

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.

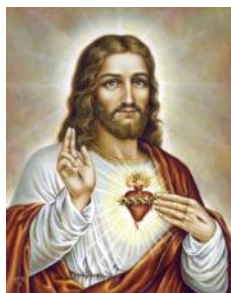
Our Lady came to Fatima with a message from God to every man, woman, and child of our century. Our Lady of Fatima promised that the whole world would be in peace, and that many souls would go to Heaven if Her requests were listened to and obeyed. Please join us in this devotion.

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?

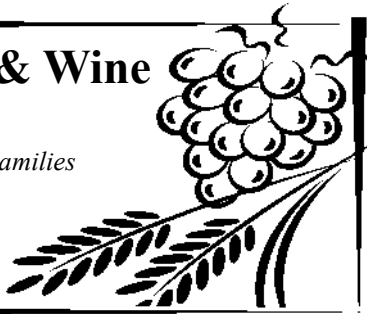
Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic can contact the Parish Office for information about becoming part of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

OUR LITURGY

The prophet Micah declares that a new leader for Israel will come from Bethlehem and will rule in the name of the Lord. In the Gospel, Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, names Mary the *mother of the Lord*. In Hebrews we hear that Jesus, by his obedience to God the Father, is the one sacrifice of the New Covenant that sanctifies us.

Altar Bread & Wine

*In loving memory of
The Mickelson & Williams Families
Requested by
Barbara Mickelson*



OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

Priest Schedule Subject to Change

This Week

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

Next Week

Fr. Maffeo
Fr. Leuthardt
Fr. Maffeo
Fr. Leuthardt
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Christmas Eve

Fr. Maffeo	4:00PM	Upstairs
Fr. Leuthardt	4:00PM	Downstairs
Fr. Maffeo	6:00PM	
Fr. Thomas	10:30PM	

Christmas Day

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

MASS INTENTIONS



Sunday, Dec. 23

- 7:00 Filomena & Thomas Longboat req. by Michael & Patricia Timo
- 7:00 Vera Alice Healy req. by The Richard Brown Family
- 9:00 Dec'd. Mbrs. of St. Regis K of C & Columbiettes
- 9:00 Marianne Crismali req. by St. Regis Columbiettes
- 10:30 Paul Liguori req. by Loving Mom & Family
- 10:30 Harry Bartik req. by Loving Family
- 12:00 Christine Dussan req. by The Gregorek & Miranda Families
- 12:00 William J. & Catherine Kelleher req. by Loving Family
- 5:00 Charles R. Contato req. by Loving Family
- 5:00 Charles B. Contato req. by Loving Family

Monday, Dec. 24

- 7:00 Charles Rubino req. by Elizabeth Rubino
- 7:00 Christine Dussan req. by Loving Family
- 9:00 Jim Gibson req. by Pat Brozinsky
- 9:00 Tony Bravata req. by Pat Brozinsky
- 4:00 For the People of the Parish
- 6:00 For the People of the Parish
- 10:30 For the People of the Parish

Tuesday, Dec. 25 (Christmas)

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

Wednesday, Dec. 26

- 7:00 Rose Antonucci req. by Lou & Clare Antonucci
- 7:00 Marianne Sievers req. by Louis & Kim DeQuatro
- 9:00 Mary McFadden req. by Barbara Hughes
- 9:00 Raymond Stone req. by Linda Pfeifer

Thursday, Dec. 27

- 7:00 Ed Kaminski req. by Lola Yellico
- 9:00 John Weber req. by Loving Wife
- 9:00 Eleanor Burke req. by Loving Family

Friday, Dec. 28

- 7:00 For all Souls in Purgatory req. by Dcn. Frank Dell'aglio
- 9:00 Ann T. Lane req. by Thomas & Jackie McCarthy
- 9:00 Albert Koeniges req. by Thomad & Jackie McCarthy

