

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 first reading tells of God providing food and drink to Elijah who was exhausted and too disheartened to continue his mission. Paul calls the Ephesians to be firm in the Holy Spirit as they imitate the Lord in love. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that he is the living bread come down from heaven.

Altar Bread & Wine

*In loving memory of
Vincent Pantaleo
Requested by
Loving Sister Bea*



OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

Priest Schedule Subject to Change

This Week

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

Next Week

Fr. Maffeo
Fr. Maffeo
Fr. Thomas
Fr. Leuthardt
Fr. Boyle
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, August 12

- 7:00 Dec'd. Mbrs. of the Cooper Family req. by Loving Family
- 7:00 Branko Vicevic req. by Mate Kapovic & Family
- 9:00 James J. Heiman req. by Helen Onufrak
- 9:00 John W. Biglin req. by Loving Wife & Family
- 10:30 Joseph Kubicsko req. by Danny & Joyce Purcell
- 10:30 Helen Parinelli req. by Danny & Joyce Purcell
- 12:00 Carmine Cassara Sr. req. by Loving Family
- 12:00 Phyllis Brannick req. by The D'Agostino Family
- 5:00 Eileen Kennedy req. by Lorraine Fitzgerald
- 5:00 Patrick Curtin req. by Elizabeth Dinger & Family

Monday, August 13

- 7:00 Intentions of the Celebrant
- 9:00 Joseph S. Maffeo req. by Eileen & Tom McManus
- 9:00 Rita Guarino req. by Loving Nieces, Terri & Marie

Tuesday, August 14

- 7:00 Gaspar Salvi req. by The Grieb Family
- 9:00 Joseph S. Maffeo req. by Caroline Burke
- 9:00 Jenny Malandruccolo req. by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Rivera
- 7:30 For the People of the Parish

Wednesday, Aug. 15 (Assumption) Holy Day of Obligation

- 7:00 All Souls in Purgatory req. by Dcn. Frank Dell'aglio
- 7:00 For the People of the Parish
- 9:00 Virginia O'Donnell req. by Helen M. Onufrak
- 9:00 The Purga Family req. by Loving Family
- 9:00 For the People of the Parish
- 12:10 For the People of the Parish
- 5:00 For the People of the Parish
- 7:30 For the People of the Parish

Thursday, Aug. 16

- 7:00 Pauline Alles req. by Loving Family
- 9:00 Joseph S. Maffeo req. by Norman & Jean Kalish
- 9:00 Madeline Bacino req. by Caroline Burke

Friday, Aug 17

- 7:00 Thomas "Butch" Barnetas req. by Loving Wife
- 9:00 Scott Bua req. by Frances Ramondetta
- 9:00 Bill Holzapfel req. by Joseph & Janet Sheldrick

Saturday, Aug. 18

- 8:00 Jim Gibson req. by Pat Brozinsky
- 8:00 Patrick Pallace (USN) req. by Loving Brother & Family
- 8:00 John Carey Walsh req. by Dolores & Son, Keith

Anticipated Mass for Sunday

- 5:00 Laura Chaves req. by The Garcia Family
- 5:00 For the Dec'd. Mbrs. of the Peaslee & Forsythe Families req. by Ed & Marge Forsythe

Sunday, Aug. 19

- 7:00 William Schaudel req. by Loving Wife & Daughters
- 7:00 Naudo Luffezlie Fratteli req. by Berta Cervini
- 9:00 Joseph Onufrak req. by Loving Wife & Family
- 9:00 Joseph J. Onufrak req. by Loving Mother Family
- 10:30 Jean Scheraldi req. by Claire & Jim
- 10:30 Peter & Richard McQuillan req. by Claire & Jim
- 12:00 Lena Ward req. by Fran Luebs
- 12:00 Mario Canobbia req. by The D'Agostino Family
- 5:00 Ernest Martikainen req. by Elizabeth & Brian Dinger & Family
- 5:00 Harold Rayve req. by Elizabeth Dinger & Family

From the Pastor's Desk

As I pointed, out in this space six years ago, that when people talk to God that is called praying. But if a person were to say that God talked back to them that person would be considered crazy by most of the world. Now how about this question, Have you ever seen God? The answer to that question is without a doubt YES! Now some may say that is crazy, but as Christians, we believe that the whole world has seen God in the person of Jesus. As we see in today's Gospel, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him on the last day. It is written in the prophet: They shall all be taught by God. Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father." And in turn, we have seen the Son, to see the Son is to see the Father and so yes, we have seen God!

