

## St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church

### Parish Office Hours

**Thurs. & Friday (effective August 1, 2011)**

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

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

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

**Sunday** - 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

### Pray with the Parish

Rosary - Prayed daily after the 9 AM Mass

Eucharistic Adoration - Mondays (except holidays),  
2:00 to 6:45 PM

Nocturnal Adoration & Devotion to the Sacred Heart -  
7:30 to 8:30 PM on First Fridays.

### Eucharist

**The Lord's Day:** Saturday 5:00 PM

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

**Weekdays** 7:00 AM & 9:00 AM,  
8:00 AM Saturday

**Holy Days** As announced in Bulletin

**Exposition** Monday 2:00 to 6:45 PM  
First Friday 7:30 to 8:30 PM

### Penance/Reconciliation

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

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



### Our Lady of Fatima Devotion

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

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

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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

Please come and spend some quiet time with the Blessed Sacrament



### St Joseph's Parish Monthly Recollection

On the First Friday of every month, at 7:30 PM, we hold our Monthly Parish Recollection. This is an hour of prayer, of recollection before our Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament - whose Sacred Heart is the source of immense charity and generous love. The foundation of this prayer is God's presence in our souls as Creator, Preserver, and Author of Graces ("in Him we live, and move, and are" Acts 17:28). God is our Father, and our Friend and is our sweet Guest. We must acknowledge the realization of this great truth: God is in each of us, our soul is His Temple. This prayer of recollection includes the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction, Praying of the Psalms, Silence, Gospel Reading and a Talk /Reflection on the following topics: The Cardinal Virtues of prudence, justice, temperance and fortitude. The Theological Virtues of faith, hope and love. The gifts of the Holy Spirit; wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord.

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

### Baptism

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

### Confirmation

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

### Marriage

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

### Anointing of the Sick

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

### Holy Orders

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

### Interested in becoming a Catholic?

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

## OUR LITURGY

In the first reading, we are given assurance that God will guide our ways into the security of his heart. The second reading identifies Jesus as a high priest *according to the order of Melchizedek*. In the Gospel, the blind beggar Bartimaeus is persistent as he cries out to Jesus. Because of his faith, Jesus restores his sight.

### Altar Bread & Wine

*In loving memory of  
Joseph S. Maffeo  
Families  
St. Joseph Outreach*



## OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

Priest Schedule Subject to Change

### *This Week*

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

### *Next Week*

**Fr. Leuthardt**  
**Fr. Leuthardt**  
**Fr. Thomas**  
**Fr. Maffeo**  
**Fr. Thomas**  
**Fr. Maffeo**

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, Oct. 28

- 7:00 Joseph Stapleton req. by Loving Family
- 7:00 Michael Grella req. by The Barr Family
- 9:00 Dec'd. Mbrs. of St. Regis K of C & Columbiettes
- 9:00 Jim McQuillan req. by St. Regis Columbiettes
- 10:30 Aleah Ludwig req. by Nanny
- 10:30 Phyllis Brannick req. by St. Joseph Catholic Seniors
- 12:00 Vincent Forte req. by Kevin & Margo Rainone
- 12:00 Magdalena Serr req. by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Orlando
- 5:00 Lucy Shadlich req. by Loving Family
- 5:00 Joseph S. Maffeo req. by Mr. & Mrs. Dan Ventola

### Monday, Oct. 29

- 7:00 Peter Marchese req. by Albert & Marie Cintron
- 9:00 Robert Tierney req. by Lisa & Michael Greenblatt
- 9:00 Mary Lackner req. by St. Joseph Catholic Seniors

### Tuesday, Oct. 30

- 7:00 Intentions of the Celebrant
- 9:00 Joseph Liguori (LIVING) req. by Loving Mom
- 9:00 William Mangan req. by Loving Family
- 9:00 Richard Hynes req. by Loving Wife & Family

### Wednesday, Oct. 31

- 7:00 Hector Corneil req. by Jair
- 9:00 Jim Gibson req. by Pat Brozinsky
- 9:00 Tony Bravata req. by Pat Brozinsky
- 7:30 For the People of the Parish

### Thursday, Nov. 1 (All Saints)

- 7:00 For the People of the Parish
- 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

### Friday, Nov. 2 (All Souls)

- 7:00 All Souls Novena
- 9:00 All Souls Novena
- 7:30 All Souls Novena (Mass of Remembrance)

### Saturday, Nov. 3

- 8:00 All Souls Novena
- 8:00 Angelo & Theresa FeFillippo req. by Marie DeFillippo

### Anticipated Mass for Sunday

- 5:00 Anthony Cuccia req. by The Prieter Family
- 5:00 Frederick C. Krausch Jr. req. by Ann Festa & Joseph Gillin