Saturday, Dec. 29

- 8:00 Frank Salemi req. by Phil, Barbara & Family
- 8:00 Josephine Lohmann req. by Michael & Diane Niles

Anticipated Mass for Sunday

- 5:00 Diane Bergamino req. by Loving Family
- 5:00 Rosalina-Dias Loureiro req. by John & Jacqueline Dias Family

Sunday, Dec. 30

- 7:00 Ana Leticia Algarin req. by Sandra Rivera
- 7:00 Gilberto Torres req. by Sandra Rivera
- 9:00 Robert Duerr req. by Loving Family
- 9:00 Antoinette Partenope & Michelina Carlisle req. by Loving Family
- 10:30 Frank Dell'Aglio Jr. req. by Dcn. Frank Dell'Aglio (**LIVING**)
- 10:30 Eileen DeSimone req. by Dcn. Frank Dell'Aglio (**LIVING**)
- 12:00 Carmine Cassara Sr. req. by Loving Family
- 12:00 Martin Hannon req. by Robert & Joanne Koepper
- 5:00 Frank Salemi req. by Roseann & Gene Badagliacca
- 5:00 Samantha Liberti req. by Marissa Volkman & Family

From the Pastor's Desk

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for He has looked with favor on His lowly servant. From this day, all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. He has mercy on those who fear Him in every generation. He has shown the strength of His arm, He has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things and the rich He has sent away empty. He has come to the help of His servant Israel for He has remembered His promise of mercy, the promise He made to our fathers and to Abraham and his children forever."

The above words of praise and thanksgiving spoken by our dear Blessed Mother are found close to the conclusion of Luke's account of the Visitation. However, you may have noticed that they are not included into today's reading. No, they are not part of the story of the visit of the two cousins or should I say the four cousins. Why is that? Well it might have something to do with the fact that on this Fourth Sunday of Advent we are still waiting for the big moment of Christ's birth to come. In a sense, the words of the Blessed Mother foretell what God will accomplish when the Messiah arrives. For through Him God will have mercy on all who believe in Him, the lowly will be raised up, and the powerful will be removed from their thrones. God will feed the hungry and remember all of the promises he made to Israel and the children of Abraham. So these words take us beyond the focus of today and show us what we will celebrate starting tomorrow afternoon after four pm, and the entire Christmas Season. Today serves just as a reminder of this great celebration and reminds us that we are almost there, but we still have a little more to go. That is why this reading stops with John the Baptist leaping for joy in his mother's womb, as he is so near to Jesus in His mother's womb. Like John it is all right for us to leap for joy as we are only hours away, but you must restrict it to just a leap, maybe a hop, or a skip until Christmas Eve and Day when we can pull out all of the stops. So let us use these last few hours of Advent to make sure we are prepared to celebrate the birth of Jesus, keeping in mind that each of us will have to prepare ourselves according to our station in life. Certainly, we all should ask God to help us to be more open to the movement of the Holy Spirit in our life. To ask God to help us love our neighbors as ourselves, and to be able to forgive those who hurt us.

To seek out and help the poor, the hungry, the lowly, and the powerless and to ask God to help us always be grateful for all that, He has given us through His Son our Lord Jesus Christ.

The schedule of Masses for Christmas Eve and Day is: For Christmas Eve Monday December 24th: 4PM Upper and Lower Church, 6 PM, and 10:30 PM (note there is no Mid-night Mass and there has not been on here for over 14 years). On Tuesday December 25th Christmas Day: 7 AM, 9AM, 10:30 AM, and 12 Noon, Also note there is no 5 PM Mass on Christmas Day so our staff and ministers can be with their families.

