

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church

Parish Office Hours

Thurs. & Friday (effective August 1, 2011)

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

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

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

Sunday - 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Pray with the Parish

Rosary - Prayed daily after the 9 AM Mass

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

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

Eucharist

The Lord's Day: Saturday 5:00 PM

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

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

Holy Days As announced in Bulletin

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



Penance/Reconciliation

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

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



Our Lady of Fatima Devotion

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

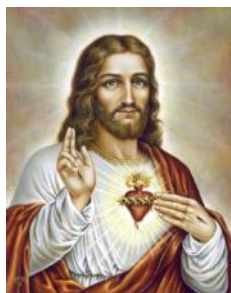
Our Lady came to Fatima with a message from God to every man, woman, and child of our century. Our Lady of Fatima promised that the whole world would be in peace, and that many souls would go to Heaven if Her requests were listened to and obeyed. Please join us in this devotion.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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

Please come and spend some quiet time with the Blessed Sacrament



St Joseph's Parish Monthly Recollection

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

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

Baptism

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

Confirmation

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

Marriage

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

Anointing of the Sick

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

Holy Orders

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

Interested in becoming a Catholic?

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

OUR LITURGY

The author reminds us to respect and honor our mother and father, both in our youth and as parents age. Likewise, Paul reminds the Christian community at Colossus how to live as followers of Christ. In Matthew's gospel account, the angel of the Lord appears to Joseph in a dream, telling him to take the Child and Mary and flee to Egypt.

Altar Bread & Wine

*In Loving Memory of
Nancy Pantaleo
Requested by
Loving Daughter Bea*



OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

Priest Schedule Subject to Change

<i>This Week</i>		<i>Next Week</i>
Fr. Thomas	5:00PM	Fr. Maffeo
Fr. Thomas	7:00AM	Fr. Maffeo
Fr. Leuthardt	9:00AM	Fr. Kumar
Fr. Maffeo	10:30AM	Fr. Leuthardt
Fr. Leuthardt	12:00PM	Fr. Kumar
Fr. Maffeo	5:00PM	Fr. Leuthardt

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. 29 (Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph)

- 7:00 Catherine Deenihan req. by John Agate & Family
- 7:00 Roy Bowers req. by Lucy & Joe Mattola
- 9:00 Michelina Carlisle, Antonietta Partenope & Robert Duerr req. by Loving Family
- 10:30 Marie Vigliotti Ramos req. by Lisa & Anthony Lupo
- 10:30 Nancy Smith req. by Cathy & Norm
- 10:30 Andrew Guasto req. by Loving Family
- 12:00 Emanuel Intoci req. by John & Susan Sheldrick
- 12:00 Muriel Attridge req. by The D'Agostino Family
- 5:00 Diane Bergamino req. by Loving Family
- 5:00 Frank Salemi req. by Maureen Crain

Monday, Dec. 30

- 7:00 Louis Fava Sr. req. by Loving Daughter
- 7:00 Priscilla McAllister req. by John & Anne Farkas
- 9:00 Frank Guidice req. by Lorraine Stiefel & Linda Gryzlo
- 9:00 Carol Walsh req. by Ann Festa

Tuesday, Dec. 31

- 7:00 Intentions of the Celebrant
- 9:00 Robert M. Quinn req. by Carole Kilgannon
- 9:00 Carol Ann Walsh req. by Kathi Carreiras
- 5:00 For the People of the Parish

Wednesday, Jan 1 (New Year's Day)

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

Thursday, Jan 2

- 7:00 Jozef Wolanski req. by Loving Children
- 7:00 Wlodzimiera Makowska req. by Loving Children
- 9:00 Walter & Edward Kenny req. by Claire
- 9:00 Jim & Claire req. by Loving Family

