

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

Jeremiah announces, in the first reading, that the days are coming when the promise of God will be fulfilled. Paul reminds the Thessalonians to be strong in their faith. In the Gospel, Jesus extols his listeners to be vigilant in prayer and strength.

Altar Bread & Wine

*In loving memory of
 Msgr. Francis S. Midura
 Requested by
 Patty & Jerry Peters*



OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

Priest Schedule Subject to Change

This Week

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

Next Week

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, Dec. 2

- 7:00 Jozef Wolanski req. by Loving Family
- 7:00 Thomas "Butch" Barnetas req. by Loving Wife
- 9:00 Living & Dec'd. Mbrs. of the Onufrak Family req. by Helen Onufrak
- 9:00 John W. & Mary T. Biglin req. by Loving Family
- 10:30 Jozef Wolanski req. by Loving Family
- 10:30 John Brennan req. by Anthony & Lisa Lupo & Family
- 12:00 Jernnie Funicello req. by Robert & Joanne Koepper
- 12:00 Rosemary Hughes req. by The Loving Hughes Family
- 5:00 Antoni Zwolak req. by The Spatz Family
- 5:00 Msgr. Francis Midura req. by Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Ventola

Monday, Dec. 3

- 7:00 Fernando Talla req. by Frederick Talla
- 9:00 Paula Amodio req. by Tara Amodio
- 9:00 Edward McGee req. by Tara Amodio

Tuesday, Dec. 4

- 7:00 Mary Sedlock req. by Ann Festa
- 9:00 James G. Foley req. by Loraine Kowaleski & Family
- 9:00 Evelyn Lamia req. by Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Marietta Norton

Wednesday, Dec. 5

- 7:00 Steve Ady req. by Annamarie & Mike Kryger
- 9:00 Peter Marchese req. by Joe & Gina Bondonaro
- 9:00 Constance Calabrese req. by Joseph & Janet Sheldrick

Thursday, Dec. 6

- 7:00 Iris Dietze req. by Beth & Steven Rossi
- 7:00 John Kiernan req. by Beth & Steven Rossi
- 9:00 Marie Califano req. by Jim & Arlene
- 9:00 Jim McQuillan req. by Claire

Friday, Dec. 7

- 7:00 Intentions of the Celebrant
- 9:00 Donna Johnson req. by Paul Maloney
- 9:00 Howard Fraley req. by Paul Maloney
- 7:30 For the People of the Parish (Vigil)

Saturday, Dec. 8 (Immaculate Conception)

- 8:00 For the People of the Parish
- 12:00 For the People of the Parish

Anticipated Mass for Sunday

- 5:00 Anne Bannon req. by Manuel & Irene & Family
- 5:00 Michael Fleming req. by Norma Brasilie & Family

Sunday, Dec. 9

- 7:00 Cornelius J. Dunleavy req. by Loving Wife
- 7:00 Joseph S. Maffeo req. by Lou & Mary Scotti & Family
- 9:00 James J. Heiman req. by Helen Onufrak
- 9:00 John H. Burnett req. by Loving Family
- 10:30 Mark D. Kurnatowski req. by Mother & Father
- 10:30 Dr. Jeff J. Coletti req. by Fran Coletti
- 12:00 Brian McGee req. by Loving Friends
- 12:00 Mary & Jack D'Agostino req. by Loving Family
- 5:00 Ava Cervini (LIVING) req. by Grandma & Grandpa Buccellato
- 5:00 Rosalia Manzella req. by Loving Daughters



From the Pastor's Desk

Here we are again entering a new Liturgical Year and a new Advent Season. As you know, the first two weeks of this season call us to remember that Christ will come again and the second two weeks (although this year the fourth week of Advent is only one and half days) help us to focus on the first coming of Christ as an infant. As we read in today's gospel we are not presented with a pretty or pleasant picture, in fact it is down right scary, well maybe! All four Gospels have a section of Apocalyptic Literature, and we find in Scripture two whole books dedicated to this type of literature. They are the Book of Daniel in the Old Testament and the Book of Revelation in the New Testament. These books and the sections in the four gospels were written at a time when Israel was under occupation and fighting for its religious life and faith. Or they were written when the early Church was likewise facing persecution by the Roman Empire. In these books, they speak about a past time (as in Daniel) or of a future time (as in the Gospels and Revelation), when things have happened or will happen to those who oppose the God of Israel or oppress His Church. They recall how the judgment of God would be upon them and that they will be punished, and that the true glory of God would and will be seen.