On behalf of Fathers: Thomas, Henry and Peter Liu and Deacons: James Altonji, Joseph Dougherty, Joseph Califano, Michael DeBellis, Frank Dell'Aglio, Bill Dobbins, Michael Devenney, Sr. Anne Marie Dean, CSJ., Mrs. Leona Arpino, Mrs. Anne Kelley, Mr. Michael Keller, Mrs. Ann DeBellis, Mr. Jerry Peters, and the entire staff of Saint Joseph's we wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fr. Mike



Pray for the Sick

Nilo Alvarado
 Sydney Bennett
 John Bertone
 Dottie Bially
 Jane Bickel
 Ryan Blair
 MaryAnn Bonitz
 Vivian Catuogno
 Mary Chilingirian
 Jose Chipe
 Marie Cintron
 Martin Condit
 Cathy Connolly
 Victor Crema
 Michael Cussen
 Genevieve Delamater
 Michael DePinto
 Salvatore Desiderio
 Rose DePinto
 Martin Diomede
 Ann Doherty
 Batist Eichelsdorfer
 Sharon T. Eichler
 Lois Emma
 Michael Emma
 Lucy Erraught
 Ellen Fava
 Louis Fava
 S Fay
 Jim Fenyak
 Robert Filce
 Mary Fogler
 Carl Freiermuth
 Melissa G
 Brian Ginsberg
 Erica House
 William Hughes
 Margaret & Jasper Indelicato
 Nanette P. LaFranca
 Mary Jo L'Ambrose
 Janet LaGuarina
 Kenny Landgrover
 Agnes Lane
 Alfred LaRocca
 Alfred LaRocca Jr.
 Kevin Latini
 Nicole Laudadio
 Marie Lemakos
 Ida Lucivero

Vito Lucivero
 Agnes Ludwigson
 Carolyn Martins
 Eugene Merkle
 Catherine Mucha
 Helen Onufrak
 Baby Olivia Faith Penta
 Anna Pepe
 Barbara Petersen
 Barbara Piccola
 Susan Piercoco
 Donna Marie Priolo
 Danny Quinn
 Mason Plouffe
 Nicole Ramaglia
 Baby Aidan Reichel
 Joan Reilly
 Anna Reynolds
 Baby Emma Grace Riccio
 Maryann Rossi
 Angela Rose Russo
 Ann Sabourin
 Joseph Sabourin
 Agnes Salemi
 Dawn Saporito
 Denise Savage Harper
 Anthony Scardino
 Donna Sibilio
 Nancy Smith
 Matthew Swenson
 Richard Troiano
 Lloyd Turnier
 Priscilla Vero
 Theresa Vlahos
 Mary Yodice
 Frank Yodice
 Carol Walsh
 Briana Wilson
 Alison Zerah

Pray for Our Troops

PFC Eric Lange, USMC
 SGT Deborah Alfieri
 SGT Matthew Altonji
 SPC Andrew Altonji
 LCPL 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 DiGirolamo
 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
 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
 LCPL Daniel Pfeifer 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—

Rona Bambrick

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

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

From 1558 to 1829- almost 300 years – the Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. During this period, the “Twelve Days of Christmas” was written in England as a catechism song for young Catholics.

The hidden meaning of the song’s gifts were intended to help the children remember lessons of their faith. Instead of referring to an earthly suitor, the “true love” mentioned in the song refers to God Himself.

The ‘me’ who receives the presents is symbolic of every baptized person.

The ‘partridge in a pear tree’ is Jesus Christ. In the song, Christ is symbolically presented as a mother partridge which feigns injury to decoy predators from her helpless nestlings.

The meaning of the other symbols are:

Two Turtledoves – the Old and New Testaments of the Bible

Three French Hens – the gifts of Faith, Hope and Charity

Four Calling Birds – the Four Gospels written by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

Five Rings – the first five books of the Old Testament

Six Geese a’Laying – the six days of Creation

Seven Swans a’Swimming – the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit (wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, piety, knowledge, fear of the Lord)

Eight Maids a’Milking – the eight beatitudes

Nine Ladies Dancing – the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit

Ten Lords a’Leaping – the Ten Commandments

Eleven Pipers Piping – the eleven faithful apostles

Twelve Drummers Dancing – the twelve points of belief of the Apostles Creed

At the (almost) end of the year 2012, perhaps these words of Theodore Roosevelt’s will aid you when you look back; help you to discern the good that you do and have done and will continue to do – and perhaps you will be

BLESSED- No other success in life – not being President, or being wealthy, or going to college, or writing a book or anything else – Comes up to the success of the man or the woman who can feel that they have done their duty, and that Their children and grandchildren rise up and call them BLESSED.

Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year to all!

Weekly Offering



Fiscal Year Beginning 9/1/2012

Sunday, Dec. 16, 2012 Offerings \$19,416
Same collection last year 17,885

Immac. Conception 2012 \$4,700
2011 5,982

Poor Box last weekend \$261

Fuel Collection YTD \$ 2,615
Same time last year 2,300
YTD Fuel Cost 3,238

Wkly. Budget. Amt. \$18,550 YTD Budget \$299,800

Collection Sunday 19,416 Actual YTD \$290,876
Immac. Conception 224

Weekly Overage +1,090 YTD Shortage -8,924

*Pay Down Debt Donations

This Month \$ 7,696

Total Funds 254,436

Less Payments made to RVC 200,000

Fund Balance \$54,436

RVC Loan 604,000

Less Payment 200,000

Balance \$414,000

*Includes Faith Direct Collections for December
(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 will resume on December 30th. Sunday school takes place in Carew Hall during the 10:30 mass. Consider bringing your 3, 4 or 5 year old. You may register with Maureen if this meets your family needs.

There are no religious Education classes this week. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 2nd.

Christmas Blessings

May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace,
The gladness of Christmas give you hope,
The warmth of Christmas grant you love.
~Author Unknown

Wishing you the peace and love of Christ,
The Religious Education Staff & Volunteers



St. Joseph School

e-mail: school@stjorok.org



Congratulations to all those who made our Band and Elementary Concert a success. Mr. Licatta worked very hard along with our Experienced Band to perform many Christmas delights. Mrs. Rainone and the teachers from Grades 1, 2 and 3 worked together to have our singers shine! It was an enjoyable evening and everyone performed beautifully.

We had a great Spirit Week at St. Joseph's School. We totally decorated our doors and classrooms with many beautiful symbols of Christmas. We wore Christmas colors, hats, scarves and even sang Christmas Carols in the hallways! We finally took a trip, in our pajamas, to the Polar Express. It was a great week of School Spirit and anticipation of Christmas.

On behalf of the Administration, Faculty and Staff of St. Joseph School we wish everyone in the parish a peace filled and Blessed Christmas.



Spiritual Adoption Program

“Month 4”

Your four month old spiritually adopted baby is nine inches long! Her brain has begun maturing, a process that will continue until she is about 14 years old. Her eyelids are now sealed shut and will re-open at 7 months. Her taste buds are now working. Nutrients consumed by her mother are passed on to her within an hour or two. Three hundred quarts of fluid a day are sent to the baby via the umbilical cord. Fine hair begins to grow on head, eyebrows and eyelashes and she has her own unique fingerprints, which will remain the same throughout her life. Facial expressions similar to the baby's parents can be seen at this time. This month REMs (rapid eye movements) have been recorded— a sign of dreaming, Your spiritually adopted baby is already well-formed, internally and externally. All she needs now is time to gain weight and grow strong. What a miracle she is!



Thank You

The Catholic Daughters of Court St. Joseph #975, would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who participated in our fund raising cake sale. You may have donated, or baked a cake, or maybe you made a monetary donation, or purchased one of the baked goods, or donated your time in selling them, whatever you did, you helped make the cake sale a success. Even in these hard times, when we are felling the aftermath of Sandy, you have all come through as you have always done in the past.