Friday, Jan. 3

- 7:00 Carol Walsh req. by Michele Yuskiewicz
- 7:00 Ralph Mulligan Jr. req. by Steve Molinari
- 9:00 Claire McQuillan req. by Joan & Jim Burns
- 9:00 Bena DeLisio req. by The Sleszynski Family
- 9:00 Godofredo Alcantara req. by Loving Wife

Saturday, Jan. 4

- 8:00 Angelo & Theresa DeFilippo req. by Marie DeFilippo
- 8:00 Jennifer Culotta req. by The Balestrieri Family

Anticipated Mass for Sunday

- 5:00 Mary Ann Olivieri req. by Ron & Kay Anello
- 5:00 Vita Caltagirone req. by The Quagliata Family

Sunday, Jan. 5 (The Epiphany of the Lord)

- 7:00 Diana Branciforte req. by Matthew & Andrea Meehan
- 7:00 Sharon Ricketts req. by The Fischer Family
- 9:00 Frank Yodice req. by Marilyn & Dom Pizzurro
- 9:00 Susan & Vincent Delio req. by Loving Family
- 9:00 Salvatore Rosselli req. by Millie & Rosendo Roman
- 10:30 Christopher Schwartz req. by Laura Mitchell
- 10:30 Nancy Smith req. by Theresa Ryan & Cathy West
- 12:00 Martin Hannon req. by Robert & Joanne Koepper
- 12:00 Mary K. Hannon req. by Robert & Joanne Koepper
- 12:00 Barbara Mooney req. by Loving Husband
- 5:00 Jose Martins req. by Loving Family
- 5:00 Helen Ambrico req. by Cristina Fernandes

From the Pastor's Desk

There is a story about a Religious Education teacher who asked her students to draw a picture of one of the student's favorite stories from the Bible. So when her students turned them in, she saw pictures depicting the Nativity (with the stable and Jesus, Mary, and Joseph), she saw pictures of Jesus hanging on the Cross, and she even saw pictures of Easter Sunday. But one young person handed in a picture that really puzzled the teacher. The picture featured an airplane in the center and on the plane was Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and of course the person flying the plane. The teacher then questioned the student about the picture. He was now puzzled, because for him it was self-explanatory. So she asked him to explain what he had drawn. So he told her that the picture was about the flight to Egypt and that the Holy Family was flown there by Pontius the pilot.

This year's Holy Family Sunday presents us with the Gospel Narrative of the Flight into Egypt as the Holy Family tries to escape the desires of Herod the Great to kill the Christ Child who he regards as a threat to his throne! But Herod and later on Rome had the wrong idea, because He did not come into the world to replace human kings and political systems. No, Jesus came to establish the Kingdom of God, which is way beyond this world and its troubles. This Gospel Reading also shows us a little bit, about how the Holy Family lived, and some of the dangers they had to face. But we really do not know a great deal about the daily life of the Holy Family, so why do we celebrate this Feast Day every year? This Feast was instituted by Pope Leo XIII and placed on the official calendar in 1921 by Pope Benedict XV. The hope was that the Holy Family could become a model for all Christian Families to follow. It was also hoped that families would form the domestic Church in their own homes, making Christ the center of the family and all that it does. It was also hoped that all families would have the confidence to turn over all of their troubles and fears to Jesus and God our Father. Our first and second readings from today help us to make a good family life, while parts of it may seem out of touch with how we think of roles in the family today; they are still worth pondering over and adapting them and applying them to our

own families.

On Sunday January 12, 2014, we will close the Christmas Season with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord as usual; we will have a special blessing for all of the children who were baptized here at St. Joseph's during the past year. We will do this at the 12 Noon Mass following the homily.