Daniel is written during the time when Israel was occupied by the Greek Generals who followed Alexander the Great. They had divided Alexander's Empire after his death and those who ruled Israel would not allow for the free worship of God according to the ancient rites. You can read more about this in the 1st and 2nd Books of Maccabees, which were also written at the same time as Daniel. The author went back in time to tell the story of when Israel was being held captive in Babylon. It tells of how the Prophet Daniel through the power of God was able to outsmart King Nebuchadnezzar and his son, who eventually would be punished, and how Israel would triumph in the end; as it did with the rising of the Persian Empire. Daniel in short tells his audience that God would do the same for them as they suffered under the Seleucid Kings (Antiochus IV in this case) and liberate them with a great deliver.

In the Book of Revelation, and in the Gospels, the Church was being oppressed first by the Jews in the Roman Empire and then by the Empire itself. John in this book tells how in the future (and the not too distant future) Rome and the unfaithful Church leaders will be punished by God who will deliver through the power of Christ. In the Gospel, the authors have Jesus speaking about the time of the final judgment and what it would be like as Jesus helps the Church. As we see in today's Gospel, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars and on the earth the nations will be in dismay...People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken." This is a scary future indeed, so why does the Church start the New Year off this way? Well to remind us that this world is passing, and the things of this world and its situations (especially those, which cause us great pain) are not forever. What

last forever, is our soul and our life dedicated to the love of God and neighbor. This is what we should concentrate on for this is our hope. As today's gospel continues: "...and then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."

Now back to the maybe, from the above text. This reading and the other gospel passages like it are not to be feared by us who want to see the Kingdom of God fully established. Yes, there is a warning given to us, and that is given to us to keep us focused more and more on Christ and the Gospel than on the things that would distract us. Jesus tells us that we have nothing to fear and if we follow the Gospel, which is the truth for us now and will be the truth until and when Christ comes again. So do not worry and do not make the mistake that many Christians and those in the media do, of reading these books and taking them word for word. The authors of these books never meant this to be the case, so do not use them as a handbook for The End of the World. Count on one thing and only one thing: the love of God seen through the promises of Christ and the working of the Holy Spirit (who incidentally is the ultimate author of all these books).

Do not forget Breakfast with St. Nicholas and the Christmas Cash 50/50 Raffle, the Tree Lightings and look for the special schedule for the Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception that falls on a Saturday this year.

Happy Advent and Happy New Year

Fr. Mike



Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule

December 7	7:30 PM	Fr. Maffeo
December 8	8:00 AM	Fr. Leuthardt
	12:00 PM	Fr. Thomas

Holy Hour for Life & Benediction

December 8	7:00 PM	Fr. Maffeo
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Pray for the Sick

