

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 Apostles and others pray to the Lord before they elect Matthias as the successor to Judas. In the Gospel, Jesus prays to His Father, asking Him to protect the Apostles from the evils of the world and to consecrate them in the truth. In the second reading, the early Christians are reminded to love one another in imitation of the love of God.

Altar Bread & Wine

*In Loving Memory of
Howard Ferry
Requested by
Loving Wife & Family*



OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

Priest Schedule Subject to Change

This Week

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

Next Week

Fr. Thomas
Fr. Thomas
Fr. Boyle
Fr. Leuthardt
Fr. Maffeo
Fr. Leuthardt

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 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 Patricia Wall req. by Joyce & Joe Ando
- 5:00 Pray to End Abortion req. by The St. Regis Council

Monday, May 21

- 7:00 Edward J. Teaney Sr. req. by Loving Daughter
- 7:00 Dr. Jeff J. Coletti req. by Fran Coletti
- 9:00 Mother's Day Novena
- 9:00 Edward Krupp req. by CBP Chiefs & Supervisors
- 9:00 Henry Joseph Miller req. by The Miller Family

Tuesday, May 22

- 7:00 Mother's Day Novena
- 7:00 Anna Jean Follaco req. by Steven Ryan & Family
- 8:45 Anne Bartik req. by Loving Family

Wednesday, May 23

- 7:00 Joseph Gemelli req. by Lucky Riccardi
- 9:00 Rita Normandeau req. by The Ferrara Family
- 9:00 Carmine Somma req. by Loving Family

Thursday, May 24

- 7:00 Gerard B. Greek req. by The Greek Family
- 9:00 Anthony Aleixo req. by Louis & Mary Scotti
- 9:00 Lucille Luelenn req. by Louis & Mary Scotti

Friday, May 25

- 7:00 For the People of the Parish
- 7:00 Intentions of the Celebrant
- 9:00 Theresa DeFillippo req. by Marie DeFillippo

Saturday, May 26

- 8:00 Angelina Maddaluno req. by Susan, Steve, Emily Feder & Lauri
- 8:00 For All Souls in Purgatory req. by Dcn. Frank Dell'aglio

Anticipated Mass for Sunday

- 5:00 Betsey Gillin req. by Tom & Carol Gillin
- 5:00 Vincent Festa req. by Tom & Carol Gillin

Sunday, May 27

- 7:00 For All Souls in Purgatory req. by Dcn. Frank Dell'aglio
- 7:00 Clarence Dobbs req. by Charles Schultz
- 9:00 Dec'd. Mbrs. of St. Regis K of C & Columbiettes
- 9:00 Phyllis Brannick req. by The St. Regis Columbiettes
- 10:30 James Gracey req. by Kathleen Callahan
- 10:30 James J. Heriman req. by Helen Onufrak
- 12:00 Joseph Kubicsko req. by Bill & Eppi Larke
- 12:00 Vita Gandolfo req. by The Motto Family
- 12:00 Francine Nuzzollo req. by Loving Mother Mary Labate
- 5:00 Thomas Burke req. by The Steinberg Family
- 5:00 Angelina Maddaluno req. by Joan & Walter Schaer

The Mass Book is now open for :



From the Pastor's Desk

In today's Gospel, Jesus prays to the Father and asks Him to consecrate the Apostles in truth and to protect them from the world. In fact, in other verses of this chapter, Jesus even tells the Father that He is not praying for the world, only for His Apostles. Why, well Jesus tells us that they like Him do not belong to the world. Yet, Jesus asks the Father not to take the Apostles out of the world, but to protect them so that they could change the world. As Jesus prayed for the Apostles, so does He pray for us, His Living Body the Church, as we remain in this world and try to make changes. Thus, we likewise do not belong to the world, and yet we must live in it. But what is the meaning of the world in this Gospel? Our Lord is not speaking about the Earth, as much as He is speaking about the power of sin and darkness. In the ancient Jewish Tradition and likewise for John, the world refers to anything that is hostile to God or under the power of Satan. We are in a battle that we must fight, constantly going against darkness with the tools of light, life, and truth-The Gospel! If you do not believe it, just look at the struggles we have to endure every day in the media, and even from the state.