### Sunday, Nov. 4

- 7:00 All Souls Novena
- 7:00 Marie Califano req. by Mr. & Mrs. Maraviglia & Family
- 9:00 Living & Dec'd. Mbrs. of the Onufrak Family req. by Helen Onufrak
- 9:00 John W. Biglin req. by Loving Wife & Family
- 10:30 Aleah Ludwig req. by Uncle Joe & Aunt Debbie
- 10:30 Frank DeSensi req. by St. Joseph Catholic Seniors
- 12:00 Santo Marchesano req. by Pat & Gerald Peters
- 12:00 Fred Krausch req. by Boy Scout Troop 272
- 5:00 Charles R. Contato req. by Loving Family
- 5:00 Carmela D'Alonzo req. by Loving Family



## From the Pastor's Desk

“Take courage, get up, Jesus is calling you.’ Jesus said, ‘What do you want me to do for you?’...The blind man replied to him, ‘Master, I want to see.’ Jesus told him, ‘Go your way your faith has saved you.’ Immediately he received his sight...”

Today we are given a great lesson in faith and the power of prayer. *The Prophet Jeremiah* tells the people that they should have faith in God for He will console and guide them even after they all have suffered. God will never forget Israel who is His first-born. Even though God allowed them to fall, because of their own desires to abandon God, nevertheless God will not allow their disobedience be the last word in their relationship with Him. He went out of His way to restore them, first by sending the *King of Persia* who sends them back to Jerusalem and then He sent His only Begotten Son Our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Last Word! Have great faith in God, for He will not let us go or abandon us. As it was then, so it is now and this indeed is the basis for us to have great faith in God.

We also gave great reason to have faith in God when we see in the Gospel how *Bartimaeus’* prayer was answered. When he hears that Jesus is coming and he knows what He can do, Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus with deep faith and confidence. Even when the crowd tells him to be quiet, Bartimaeus shouts out more and louder. Observe how they rush him to Jesus’ side when He calls the blind man over. Also, observe what they say to Bartimaeus, “Take Courage!” This is how we should always approach Jesus and God the Father in our prayers with Courage. Just as Jesus tells Bartimaeus, He also tells us, “Go your way; your faith has saved you.” Christ shows the Father’s love for us constantly by what He does for our sake in His death and resurrection, in His giving of Himself to us in the Eucharist, and in answering our prayers just as He answered the prayers of *Bartimaeus, Jairus with his daughter, the Centurion’s servant* and so many other examples seen in the *New Testament*. We also see this in the lives of the Saints and the Church for the past 2012 years. Whenever you have doubts remember today’s Gospel and Jeremiah’s words of consolation, they really can inspire us all.


Remember **Backwards Raffle** Tickets are on sale and are still being sold for only \$100 each and you can of course split them with others all for the Grand Prize of \$10,000 and the many other cash prizes given that night. Last year we increased the number of tickets from 500 to 650 and we increased the number of chances to win a cash prize. So get a ticket or two to be in it and help support our beautiful parish of St. Joseph’s Parish. Please remember also the Calendar Club, yet another way to win \$25 a day, plus other prizes, see the letter sent out or look in the bulletin for more details. Both are wonderful ways to win some extra cash (which I am sure we all can use) and help our parish meet some of its financial obligations. Your generosity in these fundraisers and through your weekly or monthly contribution, help us to do all the Christ commands His Church to do.

Thank you for your continued support and if you are able please think of giving the parish a little more as our expenses like yours keep going up. But please know that we are doing everything in our power to cut expenses where we can.

Please keep in your prayers our young people who are preparing to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday November 5th at 10 AM and 1:30 PM**. Pray for them that they may be open to receiving all of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and move on to be full adult members of the Church.

God bless you always

Fr. Mike



### Mass Schedule

Oct. 31	7:30 PM	Vigil	Fr. Maffeo
Nov. 1	7:00AM		Fr. Leuthardt
	9:00AM		Fr. Thomas
	12:10PM		Fr. Maffeo
	5:00PM		Fr. Thomas
	7:30PM		Fr. Leuthardt
Nov. 2	7:30PM		Fr. Maffeo
(Mass of Remembrance)			



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



We regularly update our SICK LIST and TROOPS LIST.

Each week we remove entries older than two months on the sick list.