Nilo Alvarado	Ida Lucivero
Theresa Azad	Vito Lucivero
John Bertone	Agnes Ludwigson
Sara Bertone	Carolyn Martins
Dottie Bially	Eugene Merkle
Jane Bickel	Catherine Mucha
Ryan Blair	Baby Olivia Faith Penta
MaryAnn Bonitz	Anna Pepe
Vivian Catuogno	Barbara Petersen
Mary Chilingirian	Barbara Piccola
Jose Chipec	Donna Marie Priolo
Marie Cintron	Danny Quinn
Martin Condit	Mason Plouffe
Cathy Connolly	Nicole Ramaglia
Victor Crema	Baby Aidan Reichel
Michael Cussen	Joan Reilly
Genevieve Delamater	Anna Reynolds
Michael DePinto	Baby Emma Grace Riccio
Salvatore Desiderio	Maryann Rossi
Rose DePinto	Angela Rose Russo
Martin Diomede	Ann Sabourin
Ann Doherty	Joseph Sabourin
Batist Eichelsdorfer	Agnes Salemi
Sharon T. Eichler	Dawn Saporito
Lois Emma	Denise Savage Harper
Michael Emma	Anthony Scardino
Lucy Erraught	Donna Sibilio
Ellen Fava	Nancy Smith
Louis Fava	Matthew Swenson
S Fay	Richard Troiano
Jim Fenyak	Lloyd Turnier
Robert Filce	Priscilla Vero
Mary Fogler	Theresa Vlahos
Carl Freiermuth	Mary Yodice
Melissa G	Frank Yodice
Brian Ginsberg	Carol Walsh
Erica House	Briana Wilson
William Hughes	Alison Zerah
Baby Kyle Joseph Kurras	
Nanette P. LaFranca	
Mary Jo L'Ambrose	
Janet LaGuarina	
Kenny Landgrover	
Agnes Lane	
Alfred LaRocca	
Alfred LaRocca Jr.	
Kevin Latini	
Nicole Laudadio	
Marie Lemakos	

Pray for Our Troops

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



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—

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

All are encouraged to continue to present the basic message of respect for human life - from protection of the unborn developing baby (some prefer to use the word "preborn") beginning at fertilization through the natural death of each human being.

Details on programs are available at these websites:

www.drvc.org/respectlife; www.nyscatholic.org; and http://www.usccb.org/

Local information on Respect Life activity is available from the Long Island Coalition for Life newsletter, Life News, at http://www.prolifeli.org/ or on St. Joseph's Church book rack.

Activities:

Sat. Dec. 8 at 7 PM Holy Hour for Life with Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph. All welcome.

The date of the first 2013 one day Lobby Bus trip to Albany is Wed. Jan. 9. If you have never made the trip please consider attending. You will be placed with a team of experienced lobbyists to deliver a letter in support of life to legislators. A large number of pro-lifers in Albany that day will attest to our commitment. Bus leaves early but returns to Ronkonkoma between 5 and 6 PM. Call Marie Mawn 631-588-0168 for information.

Please plan to attend the March for Life on Friday, Jan. 25 in Washington, D.C.

A bus will leave from St. Joseph for the one day trip. To reserve call 631-588-0168

The Life Center of Long Island Christmas Card & Ornament Sale

Saturday, Dec. 1st & Sunday, Dec. 2nd after all Masses. All Proceeds to benefit The Life Center Of L.I. Come see our beautiful selection of Religious Ornaments and Christmas Cards and Advent Calendars. Great Gifts!!!

Weekly Offering



Fiscal Year Beginning 9/1/2012

Sunday, Nov. 25, 2012 Offerings	\$14,495
Same collection last year	14,350

RVC Campaign for Human Dev.	2012	\$1,085
	2011	868

Poor Box last weekend \$317

Fuel Collection YTD	\$ 2,135
Same time last year	2,005
YTD Fuel Cost	2,470

Wkly. Budget. Amt.	\$18,550	YTD Budget	\$241,150
Collection Sunday	14,495	Actual YTD	\$228,117
Weekly Shortage	-4355	YTD Shortage	-13,033

*Pay Down Debt Donations

This Month	\$ 7,182
Total Funds	246,740
Less Payments made to RVC	<u>189,000</u>
Fund Balance	<u>\$57,740</u>

RVC Loan	604,000
Less Payment	<u>189,000</u>
Balance	<u>\$415,000</u>

*Includes Faith Direct Collections for November
(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*

Religious Education

E-mail: RelEd@StJoRonk.org

Website: RelEd.StJoRonk.org

981-1805

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday

9:00 Am - 3:00 PM



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

Level 3 & 4 will have the opportunity celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday, December 3rd 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.



