

## 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.

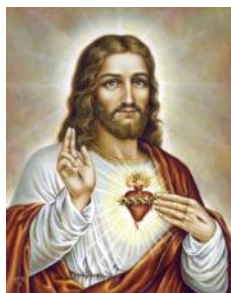
Our Lady came to Fatima with a message from God to every man, woman, and child of our century. Our Lady of Fatima promised that the whole world would be in peace, and that many souls would go to Heaven if Her requests were listened to and obeyed. Please join us in this devotion.

### *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?**

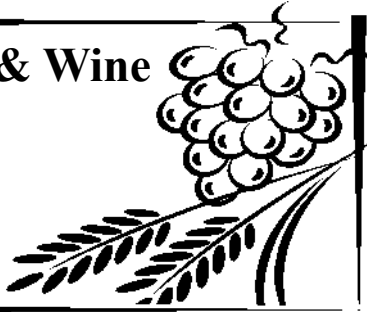
Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic can contact the Parish Office for information about becoming part of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

## OUR LITURGY

In our families, we are called to live out the great commandments of loving God and loving our neighbor. The family is God's holy ground in which we strengthen each individual born in his image and likeness. May all in families, always strive to live lives of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience and forgiveness as children of God.

### Altar Bread & Wine

*In loving memory of  
Nancy Pantaleo  
Requested by  
Loving Daughter Bea*



## OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

Priest Schedule Subject to Change

### *This Week*

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

### *Next Week*

**Fr. Lee**  
**Fr. Leuthardt**  
**Fr. Maffeo**  
**Fr. Leuthardt**  
**Fr. Maffeo**  
**Fr. Mike D.**

### 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. 30 (The Holy Family)

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. (**LIVING**) req. by Dcn. Frank Dell'Aglio  
 10:30 Eileen DeSimone (**LIVING**) req. by Dcn. Frank Dell'Aglio  
 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

### Monday, Dec. 31

7:00 Hector Cornielle req. by Jair  
 9:00 Stella (Honey) Pollie req. by Gale Milano & Family  
 9:00 James Kennedy req. by Loving Family  
 5:00 For the People of the Parish

### Tuesday, Jan 1 (New Year's)

8:00  
 10:00 For the People of the Parish  
 12:00

### Wednesday, Jan. 2

7:00 Mary Hannon req. by Robert & Joanne Koepper  
 7:00 Eduardo Kiekebusch req. by Richard & Jean Dante  
 9:00 Edward & Walter Kenny req. by Claire & Jim

### Thursday, Jan. 3

7:00 Intentions of the Celebrant  
 9:00 Mary Biglin req. by George Harkins & Family  
 9:00 Sally Scarano req. by The Oliva Family

### Friday, Jan. 4

7:00 For the People of the Parish  
 9:00 Ellen Capparusso req. by Eileen Kelleher  
 9:00 Robert Lemire req. by Fred & Ally

### Saturday, Jan 5

8:00 Angelo & Theresa DeFilippo req. by Marie DeFilippo  
 8:00 Anastasia Kopack req. by The Balestrieri Family

### Anticipated Mass for Sunday

5:00 Jose Martins req. by Loving Family  
 5:00 Rosalina-Dias Loureiro req. by Jeff & Maria Hirsch & Family

### Sunday, Jan. 6 (The Epiphany of the Lord)

7:00 Intentions of the Celebrant  
 7:00 Jerry Aurelio req. by Jackie, John Dias & Children  
 9:00 John G. Assenzio req. by Irene Savage & Family  
 9:00 Jenny DiVittorio req. by Linda Savage & Family  
 10:30 Joseph Bova req. by Edward & Laura Mitchell  
 10:30 Thomas Murray req. by Rosalie Longo  
 12:00 Carmine Cassara Sr. req. by Loving Family  
 12:00 The Cassara Brothers req. by Loving Family  
 12:00 Jack DeMauro req. by Loving Family  
 5:00 Katie Casamassina req. by Fred & Ronnie Petersen  
 5:00 Daniel F. Latham req. by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Cavaliero

## From the Pastor's Desk

Think back to the Christmas Season of 22 years ago when one the top running films was "Home Alone" (when Macaulay Culkin was cute). As you might remember, the plot was about an eight-year-old Kevin and his whole extended family planning a Christmas trip to Paris. The day before the flight, everyone arrives at Kevin's house and there is nothing but confusion. Kevin is picked on by his older brother Buzz. Kevin goes up to the third floor of his house where he sulks and wishes that his whole family (especially Buzz) would disappear. As luck would have it, there was a power failure (something here on Long Island that we know nothing about) that night and so the alarms did not go off. When the family realizes what time it really is, they rush around because they may be late for their flight. So they rush around trying to get ready and get out of the house to make it to the airport. They do manage to get to the airport on time and make their flight, however as a result of all the confusion, they forgot all about Kevin who fell asleep on the 3rd floor and was not awoken by the family two floors below. Now Kevin wakes up and finds his whole family gone and at first, he thinks his wish came true, but eventually he regrets his wish and prays for his family to return. As for the rest of the family, his mother Kate keeps saying on the way to the airport, "I keep thinking I am forgetting something!" Her husband and the rest of the adults tell her not to worry that they have everything they need. When they are, all in the air on their way to Paris Kate realizes what they are missing and yells out. "Kevin!" But, they cannot do anything, until they land in Paris. The parents on their part then make every effort to get back to Chicago but only Kate can get on the next flight. Kevin on his part, enjoys being alone for a while until he encounters the Wet Bandits.

