

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church

Parish Office Hours

Thurs. & Friday (effective August 1, 2011)

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

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

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

Sunday - 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Pray with the Parish

Rosary - Prayed daily after the 9 AM Mass

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

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

Eucharist

The Lord's Day: Saturday 5:00 PM

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

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

Holy Days As announced in Bulletin

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



Penance/Reconciliation

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

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



Our Lady of Fatima Devotion

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

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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

Please come and spend some quiet time with the Blessed Sacrament



St Joseph's Parish Monthly Recollection

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

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

Baptism

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

Confirmation

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

Marriage

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

Anointing of the Sick

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

Holy Orders

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

Interested in becoming a Catholic?

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

OUR LITURGY

In the first reading, the early Church leaders wrestled with fundamental laws that determined who they were as followers of Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus leaves his disciples with peace and the promise of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate. Revelation gives a vision of the New Jerusalem.

Altar Bread & Wine

*In loving memory of
Anne Pantaleo
Requested by
Loving Sister- In - Law Bea*



OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

Priest Schedule Subject to Change

This Week

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

Next Week

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

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, May 5

- 7:00 Cornelius J. Dunleavy req. by Loving Wife Anne
- 9:00 Kathleen Cunningham req. by Loving Family
- 9:00 John W & Mary T. Biglin req. by Loving Family
- 10:30 Jim McQuillan req. by St. Josph Catholic Seniors
- 10:30 Alice Jenney req. by Cathy Sznaka
- 12:00 Jack Q. Gibson req. by Pat Brozinsky
- 12:00 Jim McQuillan req. by Claire
- 5:00 Jutta Schultze req. by Helma Clavin
- 5:00 Ann Mitchell req. by Louis & Mary Scotti & Family

Monday, May 6

- 7:00 Raphel Sanchez req. by Margarita Fisher
- 7:00 James Barry req. by Susan Koehler
- 9:00 Maureen Hanley req. by The Sheil Family
- 9:00 Anthony Provenzale req. by The Console Family

Tuesday, May 7

- 7:00 For all Souls in Purgatory
- 9:00 William Finn req. by Patricia Curley & Family
- 9:00 Christopher Schwartz req. by The Henke Family

Wednesday, May 8

- 7:00 Jim Bradley req. by The Vilmenay Family
- 9:00 Diane Russo req. by The Vicalo Family
- 9:00 Christopher Schwartz req. by Roberta Scott & Thomas Cooper
- 7:30 For the People of the Parish

Thursday, May 9 (Ascension of the Lord)

- 7:00
- 9:00 For the
- 12:10 People of
- 5:00 the
- 7:30 Parish

Friday, May 10

- 7:00 Gerard B. Greek req. by Loving Family
- 7:00 Mary F. Koepper req. by Robert & Joanne Koepper
- 9:00 Fillippa Grimaldi req. by Loving Daughter
- 9:00 Eleanor Mazzarella req. by Nick Placco

Saturday, May 11

- 8:00 John Walter Warkenthien req. by Diane, Bernadette & Jacki
- 8:00 Sally Gaudio req. by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Prego

Anticipated Mass for Sunday

- 5:00 Edward Devins req. by Donna DelVecchio
- 5:00 Maria Elena Miranda req. by Loving Family
- 5:00 Margaret Gregorek req. by Loving Family

Sunday, May 12

- 7:00
- 9:00 Mother's
- 10:30 Day
- 12:00 Novena
- 5:00



From the Pastor's Desk

"I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." These words spoken by our Lord at the Last Supper, tell the Apostles that soon He will be taken away from them. They like the words from last week's Gospel are final instructions given to the Apostles by the earthly Jesus. But they are also words that are meant to reassure the Apostles that all will be all right after the events of Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Last week Jesus told the Apostles and the Church that we must love as He has loved us, and this week He tells us a little more of how we can do this. He tells them and us not to be afraid for the Advocate will come to help us in everything.

The word ADVOCATE is defined as someone who speaks on behalf of another person, especially in a legal context. Implicit in this definition, is the idea that the one who is represented lacks the knowledge, skill, ability or standing to speak for them self. In our society many people take on the title Advocate, this includes organizations, and newspapers. But Jesus is using the word different from these ideas. Our Lord tells us that the Advocate is more than a legal advisor or representative. He is telling us that the Holy Spirit will be like Him; He will take on the part of the sinner and save him from spiritual danger, and the loss of eternal life. The Holy Spirit will always be present to the Church to defend, guide and advise all of us. The Spirit abides in every believer and the Spirit takes the place of Christ's presence, while at the same time making Christ present (for they are both equally God). The Holy Spirit helps us love as Jesus loved us and helps us make Christ present so we can carry on the work of the Good Shepherd.