But if the world hates us, why should we try to change it? Well for the very reason why Christ came into the world in the first place, Love! The love that John tells us about in his letter, when he tells us that God is love. Yes, God is love, so we must love others, and when we do God remains in us, and His love is brought to perfection within us. We cannot truly say we love Jesus and acknowledge Him as our Savior unless we love and do our best to fight the power of darkness and spread the Good News.

Next Sunday May 27th, we celebrate the Great Feast of Pentecost, the Birthday of the Church and the last day of the Easter Season. As we will discuss next weekend, this is the day the Father and the Son sent the Holy Spirit upon the Church and empowered the Apostles and the whole Church to preach the Gospel and build the Church in every part of the world. Since this is the day of the Holy Spirit, the color of the day is RED (the fire, love, and power of the Holy Spirit); maybe you might want to consider wearing RED on this day. Each year on the Feast of Pentecost, Bishop Murphy gives the priest celebrant of the Mass, the faculty to administer Sacrament of Confirmation. This is for those who were baptized and received First Communion, but were never Confirmed. We will be doing this at the 12 Noon Mass. Please keep our Confirmandi and their families in your prayers.

Please also pray for Deacon Mike Duffy, our Pastoral Year Seminarian from two years ago, as he and his classmates prepare to be ordained Priests of Jesus Christ for the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

Deacon Mike will become Father Mike Duffy on Saturday June 9, 2012 at St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre. On Sunday June 10th, Fr. Mike will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving in his home parish of St. Frances De Chantal in Wantagh. The following Sunday Fr. Mike will celebrate the 12 Noon Mass here at St. Joseph's and there will be a reception in Carew Hall following the Mass.

We close with the opening prayer from today's Mass: Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord, so that we, who believe that the Savior of the human race is with you in your glory, may experience, as he promised, until the end of the world, his abiding presence among us. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Happy Easter
Fr. Mike



God is love.

Whoever lives in love lives in God,
and **God** in him.

1 John 4:16

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

More government funding of embryonic stem cells..

In December 2011, the National Institutes of Health announced federal funding for three more lines of embryonic stem cells. Ironically, the federal government is adding funds when private drug companies are abandoning research on embryonic stem cells because

IT DOESN'T WORK.

The drug company Geron was the first company approved to run trials using embryonic stem cells to treat spinal cord injuries, but the company announced in November that it was stopping its embryonic stem cell research program.

"Its decision was due to the hard facts of economics: There's no market for a product that doesn't work!" said Chuck Colson writing at Breakpoint.org. "...for years we've been told that the use of embryonic stem cells, which destroy human embryos –that is people – will lead to miracle cures for all kinds of diseases and conditions. The problem for embryonic stem cell advocates is that they failed to produce a single cure."

Although private companies have realized that embryonic stem cells do not result in any cures, the federal government continues to put taxpayer funds into this barbaric and unprofitable research.

Adult stem cells, produced without destroying embryos, continue to show promise and are already being used to treat more than 70 diseases and medical conditions ranging from skin cancer to Lou Gehrig's disease.

'A SPECIAL MOTHER IS BORN' is a new book by Leticia Velasquez, who is no stranger to pro-life activities. In this book parents of children born with special needs share how God has called them to this extraordinary vocation.

To order:
keepinfantwithdownsyndrome.blogspot.com.

Leticia Velasquez will be the guest speaker at 7:45 pm on Monday, May 21, prior to the general meeting of the LI Coalition for Life, at the St. Regis Council K of C Hall, located on the corner of Rosevale Avenue and Pond Road in Lake Ronkonkoma. All are welcome. For more info call 631-243-1435 between the hours of 9 AM and 7 PM.



