

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.

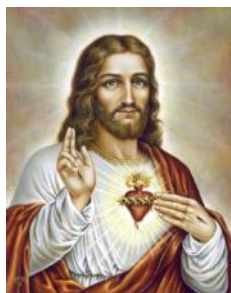
Our Lady came to Fatima with a message from God to every man, woman, and child of our century. Our Lady of Fatima promised that the whole world would be in peace, and that many souls would go to Heaven if Her requests were listened to and obeyed. Please join us in this devotion.

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

Peter addressed the crowds gathered for the Pentecost celebration in Jerusalem, proclaiming that the One who was crucified was the One whom God had sent. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that he is the gate through whom we should pass to have abundant life and the only voice that we should heed.

Altar Bread & Wine

*In Loving Memory of
Carol A. Walsh
Requested by
Greg*



OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

Priest Schedule Subject to Change

This Week

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

Next Week

Fr. Maffeo
Fr. Maffeo
Fr. Thomas
Fr. Leuthardt
Fr. Thomas
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, May 11 (Mother's Day)

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

Monday, May 12

7:00 Mother's Day Novena
 7:00 John A. Bertone req. by Loving Family
 9:00 Margaret & George Kolibash req. by Claire
 9:00 Jim & Claire McQuillan req. by Loving Family
 9:00 Maria Morriale (LIVING) req. by Loving Husband Robert

Tuesday, May 13

7:00 Lawrence Teda req. by Rosemarie, Joe & Sean Ballance
 7:00 Patrick Massi (LIVING) req. by Loving Wife Carol
 9:00 Mother's Day Novena
 9:00 Philip Lombardi req. by Loving Family

Wednesday, May 14

7:00 Mother's Day Novena
 7:00 Susan Zappola req. by David & Tami DaSilva
 9:00 Angelo DeFilippo req. by Marie DeFilippo
 9:00 Al Tallman req. by The Lipani Family

Thursday, May 15

7:00 Blair's Dad Thomas req. by Nicky, Mike, Linda & Phil
 7:00 Jack Schmidt req. by George & Delores Healy & Family
 9:00 Mother's Day Novena
 9:00 Carols Gonzalez req. by Loving Children

Friday, May 16

7:00 Mother's Day Novena
 9:00 Joyce M. Cooper req. by Fred & MaryAnn Drew
 9:00 Margaret Long req. by Mary Hoever

Saturday, May 17

8:00 Mother's Day Novena
 8:00 Walter Collins req. by Anne & Charles Fish & Family

Anticipated Mass for Sunday

5:00 Bill Romano req. by Sal & Debbie Maddaluno
 5:00 Virginia Meola req. by The Quagliatta Family
 5:00 Richard M. Crucet req. by Joseph & Janet Sheldrick

Sunday, May 18 (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

7:00 Mother's Day Novena
 7:00 Josephine Santisi req. by Nicholas & Donna Giulintano
 9:00 Joseph J. Onufrak req. by Loving Mother & Family
 9:00 James J. Heiman req. by Loving Sister Helen
 9:00 John & Mary Biglin req. by Loving Family
 10:30 Catherine Murray req. by Catherine & Norm West
 10:30 Lorene Zipf req. by Cathy Szynaka
 12:00 William & Rosemary Hughes req. by The Hughes Family
 12:00 Dr. Jeff J. Coletti req. by Loving Wife
 5:00 William Arabio req. by Loving Wife
 5:00 Dennis Tice req. by Sheila McCarthy

Mass Book for 2015 is Now Open



From the Pastor's Desk

“Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep...Whoever enters through me will be saved...I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”

This Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally called Good Shepherd Sunday, because the Gospel each year refers to Jesus as the Good Shepherd. This day reminds us that through the life, death and resurrection of Christ we have all become something new and that Jesus the Good Shepherd will lead all of His sheep to salvation and eternal life, especially the lost sheep. Why does Jesus refer to Himself as the Good Shepherd and why does He refer to us as His Sheep? Well it goes back to one of the images of God that comes from the Old Testament, as God is the Shepherd of Israel. Remember the kind of relationship that a shepherd in the ancient world had with his sheep and you will see that God had the same relationship with the people of Israel and with us. Unlike today's shepherds, who control their sheep with dogs, horses, and modern devices, shepherds in ancient Israel knew their sheep individually. They did not walk behind them, but before them so he could forge a path to insure that they would not fall or get into trouble. The shepherd would search for the best pastureland and watering holes taking care of the sheep's' every need. If a sheep were hurt he would nurse it back to health and if one were lost he would go out and find it.