This Thursday is Ascension Thursday and it is a Holy Day of Obligation, which means we mark this day with the celebration of the Eucharist. Masses for this day are Wednesday Evening at 7:30 PM and Thursday 7 and 9AM, 12:10 PM, 5PM, and 7:30 PM. Many think that this day marks the end of the Jesus Story, as He ascends to Heaven to be with the Father, but it is only the end of one chapter and it leads us into the next

chapter, which has the Holy Spirit as our Advocate and guide.

Next Sunday is Mother' Day and at the 12 Noon Mass we will Crown the statue of The Blessed Mother in the Church. The Crowning will be done by the children who just received their First Communion.

Let us pray: Father at your Son's ascension into Heaven you promised to send the Holy Spirit on your Apostles and your Church. You filled them with heavenly wisdom; fill us with the gifts of the Spirit. 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

Happy Easter
Fr. Mike



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



**From the
Pastor's Desk**

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



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



Pray for the Sick

Frank Ambrosio	Margaret & Jasper Indelicato
Anthony	Thomas Jankay
Lynn Abeze	Noreen Keane
Josie & Joe Alessandro	Mary Jo L'Ambrose
Tom & Louise Alessandro	Agnes Lane
Theresa Bennett	Alfred LaRocca
John Bertone	Kevin Latini
Dottie Bially	Ida Lucivero
Ryan Blair	Vito Lucivero
Emma Boine	Agnes Ludwigson
MaryAnn Bonitz	Claire McQuillan
S. Bratisax	Sharon Marchany
Charles Brechter	Carolyn Martins
Elizabeth Brechter	Lucia Martinek
Henry G. Brechter	Eugene Merkle
Anthony Bruton	Nichole Mignone
Kathryn Carroll	Catherine Mucha
Vivian Catuogno	Ray Nicchia
Doreen Childs	Peter Noel
Mary Chilingirian	Joseph Olivieri
Anthony Chindamo	Helen Onufrak
Martin Condit	Marie Paulicelli
Kathleen Connelly	Baby Olivia Faith Penta
Ann Marie Cortina	Anna Pepe
Victor Crema	Barbara Petersen
Grace Cuomo	Mason Plouffe
Richard Delamater	Gary Plouffe
Michael DePinto	William Poulakis
Rose DePinto	Donna Marie Priolo
Ann Doherty	Nicole Ramaglia
Batist Eichelsdorfer	Baby Aidan Reichel
Sharon T. Eichler	Anna Reynolds
Lucy Erraught	Baby Emma Grace Riccio
Priscilla Fagerlund	Isabella Rochford
Ellen Fava	Ann Sabourin
Louis Fava	Dawn Saporito
S Fay	Linda Savage
Frank Ferrigno	Denise Savage Harper
Robert Filce	George Scotti
Carl Freiermuth	Angela Stoner
Eileen Fuschi	James Tretta
Melissa G	Richard Troiano
Carl Grdon	Lloyd Turnier
Marie & Frank Guidice	Priscilla Vero
Joe Hartman	Mary Yodice
Deborah Hoffman	Frank Yodice
David Hoffman	Carol Walsh
Erica House	Debra Wanglin
William Hughes	Briana Wilson
Connor Hughson	

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

(Friends can be placed on the silent prayer list only)

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

N.Y.S. Legislation

S.438 - the most dangerous piece of legislation in N.Y.S. is the Reproductive Health Act S.438, also called the abortion expansion bill. The New York State Catholic Conference (NYSCC) strongly opposes this legislation and urges that it be defeated.

EMERGENCY BUS TRIP TUESDAY MAY 7 to ALBANY to STOP RHA

Large Pro-Life Presence a Must

In groups we visit representatives. Adults and students welcome. Our RTL buttons provide a visible pro-life presence in the Capitol and Legislative Buildings. Bus leaves St. Joseph (opp. Rectory) 4:45am. Home approx. 5:30 pm. Please call 631-758-2093 to reserve ASAP. Leave your name and phone. No fee.

Write, Phone, E-Mail your NYS Senator even if he votes with us.

Sample Message to your NYS Senator: Please vote against the Reproductive Health Act S.438 or any legislation intended to expand abortion in N.Y.S. This bill would allow third-trimester abortions. Thank you.

Our N.Y.S. Senators:

Ronkonkoma & Holtsville-Lee Zeldin; Holbrook-Philip Boyle;
 Smithtown & Farmingville- John Flanagan.

Contact Information:

Senator _____ Legislative Bldg., Albany, NY 12247
 Senate Switchboard 518-455-2800
 via nysenate.gov – send message/find bill status

Federal Legislation: Sample Message to your House Member:

Please support the Health Care Conscience Rights Act (H.R. 940). Government must not force Americans to violate their religious and moral beliefs on respect for life when they provide health care or purchase health coverage.