As you know the cake sale was to benefit the victims of Sandy, and we are happy to report that we have raised over \$1200.00, half of which was donated to our own Parish Outreach and half was donated to the Diocese. Every function we run is a fundraiser, we support many different causes; one being the scholarships we offer to a graduate of St. Joseph School. We at St. Joseph's are very blessed to have such wonderful, thoughtful, and caring friends and neighbors.

Again, thank you and may God Bless you and your families with a Very Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

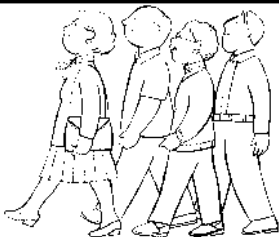
Bookrack News

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!!



St Joseph Catholic Seniors

Calling All Seniors! Psst! The word is out! St. Joseph Catholic 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.

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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DIocese OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

December 8, 2012
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Dear Faithful Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Christ is born, sing glory! Christ has descended from heaven, go out to meet Him! Christ is on earth; lift yourselves up! Sing to the Lord, all the Earth for He Who belongs to heaven is now on earth! Christ has become flesh, so tremble and rejoice; tremble because of sin and rejoice because of hope: Christ is born of the Virgin!

These beautiful words of the great Saint Gregory Nazianzen (329-389) can be heard across our world and around the globe this Christmas. Christ is born again this year in our hearts as He was born in the flesh of the Virgin Mary two thousand years ago in Bethlehem. Like the shepherds, we welcome Him into our hearts and into our lives. We know His coming changes all of humanity. We pray that His love will constantly increase in us so that we might belong more deeply to Him and to His Church and thus to one another. *Bethlehem has reopened Eden and in the grotto of Bethlehem we regain the goods of Paradise.* (Romanos the Melodist c. 540)

In this Year of Faith, Christmas is the great feast when we can renew our faith in God's love made manifest in the birth of His Son, Jesus the Christ. This is the feast that opens our eyes to the concrete expression of divine love now become an intimate part of the life of every man and woman who *believes in the heart and professes with one's lips that Jesus, this Child, Jesus, is the Son of God. He is Lord and Savior.*

In this Year of Faith, we all recently have been tried through the devastation caused by Hurricane Sandy. So many have lost homes. So many have had to struggle. So many need help. And so many of you have been generous, giving, caring and loving toward our brothers and sisters in need. I love those words of Blessed John Paul II: *we do not know why God allows suffering but we do know that suffering releases love.*

Love, God's love, was released in superabundance in a stable in Bethlehem. That love has never ceased to flood our hearts, strengthen our families, encourage the young and give consolation to the elderly. And the more we adore the Son of God born of the Virgin Mary, the more we too are cooperators in spreading God's love from that stable into our parishes, our communities and all the world.

With you I pray that this Christmas will bring us joy and happiness. Even more I pray Christmas will bring peace especially to the Middle East. And I pray that you and I who welcome Jesus into our hearts may be His instruments to offer His love and His gift of peace to all the world.

Joyful and blessed Christmas to one and all!

+William Murphy

Bishop of Rockville Centre

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- 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



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Catholic Ministries Appeal

One Faith, One Hope, Many Gifts

**Thank you for your generous support of the
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*Please remember that any new pledges must be received by
December 31st, 2012 and current pledges must be paid by
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**Completing your 2012 pledge ensures that our Parish
will benefit by receiving the full rebate.**

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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 \$	
EVANGELICAL COUNCIL	

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



Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24th

4:00 PM (Upper Church & Lower Church)

6:00 PM and 10:30 PM

We do not have a Mass at Midnight.

New Year's Eve

(Vigil Mass for Solemnity of Mary)

Monday, December 31 - 5:00 PM

Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25th

7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon

We have no evening Mass on Christmas Day.