People will say; how can you have seen Jesus when He lived over 2012 years ago? Firstly, Jesus is made present in the Word proclaimed at Mass, in the Liturgy of the Hours, the Celebration of the Sacraments, and at other prayer gatherings. Jesus is made present in the Word anytime we open the Bible and read the Gospel as individuals or as a group. Secondly, Jesus is made present in a most special way when He is present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar, where Our Lord feeds us with His Body and Blood. Of course, to see Jesus in these ways, especially in the Blessed Sacrament, we must have FAITH. Without faith, all we would or could see is a flat piece of bread and a cup of wine, and that of course would make us like the people in today's Gospel. They relied only on what they saw; just the human Jesus a carpenter from Nazareth, and their lack of faith kept them from seeing any more. With faith, we can look beyond the bread we eat and the cup that we drink to see our Savior and Our Lord. Fortunately, the gift of faith is given to us freely by God so we can see Christ present in all the ways mentioned above.

Christ is also present to us in another way, and that is when we come together and see Christ in each other. We are all members of His Living Body the Church, and through Baptism, we are all Temples of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, Christ is made present through the Assembled Community, for He tells us whenever two or three are gathered in my name there I am.

Now how do we share this with those who do not believe or who do not know Christ? We as Paul tells us in the Letter to the Ephesians, we should be kind to one another and compassionate, forgiving one another as God as forgiven us. We must be imitators of God as beloved children and live in that love always. When people see us acting as Christ teaches us they will truly see Christ active and alive in us and thus they too will see God!

This Wednesday August 15th, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Body and Soul into Heaven. It is a Holy Day of Obligation; please see the bulletin for the schedule of Masses on Tuesday Night (the 14th) and for Wednesday.

Tomorrow we will continue to pray the Rosary on the Rectory Lawn starting at 7PM. This has been a wonderful time to pray the Rosary, listen to the Word of God, sing

some hymns and share fellowship with your brothers and sisters of our parish family. Bring a chair or blanket, a dessert, and join us; in case of rain or if it is just too hot or humid we will move into the Church. See you there.

There is still room available in several grades of our beautiful St. Joseph's School and if you are considering a change in your child's or grandchild's education or if you know a friend who is looking for something different and better for their children, consider a Catholic Education. There is no place like St. Joseph's, so please call our school during this month or in September and speak to our principal Mrs. Arpino about all our school has to offer.

God bless you always
Fr. Mike



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

From the Pastor's Desk

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



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"From the Pastor's Desk"
PastorsDesk.StJoRonk.org
to your Smartphone
or Blackberry.



Rosary on the Lawn



Please join us each *Monday* evening in **August** at 7 PM for our 9th Annual

Rosary on the Rectory Lawn

Bring a lawn chair or blanket, and a dessert for fellowship afterwards.

Join us for the praying of the Rosary along with hymns and the Word of God.

In case of rain we'll move into the church

Pray for the Sick

Anne Bannon	Kevin Latini
John Bertone	Nanette P. LaFranca
Sara Bertone	Janet LaGuarina
Dottie Bially	Joseph LaMomica
Mary Biglin	MaryJo Lambrose
Ryan Blair	Kenny Landgrover
Maryann Bonitz	Agnes Lane
Matthew Brennan	Alfred LaRocca
Eileen Byczek	Alfred LaRocca Jr.
Marie Califano	Nicole Laudadio
Mary Chilingirian	Ida Lucivero
Marie Cintron	Vito Lucivero
Martin Condit	Rose Magluilo
Kathleen Connelly	Carolyn Martins
Joyce Cooper	Jim McQuillan
Alessandro Cornio	Jean Marciano
Genevieve Delamater	Eugene Merkle
Michael DePinto	Catherine Mucha
Eichels Dorfer	Lenore Pappas
Sharon T. Eichler	Baby Olivia Faith Penta
Lois Emma	Barbara Petersen
Michael Emma	Barbara Piccola
Lucy Erraught	Eileen Plouffe
Anthony Falese	Mason Plouffe
Amelia Fava	Nicole Ramaglia
Ellen Fava	Baby Aidan Reichel
Philip Fava	Baby Emma Grace Riccio
Rosemarie Fava	Maryann Rossi
S Fay	Angela Rose Russo
Jim Fenyak	Ann Sabourin
Robert Filce	Joseph Sabourin
Carol Fischer	Robert Salzano
Mary Fogler	Dawn Saporito
Mary Forsyth	Denise Savage Harper
Joann Friederich	Edward Schneider Sr.
Carl Freiermuth	Alecia Sirico
Melissa G.	Matthew Swenson
Cathy Garcia	Mary Thron
Brian Ginsberg	LLoyd Turnier
Gina Givlekas	Theresa Vlahos
Joe Hartman	Larry Walsh
Curt Hennig	Linda Wagner
Erica House	Frank Yodice
William Hughes	Mary Yodice