Our House Members:

Brookhaven & Smithtown-Congressman Tim Bishop
 202-225-3826

Islip residents - Peter King 202-225-7896

US House of Representative, Wash. DC 20515
www.house.gov/writerep

Weekly Offering



Fiscal Year Beginning 9/1/2012

Sunday, April 28, 2013 Offering \$18,871

Same collection last year 16,240

Poor Box Last Week 310

Fuel Collection YTD \$5,865

Same time last year 5,330

YTD Fuel Cost 15,416

Budget Amt. 18,550 YTD Budget \$753,150

Collection Sunday 18,871 Actual YTD 781,716

Weekly Overage +321 YTD Overage +28,566

*Pay Down Debt Donations

This Month \$ 7,850

Total Funds 284,439

Less Payments made to RVC 240,000

Fund Balance \$44,439

RVC Loan 605,000

Less Payment 240,000

Balance \$365,000

*Includes Faith Direct Collections for March
 (59 Participating Households)

If you missed last week, please try to 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**



Parish Outreach would like to thank all the people who donated to the Feinstein Matching Grant. It was a great success.

Religious Education

E-mail: RelEd@StJoRonk.org

Website: RelEd.StJoRonk.org

981-1805

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday

9:00 Am - 3:00 PM



Congratulations to all our First Communicants! May God continue to bless you and His Blessed Mother keep you always in Her loving care.

Our thanks to all the catechist and volunteers who gave of themselves and their time. Your faith is truly a wonderful gift.


A special thanks to the Music Ministry, Lectors, Ushers and Altar Servers who so graciously helped complete our celebration.

We want to thank all the families in Religious Ed who contributed to the "Be A Friend", "Heifer International" and Outreach programs. During Advent the children collected \$1000.00 to be distributed to "Friends" families in the program who were in need. For the Heifer program the children raised enough money to purchase flocks of geese and chicken, trios of rabbits and shares of a basket, buffalo, goat, sheep, pig, heifer and llama. These living gifts are supplied to families in need all around the world to improve their lives. Throughout the year our students collected items for the Outreach food pantry as well as toiletries and diapers. There will be dry bottoms in Ronkonkoma... Level 4 & 5 students collected enough money to purchase 12 cases of diapers! Great job everyone. Thank you for bringing the light of Christ to others.

Registration for religious education classes, which begin in October, will start this month. To register a child for the first time, you can find all the forms on line at reled@stjorank.org or call us at 981-1805 to have them sent to you. All others please return the re-registration form your child will brought home. Please register as soon as possible to be assured of the time and day that is the most convenient for you.

Calling all Religious Ed. Students level 4 and above who are interested in becoming altar servers, please check the bulletin for the announcements and the dates for training, coming soon. If interested, please leave your name and phone number at the rectory.

Thanks Fr. Mike



Confirmation Corner

Confirmation interviews will take place on Tuesday, May 14th and Thursday, May 16th in Carew Hall for those who have registered. Please come at you assigned time. You may call the office with any questions.

St. Joseph School

e-mail: school@stjorank.org



Congratulations to our students in grades 7 and 8 who were recognized by the Diocesan Right to Life Committee for their essays, poems and bookmarks submitted in their contest. The following students were finalists, Vanessa Pham, Jenna Garbarino, Emily Webb and Francesca Gallo. Thank you to Mrs. Lam, with the Right to Life Committee, and Mr. Hoffman and the Knights of Columbus who presented our students with certificates and rosaries.

Thank you to all students who participated in our penny war. We were able to raise over \$1,500 to help local families to rebuild after Superstorm Sandy.

Thank you for all you do for our school, Fr. Mike Maffeo. Our students want to congratulate you again for Pastor's Appreciation Day.

Congratulations to Mrs. Mehern our school secretary, Happy Secretary's Day!

Re-registration forms have gone home for all families who presently attend our school. Please return your re-registration form in order to secure a place for next year. We have many new families registering for the 2013 - 2014 school year in grades Nursery thru 8.

Tours are available for new families who would like to register for the 2013 - 2014 school year. Please call the school office for dates and times 588-4760.

Baptisms

Savannah Lee Dodge

Abigail Grace Eubank

Liam Michael Richardelli

Joseph Robert Taddeo



Oppose Abortion Expansion

ISSUE

Oppose the Abortion Expansion Plan

BACKGROUND

New York State remains the abortion capital of the nation with a rate that is twice as high as the national average.