We close with this prayer for the Feast of the Holy Family: Father in Heaven, creator of all, you ordered the earth to bring forth life and crowned its goodness by creating the family of humanity. In history's moment when all was ready, you sent your Son to dwell in time, obedient to the laws of life in our world. Teach us the sanctity of human love, show us the value of family life, and help us to live in peace with all that we may share in your life forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Merry Christmas
Fr. Mike



Pray for the Sick

Louise & Tom Alessandro	Marie Lamakos
Nilo Alvarado	Arlene Lang
Michael Ambrosio	Alfred LaRocca
Richard Anderson	Kevin Latini
Gil Balkam	Ida Lucivero
Janet Belz	Vito Lucivero
Dottie Bially	Agnes Ludwigson
Ryan Blair	Felice McMillan & Family
Nicholas Bohl	Lucia Martinek
MaryAnn Bonitz	Carolyn Martins
Charles Brechter	Philip Mase
Henry G. Brechter	Marlene Meehan
Anthony Bruton	Maureen Melchiona
Elisabeth Burns	Eugene Merkle
Vivian Catuogno	Liam Mitchell
Doreen Childs	Donna Marie Mujic
Louise Cipolla	Diane Munsch
Martin Condit	Irmgard Nostro
Kathleen Connelly	Joanora O'Donnell
Cathy Connolly	Joan Ockovic
Ann Marie Cortina	Joseph Olivieri
Victor Crema	Helen Onufrak
Richard Delamater	G.R. Palladino
Kathy Dell'Aglio	Anna Pepe
Michael DePinto	Barbara Petersen
Ann Doherty	Dorothy Pistritto
Baptist Eichelsdorfer	Mason & Gary Plouffe
Sharon T. Eichler	Donnamarie Priolo
Lois & Michael Emma	Nicole Ramaglia
Lucy Erraught	Harry Reahl
Priscilla Fagerlund	Angela Russo
Ellen Fava & Louis Fava	Joanne Sabella
Robert Filce	Ann Sabourin
Loretta Gerstner	Dawn Saporito
Roseanne Gabriel	Denise Savage Harper
Katherine Gebhard	Anthony Scardino
Jeanne Hartman	Maryann Schaudel
Joe Hartman	Ledicia-Salazar-Schild
Taylor Havlik	Anthony Spinelli
William Hughes	Dennis Staufenberg
Viola Hynden	Angela Stoner
Margaret & Jasper Indelicato	George Tizzard
Catherine Jankay	Richard Troiano
Thomas Jankay	Lloyd Turnier
Joann Keebler	Michael Urbano
Kevin Krivacsy	Priscilla Vero
Mary Jo L'Ambrose	Margaret Villano
Janet LaGuarina	Briana Wilson