Pray for Our Troops

Pray for the Sick

Michael Ambrosio	Mary Jo L'Ambrose
Nilo Alvarado	Janet LaGuarina
Steven Balducci	Kenny Landgrover
Anne Bannon	Agnes Lane
John Bertone	Alfred LaRocca
Sara Bertone	Alfred LaRocca Jr.
Dottie Bially	Kevin Latini
Jane Bickel	Nicole Laudadio
Mary Biglin	Marie Lemakos
Ryan Blair	Ida Lucivero
MaryAnn Bonitz	Vito Lucivero
Richard Busick	Agnes Ludwigson
Eileen Byczek	Rose Magluilo
Vivian Catuogno	Jean Marciano
Mary Chilingirian	Carolyn Martins
Jose Chipe	Eugene Merkle
Marie Cintrol	Catherine Mucha
Martin Condit	Joanora O'Donnell
Cathy Connolly	Baby Olivia Faith Penta
Alessandro Cornio	Anna Pepe
Victor Crema	Barbara Petersen
Michael Cussen	Barbara Piccola
Genevieve Delamater	Donna Marie Priolo
Salvatore Desiderio	Danny Quinn
Michael DePinto	Mason Plouffe
Rose DePinto	Nicole Ramaglia
Martin Diomede	Baby Aidan Reichel
Barbara DiGiolomo	Joan Reilly
Ann Doherty	Baby Emma Grace Riccio
Eiclels Dorfer	Maryann Rossi
Batist Eichelsdorfer	Angela Rose Russo
Sharon T. Eichler	Ann Sabourin
Lucy Erraught	Joseph Sabourin
S Fay	Agnes Salemi
Jim Fenyak	Dawn Saporito
Robert Filce	Denise Savage Harper
Mary Fogler	Anthony Scardino
Carl Freiermuth	Donna Sibilio
Eileen Fuschi	Nancy Smith
Melissa G	Matthew Swenson
Brian Ginsberg	Mary Thron
Curt Hennig	Lloyd Turnier
Erica House	Priscilla Vero
William Hughes	Theresa Vlahos
Tommy Jankay	Mary Yodice
Daniel Kellahe	Frank Yodice
Deborah Kelly	Linda Wagner
Nanette P. LaFranca	Carol Walsh

PFC Eric Lange, USMC  
 SGT Deborah Alfieri  
 SGT Matthew Altonji  
 SPC Andrew Altonji  
 PFC Matthew Balestrieri, USMC  
 TSGT Louis Barletta  
 LT Michael Jon Bonacorsa  
 LCPL John Brown  
 PFC Justin Browne  
 LTCOL James Cersosimo  
 CPL Glenn Clacher  
 SPC Thomas E. Corcoran  
 SPC Jason Crawford  
 CPT Edward Cuevas  
 PFC John B Cuneo  
 CPT Ryan Delaney  
 TSGT Timothy Dermody  
 SGT Stephen DiGiolomo  
 SSGT Tony Elliott  
 LT Kelly Fletcher  
 SPC Adam Franciosa  
 CPT Mark Gillman  
 CPL RJ Hartmann  
 SSGT J.R. Kay USAF  
 SSGT Jessica Kay  
 SGT John W Keohane  
 MAJ Sean P Kilkenny  
 CW2 Steven Knight  
 LCPL William Langdon  
 SPC Christopher Leone  
 SGT Wade Lynch  
 MAJ Kevin McCue  
 PVT Thomas B McGinn  
 SGT Patrick McNally  
 PFC William Meyer  
 CPL Brian G Meyer  
 CPO Gregory Migliore  
 SGT Glenn Miller  
 LT Heather Miras  
 SPC4 George Monica  
 SPC4 John Monica  
 SGT Daniel Montville  
 GYSGT Brian Moran, USMC  
 MAJ Gregory Mueller  
 LCPL Thomas Napolitano  
 LCPL Michael Napolitano  
 PVT Todd Nelson  
 LCPL James Neubauer  
 SGT Brian Pacell  
 CPT Stephen Bartoszak  
 ENS3 Lucy Padro  
 PFC Matthew Pandolfi  
 LCPL Kevin J. Uffmann Marine  
 SFC James Munro Army  
 CPT Michael Parisi  
 2LT Anthony Parisi

MAJ Paul E Pinaud  
 CTR2 Matthew Pistritto  
 LT David A Rewkowski  
 SGT Edwin Rivera, II  
 SGT Anthony M Sbrocco, USMC  
 SSGT Jason Schiavo  
 LCPL W. Mason Shehan  
 SGT Jennifer Tomaneng  
 SSGT Timothy McGoyne  
 SPC James Stanek  
 SGT Erica Sweeney  
 EO3 Taylor Taranto  
 MM3 Gregory Taranto  
 PFC Greg Terrish  
 SGT Jason Tulowitzki  
 SSGT Nick Vitale  
 SGT John Thomas Vogt  
 CPL Brandon Waldon  
 SGT Randolph Weaver  
 MSTR Robert Casey  
 ILT Richard Lutz  
 HN Frederick James Borsell  
 SPC Darian L. Clark/Army  
 SAMN Bill Ried  
 CPL Michael Casonova  
 SPEC4 David Cooper  
 MIDN Michael Cristiano  
 SGT Brian P. O'Leary  
 PFC Gregory Caplan  
 MPS Timothy Caplan  
 E6PO1 Gerard McGarrity  
 LT John Cox II  
 PFC Nicholas Barbieri  
 LCPL Jim A. Mock  
 SGT Maj. John A. Krumholz  
 LCPL Joseph R. DeGroot, USMC  
 RCT Dustin A. Whitton, USMC  
 SPC Peter Reilly  
 SMAN T.J. Waldhauser, US Navy  
 LCPL Brian Kolarik, USMC  
 LCPL Kevin Erb  
 PVT Chris Dorn, Army  
 SSGT Ray C. Sigman II  
 N/Seal Paul Padro  
 LCPL Sean Rainone, USMC  
 SGT Thomas Lupo  
 SGT Mike Hengerle, USMC  
 SPC Anthony Lupo US Army  
 Kelly R. Denimarck ENS Navy  
 SFC James Munro Army  
 Kristen M. Saporito USMC  
 Captain Sean Lavigne USAF