Rather than working to decrease abortion, Governor Andrew Cuomo and some lawmakers are aggressively pushing to expand abortion through a measure they call the “Reproductive Health Act.” Whether it is a stand-alone bill, such as S.438 (Stewart-Cousins), or if it is contained in a multi-point “women’s agenda” as outlined by the Governor in his 2013 State of the State Message, this bill would guarantee that abortion is protected and available throughout the nine months of pregnancy in New York. It is a dangerous bill – for women and infants and for religious liberty.

MESSAGE POINTS

The Abortion Expansion Plan would not simply “codify Roe vs. Wade” in New York law, as proponents claim. Here’s what it would do:

- By inserting a broad “health” exception into our law, the bill would open up third-trimester abortions for any reason at all, and invite late-term abortionists into New York State to set up shop. This will result in greater numbers of abortions of fully formed, viable unborn infants.
- The bill would make abortion a fundamental and untouchable right, making it immune to common-sense prudent regulations: parental notification for minors’ abortions, restrictions on taxpayer funding, informed consent or a waiting period for pregnant women.
- By repealing the requirement in current law that only a licensed physician may perform an abortion, the bill would endanger women’s lives.
- The bill seriously threatens religious liberty because it could be used to compel all hospitals, even Catholic hospitals, to allow abortions on premises. It could also be used to compel Catholic Charities and Catholic schools to counsel and refer for abortion. If these institutions choose not to support abortion, the state could deny them licenses, funding and other benefits. The bill provides very limited conscience protection for individuals – protection which is already guaranteed by law – but no protection whatsoever for institutions.
- The bill could undermine maternity and prenatal care programs, which could be ruled “discriminatory” for favoring childbirth over abortion.

Church Teaching

“Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception.”

—*Catechism of the Catholic Church (2270)*

“We promote a culture of life by supporting laws and programs that encourage childbirth and adoption over abortion and by addressing poverty, providing health care, and offering other assistance to pregnant women, children, and families.”

—*U.S. Catholic Bishops, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, 2011*

Outreach Resources

Emergency Resources

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.)

Family Resources/Support Groups

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

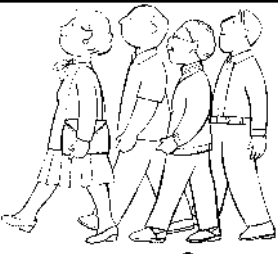
631-243-0066

Birthright of Nassau/Suffolk

516-785-4070

Al-Anon Suffolk County

631-669-2827
info@AL-Anon-Suffolk-NY.org




St Joseph 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.

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 **139** people throughout the month of March. Financial assistance for the month of March was **\$4,893.98** In these tough economic times we are seeing people of increasing need. On their behalf, we thank you for sharing your own limited resources with your brothers and sisters. *"Whenever you did it for the least of my people, you did it for me."*



Calendar Club 2013



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
04/28 #70 Joe & Phyllis DeClemente \$50	4/29 #593 Charlie & Kathy Wiener \$25	4/30 #52 Dcn. Mike DeBellis \$25	5/1 #307 Clair Alliegro \$25	5/2 #610 Reno J. Staffa \$25	5/3 #753 Gerry & Phil LePage \$25	5/4 #862 Phyllis Ehrhardt \$25

**Saint Joseph's
Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit
The Life Center of L.I.**



The Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit The Life Center of Long Island will be completed with collection of the filled bottles on the weekend of:

**MAY 11TH & 12TH
MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND**

Please continue to say the prayer attached to the bottle.

Thank you for your continued prayerful and financial support and be assured it is making a big difference in the lives of many people served by this busy crisis pregnancy center...Keep Going!!

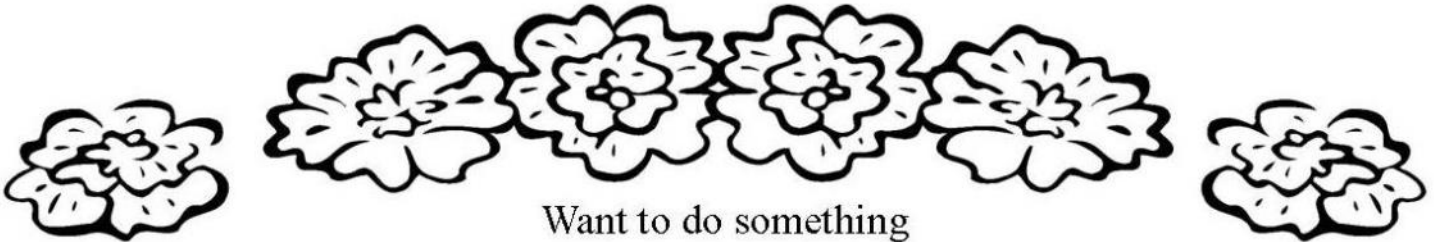
Reproductive Health Act

In his State of the State address, Governor Cuomo announced his support for a bill called the “Reproductive Health Act”. This is an extreme bill, and it would greatly expand abortion in New York State. It would declare abortion a “fundamental right”, and would ensure that abortion is legal through all nine months of pregnancy, for any reason. It would make prevent any reasonable regulation such as parental notification or informed consent requirements, or bans on partial birth abortions. It would endanger women by allowing non-doctors to perform abortions. It could threaten the religious liberty of religious hospitals by requiring them to cooperate in abortions.