Jesus approaches us with the same care, and in today's Gospel, He refers to Himself as the Sheep Gate. Shepherds during Jesus' time, at night would act as a living gate standing or lying in front of the sheepfold, and he would make sure that every single sheep was accounted for. Likewise, Jesus as our Living Sheep Gate, knows each of us, watches over us and leads all people, and all generations back to the Father. Also, notice that Jesus in this Gospel and in the other readings for today invites His disciples to do the same. He calls us to serve as shepherds to each other and to help others get closer to God. The words of the Third Eucharistic Prayer, "...you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name." confirm this idea. They tell us that God

the Father through the Son and by the working of the Holy Spirit is always calling us to Himself. Yes, He is calling us to be shepherds, but He is also calling people to fill specific shepherding roles in His Church. He calls people to shepherd His sheep through the Ordained Ministers of the Church (Bishops, Priests, and Deacons), and through the Consecrated life of a Religious Sister or Brother. These special ministries call a person to dedicate their lives in service to the sheep watching over them and guiding them, acting actually like Christ. On this day, we traditionally pray for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life. Every Christian has an obligation to pray for vocations and everyone of us should be looking to encourage vocations among young men and women who they believe God could be calling to these ministries. God is always calling people, to these ministries; however, the problem is people do not know how to listen to the voice of God. Therefore, it becomes more important for us to echo the Divine Calling. All you have to do is ask, if that person ever thought of pursuing a religious vocation. Many of us in service to the church in these ministries say they would not have been here if they were never asked.

On behalf of Fathers Thomas, Henry, and Peter Liu, our Deacons Jim Altonji, Joseph Califano, Michael Devenney, Michael DeBellis, Frank Dell'Aglio, Bill Dobbins, and Joseph Dougherty and the entire staff of Saint Joseph's we wish all of our Mothers a very Happy Mother's Day. May God always bless our Mothers in their special vocation!

Happy Easter

Fr. Mike



Pray for the Sick

Lynn Abe-Zeid	Alfred LaRocca
Philip Ambrosio	Kevin Latini
Lisa Ansaldi	Ida Lucivero
Gil Balkam	Vito Lucivero
Janet Belz	Agnes Ludwigson
Dottie Bially	Carolyn Martins
MaryAnn Bonitz	Andrea Maloney
Steve Bratisax	Maureen Melchiona
Charles Brechter	Eugene Merkle
Henry G. Brechter	Scott Miller
Elisabeth Burns	Ray Niccia
Donna Caligauri	Joanora O'Donnell
Marjorie Cecere	Joan Ockovic
Anthony Chindamo	Joseph Olivieri
Michele Cirelli	Helen Onufrak
Martin Condit	Bill Paduano
Kathleen Connelly	Theresa Pascarella
Cathy Conolly	Marie Paulicelli
Eileen Cross	Anna Pepe
Kathy Dell'Aglio	Barbara Petersen
Michael DePinto	Dorothy Pistritto
Gina DiCanio	Donna Marie Priolo
Joanne DiGiorgio	Kathy & Thomas Purcaro
Barbara DiGirolomo	Nicole Ramaglia
Baptist Eichelsdorfer	Rosemary & Harry Reahil
Sharon T. Eichler	Victoria Rosenblum
Lois & Michael Emma	Evelyn Rosario
Philip & Sally Enright	Ciel Roth
Lucy Erraught	Ann Sabourin
Amelia Fava	Ledicia Salazar Schild
Frank Ferrigno	Dawn Saporito
Robert Filce	Linda Savage
Roseanne Gabriel	Denise Savage Harper
Patricia Geiser	Maryann Schaudel
Loretta Gerstner	Janet Shapiro
Vanessa Gonzalez	Michele Smith
Christian Gregory	Dennis Staufenberg
Kimberly Hanson	Abe Stegman
Jasper Indelicato	Angela Stoner
Margaret Indelicato	Matthew Swenson
Catherine Jankay	Richard Troiano
Richard Jankay	LLoyd Turnier
Thomas Jankay	Regina Turnier
Emily Jensen	Michael Urbano
Kevin Krivacsy	Ann Urizzo
Linda Kushins	Dolores Varvaro
Mary Jo L'Ambrose	Priscilla Vero
Arlene Lang	Margaret Villano
Linda Langhorn	