Pray for Our Troops

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

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—

Helen Stock, Anna Stattel, Jacob Lawlor, Stephen Lawlor

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

'EVERY HUMAN EMBRYOLOGIST IN THE WORLD KNOWS THAT THE LIFE OF THE NEW INDIVIDUAL HUMAN BEING BEGINS AT FERTILIZATION. IT IS NOT BELIEF. IT IS SCIENTIFIC FACT.'

Ward Kischer, Ph. D., Human embryologist,
University of Arizona

Day 1: Fertilization The sperm joins with the egg to form one cell. This single cell contains the complex genetic makeup for every detail of a new human being – the child's sex, hair and eye color, height, skin tone, etc. After fertilization, nothing new is added but oxygen, nutrition, and time.

1st Month (1-4 Weeks) The first cell divides in two, and cell division continues as the newly formed individual travels down the fallopian tube to the uterus. More than 500 cells are present when this tiny embryo (the blastocyst) reaches the uterus 7 to 10 days after fertilization. (The blastocyst is the stage at which many researchers want to destroy the embryo in order to harvest stem cells.) This column of July 15 may have given the (wrong) impression because of wording, that eight days are needed before this collection of cells can be called a human embryo, when in fact what was meant was that eight days after fertilization is the time researchers prefer to take the embryo, thereby killing the developing human being.

2nd Month (5-8 weeks) By six weeks, brain waves can be detected by electroencephalogram, and the brain is controlling 40 sets of muscles as well as the organs. The jaw forms, including teeth and taste buds. The baby begins to swallow amniotic fluid, and some have been observed hiccupping. During this time, the stomach produces digestive juices, and the kidneys begin to function. Fingers and toes are developing, and at seven weeks, the chest and abdomen are fully formed.

3rd Month (9-12 Weeks) Unique fingerprints are evident and never change. The baby now sleeps, awakens, and exercises her muscles by turning her head, curling her toes, and opening and closing her mouth. Even though mom cannot feel movement yet, the baby is very active. She breathes amniotic fluid to help develop her respiratory system. The gender can be visually determined, and family resemblances may appear as well. By the end of the month all the organs and systems of her body are functioning.

4th Month (13 to 16 Weeks) By the end of the fourth month, the baby is 8-10 inches in length and weighs about one-half pound. Her ears are functioning and she hears her mother's heartbeat, as well as external noises like music. Mom begins to feel baby's movement – a slight flutter at first, that will become stronger. Lifesaving surgery has been performed on babies at this age.

...continued next week.

Weekly Offering



Fiscal Year Beginning 9/1/2011

Sunday, August 5, 2012 Offerings \$15,621
Same collection last year 17,556

Poor Box last weekend \$246

L.I. Catholic This Yr. \$ 3,709
Last Yr. 1,941

Fuel Collection YTD \$7,181
Same time last year 8,922
YTD Fuel Cost 15,913

Wkly. Budget. Amt. \$17,900 YTD Budget \$967,400

Collection Sunday 15,621 Actual YTD \$970,754

Weekly Shortage -2,279 YTD Overage +\$3,354

***Pay Down Debt Donations**

This Month \$ 7,505
Total Funds 220,470
Less Payments made to RVC 161,000
Fund Balance \$59,470

RVC Loan 604,000
Less Payment 161,000
Balance \$443,000

*Includes Faith Direct Collections for July
(62 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**

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Service



The Mother Church of the Ronkonkomas

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



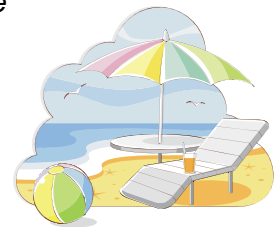
St. Joseph School will be on a summer schedule beginning June 30, 2012. You may call the school office at any time and leave a message. Messages will be received and handled. The office will be open for assistance on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 - 12 noon.

Registration for religious education classes, which begin in October, has started. To register a child for the first time, you may find all the forms online at reled.stjoronk.org or you may call us at 981-1805. Re-registration forms were sent home with your child in March. If you need another copy call the office, leave a message and we will send them to you.



