To honor Mary we will have the statue of Our Lady of Fatima in the sanctuary in May. Pray the Rosary daily, especially in May and October, in your homes and in the Church after 9:00 AM weekday Masses.

Each Thursday in May (May 10, 17, 24 and 31), from 7:30 to 8:30 PM, we will pray the Rosary, reflect on the Mysteries and the Eucharist with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. On Ascension Thursday, May 17, a Holy Day of Obligation, we will meet at 7:00 PM to pray the Rosary, reflect on the Mysteries, and recite the Litany before the 7:30 PM Mass. We will dedicate the Rosary for your intentions even if you cannot join us on Thursdays. Please call 588-8456 and leave your name and intentions.

## Our Lady of Fatima Devotion

The First Saturday of each month is devoted to Our Lady of Fatima. The devotion includes 8:00 AM Mass, Novena to Fatima, the Rosary, Confessions after Mass, and fellowship in Carew Hall at 9:00 AM.

## Saint Joseph's Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit The Life Center of L.I.



The Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit The Life Center of Long Island will be completed with collection of the filled bottles on the weekend of:

**MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> & 13<sup>TH</sup>  
MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND**

Please continue to say the prayer attached to the bottle.

Thank you for your continued prayerful and financial support and be assured it is making a big difference in the lives of many people served by this busy crisis pregnancy center...Keep Going!!

**2012  
CATHOLIC  
MINISTRIES  
APPEAL**



**ONE FAITH, ONE HOPE, MANY GIFTS**

**“PARISH REBATE PORTION”**

When you give to the Catholic Ministries Appeal please keep in mind that in addition to supporting all the good works of the Appeal (*living and sharing our faith, caring for God’s people and building the Kingdom of God*) there is also the Parish Rebate. Once a parish reaches 80% of their goal, they receive all of the money between 80 and 100% of the paid pledges. Then, if we go over our goal, we receive 80% of all the money collected above the actual goal amount. Our goal is **\$100,500**. If we reach the goal in payments, we will receive **\$20,100** in rebate; should we go over the goal, that amount could be significantly higher. There are many ways to give such as check, electronic funds transfer or credit card (so you can take advantage of your company’s cash back or air mileage incentives) and your pledge can be paid monthly. You may also give a gift of securities or Charitable Gift Annuities. Keep in mind, a pledge of \$200 or more will enter you in a drawing in which ten people will win dinner for two with the parish priests and deacons. We are asking that each family give to this year’s Catholic Ministries Appeal to help those in need and our own St. Joseph’s Parish. We understand that everyone’s circumstances are different and therefore we ask that you give according to your means. Every gift counts and helps get us closer to our goal. Thanks for your support of this year’s Catholic Ministries Appeal.

**YEAR-TO-DATE  
COMPARISON**

<b>2011 GOAL</b>	<b>2012 GOAL</b>
<b>\$96,236</b>	<b>\$100,500</b>

<b>PLEDGES</b>	<b>PLEDGES</b>
<b>336</b>	<b>352</b>

<b>\$ PLEDGED</b>	<b>\$ PLEDGED</b>
<b>\$ 72,000</b>	<b>\$83,152</b>

Last year we had a total of *only* 414 pledges. This year we want to see that number increase significantly. Please help us to make it happen so we not only reach our goal of \$100,500 but surpass it and in doing so we assist others and help St. Joseph’s benefit through the rebate to parishes. If we reach our goal in paid pledges we will receive **\$20,100**. If we go over the goal, our rebate increases. In **2009**, we received a rebate of **\$21,436**,

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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 \$ _____	
<b>EVERY GIFT COUNTS!</b>	

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](http://www.responsehotline.org)

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

Domestic/date violence, rape, sexual assault, & elder abuse

631-360-3730 or 631-360-3606 (24 hrs. hotline for domestic violence and rape)

[www.vibs.org](http://www.vibs.org) or [www.inforatvibs.org](http://www.inforatvibs.org)

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

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

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

### **The Retreat**

Domestic Violence

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

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

### **Brighter Tomorrows**

Domestic Violence

Hotline (631)395-1800

### **Islip Hotline**

Crisis Hotline: 631-277-4700

### **Runaway Hotline**

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

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

631-924-6700

[www.redcross.org/ny/suffolk](http://www.redcross.org/ny/suffolk)

### **Child Abuse**

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

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

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

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

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

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

631-362-0303

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

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

631-427-3700

[www.fsl.li.org](http://www.fsl.li.org)

### **Hope House Ministries**

631-928-2377

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

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

631-224-9766

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

#### **Project Hope Mothers' Group**

631-853-3035 (call for locations)

[www.co.suffolk.ny.us/health](http://www.co.suffolk.ny.us/health)

### **Haven House/Bridges**

631-231-3619

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

### **Alcoholics Anonymous**

631-669-1124

### **Gamblers Anonymous**

631-586-7171

### **Narcotics Anonymous**

631-827-9500

### **Life Center of L.I. - Pregnancy Care**

631-243-0066

### **Birthright of Nassau/Suffolk**

**516-785-4070**

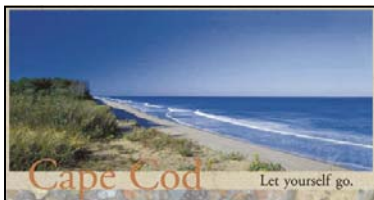
### **Al-Anon Suffolk County**

631-669-2827

[info@AL-Anon-Suffolk-NY.org](mailto: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](mailto: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
4/29 #781 <b>Rosalind Dean</b> \$50	4/30 #1076 Maureen Harkins \$25	5/1 #580 Carol Millwater \$25	5/2 #192 Judey & Al LaRocca \$25	5/3 #374 Martin Laughlin \$25	5/4 #110 Joe & Marie Califano \$25	5/5 #403 Mr & Mrs Firestone \$25