Weekly Offering



Fiscal Year Beginning 9/1/2011

Sunday, May 13, 2012 Offerings	\$19,941
Same collection last year	17,020

Poor Box last weekend	\$572
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DRVC Cath. Elem School Collection	2012	\$1,215
	2011	870

Fuel Collection YTD	\$5,610
Same time last year	7,522
YTD Fuel Cost	14,026

Weekly Budget Amount	\$17,900	YTD Budget	\$749,600
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Collection	19,941	Actual YTD	766,122
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Overage	+2041	Overage	+\$16,522
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*Pay Down Debt Donations

This Month	\$ 595
Total Funds	199,253
Less Payments made to RVC	143,000
Fund Balance	\$56,253

RVC Loan	604,000
Less Payment	143,000
Balance	\$461,000

*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

Website: RelEd.StJoRonk.org

981-1805

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday

9:00 Am - 3:00 PM



St. Joseph School

e-mail: school@stjoronk.org

website: www.stjoeronkelem.org



Congratulations to Daisy Fagundes and Patrick Kutch. Both were finalists from our school to compete in the Diocesan Math Bee. Great job Daisy and Patrick.

Thank you to all who attended our May Crowning. Thank you to all who helped with the luncheon on Monday and all who added to the beautiful celebration.

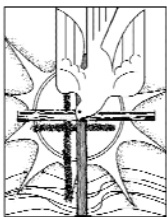
Students in Grades 4 and 5 attended an exciting field trip in Yaphank at the Suffolk Police Academy. It was a great day for all.

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 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:

We have our Confirmation date!

Our children will be confirmed on Monday, November 5th, 2012.



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.

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's Church (Ronkonkoma) in Carew Hall. For more information, contact Mary Scotti at

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.

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.



**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**

2011 GOAL	2012 GOAL
\$96,236	\$100,500
PLEDGES	PLEDGES
346	360
\$ PLEDGED	\$ PLEDGED
\$ 73,376	\$84,407

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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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 _____

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

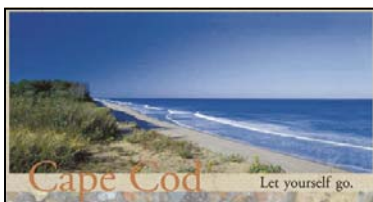
Al-Anon Suffolk County

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
4/29 #781 Rosalind Dean \$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
5/6 #668 Ray & MaryAlice Griffin \$50	5/7 #117 Matthew Kennedy \$25	5/8 #440 Jack Hough \$25	5/9 #999 The Davison Family \$25	5/10 #353 Phil LePage \$25	5/11 #807 The Brockbank Family \$25	5/12 #625 Kathleen Hudzik \$25

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



Banns of Marriage *(First Time)*

*Amy Muller of St. Joseph and
Joseph Glase of St. Joseph*

*Chelsea Damon of St. Joseph and
Frank Orobello of St. Joseph*

*Kathleen Ciliento of Good Shepherd and
Craig Vermilyea*



Baptisms

Nico John Joseph Ciaravino

The Committed Steward

During the past few weeks we have explored and prayed about how we have stewarded our God-given gifts. We have celebrated our giftedness and we have reflected on the power of our hands as those of Jesus Christ. Being aware of our gifts is not enough. We must commit ourselves to action.

As committed stewards we take up Jesus' mandate to wash the feet of others as He washed the feet of His disciples. Jesus tells us, "I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do." (John 13:15)

As part of our stewardship plan, we are conscious of how we serve others. We are conscious of our time spent in prayer and with our families; how we use our talents in service to others and how we share a portion of our financial gifts to further the mission and ministry of Jesus. We evaluate our efforts and try often to take-a-step to do even more to help build God's kingdom.

It is time to put our faith into action! We receive the Body of Christ to become the Body of Christ as stewards in today's world. We are the hands of Christ-yours are the hands of Christ. Using the words of St. Teresa of Avila as a guide, fulfill the plan you have made during this Spring's Stewardship Renewal!

*Christ has no body now but yours.
No hands, no feet, on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which He looks
compassion on this world.
Yours are the feet
with which He walks to do good.
Yours are the hands
with which He blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet.
Yours are the eyes, you are His body.*

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

We are the Hands of Christ



Stewardship

A Way of Life

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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, May 20th Tonight
Sunday, May 27th**

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>.

Faith & Light Meeting - Friday, June 8th at 7:30 pm. Parish of the Holy Cross, 95 Old Nichols Rd., Nesconset. (Faith and Light is an international faith-sharing organization for people with developmental challenges and their families and care-givers.)

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.