New York State already has far too many abortions — over 30 % of pregnancies end in abortion, over 111,000 each year. We don’t need broader abortion laws. We need our law to respect human life at all stages. And we need to offer New York women real alternatives to abortion and provide them with a network of support and resources to enable them to bear their children and raise their families with dignity.

Please contact your state legislators to oppose the “Reproductive Health Act” or any other measure designed to expand abortion in New York State. To do so, visit www.nyscatholic.org and click on “Take Action”.

Go to www.newYorkersforlife.org to keep up on the latest information.



Want to do something

Beautiful for God?

Why not

Adopt a Garden.

St. Joseph’s is blessed with many gardens. Choose one and take care of it. Cultivate, plant—weed it as needed. Do it at times convenient to you. We need your hands — Please join St. Joseph’s Garden Club. If you are interested, leave your name and number at the Rectory for Fran.

Our parish properties have over 20 gardens, some large, some small.
All can be beautiful with your help!



2013 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL



2013 Catholic Ministries Year to Date Comparison:

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Parish Goal:	\$105,600	\$100,500
Pledged to date:	\$ 81,244	\$ 83,152
Number of Pledges:	326	352
Percent of Goal:	77%	83%

2012 Rebate to Parish * * * * * \$ 22,000

Each day we hear about a new tragedy and more challenges; most recently the events that took place in Boston and West Texas just to name two. These events remind us how precious life is and how much we have to be thankful for. It is important that we show our gratitude to God for all we have by helping those in need. Donating to the Catholic Ministries Appeal is a wonderful opportunity to respond in a positive way and to make a difference in the lives of people faced with challenges right here on Long Island. Please be as generous as you can to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. *Thank you!*

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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Supporting the Community Around Us

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

PLEDGE \$ _____ INITIAL PAYMENT \$ _____ BALANCE \$ _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PARISH OF DONOR St Joseph Church Ronkonkoma NY 11779 Parish #146

SIGNATURE OF DONOR _____

A GUIDE TO GIVING

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

OTHER \$ _____

EVERY GIFT COUNTS!

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

Place in collection basket. —or— Drop off at the Rectory. —or—
Mail to St. Joseph Church, 45 Church Street, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779-3301

All Needed, All welcome.

Let your voice be heard! Do not let the Reproductive Health Act (RHA); any new version of RHA; or, the Women's Equality Act become law in NYS. The Women's Equality Act, as introduced by Gov. Cuomo on 1/9/13, includes abortion expansion and must be opposed if abortion expansion is not deleted from the original bill. All were urged to work to stop RHA by NYS Catholic Conference the lobbying arm of the Catholic Church. As of 4/15 Governor Cuomo has not signaled when he will ask a vote on RHA therefore contacting representatives ASAP is most important.

Facts on RHA:

If enacted this bill would, among other things, ensure that abortions are legal throughout all nine months of pregnancy, allow post-viability abortions to be performed on an out-patient basis in clinics...could eliminate conscience protection of religious hospitals that refuse to perform abortions. Source: ProLifeLI.org

Our N.Y.S. Senators and Assembly Members must hear the following this message from each of us: **OPPOSE, SPEAK OUT AGAINST, DO NOT VOTE FOR THE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ACT OR ANY VERSION OF.**

Senator Lee Zeldin (Islip)

Senator Kenneth LaValle (part of Brookhaven)

Senator John Flanagan (Smithtown and part of Brookhaven)

Mail to: Senate Legislative Bldg., Albany, NY 12247

Call via Senate switchboard 1-518-455-2800 Send e-mail message via nyscatholic.org

**EMERGENCY BUS TRIP
TUESDAY MAY 7
to ALBANY to STOP RHA
Large Pro-Life Presence a Must**

With group spokespersons we will visit representatives. No experience needed. Our RTL buttons provide a visible pro-life presence in the Capitol and Legislative Buildings, hallways, cafeteria, etc. All indoors. Bus leaves St. Joseph's parking lot, Ronkonkoma 4:45 a.m. with additional pickup locations at X49 Park & Ride, in New Hyde Park, and Queens. Home approx. 5:30 p.m. Must call 631-758-2093 to reserve ASAP. Leave your name, phone, and point of departure. No fee. 50 seats must be filled. Bus sponsor: Long Island Coalition for Life.