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



**Banns of Marriage**  
*(Third Time)*

*Christianne Danisi of St Joseph and  
Ernesto Reyes of St. Joseph*

*Heather Burke of St. Joseph and  
Christopher Chamberlin*



**Baptisms**

*Angelina Marie Adams  
Emily Aida Rodriguez  
Thomas Joseph Schwaber  
Haley Catherine Withus*

# *The Aware Steward*

The freshness of Spring and the new life of Easter aid us in renewing our commitment to a Christ-centered way of life. We are beginning our annual stewardship renewal. As we reflect on how we have used our God-given gifts of time and talents, as well as our gifts of money and material possessions during the past year, we become aware of how we have stewarded those gifts. As we plan for the coming year, we may ask ourselves:



Have I shared my gift of time wisely among my family, friends, work, prayer, weekly Eucharist, etc.? Am I able to take-a-step, reprioritize and plan to share a little more time in those areas which I consider important?



Do I acknowledge and give thanks that all around me is gift from our most generous God? Am I able to take-a-step and acknowledge that I, too, am a gift from God?



Have I begun the journey of discerning what special gifts and talents God has given me? Am I able to take-a-step in this most vital process?

Before we can begin using and sharing our God-given gifts and talents, we must first discover what we have been given! Then, when we live a stewardship way of life, out of gratitude to God for all that we have been given, our work becomes holy.

By accepting Jesus' mission as our own at Baptism and depending on the Eucharist to nourish and sustain us for this challenge - we become ever more aware that at home, at work, at the parish, in the community and in the world...

## *We are the Hands of Christ*



**Stewardship**

*A Way of Life*

DIocese of Rockville Centre



## YOUTH IN MINISTRY

Every Sunday at 5:00 PM, St. Joseph's Parish offers an upbeat experience of celebrating Mass designed especially for youth and their families.

**Everyone in Grades 7-12 is invited to participate.**

We're looking for: Lectors Ushers Musicians/Singers Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers (Eucharistic ministers must be over 18)

For more information about joining *Youth in Ministry*, contact [YIM@StJoRonk.org](mailto:YIM@StJoRonk.org) or call the rectory.



## CYO Sport Programs

<http://stjoecyosports.com>

### Baseball:

Intramural (Coed, ages 5-16): Gene ☎588-1879  
 Travel \* (Boys & 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](mailto:JoinScouting@StJoRonk.org)

→ You can scan us! →



# Scouting as Youth Ministry



**Cub Scout Pack 272**  
**Boy Scout Troop 272**



St. Joseph's Cub Scout Pack 272 and Boy Scout Troop 272 have fun, exciting, educational, character building programs for boys, age 7 through 17 (*first Grade and up*).

**For more information or to enroll your child,**  
 contact **Dr. Louis Scotti at 656-8428**  
 or e-mail [JoinScouting@StJoRonk.org](mailto:JoinScouting@StJoRonk.org).

*Pack, Troop, and Crew 272 have*  
 a **YEAR-ROUND** scouting program.



## Venturing Events

*In Carew Hall after 5:00 PM Mass*

Venturing is open to men and women age 14 through 20 who have graduated from 8th Grade. This year's crew plan is jam packed with interesting and fun activities here at St. Joseph's and "off-campus" as well.

*Come down to our meeting and check it out.*

**Visit our next meetings —**

**Sunday, May 6th Tonight**  
**Sunday, May 20th**

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

*phone: Advisor Mike Keller (631) 467-6468*

**What did *you* do this weekend?**



**D.O.G.**  
**DEPEND**  
**On**  
**GOD**

*My salvation and my honor depend on God;  
 He is my mighty rock, my refuge.*

*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>.

**Fashion Show** - sponsored by Court St. Gerard #1920 CDA. Come join us to see fashions by Dress Barn. Prizes, raffles and much more. Dinner catered by Café Amici's, cost \$30 per person. Date is Friday, June 1, 7 PM at Assumption Parish Center, Crown Acres Rd., Centereach. For tickets, call Louise at 631-648-8396.

**Singles Fellowship** - St. Patrick's Parish, 280 E. Main St., Smithtown, NY Sunday, May 20, 10am to 12pm. Coffee, tea, cake and conversation & event planning. Come join us and meet a new friend. For more information call the Outreach Dept. at 631-265-2668 (10-2) weekdays.

**Military Bridge** - Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #1702, St. Patrick Church, 280 E. Main St., Smithtown, in Canning Hall on Friday, May 18th at 7PM. The cost is \$10 includes refreshments. Prizes and raffles will be available. For information call: Maureen at 265-1081.

**High School Reunion** - Dominican Commercial Class of 1962 invite you to attend a 50th Class Reunion on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 29, 2012. Please contact Eileen Kendrick Nockler at 516-599-3864 or Regina Dunne Keller at 631-385-7961 by June 1st. For further information and to help in locating 1962 lost alumni.

# *Adventure is Calling*

## **Pack 272 Welcomes You to Scouting!**

Pack 272 is recruiting boys, first grade through fifth grade, who are interested in Scouting and all it has to offer in fun-filled activities, earning badges, and making friends. Recruitment is on Friday, May 25, 2012, from 7 pm - 9 pm at St. Joseph Church (Ronkonkoma) in Carew Hall. For more information, contact Mary Scotti at (631) 979-0060.