Spiritual Adoption Program

Month 3-Developing Baby "I Can Suck My Thumb"

Your baby is quite active in the womb now - although his mother won't feel him for another couple of months. If his mother's womb had a window, you could watch your spiritually adopted baby squint, swallow and move his tongue. He can make a tight fist if you touch his palm. He is breathing amniotic fluid which continues until birth, although he obtains the oxygen his body needs through the umbilical cord. The baby you are praying for weighs one ounce! Early this month - at just 9 weeks - he began to suck his thumb. Keep praying for this wee one.

St. Joseph School

e-mail: school@stjoronk.org



Thank you to all who helped with our Christmas Boutique and Supermarket Bingo. A great community spirit was built by all.

Please read all MEMO's that will be coming home in the next three weeks. There are so many activities planned during the Christmas Season that you won't want to miss.

All school families please join us at our Advent Family Prayer Service on Thurs. Dec. 6th at 6PM in the gym.

Reminder: Report Card conferences are Friday, December 7th in the gym. Please complete and return all conference information.

Parent Portal is closed until December 11, 2012.





THE GIVING TREE IS NOW UP IN THE LOBBY OF THE CHURCH

Once again we are asking that you please donate gift cards rather than wrapped gifts. When we give our clients gift cards they are able to experience the same joy of selecting gifts for their family as we do in selecting gifts for ours. Many of our generous parishioners have told us how much they enjoy purchasing gifts for the Giving Tree.

For those of you who would still like to purchase a gift rather than give a gift card, please know that a toy for children from ages 2–8 would be truly appreciated. Please take an angel from the tree and return your gifts by December 13th to the Outreach office or the Rectory.

YOUR GENEROSITY ALLOWS OTHERS TO SHARE IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON.

Bookrack News

Countdown to Christmas



Once more we await the coming of Christmas. Our bookrack reflects the Advent season with a display of magnets and totes, coloring books, and booklets for both adults and children. We invite you to come and browse.

Have a Blessed Holiday Season!!

There was an error in the flyer sent out in the mail on the time of the **Holy Hour for Life**. The correct time is:

7:00 PM - 8 PM as shown in the bulletin.



HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

**Saturday, December 8, 2012
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

St. Joseph R.C. Church, Ronkonkoma

This hour before the Blessed Sacrament includes Adoration, the Rosary, Readings and Benediction for an end to abortion, for all victims of abortion, and for the respect and sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. This event is part of the National Night of Prayer for Life to be held in churches across L.I. and the U. S.

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.



New Year's Evening Dinner Dance



Watch the Ball Drop
Dinner - Open Bar
Champagne toast at
Midnight
Music by DJ Mike
\$60.00

Per Person
For tickets please call
Gerry McMenamin
631-648-3090

December 31, 2012
8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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and Parishioners



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& GRANDPAS...
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Majors/Seniors \$60

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Beth 737-6299 or Joe 585-0748

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- Soccer C-B-A License - Ask for Date



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- Qualified Coaches
- All Meets Local - On Long Island
- Over 40 Years Experience
- Every Athlete Receives a Trophy at Year End Awards Ceremony
- Most Athletes Will Receive 5-15 Awards During The Season

INFORMATION:
JERRY: 585-4048

MAIL IN REGISTRATION BY 12/31/12

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 Track Soccer

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 _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____ Boy Girl Will Coach Will Assist

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 • 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




WE GIVE THANKS..... WE HAVE REACHED THE GOAL!

Our Goal for this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal is \$100,500

We were informed that we did reach our goal in pledges for this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal. We are so grateful for your support! We do want to remind anyone that made a pledge, you can make payments through the end of January. If you have not yet done so, you can still make your contribution using the tear off below. Every year the *Catholic Ministries Appeal* provides the means to continue the mission that Christ has entrusted to us: to serve, to educate, to care for the poor and to be a beacon of hope. The ministries, agencies and programs that benefit from this effort allow us to fulfill the mission given to us as Catholics. On behalf of all who will benefit, we thank you for your generous support. In January we will have our drawing to select the ten winners of dinner for two with our parish priests and staff from all those how gave \$200 or more to the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

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the Catholic Church
of Long Island

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

One Faith, One Hope, Many Gifts

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

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!