To Stop the RHA please:

WRITE,

CALL,

E-MAIL,

GO TO ALBANY

JUST ANNOUNCED! SPRING TRAINING!

The Catholic Committee on Scouting
is offering

Religious Emblems Counselor Training

For the
AD ALTARE DEI
Religious emblem

on

MONDAY, May 6, 2013
St. Joseph's Church, Ronkonkoma

Training will be held in the
Rectory Basement Meeting Room "B"
7:00 p.m.



There is **NO CHARGE** for the training.
Bring a notebook, pen and enthusiasm.

Upon completion of this training, counselors will receive a **TRAINED**
certificate from the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

Don't put this training off. This is the ideal time to get prepared to launch your
program over the summer or in September. Every scout deserves a trained
leader and every Religious Emblem Candidate deserves a trained Counselor.

Visit our website at www.ccos-dryc.org

An updated Ad Altare Dei book is now available.
All AAD counselors – old and new – are required to take the updated training.

Please be kind and pre-register so that we bring enough training materials for all
participants.

To register for the training,
contact: Jim Lynch at jblynch@juno.com or
Mary Scotti at mbscotti@yahoo.com

*****All Catholic religious emblems counselors are required to take VIRTUS
training. Please contact your own parish office for more details on VIRTUS.***

◆ St. Joseph's ◆

“NOAH” at The Millennium Theater

Back by Popular Demand for One Season Only!!

Join the millions of people from all over the world who have seen this one of a kind, awe-inspiring, family experience. Embark on a journey with Noah and his family as they uphold the call of God to build a boat in a land that has never seen rain! Then watch as hundreds of animals enter & live inside the great ark that surrounds the audience on three sides. *Noah is a must see!*

Plus

QVC Studio Tour and More....

Wednesday - Thursday ◆ October 9 – 10, 2013

\$264 Per Person Twin / \$314 Per Person Single / \$261 Per Person Triple

Travel Insurance is Available @ \$21 Per Person

Trip Includes

- 1 Night Hotel Accommodation at The Fulton Steamboat Inn
- Family Style Breakfast ◆ Family Style Dinner
- Kitchen Kettle Village
- Admission Ticket to NOAH at Sight & Sound
- The National Christmas Center
- Intercourse Canning Company ◆ Intercourse Pretzel Factory
- QVC Studio Tour & Shopping
- Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation ◆ Professional Tour Manager
- All Tips & Taxes (including tour manager & bus driver)



~ Sample Itinerary ~

Day 1

7:30 AM Depart your pick up for Lancaster, PA. Make a rest stop en route. Upon arrival in the Amish country our first stop will be at Kitchen Kettle Village in the heart of Lancaster. Lunch available (on own). Mid afternoon we check into The Fulton Steamboat Inn & then it's show time at The Sight & Sound Millennium Theater - "Noah". A Family Style Dinner is included.

Day 2

Family Style Breakfast in Huckleberry's restaurant at our hotel. This morning we visit two delicious local attractions, the Pretzel Factory & the Canning Company. Admission is included to The National Christmas Center. Be entertained & mesmerized as you travel around the globe & through centuries in fifteen galleries & 20,000 square feet of life-sized, indoor exhibits that showcase both the secular & the sacred aspects of the holiday. Lunch is available (on own). This afternoon we travel to West Chester PA for a tour of the QVC Studios! Late afternoon we depart for home (making a rest stop en route) with fond memories of a fun & entertaining trip! Expect to arrive home @ approx. 8:30PM.

Note: Itinerary Subject To Change. Travel Insured Available @ \$21 per person.

To Make Your Reservation Call Arlene @ 631-648-3582



St. Regis Wants You



If you are a man or woman 18 years of age or older, or a young man or lady between the ages of 10 and 17, we want you to become part of the largest Catholic lay organization in the world. Starting this Sunday and continuing until May 12th, we will be placing cards in the pews at all the Masses. Please take a minute to fill one out and give it to one of the ushers. (Almost all of us are Knights,) or place it in the collection basket and someone from the group of your choice will contact you to explain the benefits of membership. We would love to have you as a member of our Columbian Family. Our drive will end with a Breakfast in Carew Hall after the 9:00 am and 10:30 Masses on Sunday, May 12th. The breakfast is complimentary and all families in the St. Joseph Faith Community are invited to attend.

If you are interested, feel free to call any of us listed below.

Tom Fawcett

Grand Knight

790-4474

Bob Powers

Deputy Grand Knight

806-3824

Gerry McMEnamin, PGK

Membership Director

648-3090





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.