**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—**

**Joseph Olivieri, Sister Sheila Hughes, Maryann DeBellis, Margaret D'Aurio**  
*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

**Election Day** is coming...nine more days . We will be voting for: the **President, Vice President, U.S. Senator, House of Representatives member, NYS Senator, NYS Assembly member, State, County and District Court Judges .**

Our wonderful **Cardinal Dolan** , speaking before candidates from presidential to local, hundreds of elected representatives from across the United States, and to the many thousand of attendees, said:

On August 30, 2012 at the Republican Convention –“Almighty God, who gives us the sacred and inalienable gift of life, we thank you as well for the singular gift of liberty.

Renew in all our people a respect for religious freedom in full, that first most cherished freedom.”

On September 6, 2012 at the Democrat Convention – “Thus do we praise you for the gift of life. Grant us the courage to defend it, life, without which no other rights are secure.

We ask your benediction on those waiting to be born, that they may be welcomed and protected. Strengthen our sick and our elders waiting to see your holy face at life’s end, that they may be accompanied by true compassion and cherished with the dignity due those who are infirm and fragile.

Adapted from Life News, October 2012

Perhaps it’s somewhat early to be thinking of Advent, but please be aware of the **Maternity/Advent “Act of Kindness” Project.** This Project is sponsored by the **Respect Life Office** of the Diocese in collaboration with the Education Office, the Office of Faith Formation, and Catholic Charities.

The purpose of this project is to ask for support of the young mothers who live in maternity residences such as **Bethany House, Good Counsel Home, and Momma’s House.** This support may take the form of money, metro, phone and gift cards for young families.

(How about a gift card? Tuck one of them in a Christmas card – think of how happy you’ll make some struggling young mother, who after all, chose to have her baby, and turned her back on the abortion people, but does need help and encouragement.) If any of the suggestions is not possible for you, how about sending a greeting card? Send whatever you can afford to: Respect Life Office, 50 North Park Avenue,

P.O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023

516-678-5800 exts.626 & 381 [dtellis@drvc.org](mailto:dtellis@drvc.org) or [www.drvc.org/respectlife](http://www.drvc.org/respectlife). Checks may be made payable to : Diocese of Rockville Centre

**Reminder** – there is a Secret Safe Place for newborns – emphasis on ‘safe’.

**BABY SAFE HAVEN** –nearest hospital, fire department, police precinct.

[www.amtchildrenofhope.com](http://www.amtchildrenofhope.com)

**Helpline: 1-877-796-HOPE (4673)**

# Weekly Offering



Fiscal Year Beginning 9/1/2012

Sunday, October 21, 2012 Offerings \$18,513  
Same collection last year 16,542

RVC World Mission Collection 2012 \$1,576  
2011 1,484

Poor Box last weekend \$283

*Fuel* Collection YTD \$ 1,525  
Same time last year 1,290  
YTD Fuel Cost 1,399

Wkly. Budget. Amt. \$18,550 YTD Budget \$148,400

Collection Sunday 18,513 Actual YTD \$137,129

Weekly Shortage -37 YTD Shortage -11,271

**\*Pay Down Debt Donations**

This Month \$ 5,991

Total Funds 239,558

Less Payments made to RVC 173,000

Fund Balance \$66,558

RVC Loan 604,000

Less Payment 173,000

Balance \$431,000

\*Includes Faith Direct Collections for October (65 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](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



We will be closed Thursday, November 1st for All Saints Day. Please refer to the bulletin for the mass schedule celebrating this day.

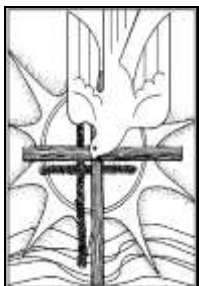
Sunday School began on Sunday, September 30th during the 10:30 mass. Children ages 3-5 are welcome to join us.

Level 3 will have the opportunity celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday, October 29th at 7:15 in the Church.

Entertainment Book 2013 is here! Savings begin Nov. 1, 2012 and end Nov. 1, 2013. The books are \$30 (\$35 + tax in stores) and are also available for other cities around the country. You will be able to save hundreds of dollars using these books as well as helping our Religious Education Program.

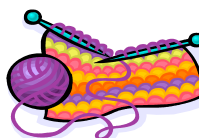
For more information or to order call Kathy at 981-2617 or leave a message at 981-1805. Books will be available in the Church lobby after 5PM Mass on Saturdays and Sundays beginning this weekend.

## Confirmation Corner



Confirmation rehearsals took place last week. Confirmandi who still need a gown can come into the office this week.