Pray for Our Troops

PFC Eric Lange, USMC	SGT Edwin Rivera, II
SGT Deborah Alfieri	SGT Anthony M Sbrocco, USMC
SGT Matthew Altonji	
SPC Andrew Altonji	SSGT Jason Schiavo
LCPL Matthew Balestrieri, USMC	LCPL W. Mason Shehan
TSGT Louis Barletta	SSGT Timothy
LT Michael-Jon Bonacorsa	McGoyme
LCPL John Brown	SPC James Stanek
PFC Justin Browne	EO3 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	CPL 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	Lt. James Ciccarello USARMY
CTR2 Matthew Pistritto	SGT Erica Long US ARMY
LT David A Rewkowski	



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Name of person who is ill

Person making this request:

Relationship to ill person

(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—

Stephen Stadler

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

Do you know what an early-day abortion is?

Here's what happens: Someone takes the 'morning after' pill, Plan B, that is now available over the counter, no prescription required. (This is called an abortifacient).

Once a baby is conceived, he takes a trip up the fallopian tube, swimming toward his mother's uterine wall, where he will implant himself so that he can receive the nourishment he needs to grow during the remaining time he spends inside of her.

BUT if the chemicals contained in one of these pills are in his mother's system, the lining of her uterus will be thinned to the point where the baby cannot implant, and he will die.

THAT is known as an early-day abortion. It is true that the public, for the most part, is unaware of this fact, but that does not change the sad outcome for a countless number of babies.

BACKSTORY:

On January 22, 1973, the United States Supreme Court struck down all laws in every state that in any way had protected the lives of developing unborn children. It legalized abortion in all 50 states, for the full nine months of pregnancy, for social and economic reasons.

>It created a new, basic constitutional right for women in the right to privacy which the Court had created only a few years earlier. That right to privacy was "broad enough to encompass a woman's right to terminate her pregnancy."

>It stated that the law protects only "legal persons" and that "legal personhood does not exist prenatally ." (we now know that this is wrong – science has proved that life begins at conception) >It authorized no legal restrictions on abortion in the first three months.

>No restrictions from then until viability except those needed to make the procedure safer for the mother.

>Abortion was allowed until birth if one licensed physician judged it necessary for the mother's "health".

Roe v. Wade, U.S. Supreme Court
410 U.S. 113, 1973

adapted from Wilke, Why can't we love them both?
Hayes Publishing Company, 1997

Weekly Offering



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

Sunday, May 4, 2014 Offering (Includes Faith Direct (\$1,937))	\$20,547
Last Year	\$19,947
Easter This Year	\$51,563
Last Year	\$51,934
Poor Box Last Week	\$258
DRVC Cath. Sch. Collection 2014	\$1,142
Last Year	\$1,156

*Pay Down Debt Donations

This Month	\$ —
Total Funds	366,765
Less Payments made to RVC	345,000
Fund Balance	\$21,765
RVC Loan	605,000
Less Payment	345,000
Balance	\$260,000

*Includes Faith Direct Collections for April
(68 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**

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Service



The Mother Church of the Ronkonkomas

Religious Education

E-mail: RelEd@StJoRonk.org

Website: RelEd.StJoRonk.org

981-1805

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday

9:00 Am - 3:00 PM



We in Religious Ed would like to thank all the children & catechist who participated throughout the year in our community service projects. Over the course of the year the children have collected many items that were needed for our Parish Outreach program. Recently the children collected funds to be donated to Heifer International. This program provides livestock to impoverished people in order to provide a living or to feed their families. The children opted to purchase shares of a buffalo, heifer, llama, goat, sheep and pigs. They also purchased tree seedlings, honey bees, rabbits and ducklings. May they continue with their generosity.

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@stjoronk.org or call us at 981-1805 to have them sent to you. All others please return the re-registration form your child has brought home. Please register as soon as possible to be assured of the time and day that is most convenient for you.