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 _____

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

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

GoodSearch & GoodShop



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-Us, 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.

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



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 Parish Outreach Center

e-mail — sjpo@verizon.net website — <http://outreach.stjorok.org>

Parish Outreach



Through your generosity we were able to help more than **149** people throughout the month of October. Financial assistance for the month of October was **\$5,177.16** 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."**



Mark Your Calendars

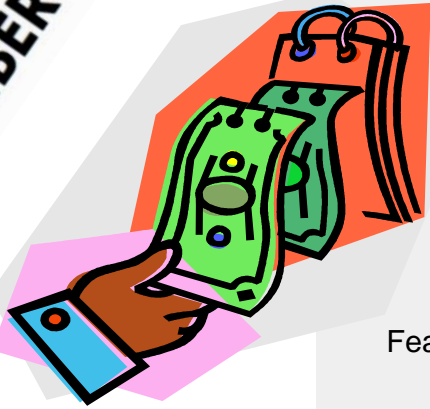
We will begin decorating the Church for Advent on Friday, November 30th, at 6:30 PM.

Come and join in the fun!

Calendar Club 2013

EVERY DAY THERE'S A CHANCE YOU'LL WIN!

(EXCEPT HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY AND HOLY SATURDAY)



ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE CLUB?

Calendar Club 2013 Prizes

Weekdays* and Saturdays*---\$25

*(*no prize is awarded for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Holy Saturday)*

Sundays---\$50

larger prizes on the following special days...

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God---\$50

St. Joseph's Day---\$50

Easter Sunday---\$200

April Fools Day---\$50

Ascension Thursday---\$50

Mothers Day---\$75

Fathers Day---\$75

Independence Day---\$75

Feast of the Assumption of Mary---\$75

All Saints Day---\$75

Thanksgiving Day---\$75

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary---\$75

Christmas Day---\$200

New Years Eve---special drawing,

drawn from those who have not won throughout the year---\$250

**MEMBERSHIP DONATION IS \$25 PER "CALENDAR".
GET FIVE MEMBERSHIPS FOR A DONATION OF \$100.**

Sign me up for calendar club 2013

Member Name:	#	@ \$25 each	
Address:	#	@ 5 for \$100	
City, State, Zip		Total	
Phone Number:	Place in envelope with donation and mail or bring to the Rectory or drop in the collection basket.		

Make check payable and mail to St. Joseph R.C. Church, 45 Church Street, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779



Reserve Now!
Christmas Wreaths
Grave Blankets
&
Roping

Available for pick-up the weekend of
December 8th & 9th

Order Form

12" Wreath Decorated _____ X \$18 = _____

24 X 36 Grave Blanket Decorated _____ X \$35 = _____

10 Yards of Roping (30 feet) _____ X \$15 = _____

If you don't see what you are looking for, please ask and we'll check availability.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Scout's name _____

If you prefer, you may order by email to preorder@stjoronk.org

If ordered by email please provide payment on the day of pick up, Thank you.