## Calling All Knitters and Crocheters



Do you love to knit or crochet? Share this love with your fellow parishioners and do a good work at the same time. There is a need for baby hats for premature babies, lap blankets for those in hospice care,

scarves for breast cancer patients, as well as many other ongoing projects which will bring comfort to persons in these situations.

We are hoping to form a group to do this loving work. (perhaps on Monday morning at 10:30 to 12:00.) Please call Virginia Catalano at 631-724-8586 if you are interested in helping out.

## St. Joseph School

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



So sorry it's late with all the happenings this week already.

Our blessings are with our 8th graders as they take the high school entrance exam this weekend. They have been working so hard and are so prepared for this exam. I'm sure everyone will be very successful.

Thank you to all who participated and helped with our wonderful Halloween activities. Our trick-or-trunk and Halloween dance were wonderful events for all the families who shared with us.

Congratulations to our 7th and 8th graders who made such a wonderful impression on the guides at the Liberty Museum in Philadelphia. Our students were so genuine with their discussions about caring and respecting others. Each of the tour guides commented on how well-behaved, respectful and intelligent our students were in their discussions.

We had a wonderful day despite some of the rain. We were able to see and share a great part of history.

## Upcoming events:

**Supermarket Bingo** - be a part of this family fun event.

**Confirmation** for students in Grade 8

**No school** on Nov. 5th for students in Grades 1 - 7

**Field trip** to the farm for students and their families in Nursery, Pre-k and K. on Monday, Nov. 5th.

Congratulations to the students on our travel soccer team. Keep up the good work and great school spirit! Basketball information to be coming soon.





# Pray the Rosary Honor the Blessed Virgin Mary

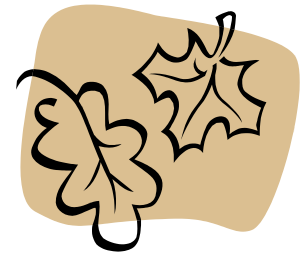
The Month of October is dedicated to praying the Rosary. The Evangelization Group will pray the Rosary in your home with a Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Invite your family, friends and the neighbors to pray the Rosary. Praying the Rosary will conclude with the blessing of the house. Please call the rectory at 588-8456 if you wish to have the Rosary prayed in your home.

*Ad Jesum Per Mariam “  
To Jesus through Mary”*



**Fr. Boyle's**  
New Address

St. Anthony Church  
2536 W. Hoffmeyer Rd  
Florence, SC 29502



# THANKSGIVING

That's right! It's almost the Holiday Season!! Once again, Outreach is asking for your help in providing a Thanksgiving meal for their clients. Donations of the following would be greatly appreciated: gift certificates for turkeys, stuffing mix, instant potatoes, canned vegetables, cranberries and any non-perishable fixings. All donations can be left at Church in the basket in the lobby, at the Outreach Office or the Rectory.

**Thank you!**



COURT ST. JOSEPH #975

# CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

RONKONKOMA, NEW YORK 11779

## **Attention: Women of St. Joseph's Parish**

Please come and meet representatives!

There will be members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas handing out brochures in the Church lobby after all the Masses on October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

- We keep our membership informed with our newsletters. Monthly meetings.
- Participate in various charitable and social functions with our sister courts throughout Suffolk and Nassau Counties.
- We sponsor two fundraisers annually (Spring and Fall Auctions) supports our gifts to the parish, our clerical expenses, our charitable deeds
- A scholarship awarded to a child of our parish school.
- We strive to assist the parish, to be utilized, and made visible. If any organization is to exist, it must be seen and people must be aware of its goals.
- Some National Projects:
  - Disaster Relief
  - Smile Train
- Some National Charities:
  - Catholic Relief Services
  - Morality in Media

Please join! Contact: Regent, Terri Cronin (631) 615-2181



## White Ribbons Against Pornography

*“The time has come to take an energetic stance against prostitution and the widespread availability of erotic and pornographic material, also on the Internet.”* **Pope Benedict XVI**

Join with the Catholic Daughters in wearing a white ribbon to raise awareness about the pervasive and damaging effects of pornography on our culture, families, and communities.

There will be members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas handing out white ribbons in the Church lobby after all the masses on October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. We are asking you to wear these ribbons to symbolize your concern about the impact pornography is having on our society, especially to our children. We hope this expression of concern will raise awareness to this problem and cause people to take action to restore decency.

# ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 6, 2012 IS COMING

Before you know it Election Day will be upon us, and as Americans we are given the great privilege to vote for those who will make the laws, interpret the laws and be the executives of our country, state, county and local governments. This is indeed a great gift and it is our duty as Americans and as Catholics living in this country to actively participate in our Democracy and to get out and **VOTE!** Especially this year, when we will vote for the person who will be our President for the next four years, and we will vote for our Representatives to the U.S. House of Representatives and for one of our two Senators to the U.S. Senate. We will also be voting for various offices for our state, county, and town governments, as well as various questions and propositions. As you know, this past year we have been challenged by the economy, peace in the world, health care questions, moral issues and even our rights to free speech and to practice our faith without state interference. As Bishop Murphy once wrote, "In an increasing secular society, many would want the voice of the Church to be stifled or ignored, yet the Church's social teaching provides the best vision of the human person in society that has been developed. We are the guardians and promoters of that vision and of those truths. As we [*pastors and priests*] preach the 'just word' to our people, we should never hesitate to apply these principles to the issues of the day and to urge the faithful to make the principles of Catholic social doctrine the criteria by which the faithful judge political programs. The application of Catholic social teaching to the policies, programs, and projects of candidates and their parties will allow us to make decisions that will enhance the lives of all citizens and the common good of all, both in our country and around the world."

Therefore as Catholics we should:

1. Be registered to vote and go out and vote.
2. Be able to make informed decisions based on an informed conscience.
3. To have an informed conscience we must know or seek out what the Church teaches on moral, social and political issues.
4. Be totally informed as to the stance of candidates and their parties.

We must know about all issues which cover the dignity of every human person, with the right to life and a natural death from womb to the tomb, how each person has his/her inalienable rights, the defense of marriage and family values, and remember the Gospel's preferential option for the poor, and always support that which will promote the common good.

This is just a few points we can follow. If you want to examine the issues more from Catholic point of view, you can go to the **USCCB (US Conference of Catholic Bishops)** web site ([www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)) and order or read the booklet *Faithful Citizenship*.

Some times people ask priests, why we do not publicly support one candidate or political party from the pulpit? **We can not**, for the *Liturgy of the Word* is a part of our public worship and homilies and commentaries are to be directed to proclaiming the Word, not expressing opinion pro or con for one candidate or political party. Yes, we can talk about the issues and the Church's teaching but not support or reject any one candidate or party. Also according to the laws of the United States and of the various States we as a Tax-Exempt, Non-Profit Institution are not allowed to support one party or person over another. Likewise if we were to have any night for the candidates we must have all of the candidates appear and this would include people who take positions contrary to the teachings of the Church which would make us look foolish, be misleading, and provide a platform for someone to promote views contrary to the Gospel. Therefore we can not sponsor a night like this.

In order for a Democracy to survive, we must all do our part to be informed, get involved, and vote for the candidates that best support our political beliefs and our beliefs as Catholics. **COME NOVEMBER 6TH, VOTE!**

St. Joseph R.C. Church  
Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

# Backwards Money Drawing

SATURDAY, November 24, 2012 6:15 PM

Carew Hall

**\$10,000.00 GRAND PRIZE**

(Last ticket drawn—Winner need not be present)

## PRIZE LIST

<u>TICKET DRAWN</u>	<u>PRIZE AMOUNT</u>
1	\$200.00
50	\$200.00
100	\$200.00
150	\$200.00
200	\$200.00
250	\$200.00
300	\$200.00
350	\$200.00
400	\$200.00
450	\$200.00
500	\$200.00
550	\$200.00
600	\$200.00
642	\$400.00
643	\$500.00
644	\$600.00
645	\$700.00
646	\$800.00
647	\$900.00
648	\$1,000.00
649	\$2,500.00
650	\$10,000.00

**\$100.00 Donation**  
**Only 650**  
**Tickets Sold**  
Winners need not be present.



Food - Drink - Prizes

*Ticket stub entitles 2 people admission to the party.*

**Backwards Money Drawing Ticket Order**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

CIRCLE # ATTENDING PARTY    0   1   2

Complete this form and return it to St. Joseph's Church 45 Church St. Ronkonkoma, NY 11779.

A numbered ticket stub will be returned to you upon receipt of this form and \$100.00 donation.

Please enclose your donation with this order. Thank You.

# 2012 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL



**\$21,000** - That is the amount St Joseph's will get if you help us reach our goal!

Catholic  
Ministries  
Appeal



We all need a  
little help  
sometimes.

We are getting closer to reaching the goal of \$100,500 but we still need your help. If you have not made a donation to the Catholic Ministries Appeal you can still do so by filling out the tear off slip below and returning it to the rectory. If you are one of the 406 families that have already made a pledge we remind you that payments must be in by January 20th to count toward this year's goal. And when we reach that goal in paid pledges St Joseph's will receive a rebate of \$21,000! Many of us know someone who is struggling for any number of reasons: loss of income through unemployment, illness or injury; and others struggle just to meet the rising cost of food, gas, utilities and medications. We simply ask that everyone try to be compassionate and generous so that all will have their needs met. Through your support we can see to it that others get the help they need. CMA Collection at all Masses on Saturday & Sunday, October 27th & 28th

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## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

*One Faith, One Hope, Many Gifts*

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

PLEDGE \$ \_\_\_\_\_ INITIAL PAYMENT \$ \_\_\_\_\_ BALANCE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to charge your contribution to your credit card, please check here and see reverse side of this form.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH OF DONOR \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF DONOR \_\_\_\_\_