Registration is open for the 2012 - 2013 school year. Space is limited. Please call the office and leave a message if you need registration information. Tours will be given prior to registration. Please leave a message on the office phone and you will be contacted. 588-4760. *Have a blessed and*

safe



BUS TRIP TO CHRISTMAS CITY BETHLEHEM, PA

Tues/Wed 12/4 - 12/5

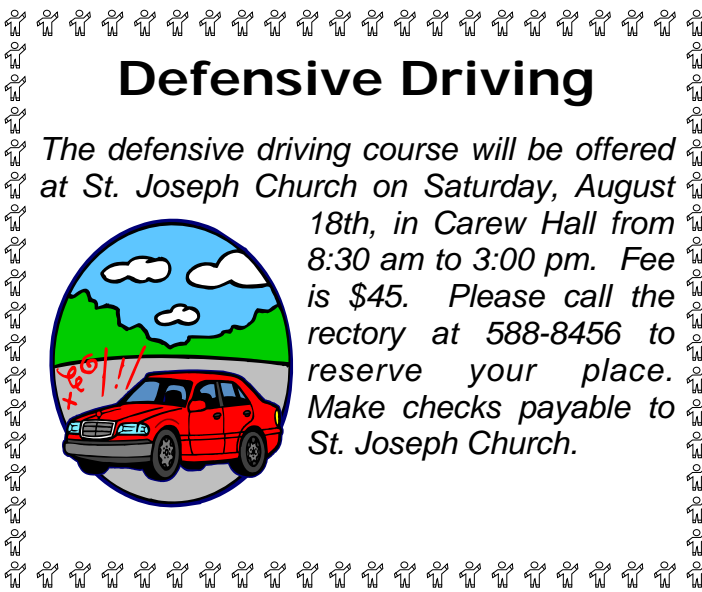
\$218 PP/double, \$264 PP/single, \$214 PP/triple
Insurance \$21 PP

Day 1 - Arrive in Christmas City, the town of Bethlehem. The Star of Bethlehem looks down on the town. Our first stop is the Sands casino and outlets. You will be given a \$5 food credit and a \$30 slot play. Afterwards we will check into the Comfort Suites Hotel and then leave for family style dinner followed by a traditional Bethlehem by night bus tour.

Day 2 - After breakfast it's the Christmas Putz—a Moravian tradition since 1741! A buffet lunch at the historic and incomparable Bethlehem Hotel. You will then have some free time to visit the Moravian Book and Gift Shop as well as other interesting shops along Main St. We leave this glimpse of heaven about 4PM. Call Arlene @648-3582. If you have a computer, leave your email address if you want copy of flyer.

Defensive Driving

The defensive driving course will be offered at St. Joseph Church on Saturday, August 18th, 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

Here is where we stand as of August 1, 2012

Our Goal: \$100,500

of Pledges: 394

Amount Pledged: \$90,957 (91%)

Amount Paid to date: \$67,641 (67%)



Rebate: as of now \$0.00 *Rebate is based on the money received in paid pledges.

When we reach 80% paid, we then get the amount between 80 & 100% of the goal as a rebate incentive.

Rebate if we reach 100% paid pledges:

\$21,100

Last year's Goal: \$96,236

Last year payments reached 92.2% of goal

Last year Rebate: \$11,706.20

You can see how important it is for us not only to reach the goal in pledges but to receive it in payments. That is important in order for St Joseph's to get the largest rebate possible from the Appeal. Won't you please help?

What does the rebate mean to St. Joseph's: Each year we prepare an annual budget. We include the rebate from the appeal in the budget income. Without the rebate we would have a \$20,000 shortfall in our projected income and that would mean cutting back on programs and services which we offer at St. Joseph's. We need your support to help raise much needed funds for the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please join the 394 families of our parish that have made a pledge to support this year's Appeal. Simply complete the tear off below.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL • DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
PO Box 4000 • ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NEW YORK 11571-4000 • 516-379-5210 EXT 2 • www.drvc.org



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

Save the Date - Sunday, September 2, 2012

7th ANNUAL RONKONKOMA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

STREET FAIR

Ronkonkoma Street Festival
on HAWKINS AVENUE
Between Portion Road & Wittridge St
Sunday September 2, 2012 — 11am - 6pm

Photos in the collage include:

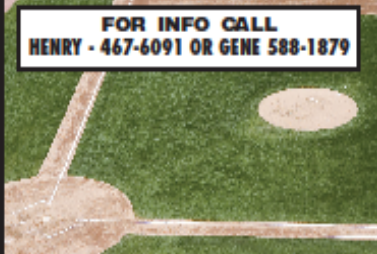
- Ronkonkoma Chamber of Commerce group
- Man in white karate gi
- Woman with dog
- Man in blue shirt at 'GOLD EXCHANGE' booth
- Woman in black shirt
- Man in white karate gi
- Group of people
- Man in blue shirt
- Group of people
- Man in white shirt
- Group of people
- Woman in pink shirt
- Woman in red shirt
- 'DANCE' booth
- Statue of Liberty
- Woman in blue shirt
- Group of people
- 'WORLD OF SPORTS' booth
- 'LAKESIDE EMPANADA' booth
- Group of people
- 'SAFETY HOUSE' booth
- 'NOW AND THEN ENTERTAINMENT' booth
- Group of children in white karate gis
- 'ETZELS' booth
- 'WOMEN OWNED BUSINESS' booth

REGISTRATION

SERVING RONKONKOMA-HOLBROOK AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES
ST. JOSEPH'S CYO

FALL 2012 BASEBALL

FOR INFO CALL
 HENRY - 467-6091 OR GENE 588-1879



TB **FARM**
 5-6 7-8
 \$40.00 \$40.00

FAMILY DISCOUNT
 3rd CHILD FREE

MINORS **MAJORS** **SENIORS**
 9-10 11-12 13-16
 \$50.00 \$50.00 \$50.00

WE USE ONLY CERTIFIED ADULT UMPIRES

FALL 2012 SOCCER

- Participation Award for Every Player
- Qualified Licensed Coaches
- On Site Bathroom
- Qualified Referees
- Insurance Coverage
- Guarantee of 50% Play Time

\$40.00

AGES 3-13

UNIFORM \$25.00 IF NEEDED

Specials:

Allstar Game AND Child Parent Game

• L.L. Jr. Travel Program • All Girls Teams

Interleague Same Price as Intramural • Soccer C-B-A, License - Ask for DATE

Free Coaching School L.L. Jr. - WE PAY FOR IT

FOR INFO & UNIFORMS CALL
 BETH - 737-6299 OR JOE 585-0748



FALL 2012 TRACK: BOYS/GIRLS GRADES K-8



FOR INFO CALL
 JERRY - 585-4048

FEE:
\$35.00*

FAMILY DISCOUNT 3rd CHILD FREE

- QUALIFIED COACHES
- ALL MEETS LOCAL - ON LONG ISLAND
- OVER 40 YRS EXPERIENCE

EVERY ATHLETE RECEIVES A TROPHY AT YEAR END AWARDS CEREMONY

MOST ATHLETES WILL RECEIVE 5-15 AWARDS DURING THE SEASON

MAIL IN REGISTRATION ASAP

ST. JOSEPH'S CYO • P.O. BOX 2755 • LAKE RONKONKOMA, NEW YORK 11779

COACHES NEEDED FOR ALL SPORTS. BECOME A TEAM LEADER

I agree as parent/guardian to provide all transportation to and from all games and practices. I hereby authorize my child's participation in St. Joseph's CYO sports program, and I know of no physical disabilities or illnesses which would interfere or prevent his/her participation. I do hereby waive, release, indemnify and agree to hold harmless or responsible, the St. Joseph's CYO, its sponsor, staff and participants, for any claim arising out of injury to my child, whether the result of negligence or for any other cause, except to the extent of St. Joseph's CYO, liability responsible for this activity.

- Check One Sport Baseball Soccer Track
 I DO NOT WANT TO DO ANY FUND RAISING. I ADDED \$25.00 TO REGISTRATION COST.
 I WILL DO FUND RAISING OF CANDY

Please sign indicating you have read and understand the above statement

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Child's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Town _____ Zip _____

Home Phone # _____ School _____ Grade _____

Email _____ Boy Girl Will Coach

St. Joseph's CYO reserves the right to change age groups based on number of registrants.

*If At All Possible, Checks or Money Orders (No Cash). Make Checks Payable to:
 ST. JOSEPH'S CYO BASEBALL • P.O. BOX 2755 • LAKE RONKONKOMA, NEW YORK 11779
 No Registration Refunds - \$40.00 Bank Service Fee For Returned Checks
 This group is not sponsored or insured by the Connetquot Central School District of Islip*

St. Joseph Parish can earn a donation every time you search the Internet or shop online at your favorite stores!

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Search the web with Yahoo-powered **GoodSearch.com** and they'll donate about a penny to our parish each time you search! *There is no charge to the parish or to you for this service.*

Shop online at more than 2,400 **GoodShop.com** merchants including Best Buy, Toys-R-U's, and others, and a percentage of each purchase will go to St. Joseph's!