Get Ready for Thank-Scrip-ing Day in May!

Last fall we had our first ever Thank-Scrip-ing Day event, a special one day ScripNow® only promotion on Thanksgiving. We partnered with many of your favorite retailers to bring you the most bonuses we've ever had at one time. It was so successful we just couldn't wait 'til November to do it again!

Thank-Scrip-ing Day in May, another one day event featuring big rebates on ScripNow products only, is coming on **May 20**. For 24 hours you can earn some of the **highest rebates ever offered from your favorite ScripNow retailers**, and you'll be able to order and print your eCards minutes before heading out the door when you pay online with PrestoPay™. We will reveal the complete "top secret" list of participating retailers at 12:01 a.m. EDT on the day of the event. You can be sure that it includes some of your favorite GLSC brands!

To get ready for Thank-Scrip-ing Day in May, make sure you're set up on ShopWithScrip® and are able to login to place online orders, and sign up for PrestoPay if you haven't already. **Please note: PrestoPay requires 2-5 business days to verify new accounts**, so sign up today! If you have any questions, please give our Customer Support Team a call at 1.800.727.4715 opt. 3, or send an email to glscmail@glscrip.com.



CUB SCOUT PACK 272 NIGHT WITH THE DUCKS

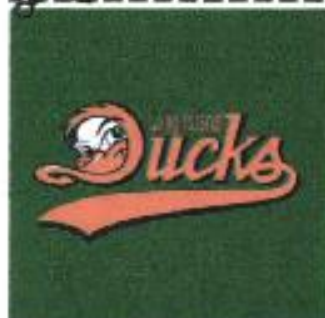
DATE: Wednesday May 29th
TIME: 6:35pm (Gates open at 5:35pm)
PRICE: \$10, Parking FREE
CONTACT: Mary Scotti
EMAIL: mbscotti@yahoo.com
PHONE: 631-979-0060
OPPONENT: Camden Riversharks

****CUB SCOUT PACK 272 WILL BE PRESENTING THE COLORS ON-FIELD DURING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM! COME SUPPORT YOUR SCOUTS AND ROOT FOR THE DUCKS!!****

***JOIN US FOR THIS GREAT FAMILY FUN EVENT!! ***

ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO PACK 272

****RSVP BY APRIL 29****



Name

Phone Number

**Amount
Enclosed**

Number of Tickets

Sin, Sex and the CIA



Thursday, May 9, 2013
Clare Rose Playhouse
St. Joseph's College, Patchogue

The fun starts with wine and cheese at 6:30pm
Play starts at 7:30pm

\$20.00 each

Sponsored by St. Regis Columbiettes
Contact Ann Festa at 631-588-2587

**Laugh
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May Is The Month Of Mary



Special Devotion To Our Lady

May devotion to Mary, our Mother, is a time-honored tradition in the Church. To honor Mary we will have the statue of Our Lady of Fatima in the sanctuary in May. Pray the Rosary daily, especially in May and October, in your homes and in the Church after 9:00 AM weekday Masses.

Each Thursday in May (May 2, 16, 23 and 30), from 7:30 to 8:30 PM, we will pray the Rosary, reflect on the Mysteries and the Eucharist with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. On Ascension Thursday, May 9, a Holy Day of Obligation, we will meet at 7:00 PM to pray the Rosary, reflect on the Mysteries, and recite the Litany before the 7:30 PM Mass. We will dedicate the Rosary for your intentions even if you cannot join us on Thursdays. Please call 588-8456 and leave your name and intentions.

Our Lady of Fatima Devotion

The *First Saturday* of each month is devoted to Our Lady of Fatima. The devotion includes 8:00 AM Mass, Novena to Fatima, the Rosary, Confessions after Mass, and fellowship in Carew Hall at 9:00 AM.



Please help us improve our parish communications!

We continue in the process of adding e-mail addresses to our parish database. Please help us by providing your e-mail address and answering some questions to help us decide the best way to use electronic media. Place in the collection basket or send/deliver to the Rectory.



Name: _____ Parishioner ID#, if known: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Please answer the following: I check my e-mail each day each week rarely.

I belong to and use Facebook Twitter other _____. I know how to open an "attached file".



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*

Girls Travel Basketball Tryouts



7th grade tryouts will be held Tuesday May 7th at Ronkonkoma Middle School

9th grade tryouts will be held Tuesday May 7th at Seneca Middle School

For additional information contact Dennis at 467-6174

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, May 5th**

e-mail: Crew272@StJoRonk.org

phone: Advisor Mike Keller (631) 467-6468

What did you do this weekend?