### A GUIDE TO GIVING

PLEDGE	10 PAYMENTS
\$5,000	\$500
2,500	250
1,500	150
1,000	100
500	50
300	30
150	15

OTHER \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**EVERY GIFT COUNTS!**

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

# Outreach Resources

## Emergency Resources

## Family Resources/Support Groups

### **Response of Suffolk County**

Crisis Hotline

631-751-7620 or 631-751-7500 (hotline 24 hrs./7 days)

[www.responsehotline.org](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)



## Defensive Driving

*The defensive driving course will be offered at St. Joseph Church on Saturday, November 10th, 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.*



### **St. Joseph Parish Outreach Center**

e-mail — [sjpo@verizon.net](mailto:sjpo@verizon.net)

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

#### **Parish Outreach**



Through your generosity we were able to help more than **164** people throughout the month of September. Financial assistance for the month of September was **\$4,478.50** 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."**

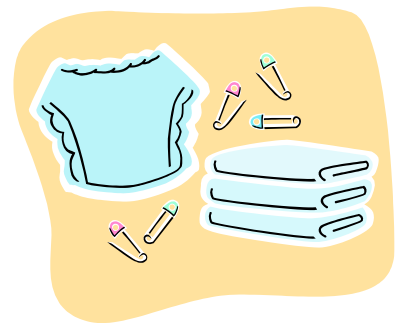
# A Spiritual Journey Through the New Testament for the 21st Century



A journey through the New Testament to discover the means of meeting the challenges to living our faith in the 21st century and understanding the nature of truth and suffering in our lives.

Course is to be given starting the first Thursday in October at 7:30 PM in the rectory basement by Deacon Joseph J. Califano.

## Respect Life Sunday Diapers for Babies Collection October 2012



The Respect Life Committee of St. Joseph's Parish will welcome your donation of diapers for babies and toddlers in need.

For this October Baby Collection we are asking for disposable diapers. If you have not already purchased a gift to donate please consider disposable diapers in sizes 4 or 5. Please place all gifts in the bassinet at the main entrance to the Church or bring to St. Joseph's Parish Outreach.



# Calendar Club 2012



## The Winners Are

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9/30 #134 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Messina \$50	10/1 #897 Pat Blinn \$25	10/2 #1156 Lynda Hickey Mike Veltri \$25	10/3 #1071 Maureen & Kevin Delaney \$25	10/4 #412 Fr. Mike Boyle \$25	10/5 #907 Rita Devlin \$25	10/6 #512 C Mullenforth L Sampson \$25
10/7 #646 Mike & Cynthia Kelly \$50	10/8 #408 Florence Buckley \$25	10/9 #554 C Mullenforth & L. Sampson \$25	10/10 #618 Mary Ann Olivieri \$25	10/11 #395 R & T Powers \$25	10/12 #830 Phyllis Ann Ehrhardt \$25	10/13 #1059 Louis E. Lopez \$25
10/14 #805 John J. Mahon \$50	10/15 #346 Marie Kubicko \$25	10/16 #596 Janet & Bill Wroblewski \$25	10/17 #896 The Grieb Family \$25	10/18 #1030 Rich & Leslie Maynard \$25	10/19 #637 Marion & Joe Scarglato \$25	10/20 #412 Fr. Mike Boyle \$25

### Banns of Marriage

*(Third Time)*



*Jennifer Peluso of St. Joseph and  
Keith Zasowski of Good Shepherd*

*Kerri Spatz of St. Joseph and  
Mark Paino of St. John Nepomucene*

*Justine Baarra of St. Joseph and  
James Scall of St. Margaret of Scotland*

*Claribel Fernandez of St. Joseph and  
Nelson Peralta of St. Joseph*

*Carla Nobre of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and  
Joseph LaPuglia of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*

*Christina Goodwin of St. Joseph and  
Brian Korrow of St. William the Abbot*

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

### Baptisms

*Makenzie Jade Hofbauer  
Jacob Daniel O'Rourke  
Jaxon Joseph Orenzow  
Carmine Anthony Santomassino*



## Why should I involve my son in Boy Scouting?

*As a parent, you want your son to grow up to be a person of worth, a self-reliant, dependable, and caring individual. Boy Scout Troop 272 has these same goals in mind for him. Since 1910, the Boy Scouts of America has been weaving lifetime values into fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, developing good citizenship, and enhancing physical fitness in youth. These values help your son make good decisions throughout his lifetime and give him confidence, as he becomes an adult leader of tomorrow.*

**Boy Scouting**, one of the traditional membership divisions of the BSA, is available to boys who have earned the Arrow of Light Award in Cub Scouts or have completed the fifth grade, or who are **11 through 17 years old**. Our Troop achieves the BSA's objectives of developing character, citizenship, and personal fitness qualities by focusing on a vigorous program of outdoor activities, fun and purposeful troop meetings, and youth leadership skills development.