Our parish will benefit from purchases that you ordinarily make in the course of your everyday online gift shopping or personal shopping at no extra cost to you.

Many coupons and deals are available to you at stores you normally shop at.

F E A T U R E D I N

The New York Times



O, THE OPRAH MAGAZINE

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

Visit our Parish Website for more information. <http://stjoronk.org>





The St. Joseph's RC School & Parish 13th Annual Golf Outing
Was A GREAT Success!!!!

Honoree: ***Arnold T. Quaranta, Jr.***

A BIG THANK YOU TO:

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And to all the golfers who supported the outing!!!

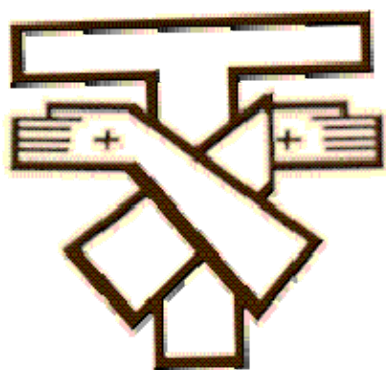
THE SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM



Everyone loves the beauty and innocence of a baby. As an expression of that love, St. Joseph Parish family will have the opportunity on August 11/12 to "spiritually" adopt a child who is newly conceived. Not all newly conceived babies are allowed to be born. In fact, more than 4,000 babies loose their lives to abortion each day. It is these babies that you are being asked to adopt.

All that is required, is that you take a prayer card home, name your baby and pray for that baby and its parents throughout the following months. Write the child's name in the space provided and return that portion to a special basked that will be placed in the sanctuary area under the display of pictures. Keep the prayer portion as a reminder to pray for that child and his/her family.

You will receive monthly reports through the parish bulletin describing your baby's development. You will also be able to see in pictures (posted on the altar and in the back of the church) the growth of your baby. We hope you will enjoy seeing these miraculous pictures and learning of the Journey of Life we have all taken, as much as we do.



The Secular Franciscan Order Day of Recollection

Given by Fr. Matthias Wesnofske, OFM Cap.

Hosted by the

Secular Franciscan Order,

St. Lawrence of Brindisi Fraternity

August 25, 2012

9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Our Lady of the Island Shrine in Eastport

Conferences, Sharing Groups, Holy Mass and Benediction
All Welcome to learn about the *Secular Franciscan Way of Life!*

Call for more information

Bob Metz 631-475-3426

righttolife1@aol.com

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

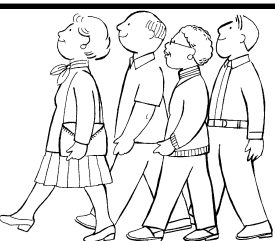
Birthright of Nassau/Suffolk

516-785-4070

Al-Anon Suffolk County

631-669-2827

info@AL-Anon-Suffolk-NY.org



St. Joseph Seniors

Calling All Seniors!

Psst! The word is out! St. Joseph Seniors are seeking new members to join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

Meetings are held at the St. Regis Knights of Columbus on Pond Rd. at 11 am. Stop by and be our guest for a cup of coffee or tea or call Arlene at 648-3582 if you have any questions.

St. Joseph Parish Outreach Center

e-mail — sjpo@verizon.net

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

Parish Outreach



Through your generosity we were able to help more than **134** people throughout the month of July. Financial assistance for the month of July was **\$1,087.30** 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
7/1 #61 Marie Kubicsko \$50	7/2 #668 Ray & MaryAlice Griffin \$25	7/3 #816 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Messina \$25	7/4 #462 Marge & Ed Forsyth \$75	7/5 #570 Rose Jauregui \$25	7/6 #56 Edith Matlock \$25	7/7 #61 Marie Kubicsko \$25
7/8 #241 Thomas & Rita Booras \$50	7/9 #1022 Ken & Rosalie Aiello \$25	7/10 #65 Michael Drum \$25	7/11 #99 Chrissy McHale \$25	7/12 #1012 William Dement \$25	7/13 #510 Ellie Steeneck \$25	7/14 #70 Linda Green \$25
7/15 #735 Matthew Kennedy \$50	7/16 #982 Court of St Joseph \$25	7/17 #985 Camile & Nick Vicale \$25	7/18 #913 Mr. & Mrs. Firestone \$25	7/19 #263 Bernadette Alvarez \$25	7/20 #262 Mary Kiechlin \$25	7/21 #5 Louis E Lopez \$25
7/22 #517 Rosemarie Rubenbauer \$50	7/23 #305 Mitchel Merida \$25	7/24 #997 Janet Kramer \$25	7/25 #465 Florence E. Castagna \$25	7/26 #734 Clare & Lou Antonucci \$25	7/27 #800 Phil LePage \$25	7/28 #1055 Rich & Mary Alice Hahn \$25
7/29 #829 Cheryl Marchese \$50	7/30 #789 Steven Gruber \$25	7/31 #277 Patrick & Kathleen Hughes \$25	8/1 #106 Barbara Arabio \$25	8/2 #835 Al & Janece Guerra \$25	8/3 #765 Elaine Mazziotti \$25	8/4 #949 Rosemarie Rubenbauer \$25