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

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

Psalm 62:7

Courtesy Announcements

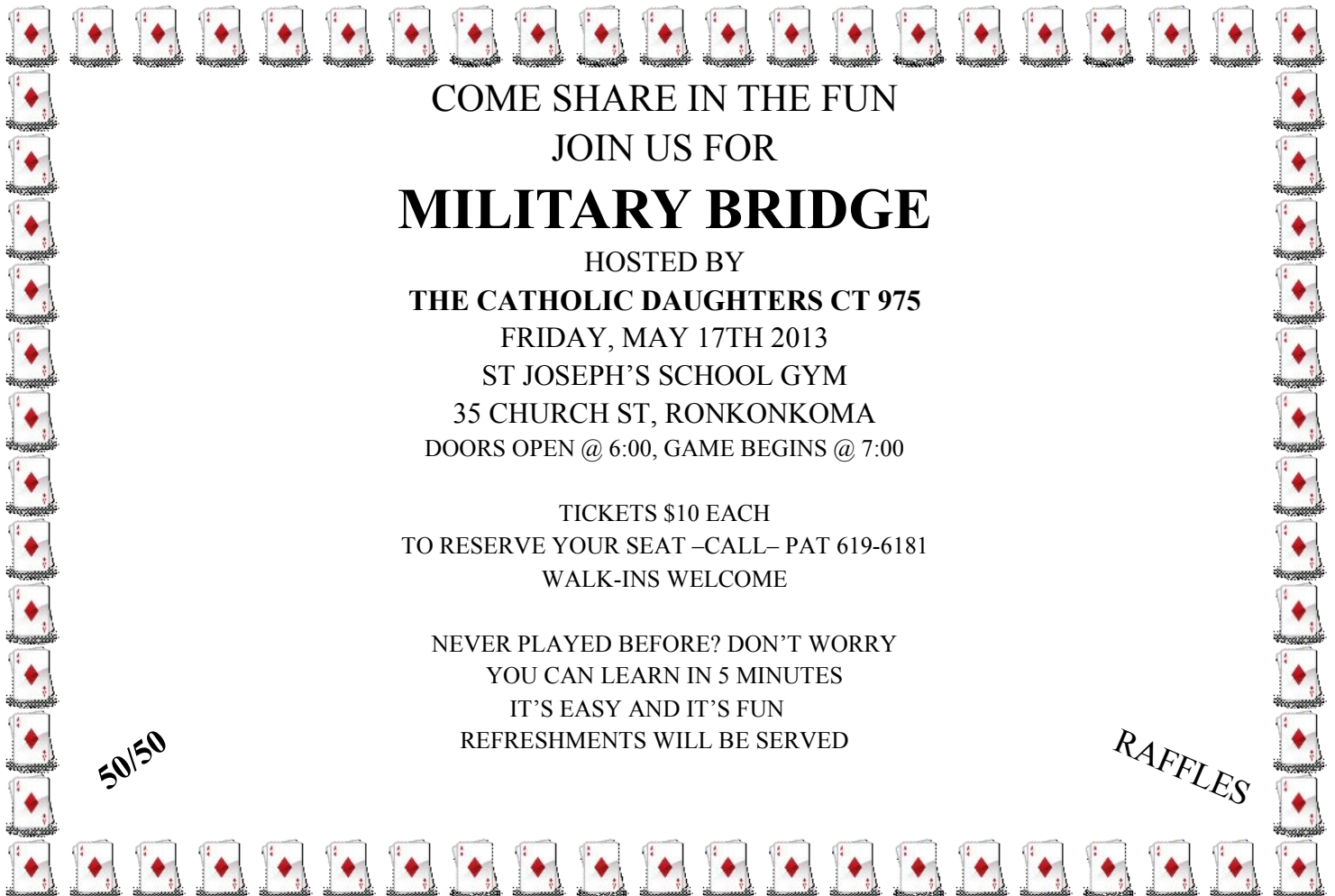
Charismatic Prayer Meeting - at Our Lady of the Island Shrine the fourth Wednesday of each month from 7- 9PM. Praise, worship & teaching. Contact the Shrine at 631-325-0661 for info.

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



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

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



COME SHARE IN THE FUN JOIN US FOR **MILITARY BRIDGE**

HOSTED BY
THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS CT 975
FRIDAY, MAY 17TH 2013
ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL GYM
35 CHURCH ST, RONKONKOMA
DOORS OPEN @ 6:00, GAME BEGINS @ 7:00

TICKETS \$10 EACH
TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT -CALL- PAT 619-6181
WALK-INS WELCOME

NEVER PLAYED BEFORE? DON'T WORRY
YOU CAN LEARN IN 5 MINUTES
IT'S EASY AND IT'S FUN
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

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