Rehearsal for the May 17th 10:30 Communion will take place on Tuesday, May 13th at 4:30 PM in the Church.

Rehearsal for the May 17th 1:00 Communion will take place on Wednesday, May 14th at 4:30PM in the Church.

Level 7 – if any parent did not attend either Confirmation meeting please call Sister Anne Marie for an appointment to come into the office

Confirmation Interviews will take place on Tuesday, May 13th in Carew Hall and on Thursday, May 15th in the School Gym. Please come on your assigned day and time.

St. Joseph School

stjoronkelem.org



On behalf of the administration, faculty and staff at St. Joseph's School, Happy Mother's Day!

Congratulations to Mrs. Carnavos and the 2nd Grade who have received First Communion this weekend. The children have been waiting for this day since the first day of school!

Congratulations to the following students who are on the honor roll at Our Lady of Mercy Academy and have graduated from our school: Alexandra Ambrosio, Christine Flores and Vanessa Pham.

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Diocesan Right to Life Contest and were finalists: Patrick Kutch, Anthony DePaul, Ryan Buckley, Elina McAteer, Elita Schmidt and Victoria Ranieri. Congratulations to Patrick Kutch who received an award of third place of all the finalists in the Diocese.

Registration is limited for the 2014 - 2015 school year. Please be sure to contact the office for tour and registration information at 588-4760

Baby Bottle Campaign Change for Life



This weekend, the baby bottles will be collected before each Mass. If you cannot return your bottle this weekend, please drop it off at the rectory during office hours. Donations of handmade and other baby items will be gratefully accepted on Mother's Day weekend.

Most importantly, the Life Center asks you to recite the prayer on the bottle. The prayer attached to the bottle will enable the counselors at The Life Center to say just the right words a mother or father may need to hear. It especially opens a mother's heart to accept the truth. We believe these prayers lead abortion-minded women to call The Life Center in the first place.

CHECKS SHOULD BE PAYABLE TO THE LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND.



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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Calendar Club 2014



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3/30 #492 Lina & Tony DeLouisa \$50	3/31 #638 Rosemary & Gerry McMenamin \$25	4/1 #306 Catherine Anello \$50 April Fools Day	4/2 #635 Florence Buckley \$25	4/3 #958 Marie & George Hunt \$25	4/4 #16 Ruth Haines \$25	4/5 #532 Ray & MaryAlice Griffin \$25
4/6 #506 Robin Benick \$50	4/7 #494 Jerome Magluilo \$25	4/8 #602 Richard & Maryann Ramaglia \$25	4/9 #528 Beth Beecher \$25	4/10 #657 Peter Borneman \$25	4/11 #204 Mr & Mrs Alfred LaRocca \$25	4/12 #661 Joe Finnegan \$25
4/13 #891 Jacqueline Scannella \$50	4/14 #754 Rosalie & Ken Aiello \$25	4/15 #802 Carolyn Weggeland \$25	4/16 #635 Florence Buckley \$25	4/17 #302 Roseanne Frank \$25	4/18 #692 Ellie Steeneck \$25	4/19 #489 Marion Scarglato \$25
4/20 #863 Joanne Toomey \$200 Easter	4/21 #485 Lina & Tony DeLouisa \$25	4/22 #677 Eileen & Ron Gelardi \$25	4/23 #664 The MacIntosh Family \$25	4/24 #711 Linda Savage \$25	4/25 #750 J & M Fausone \$25	4/26 #384 Walter Poggi \$25
4/27 #22 Claire & Lou Antonucci \$50	4/28 #350 Joseph Messina \$25	4/29 #241 Michael Lawlor \$25	4/30 #346 Emily Gelardi \$25	5/1 #502 Ray & MaryAlice Griffin \$25	5/2 #885 Margaret Walsh \$25	5/3 #509 Joan Samalya \$25

Banns of Marriage

(Second Time)