Pray for Our Troops

PFC Eric Lange, USMC	CTR2 Matthew Pistritto
SGT Deborah Alfieri	LT David A Rewkowski
SGT Matthew Altonji	SGT Edwin Rivera, II
SPC Andrew Altonji	SGT Anthony M Sbrocco, USMC
LCPL Matthew Balestrieri, USMC	SSGT Jason Schiavo
TSGT Louis Barletta	LCPL W. Mason Shehan
LT Michael-Jon Bonacorsa	SSGT Timothy McGoyne
LCPL John Brown	SPC James Stanek
PFC Justin Browne	E03 Taylor Taranto
LTCOL James Cersosimo	MM3 Gregory Taranto
CPL Glenn Clacher	PFC Greg Terrish
SPC Thomas E. Corcoran	SGT Jason Tulowitzki
SPC Jason Crawford	SGT John Thomas Vogt
CPT Edward Cuevas	CPL Brandon Waldon
PFC John B Cuneo	SGT Randolph Weaver
CPT Ryan Delaney	MSTR Robert Casey
TSGT Timothy Dermody	ILT Richard Lutz
SGT Stephen DiGirolamo	SPC Darian L. Clark/Army
SSGT Tony Elliott	SAMN Bill Ried
LT Kelly Fletcher	CPL Michael Casonova
SPC Adam Franciosa	SPEC4 David Cooper
CPT Mark Gillman	ENS Michael Cristiano, USN
CPL RJ Hartmann	SGT Brian P. O'Leary
SSGT J.R. Kay USAF	PFC Gregory Caplan
SGT John W Keohane	MPS Timothy Caplan
MAJ Sean P Kilkenny	E6PO1 Gerard McGarrity
CW2 Steven Knight	LT John Cox II
LCPL William Langdon	PFC Nicholas Barbieri
SPC Christopher Leone	LCPL Jim A. Mock
SGT Wade Lynch	SGT Maj. John A. Krumholz
MAJ Kevin McCue	LCPL Joseph R. DeGroot, USMC
PVT Thomas B McGinn	RCT Dustin A. Whitton, USMC
SGT Patrick McNally	SPC Peter Reilly
PFC William Meyer	SMAN T.J. Waldhauser, US Navy
CPL Brian G Meyer	LCPL Brian Kolarik, USMC
CPO Gregory Migliore	PVT Chris Dorn, Army
SGT Glenn Miller	SSGT Ray C. Sigman II
LT Heather Miras	N/Seal Paul Padro
SPC4 George Monica	LCPL Sean Rainone, USMC
SPC4 John Monica	SGT Thomas Lupo
SGT Daniel Montville	SSGT Mike Hengerle, USMC
GYSGT Brian Moran, USMC	SPC Anthony Lupo US Army
LTCOL Gregory Mueller, USMC	Kelly R. Denimarck ENS Navy
LCPL Thomas Napolitano	SFC James Munro Army
LCPL Michael Napolitano	Kristen M. Saporito USMC
PVT Todd Nelson	Captain Sean Lavigne USAF
LCPL James Neubauer	LCPL Daniel Pfeifer USMC
SGT Brian Pacell	AB John Kelton USAF
CPT Stephen Bartoszak	MSGT Thomas J. Valentino USAF
ENS3 Lucy Padro	CSM Lawrence Dougherty, USArmy
PFC Matthew Pandolfi	PFC Thomas Conran USArmy
LCPL Kevin J. Uffmann Marine	SRA Matthew Maisano USAF
SFC James Munro Army	SPJonathan G. Romano USANG
CPT Michael Parisi	PFC Daniel R. Hayes USMC
2LT Anthony Parisi	PFC Allecia N. Ahearn USMC
MAJ Paul E Pinaud	



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—

Ralph Rizzo Jr., Frank Martone, Vincent Sposato, Ann Doherty
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

OUR OBLIGATION TO PROTECT RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Despite conscience protections in federal and New Jersey state law, nurses in the Same Day Surgery Unit of a large Newark hospital were stunned when supervisors told them of a policy change: they would have to assist in abortion.

Nurse Beryl Ngoje explained: "I couldn't do what they were asking me to do...You go against what you believe, what are you? What's left? Just a shell of who you are."

When more than a dozen nurses objected to the policy in writing, they were told they could be transferred out or even fired for refusing to comply. Fortunately, their lawyers won an injunction halting their mandatory abortion training and eventually convinced the hospital to agree to a court-approved settlement that protected the nurses' religious convictions against taking part in abortions and allowed them to keep their jobs without fear of reprisal.

As the Declaration of Independence explains, these rights are not gifts from a civil government, but inherent and God-given components of our humanity. The Constitution proclaims that the very purpose of government is to "secure the Blessings" of these liberties for "ourselves and our Posterity."

To the Founders, foremost among these rights was the freedom of conscience – the freedom to hold, and live according to, one's religious principles. James Madison deemed this right "the most sacred of all property," and wrote protection for religious exercise into our First Amendment. General George Washington so respected the rights of religious believers that he refused to force pacifist Quakers to fight in his army, though he desperately needed men in the fight for independence.

Our Catholic Church defends the same conception of freedom, including in religious matters. Like our nation's founding documents, the Church teaches that God gives people their natural rights. And like our Nation's Founders, the Church views religious freedom for all people, -Catholics, Protestants, Jews, Muslims, Hindus, atheists, agnostics and everyone else – as an inherent human right. The Church teaches that faith is an act of free will, and therefore all people should be free to live by their own religious views "as long as the just requirements of public order are observed." Jesus did not force anyone to accept his message, and neither should anyone else.