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




Banns of Marriage
(First Time)

*Stephanie Augustin and
Michael Leinoff*

*Kathleen Sicoli of St. Joseph and
Allen Perez of St. Joseph*

*Jacqueline Rockfeld and
Joseph Tavano of St. Joseph*

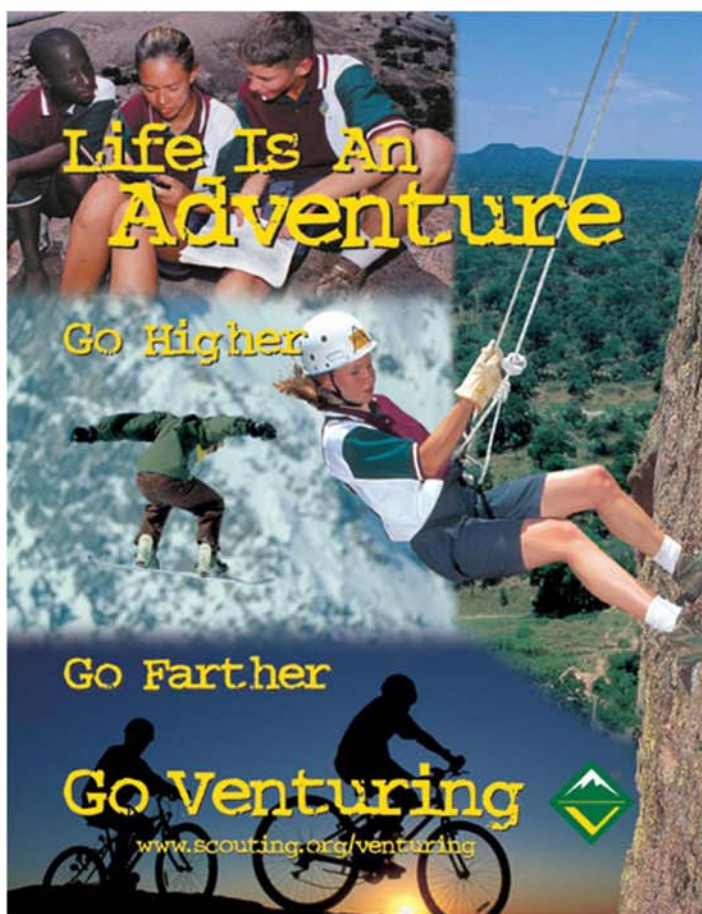



Baptisms

Andrew Joseph Chiaïno
Emma Elizabeth Fitzmaurice
Steven Robert Gnyp Jr.
Jayson Carter Rio
Peyton Elizabeth Sventora

Attention: High School and College Age Men and Women

Join our Venturing Program, part of our parish's Youth in Ministry initiative.



Saint Joseph Parish Venturing Crew 272

We meet Sundays after the 5:00 PM Youth Mass.
Women and men, age 14 through 20, are eligible to join.
(or age 13 and have completed the 8th grade)

Goals

Young adults involved in Venturing will:

- Learn to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling positive values.
- Experience a program that is fun and full of challenge and adventure.
- Acquire skills in the areas of high adventure, sports, arts and hobbies, and religious life.
- Experience positive leadership from adult and youth leaders and be given opportunities to take on leadership roles.
- Have a chance to learn and grow in a supportive, caring, and fun environment.