*Megan Tedeschi of Good Shepherd and
Jack Rosa of Resurrection*

*Kathleen Hanna and
Nicholas LoFaso of St. Thomas*

*Coural Dugan of St. Joseph's and
Matthew Balestrieri of St. Joseph's*

*Jenna Retaleato of St. Joseph and
George Cristino of St. Joseph's*

*Mary Kalamaras of St. Joseph's and
Joseph Gugliotta*

*Jacquelyn DeProspero of St. Joseph's and
Andre Rivera of St. Joseph's*



DIocese of Rockville Centre

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

- + Collins Andrew Adutwum
- + David Atanasio
- + Michael Bissex
- + Cody Bobick
- + Matthew Browne
- + William Cassese
- + Michael Cassidy
- + Joseph Catafago
- + John Crozier
- + Alessandro Da Luz
- + Andrew Garnett
- + Thomas Griffin
- + James Hansen
- + Michael Hill
- + Jiha Lim
- + Christopher Loester
- + Steve Maddaloni
- + Kieran Maelia
- + Liam McDonald
- + Sean Migaldi
- + Christopher Mirabal
- + Patrick Morrissey
- + Daniel Opoku-Mensah
- + Michael Plona
- + Matthew Prochilo
- + Dominique Quiban
- + Daniel Rivera
- + Stephen Rooney
- + Andrew Santos
- + Joseph Scolaro
- + James Shelton
- + Leo Song
- + Chris Sullivan
- + Alex Turpin
- + Roger Velasquez
- + Benjamin Volpe
- + John Wachowicz
- + Jeffrey Yildirmaz

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St. Joseph
Garden Ministry



**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS
PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE
IT'S SPRING! THANK YOU GOD!!**

Lets roll up our sleeves. Put on our gloves and knee pads and go to work in our Lord's gardens. Bring your garden tools and your love for the earth and the beauty it produces. Please join us - We need your help. We have a lot of "Ground" to cover. There are more than 20 gardens that need your TLC. Please know that you can tend your adopted garden at your convenience, morning, noon or evening. If you are interested and want more information, please leave your name and phone number at the rectory and I'll get back to you ASAP.

Thank you,

Fran



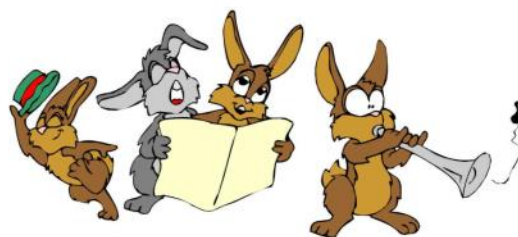
THE SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM



Everyone loves the beauty and innocence of a baby. As an expression of that love, St. Joseph Parish family will have the opportunity on May 4/5 to "spiritually" adopt a child who is newly conceived. Not all newly conceived babies are allowed to be born. In fact, more than 4,000 babies lose their lives to abortion each day. It is these babies that you are being asked to adopt.

All that is required, is that you take a prayer card home, name your baby and pray for that baby and its parents throughout the following months. Write the child's name in the space provided and return that portion to a special basket that will be placed in the sanctuary area under the display of pictures. Keep the prayer portion as a reminder to pray for that child and his/her family.

You will receive monthly reports through the parish bulletin describing your baby's development. You will also be able to see in pictures (posted on the altar) the growth of your baby. We hope you will enjoy seeing these miraculous pictures and learning of the Journey of Life we have all taken, as much as we do.



**Do you sing?
Do you play an instrument?
Will you share your talent?**

Saint Joseph Parish Music Ministry

9:00 Mass Contemporary Choir

We lead the parish's singing at the 9:00 am Sunday Mass and at many other celebrations. The choir is open to youth (*4th grade and up*), adults, and seniors. We sing mostly contemporary and "praise" music with contemporary accompaniment. See us after Mass to find out how to join.

10:30 Mass Choir

Our group helps the parish in worship at the 10:30 am Sunday Mass and at many of our parish's special celebrations. The choir is open to young adults (*9th grade and up*), adults, and seniors. Join us at our rehearsals on Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the Church. [Although knowing how to read music is helpful, it is not required because all music will be carefully rehearsed.]

12:00 Mass Schola

Our schola leads the parish in song at the 12:00 noon Sunday Mass and at many of our parish's special celebrations. We sing all different kinds of music, but with a contemporary approach. See us after Mass to find out how to join.