Adapted from writings of Mark L. Rienzi, Senior Counsel at the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty and a professor of constitutional law at The Catholic University of America.

Be aware of Baby Safe Haven – call 1-877-796-HOPE. Safe Babies, Safe Place.

Weekly Offering



Fiscal Year Beginning 9/1/2013 - 8/31/14

Sunday, Dec. 22, 2013 Offering \$20,915
(Includes Faith Direct (\$2,849))

Same collection last year \$20,623

Poor Box Last Week 390

*Pay Down Debt Donations

This Month \$ 6,550

Total Funds 336,002

Less Payments made to RVC 312,000

Fund Balance \$24,002

RVC Loan 605,000

Less Payment 312,000

Balance \$293,000

*Includes Faith Direct Collections for Dec.
(64 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***



Religious Education

E-mail: RelEd@StJoRonk.org

Website: RelEd.StJoRonk.org

981-1805

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday

9:00 Am - 3:00 PM



Sunday School will resume on January 6th. Sunday school takes place in Carew Hall during the 10:30 mass. Consider bringing your 3, 4 or 5 year old. You may register with Maureen if this meets your family needs.

There are no religious Education classes this week or next. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 7th.



Christmas Blessings

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

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

St. Joseph School

e-mail: school@stjoronk.org



A special thank you to all who sent gifts, cards and prayers to our school during the week of Christmas. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

On behalf of our administration, faculty and staff may we wish you a Happy and Blessed New Year.

Doors will open for the new school year on Monday, January 6, 2014.



Baptisms

Gavin Dean Byrne
Gabriella Veronica Booker

Banns of Marriage

(First Time)



Nicole Hesse of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and
Fabian Rivas of St. John of God.



Calendar Club 2013



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12/1 #563 Susan Vultaggio Vita O'Keefe \$50	12/2 #394 Barbara Mickelson \$25	12/3 #34 Angelica Roman \$25	12/4 #262 Joe & Phyllis DeClemente \$25	12/5 #1061 John Paterno \$25	12/6 #668 Ann & Chuck Gonzalex \$25	12/7 #913 Mr. & Mrs. Alfred LaRocca \$25
12/8 #978 Wolfgang Hasselbach \$50	12/9 #169 Leona Arpino \$75	12/10 #215 Sue Keller \$25	12/11 #1004 Fran & Al Yoli \$25	12/12 #84 Florence Graeber \$25	12/13 #999 Larry Spelman \$25	12/14 #56 J & M Fausone \$25
12/15 #59 Angelo & Barbara Saladino \$50	12/16 #750 The Llerena Family \$25	12/17 #386 Tom McManus \$25	12/18 #18 Martin Loughlin \$25	12/19 #1009 Patrick & Kathleen Hughes \$25	12/20 #343 Mr. & Mrs. R. Ramaglia \$25	12/21 #1179 Brian Sanders \$25
12/22 #1117 Patricia Brockbank \$50	12/23 #169 Leona Arpino \$25	12/24 #818 Helen Griffin \$25	12/25 #432 Deb Bingham \$200 Christmas	12/26 #111 Elaine Mazziotti \$25	12/27 #61 Angela Scannella \$25	12/28 #680 Don Peshkur \$25

Columbiette Annual Communion Breakfast

January 12, 2014

9:00am mass at St. Joseph's

followed by

Breakfast at St. Regis Knights of Columbus Council

from 10:00am until 1:00pm

Adults \$10.00 per person • Seniors \$7.00 per person • Children under 12 \$5.00 • Ages 5 and under are free