In a way, this type of story just like the account we are reading about in today's Gospel, when Joseph and Mary realize that their 12-year-old son Jesus is not with them on the journey back to Nazareth. When they realize He is missing they make a frantic rush back to Jerusalem even though it is quite dangerous. When they arrive in the Holy City they have no idea where to look, and after a few days, they find Him in the Temple speaking to the scribes and elders (who are very amazed that knowledge this boy has). When they hear His voice, they are relieved, and most likely upset and angry when they ask Jesus why He put them through this worry and fear. Now I am sure that Jesus did not want to make them worry, but instead of offering an apology to His parents, He says to them, "Why were you looking for me

everywhere, didn't you know that I would be (must be) in my Father's House?"

How many parents would appreciate an answer like that? How would you react if your 12 year old answered you like that, or even pulled a stunt like that? Do not answer now, and please note the times of Confession for the results of your answers. Yet, Mary and Joseph did not react as most parents would, because His answer reminds them of His true origins. On this Sunday right after Christmas, when we focus on The Holy Family, we are not looking at a family without problems, but at a family that is totally human, like our families. But this family has God in their midst, in the person of Jesus, but so does every other human family. Perhaps not in the same way, but Jesus is always with us and we are always members of His family and at times this can be very comforting, especially when we are facing problems and hardships like we did in November with Super storm Sandy.

On Sunday January 13, 2013, The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, at the 12 Noon Mass we will have the Blessing of All Children who baptized here at St. Joseph's during the last year. All children baptized during 2012 and their families of course are welcomed.

We close with this prayer; Father, help us to live as the Holy Family, united in respect and love. Bring us to the joy and peace of your eternal home. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God forever and ever. Amen.

Merry Christmas  
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—**

**Mary Stark**

*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. 23, 2012 Offerings  
Same collection last year

Immac. Conception	2012 2011
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Poor Box last weekend

<i>Fuel</i> Collection YTD	\$
Same time last year	
YTD Fuel Cost	

Wkly. Budget. Amt.	YTD Budget
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Collection Sunday	Actual YTD
Immac. Conception	

Weekly Overage	YTD Shortage
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### \*Pay Down Debt Donations

This Month	\$ 7,696
Total Funds	254,436
Less Payments made to RVC	<u>200,000</u>
Fund Balance	\$54,436

RVC Loan	604,000
Less Payment	<u>200,000</u>
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*

\*\*\*The Offering figures for Dec. 23rd will be published in next weeks bulletin.

## 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



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.

Religious Education classes will resume this week on Wednesday, January 2nd.

Level 1 Activity will take place on Monday, January 14th in the school gym. Please come at the time you chose.

Level 5 will have the opportunity celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday, January 7th at 7:15 in the Church.



## St. Joseph School

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



We hope everyone had a great week of sharing with their friends and families during this beautiful Christmas season.

Many wonderful activities are in store for this New Year. Be sure to check the bulletin for a list of all our activities.

On behalf of the Administration, Faculty and Staff at St. Joseph School we wish everyone in the parish a Healthy and Happy New Year!



### ***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!



**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.***



## **USING SCRIP MAKES DOLLARS AND SENSE!**

*Scrip gift cards are available in the Rectory Office during regular office hours and in the Church vestibule after most Sunday Masses.*

### **What Is Scrip?**

**Scrip is a term that means, "Substitute Money".**

When you purchase scrip, you're purchasing negotiable gift cards that are used just like cash. The scrip is issued by national and local retailers where you probably already shop. These merchants want to support non-profit organizations, and in return ask you to support them by shopping with scrip at their stores. You can use scrip to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, and other essentials, and with every purchase, you earn revenue for our parish.

### **How scrip generates revenue for the parish**

A Scrip clearance center acts on behalf of many churches, schools and other non-profit organizations to purchase large amounts of scrip from grocery stores, department stores, and other retailers. Because the scrip is purchased with cash-up-front, the participating retailers offer a substantial discount. We buy the scrip from a scrip clearance center at a discount, and re-sell the cards to you for full face value. The bulk of the discount - from two to fifteen percent or more - is retained by our parish as revenue.

### **Scrip is "shopping cart fundraising".**

The reason for the effectiveness of scrip is simple: families generate revenue through purchases they would make anyway. Groceries, clothing, toys, gifts; even gasoline can be purchased with scrip. It is estimated that a group of 150 families will spend between one and two million dollars per year on food, clothing and other essentials. If these families use scrip for these purchases, they can raise as much as \$40,000 to \$80,000 per year for the parish -- without spending an additional penny.