New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday, January 1, 2013

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 29, 2012 5:00

Sunday, December 30th

7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM,

12:00 Noon and 5:00 PM

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013 5:00

Sunday, January 6, 2013

7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM

12:00 Noon, 5:00 PM

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

(Confessions for Christmas)

Scheduled Confessions

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays

after the 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM Masses

Sat. Mornings after 8:00 AM Mass and 4:00 - 4:45 PM

Individual Confessions

(with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)

Thursday, December 20th

7:00-8:30 PM



Christmas 2012
St Joseph Church

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.stjorank.org>

Parish Outreach



Through your generosity we were able to help more than **292** people throughout the month of November. Financial assistance for the month of November was **\$9,821.73** 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."**



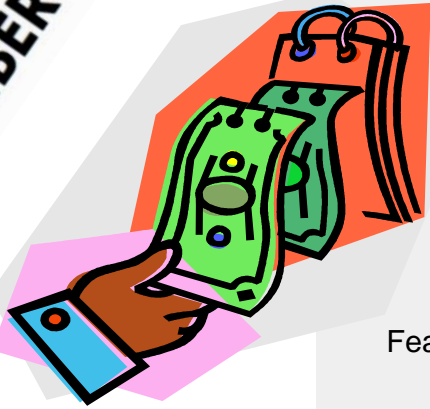
USING SCRIP MAKES DOLLARS and SENSE !

Please use parish-purchased gift cards for all your shopping needs. Not only will you take advantage of the gas-saving convenience of *one-stop shopping* here, at St. Joseph's, but our church will benefit from the profit of selling the cards. **God bless you for using your time, talent, and treasure to support the ministries of this parish.**

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

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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The New York Times

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O, THE OPRAH MAGAZINE

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

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





Calendar Club 2012



The Winners Are

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						12/1 #787 Lucretia Lucivero \$25
12/2 #523 Ray & MaryAlice Griffin \$50	12/3 #26 Alison & Terry Hickey \$25	12/4 #327 Bernadette Murphy \$25	12/5 #748 Joe Califano \$25	12/6 #193 Mitchel Merida \$25	12/7 #310 Joe Califano \$25	12/8 #235 Tom Fawcett \$75
12/9 #1154 Mary Jane Finnegan \$50	12/10 #560 Marie & George Hunt \$25	12/11 #411 Maureen & Kevin Delaney \$25	12/12 #249 John Paterno \$25	12/13 #714 Richard Graeber \$25	12/14 #564 Maria Duerr \$25	12/15 #332 Brian Maloney \$25

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

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Service



The Mother Church of the Ronkonkomas

Baptisms

Bella Marie Stanisci



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. 23rd Tonight

Sunday, Dec. 30th

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.

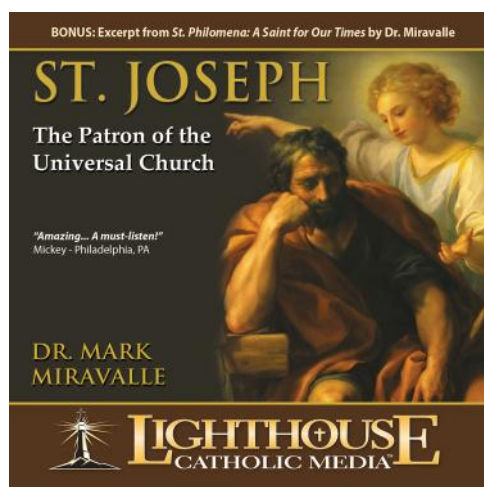
Professional Therapy - provided by NYS licensed therapists, are available to our parish & 80 other parishes. It is provided by the Catholic Counseling Center which is independent of & not controlled or supervised by the parish or diocese. Most insurance policies are honored. For information & appointment, 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, Jan. 4th 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.

St. Joseph: Patron of the Universal Church



The holy and hidden figure of St. Joseph comes to light in this captivating presentation by Dr. Mark Miravalle. What is the dignity of this great man, and how do we convey the wondrous power of his intercession? Listen now as Dr. Miravalle delves into the fascinating and hidden life of the man whom God chose to "substitute" for Himself when the Word became flesh to dwell among us.