Please reserve your seats by January 2nd 2014

For more information, please contact

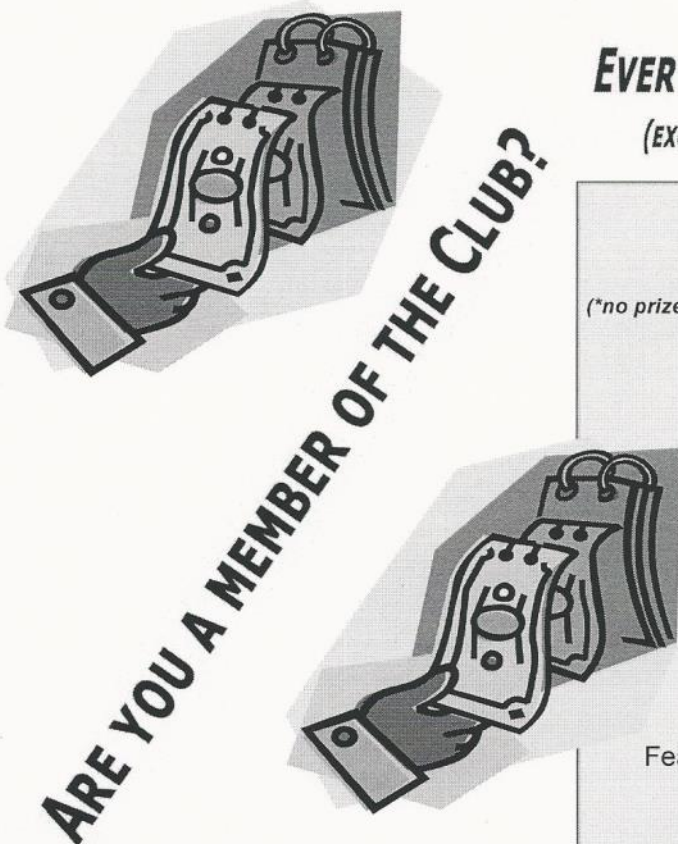
MaryAnne Hartnett at 467-2418 or Joyce Purcell at 467-0230



Calendar Club 2014

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

(EXCEPT HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY AND HOLY SATURDAY)



Calendar Club 2014 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.

<i>Sign me up for Calendar Club 2014</i>			
Member Name:	#	@ \$25 each	
Address:	#	@ 5 for \$100	
City, State, Zip		Total	
Phone Number:	Place in envelope with donation and mail or bring to the Rectory or drop in the collection basket.		
sourcecode: Calclub12		Parish ID #, if known:	

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

St Joseph's Parishioners: We are so close, Can you help?

As of 12/12 we are still \$1,641 shy of our goal of \$105,600 .



During the Season of Advent, we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Christ. While people are busy decorating their homes and shopping for gifts, we need to remind ourselves to take some time to *prepare our hearts for Jesus*. After His birth, the Wisemen brought gifts to Jesus. *What gift do we give to him?* Perhaps this year you would consider making a charitable donation to the *Catholic Ministries Appeal*. New donations must be received no later than *December 31st* to count for the *2013 Catholic Ministries Appeal*. However, if you have already made a pledge, you may continue making your payments through *January 2014* and they will still count toward the goal for this year's *Appeal*. Have a Blessed Advent and thank you to all that have already made their contribution to the *2013 Appeal*. *Fr. Mike*

**We don't ask
if you are Catholic**



**We ask
if you are hungry**

Join the Team

that helps provide more than 100,000 families with food and support each year.

Catholic Ministries Appeal

JoinTheCMATeam.org

Diocese of Rockville Centre, PO Box 4000, Rockville Centre, NY 11571 • Phone: 516-379-5210 ext. 229

All funds raised go to support the Appeal and its programs and ministries.

**There's nothing easy
about fundraising.**

Actually, now there is.