### **Retailers like Scrip, too.**

Families who purchase scrip cards actively support the retailers who participate in this program. The reason is simple... they know that buying from a scrip participating retailer provides a steady source of revenue for their parish community.

### **Can I use the scrip cards anywhere?**

Yes, the cards are accepted at all participating retailer locations.

### **Does it cost a family anything to participate? Do I have to sell anything?**

There are no membership fees or application fees. You simply pay face value for the cards you purchase through the parish. The beauty of the scrip concept lies in the fact that you raise money for your parish by using your existing household shopping budget. Some families may enlist relatives, friends and neighbors to buy scrip. But, unlike other fundraising programs, scrip families do not have to "sell" anything to help our parish raise money.



**New!**

**WE NOW CARRY IN STOCK, TARGET, AÉROPOSTALE, AMERICAN EAGLE, WALGREENS, DAVE & BUSTERS (ALL \$25 DENOMINATIONS) \*\*\*\*\*WALDBAUMS GIFT CARDS CAN BE USED FOR PATHMARK**



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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& GRANDPAS...  
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HOLIDAY GIFT!



# ST. JOSEPH CYO

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## REGISTRATION

### SPRING 2013 BASEBALL



**FAMILY DISCOUNT**  
3rd CHILD FREE

# \$50.00

TBall \$50

Farms/Minors/  
Majors/Seniors \$60

WE USE ONLY  
CERTIFIED ADULT  
UMPIRES

FOR INFO CALL

GENE 588-1879

### SPRING 2013 SOCCER

Information & Uniforms Call:  
Beth 737-6299 or Joe 585-0748

# \$40.00

**SPECIALS:**

Allstar Game and Child Parent Game

- Participation Award for Every Player
- Qualified Referees
- Qualified Licensed Coaches
- Insurance Coverage
- On Site Bathroom
- Guarantee of 50% Play Time
- L.L. Jr. Soccer Travel Program
- All Girls Teams
- Interleague same price as Intramural
- Free Coaching School L.L. Jr. - We Pay For It
- Soccer C-B-A License - Ask for Date



### SPRING 2013 TRACK: BOYS/GIRLS GRADES K-8



**FAMILY DISCOUNT**  
3rd CHILD FREE

# \$30.00

- 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 HAVE REACHED THE GOAL!

## Catholic Ministries Appeal

*One Faith, One Hope, Many Gifts*

**Thank you for your generous support of the  
2012 Catholic Ministries Appeal.**

*Please remember that any new pledges must be received by  
December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012 and current pledges must be paid by  
January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013 for the 2012 Appeal.*

**Completing your 2012 pledge ensures that our Parish  
will benefit by receiving the full rebate.**

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL • DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
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*One Faith, One Hope, Many Gifts*

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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](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)



### 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 **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."**



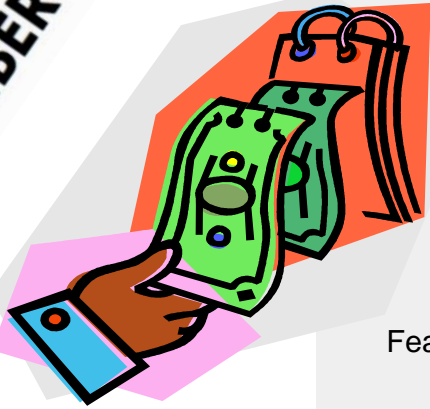
**USING SCRIP  
MAKES  
DOLLARS  
and SENSE !**

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*

<b>Member Name:</b>	#	@ \$25 each	
<b>Address:</b>	#	@ 5 for \$100	
<b>City, State, Zip</b>		<b>Total</b>	
<b>Phone Number:</b>	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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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
12/16 #698 Maureen & Bob Tscherne \$50	12/17 #365 Joseph P. Ryan \$25	12/18 #672 Annette DeLeo \$25	12/19 #1193 Joe Finnegan \$25	12/20 #230 Diana P. Hinton \$25	12/21 #726 Debbie & Neal McQuillan \$25	12/22 #630 Patrick & Kathleen Hughes \$25

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

**Celebrating Over 100 Years of Service**



**The Mother Church of the Ronkonkomas**

*Baptisms*

*Gabriella Joy Perrott  
Tavin Robert Sweeney*



## 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](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): 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](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, Dec. 30th Tonight  
 Sunday, Jan. 6th**

*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).

**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](mailto: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.



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).

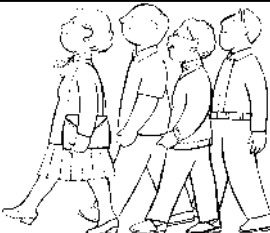


**From the Pastor's Desk**

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



Scan "From the Pastor's Desk" [PastorsDesk.StJoRonk.org](http://PastorsDesk.StJoRonk.org) to your Smartphone or Blackberry.

**St Joseph Catholic 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.

*Calling All Seniors!*