Calendar Club 2012



The Winners Are

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10/28 #754 The McCormack Family \$50	10/29 #278 Tom & Carol Gillin \$25	10/30 #1025 Madeline Sicoli \$25	10/31 #940 Maryanne Leitch \$25	11/1 #141 The Brockbank Family \$75	11/2 #537 Linda Green \$25	11/3 #344 Mike DeBellis \$25
11/4 #926 Bernadette Alvarez \$50	11/5 #334 Alice & Richard Brown \$25	11/6 #518 Roger & Marie Koferl \$25	11/7 #171 The Muratore Family \$25	11/8 #71 The McCormack Family \$25	11/9 #179 Camile & Nick Vicale \$25	11/10 #1116 Linda Green \$25
11/11 #640 Rich & Leslie Maynard \$50	11/12 #115 Barbara Mickelson \$25	11/13 #564 Maria Duerr \$25	11/14 #591 W & M Poggi \$25	11/15 #700 Mary Jane Finnegan \$25	11/16 #405 Elaine Mazziotti \$25	11/17 #730 Thomas McCann \$25
11/18 #523 Ray & MaryAlice Griffin \$50	11/19 #899 Peter Dunbar \$25	11/20 #898 Maryanne Leitch \$25	11/21 #627 Joseph Gillin \$25	11/22 #522 Martin Laughlin \$75 Thanksgiving	11/23 #412 Fr. Mike Boyle \$25	11/24 #1141 John White \$25

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

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Service



The Mother Church of the Ronkonkomas

Baptisms

*Liliana Jean deGroot
Andrew John Ferrante
James Duncan Wolfe III*



YOUTH IN MINISTRY

Every Sunday at 5:00 PM, St. Joseph's Parish offers an up-beat 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): Rob ☎721-8831

**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, Dec. 2nd Tonight

Sunday, Dec. 9th

e-mail: Crew272@StJoRonk.org

phone: Advisor Mike Keller (631) 467-6468

What did you do this weekend?



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

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

Psalms 62:7

Courtesy Announcements

Charismatic Prayer Meeting - at Our Lady of the Island Shrine the fourth Wednesday of each month from 7- 9PM. Praise, worship & teaching. Contact the Shrine at 631-325-0661 for info.

Free Food for NY Seniors - The C.S.F.P. funded by USDA NYSDOH, and administered by Catholic Charities is offering free food for 6 to 12 months post partum women, children from the age of 5 up to their sixth birthday, and seniors age 60 and over, who are income-eligible. Gross monthly income for seniors: Single Senior \$1,174 or less or Senior Couple \$1,579 or less. For further information, and income **guidelines** for women & children in Nassau or Suffolk, please call 631-491-4166 or 631-491-4156.



Meals-On-Wheels - Lake Nutrition Meals-on-Wheels provides food to elderly & homebound Monday thru Friday, two meals a day. Hot meals & cold meals are available for a charge of \$6 for both meals. Call 467-8948 for information.

Professional Therapy - provided by NYS licensed therapists, are available to our parish & 80 other parishes. It is provided by the Catholic Counseling Center which is independent of & not controlled or supervised by the parish or diocese. Most insurance policies are honored. For information & appointment, call Dr. Giuliani at 243-2503 or visit our website at <http://thecatholiccounselingcenter.net>.

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.

St. Patrick's Choir - "I Will Celebrate" a CD recorded by St. Patrick's Choir in Smithtown is a terrific gift for someone or for yourself. The cost is \$10.00. If interested, please contact Mary Peck at 631-560-0701 or e-mail her @ PeckCMPVC@gmail.com. Proceeds will go to Msgr. Walden, Pastor, St. Patrick's Church.

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

McGann Mercy - Theatre Company to perform "You Can't Take It With You" on Dec. 6th at 7:30 PM, Dec. 7th at 8 PM and Dec. 8th at 2 PM & 7:30 PM. McGann Mercy High School Auditorium. \$8 per ticket which is to be sold at the door. For more info contact 631-727-5900 ext. 10.

McGann Mercy Chinese Auction - On Dec. 16th Annual Christmas Raffle and Chinese Auction between 2 PM & 5 PM at the school. Be part of this exciting event and take a chance in the Christmas Raffle to be one of ten winners, including the grand prize winner of \$20,000. In addition, over 100 fabulous gift baskets and gift certificates, generously donated by Mercy families and local merchants, make up our Chinese Auction. More info call 631-727-5900 ext. 34.

Blessing and Lighting of the Parish's Outdoor Trees and Nativity Display Saturday, December 8th



Join us in prayer and song on the front lawn of the rectory after the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, Dec. 8th, as we rededicate these public symbols of our joyful anticipation of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.