St Joseph RC Church Code: A1245

How It Works

TD Bank will make an annual contribution to your organization based on the activity of all participating members' TD Bank accounts. Eligible accounts¹ include:

- Checking - Business & Consumer
- Savings
- Money Market
- Certificate of Deposit
- Retirement

Fundraising Potential

Checking Accounts

- \$50 for every new checking account²
- \$10 for every existing checking account

Savings Accounts or CDs

- 1/10 of 1% contribution based upon your participants annual average balances³

If you are already a TD Bank Customer, visit any one of our locations and ask to have your balances included as part of your organization's Affinity Membership Program.

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At 631-588-1564
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Of the program



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This year we received a donation of \$779.98 from TD Bank based on the activity from you our Parishioners.

Thank you & TD Bank

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](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

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.)

Family Resources/Support Groups

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

631-689-6262

Life Center of L.I. - Pregnancy Care

631-243-0066

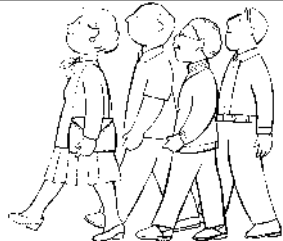
Birthright of Nassau/Suffolk

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.stjorok.org>



Through your generosity we were able to help more than **393** people throughout the month of November. 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."



YOUTH IN MINISTRY

Every Sunday at 5:00 PM, St. Joseph's Parish offers an up-beat experience of celebrating Mass designed especially for youth and their families.

Everyone in Grades 7-12 is invited to participate.

We're looking for: Lectors Ushers Musicians/Singers Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers (Eucharistic ministers must be over 18)

For more information about joining *Youth in Ministry*, contact YIM@StJoRonk.org or call the rectory.



CYO Sport Programs

<http://stjoecyosports.com>

Baseball:

Intramural (Coed, ages 5-16): Gene ☎588-1879
 Travel * (Boys & Girls): Vinny ☎467-3651

Basketball:

Girls Intramural Debbie ☎467-6174
 Clinic Division (Coed Grades K-2) Henry ☎467-6091
 Boys Intramural(Grades 3-12) Henry ☎467-6091
 Travel* (Boys): Vinny ☎467-3651

Track:

Boys & Girls, Grades K-8 Jerry 585-4048

Soccer :

Intramural Boys & Girls(ages 3-13) Joe ☎737-6299
 Travel (LIJSL): Rob ☎721-8831

**Must register for the intramural program as well*

Interested in joining Venturing?
 Want to enroll your son in
 Cub Scouting or Boy Scouting?

Send an e-mail from your
 Smartphone or Blackberry
 while it's on your mind to
JoinScouting@StJoRonk.org

→ You can scan us! →



Scouting as Youth Ministry



Cub Scout Pack 272

Boy Scout Troop 272



St. Joseph's Cub Scout Pack 272 and Boy Scout Troop 272 have fun, exciting, educational, character building programs for boys, age 7 through 17 (*first Grade and up*).

For more information or to enroll your child, contact Dr. Louis Scotti at 656-8428 or e-mail JoinScouting@StJoRonk.org.

Pack, Troop, and Crew 272 have a YEAR-ROUND scouting program.



Venturing Events

In Carew Hall after 5:00 PM Mass

Venturing is open to men and women age 14 through 20 who have graduated from 8th Grade. This year's crew plan is jam packed with interesting and fun activities here at St. Joseph's and "off-campus" as well.

Come down to our meeting and check it out.

Visit our next meeting:

Sunday, December 22nd Tonight

Sunday, December 29th

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 & 148 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>

Good Shepherd in Holbrook - needs a part-time rectory cook to prepare dinner and do weekly grocery shopping . Monday thru Thursday. If interested, please call Annemarie at the Church office at 631-588-7689.

St. Mary's Church - Have you suffered the loss of a baby through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, or infancy? We invite you to join us for a time of sharing & mutual support with others of similar losses. The Bereavement Ministry of St Mary R.C. Church will begin an open support group every second Monday of the month, beginning Monday, January 13th, 2014 from 7:30 PM – 9 PM For information/registration, please call 581-4266, x100. Grandparents welcome!



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

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