Sunday 5:00 Mass - Youth in Music Ministry

Our teen-focused Music Ministry helps the parish in joy-filled praise and worship at the 5:00 pm Sunday Mass and at many of our parish's special celebrations. Come to our rehearsals at 4:30 pm on Sundays or see us after Mass to join. (*7th grade and up*) (*Adult support is welcome!*)

2014 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL



SERVING GOD BY SERVING OTHERS

2014 Catholic Ministries Appeal Comparison as of 4/22/2014

2013 Goal : \$105,600

2014 Goal: \$107,800

2013 Pledges #326

2014 Pledges #319

2013 Amount Pledged \$81,244

2014 Amount Pledged \$75,996

2013 Percent of Goal 77%

2014 Percent of Goal 70.5%

Take a look at the latest figures; we have almost caught up to last year in the number of pledges. That's great! However, we are far behind in the amount pledged. It is wonderful to see that people are giving and we hope that more individuals and families will continue to make pledges to help us reach this year's goal. **Every pledge, no matter how large or how small**, brings us closer to our goal which in turn will help **St Joseph's** to receive a sizable rebate to help support the programs in our own Parish and community. Remember, all who give \$250 or more are entered into a drawing to win dinner for two with the Parish Priests and staff. Ten names will be drawn; they and a guest will be invited to a special evening of food and fellowship as our way of saying "thank you". Please use the tear off below to make your contribution/pledge to the **2014 Catholic Ministries Appeal**. As always, I thank you for your generous support. *Fr. Mike*

Yes, I want to give to the Catholic Ministries Appeal 2014

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ *State/Zip:* _____ *Phone:* _____

Pledge:\$ _____ *Amount Enclosed:* _____ *Parish ID #* _____



COURT ST. JOSEPH #975 INVITES YOU TO JOIN US
FOR OUR COMMUNION LUNCHEON

SPEAKER: REV. MICHAEL MAFFEO

DATE: Sunday, June 1st

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Carew Hall

45 CHURCH STREET, RONKONKOMA

COST \$15.00

FOR TICKETS CALL: 981-4402

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 1, 8, 15, 22), 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 29, 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.

**There's nothing easy
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St Joseph RC Church Code: A1245

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ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH
14th Annual Golf Outing
At: Island Hills Golf Club
June 2, 2014



The Golf Outing will be held at:

Island Hills Golf Club

458 Lakeland Avenue in Sayville, NY

(631) 589-2200

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM *BBQ Lunch*

12:30 PM *Shotgun start (18 holes with Golf Cart)*

6:00 - 9:00 PM *Open Bar, Buffet Dinner & Presentations*

Golf format *Will be a Scramble/Best Ball System*

▲ *Free Door Prize Give-Aways*

▲ *50/50 Raffle*

▲ *Sports Memorabilia Auction*

▲ *After Dinner Raffle*

Beyond a great day of golf, we will be honoring:



Father Michael Maffeo

Information (Including Registration Forms) is located at the back of the church.

Thanking you in advance. God Bless you.

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




Baptisms

Bella Rae Carucci
Gennaro Nicolo Guarnera
Sophia Isabella
Luca Manolio
Garrison Joel Walsh

St. Joseph Parish Outreach Center

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

Parish Outreach



Through your generosity we were able to help more than **160** people throughout the month of March. 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, May 18th tonight

Sunday, May 25th

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

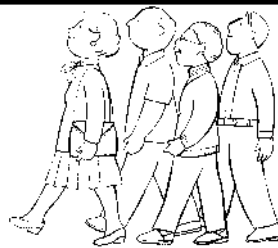


Defensive Driving



The defensive driving course will be offered at St. Joseph Church on Saturday, June 14, in Carew Hall from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Fee is \$45. Please call the rectory at 588-8456 to reserve your place. Make checks

payable to St. Joseph Church.



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.

SJMPG IS CALLING ALL MEN!

Come Pray with the The St. Joseph's Men's Prayer Group!



We meet every Tuesday evening in The Church at 7:30pm and pray The Rosary followed in the Vestibule by Coffee, Donuts and a lot of fellowship. Join with fellow Catholic men and pray, relax and talk. It's new, It's Fun and It's exciting. Come give it a try! No Commitment! No pressure! Plenty of Camaraderie! **See You Tuesday!**

(Sponsored by St Regis K of C Council #4651)