The Scouting program has three specific objectives, commonly referred to as the "Aims of Scouting." They are **character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness**. The methods by which the aims are achieved are listed below in random order to emphasize the equal importance of each.

**Ideals.** The ideals of Boy Scouting are spelled out in the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, the Scout motto, and the Scout slogan. The Boy Scout measures himself against these ideals and continually tries to improve. The goals are high, and as he reaches for them, he has some control over what and who he becomes.

**Patrols.** The patrol method gives Boy Scouts an experience in group living and participating citizenship. It places responsibility on young shoulders and teaches boys how to accept it. The patrol method allows Scouts to interact in small groups where members can easily relate to each other. These small groups determine troop activities through elected representatives.

**Outdoor Programs.** Boy Scouting is designed to take place outdoors. It is in the outdoor setting that Scouts share responsibilities and learn to live with one another. In the outdoors the skills and activities practiced at troop meetings come alive with purpose. Being close to nature helps Boy Scouts gain an appreciation for the beauty of the world around us. The outdoors is the laboratory in which Boy Scouts learn ecology and practice conservation of nature's resources.

**Advancement.** Boy Scouting provides a series of surmountable obstacles and steps in overcoming them through the advancement method. The Boy Scout plans his advancement and progresses at his own pace as he meets each challenge. The Boy Scout is rewarded for each achievement, which helps him gain self-confidence. The steps in the advancement system help a Boy Scout grow in self-reliance and in the ability to help others.

**Leadership Development.** The Boy Scout program encourages boys to learn and practice leadership skills. Every Boy Scout has the opportunity to participate in both shared and total leadership situations. Understanding the concepts of leadership helps a boy accept the leadership role of others and guides him toward the citizenship aim of Scouting.

**Cub Scout Pack 272 is also taking new members. (7 to 10 year olds)**

For info about enrolling your son in the Troop or the Pack  
e-mail [Scouting@StJoRonk.org](mailto:Scouting@StJoRonk.org) or call 979-0060 (Dr. Louis Scotti).

Visit our website: [Troop272.StJoRonk.org](http://Troop272.StJoRonk.org)





## 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, Oct. 28th Tonight**

**Sunday, Nov. 4th**

*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>.

**Catholic Cruise to Alaska** - Come and sail away on a 7-night Catholic Alaska Cruise with Fr. Brendan Smith, August 20-27 2013 on the Carnival Miracle out of Seattle, Washington. Ports of Call, Cruise Tracy Arm Fjord, Skagway (Alaska), Juneau, Ketchikan, Victoria. Prices begin at \$1932 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass and Rosary offered. Deposits of only \$200 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further info or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785 or e-mail at [dpayttc@aol.com](mailto:dpayttc@aol.com).

**Help Wanted** - P/T office position, 10 hrs. a week, Monday to Friday from 3pm to 5pm. Phones, filing, miscellaneous office duties. Computer skills required. Call Lori at 631-737-4388 for more information. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Lake Ronkonkoma

**Faith & Light Meeting** - Friday, Nov. 9th at 7PM. Parish of the Holy Cross, 95 Old Nichols Rd., Nesconset. (Faith & Light is an international faith-sharing organization for people with developmental challenges and their families and care-givers.)

**Holiday Help for the Bereaved** - St. Mary's Church, E. Islip (20 Harrison Ave.) is offering a special program for all who have suffered the death of a loved one and are struggling to cope with the upcoming holidays. The program will be on Wednesday, Nov. 14th from 7:30 pm to 9 pm in the Sacred Heart Hall. Our guest speaker is Elaine E. Stillwell, M.A., M.S. Elaine is the Founder of The Compassionate Friends of Rockville Centre. A free will offering is appreciated. RSVP to the rectory (581-4266 x 0) by Nov. 12th. Refreshments will be served.

**Holy Mother Mary Columbiettes** - will host a Spaghetti Dinner at the Knights of Columbus Hall. 130 Lake Avenue, South Nesconset on Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012 at 6 PM. Cost is \$15.00. Please call Toni for reservations @724-1381. Space is limited. Come and enjoy good food and good company.

### *Baptismal Ministry*

Join us in this joy-filled ministry that welcomes our tiniest new Catholics and their families to the Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. Every few weeks we need about an hour of your time to help the priest or deacon prepare for the celebration and to welcome and guide our families to and through the celebration. If you *love* babies and like to meet *happy* people and welcome them to our parish, this is for YOU!



Please call 588-8456 for more information.

### *Spiritual Adoption Progress*

The 2 month developing baby is making progress in the formation of all her external features and internal organs. Her brain is functioning at 40 days. Her mother can hear her heart beat now on an ultrasonic stethoscope. Baby-teeth buds are present at 6 1/2 weeks. The central nervous system is functioning and 40 muscle-sets begin their first exercises. From this moment, your spiritually adopted baby grows and refines her body. Everything she needs to survive after birth is already present by the end of the eighth week. She is now called a "fetus", a Latin word meaning "little one". Ultrasound reveals that this little one can now spring, flip and jump - her first dance steps!