Methods

- *Leadership.* All Venturers are given opportunities to learn and apply proven leadership skills. A Venturing crew is led by elected crew officers. The Venturing Leadership Skills Course is designed for all Venturers and helps teach them in an active way to lead effectively.
- *Group Activities.* Venturing activities are interdependent group experiences in which success is dependent on the cooperation of all. **Learning by "doing" in a group setting provides opportunities for developing new skills.**
- *Adult Association.* **The youth officers lead the crew.** The officers and activity chairs work closely with adult Advisors and other adult leaders in a spirit of partnership. The adults serve in a "shadow" leader capacity.
- *Recognition.* Recognition comes through the Venturing advancement program and through the acknowledgement of a youth's competence and ability by peers and adults.
- *The Ideals.* Venturers are expected to know and live by the Venturing Oath and Code. They promise to be faithful in religious duties, treasure their American heritage, help others, and seek truth and fairness.
- *High Adventure.* Venturing's encouragement of high adventure, outdoor activities helps provide team-building opportunities, new meaningful experiences, practical leadership application, and lifelong memories to young adults.
- *Teaching Others.* All of the Venturing awards require **Venturers to teach what they have learned to others.** When they teach others often, Venturers are better able to retain the skill or knowledge taught, they gain confidence in their ability to speak and relate to others, and they acquire skills that can benefit them for the rest of their lives as a hobby or occupation.

What Is Venturing?

Venturing is a youth development program for young men and women who are 14 (or 13 and have completed the eighth grade) through 20. Venturing's purpose is to provide positive experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults. Venturing is based on a unique and dynamic relationship between youth, adult leaders, and our parish. Local community organizations establish a Venturing crew by matching their people and program resources to the interests of young people in the community. The result is a program of exciting and meaningful activities that helps youth pursue their special interests, grow, develop leadership skills, and become good citizens.

Our Crew specializes in youth leadership development in parish ministry.



Website: Crew272.StJoRonk.org
E-mail: Crew272@StJoRonk.org
Phone: **Advisor Mike Keller**
(631) 467-6468

Adults, 21 and over, are invited and welcomed to help advise and assist. Training is provided.



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, August 12th Tonight
Sunday, August 19th

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>.

Connetquot High School Class of 1972/40th Reunion - October 6, 2012. The Snapper Inn, 500 Shore Dr., Oakdale, NY 11769 from 7PM to 11PM. We will have music, buffet dinner and open bar. The dress is casual. Cost is \$65.00 per person. Please pass the word. For more info contact Larry @ 631-265-2656 or Connetquot72@gmail.com.

The Beginning Experience - weekend 17-19 August at the Montfort Spiritual Center in Bay Shore. The program helps grieving single-again persons emerge from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning and move into the future with renewed hope. Turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. For info call John at 516-822-0635 or Jim at 718 474-3779 or Karen at 201-736-8200. You can email us at BeginningExperienceLI@hotmail.com

Life Center of Long Island - Macy's shop for a cause coupon fund raiser sale. All proceeds to benefit the Life Center of LI. \$5.00 coupon gives you 25% off all in store and on-line purchases on Sat. Aug. 25th 2012 and a chance to win \$500 gift card to Macy's. To purchase your coupon/s call Catherine at the Deer Park office (631) 243-2373 or email Margie@lifecenterli.org for information.

Genesaret Retreat - for those facing serious illness. A retreat especially designed for persons who live with a serious illness is planned Sept. 21st, 22nd and 23rd 2012 at Montfort Spirituality Center in Bay Shore, NY. This retreat offers a respite, a quiet time, an oasis, to enable one to continue the journey. The retreat focuses on God's love, His forgiveness, and His faithfulness. To register or receive more information about this weekend, please call Colette Fanelli at 631-665-7052.

Elder Law Seminar - Complimentary Educational Elder Law Seminar that will leave you with a better understanding of the Medicaid system. At this Seminar detailed information will be shared about the rules of Medicaid and the ways to preserve your assets and still receive Medicaid benefits. Law Office of Craig A. Andreoli, P.C., 373 Route 111 Ste 1, Smithtown, NY. Admission is free, but seating is limited. For more info call (631) 686-6500. Light refreshments will be served. Thursday, August 23, 2012 from 10am to 12 pm and from 6pm to 8 pm. Seminar will be presented by Craig A. Andreoli, Esq., an experienced attorney concentrating exclusively on Elder Law and Estate Planning.



On October 6th Long Island will be celebrating the commissioning of the USS Michael Murphy, DDG112. The ship is named in honor of LT. Michael Murphy who was born in Smithtown, raised in the Patchogue/Medford area and was a life guard at the Brookhaven Lake Ronkonkoma Town Beach. LT. Murphy was a Navy SEAL who lost his life in Afghanistan and for his actions, was awarded the Medal of Honor, our nation's highest award for valor. The Commissioning Committee is asking for all Long Islanders for their support as we celebrate the legacy and memory of LT. Michael Murphy.

For more information on LT. Murphy, the ship that bears his name or how to make a contribution, please visit www.ussmichaelmurphy.org.