



St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

Let us build the City of God!

Our Mission:

We strive daily to be a community of believers, alive in Christ. In our diversity and in a spirit of reconciliation, we journey toward God. Our faith finds expression in worship. Our live is the center of care for all people. Our hope is the longed for promise of union with God, and with each other, as we continue the mission of proclaiming the Kingdom at St Joseph's in Ronkonkoma.

Priests

Rev. Michael J Rieder, Pastor
Rev. Juniper J. Thomas Rev. Henry Leuthardt
Rev. Peter T. Liu (retired)

Deacons

Dcn. James Altonji Dcn. Joseph Califano
Dcn. Michael DeBellis Dcn. Frank Dell'Aglio
Dcn. Michael Devenney Dcn. William Dobbins

Come pray with us!

Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm

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

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

*During School year Tuesday mass is at 8:45AM

Eucharistic Adoration:

Mondays 2:00 - 6:45 PM (except holidays)

First Friday 7:30—8:30 PM (Sacred Heart Devotion)

Rosary: Daily after 9:00 Mass

Reconciliation: Mon, Wed, Fri: after morning mass

Sat: after morning mass and 4:00 - 4:45 PM

St Joseph Rectory Office

45 Church Street 588-8456 Fax 471-2569

Religious Education

35 Church Street 981-1805

Director: Mrs. Maryanne Trezza

Parish Outreach

2855 Pond Rd 981-6888

Director: Mrs. Anne Kelly

St Joseph School

25 Church Street 588-4760

Principal: Mr. Richard Kuntzler

April 19, 2015 — Third Sunday of Easter

Serving Your Sacramental Needs

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament is celebrated on Sundays at 1:30 PM. Parents, please call the parish office to arrange a meeting with one of our priests or deacons to begin to make arrangements.

The Sacrament of Eucharist

See front cover for mass times. If you are sick for an extended period of time or are homebound, please contact the parish office to arrange to have someone bring Communion to you.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

School aged children can prepare for this Sacrament by contacting our religious Education office. Adults or older teens who have yet to be Confirmed should contact the Parish Office

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

As listed on front cover or call rectory for an appointment with one of our priests.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

This Sacrament is for the living. We celebrate this Sacrament each Spring and Fall for those who are chronically ill, advanced in age, or who are about to undergo surgery or hospitalization. We can arrange the Sacrament at other times by calling the Parish Office..

Emergencies: call the office to arrange a visit from a priest.

Nighttime emergencies (631) 585-1130

The Sacrament of Matrimony

Bride or Groom please call the office at least six months before your desired wedding date to begin preparations for marriage. Please make contact with the parish **before** making other wedding day plans!

The Sacrament of Holy Orders

Anyone who is feeling called to service in the church as a priest deacon or in consecrated religious life should contact the parish office to speak to one of the priests or deacons for guidance.

Interested in possibly becoming Catholic?

Please contact the rectory to arrange a meeting to discuss your questions. We have regular classes to help people learn about the faith and decide if becoming Catholic is what you and God want for you right now. This whole process of inquiry and potential conversion is called RCIA—The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

Prayer and Devotion Opportunities

Our Lady of Fatima Devotion

Our Lady came to Fatima with a message from God to every man, woman and child. She promised that the whole world would be at peace, and that many souls would go to heaven if her requests were listened to and obeyed.

In response to her requests, the First Saturday of each month is devoted to Our Lady of Fatima. This devotion includes 8:00 AM mass, a novena to Our Lady of Fatima, the Rosary, the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and fellowship in Carew hall at 9:00 AM.

All are welcome at this devotion.

St Joseph 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 (recollection) before our Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament—whose 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 all Graces ("In Him we live and move and have our being." Acts 17:28). God is our Father and our Friend and is our sweet Guest.

We are called to acknowledge this great truth: God is in each of us, our soul is His Temple.

This evening of recollection includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying the Psalms, Silence, a Gospel reading and a reflection on many topics including: 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 awe & wonder in God's presence. The evening ends with Benediction.

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

St Joseph Men's Prayer Group

We meet every Tuesday evening at 7:30 PM in the Church where we pray the Rosary.

Afterward we move to the main vestibule for coffee, donuts and fellowship.

This is a great opportunity to be strengthened in your commitment as a Catholic man just by spending time with others like you!

April 19, 2015

Additional Parish and School Contact Information

Parish Website: stjoronk.org
School Website: stjoronekem.org

E-mail addresses

General: Info@StJoRonk.org
Pastor: pastor@StJoRonk.org
Religious Ed: RelEd@StJoRonk.org
School: tmehern@stjoronekem.org

Parish Trustees

Robert Koepper Walter Poggi

Business Manager

Deacon Michael DeBellis

Music Ministry

Michael Keller, Director
Ann DeBellis, 9:00 Choir

Rectory Hours

Monday thru Friday 9:00 - 5:00 (closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:15)

Saturday 9:00 - 5:00 (closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:15)

Sunday 9:00 - 12:00

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, April 19, 2015 (Third Sunday of Easter)

- 7:00** Darryll Smith (Loving Wife & Son), Rose Marie Rizzo-Groner (The Fischer Family)
9:00 Joseph J. Onufrak (Loving Mother & Family), Donna Zambito (Diane Calandriello)
10:30 Jose Martins (Loving Family), Claire & Jim McQuillan (Loving Family)
12:00 Carmine Cassara Jr. (Loving Family), Charles Salvietti (Pat & Jerry Peters & Family)
5:00 George L. Alfonso (Loving Wife & Daughters), Lindy Dellasalle (Louis & Mary Scotti)

Monday, April 20

- 7:00** Roberta English (Kevin Eustace), Rochelle Burch (Andrew Erato)
9:00 James Batjer (Ann Festa), Claire Ward (Mary Ellen Bergin)

Tuesday, April 21

- 7:00** For the People of the Parish
8:45 Frank Del'Aglio IV (LIVING) (Dcn. Frank Del'Aglio), Richard Dunn (Mary & Louis Scotti), Francesca Gallo (LIVING) (Lorraine Ciserano)

Wednesday, April 22

- 7:00** For the People of the Parish
9:00 Charles Lucido (MaryAnn & Walter Rogers), Emanuele Quarantino (Loving Wife & Family)

Thursday, April 23

- 7:00** For the People of the Parish
9:00 George L. Alfonso (Loving Wife & Daughters), Frank Woods (Donnamarie Priolo)

Friday, April 24

- 7:00** For the People of the Parish
9:00 Rose Ricciardi (Loving Family), Mary Carpentieri (The Ferrara Family)

Saturday, April 25

- 8:00** Giovanna DeNichilo (Antoinette & Dan Ventola), Joseph Kister (Thomas & Marie Kister)
5:00 Elsie Tapel (Pat & Jerry Peters), Louis Tromba (Josephine & John Leonick), Franklin M. Duarte (Loving Wife)

Sunday, April 26 (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

- 7:00** Anny Liepold (Anne Weber)
9:00 Joseph Onufrak (Loving Wife & Family), Dec'd. Mbrs. of St. Regis K of C & Columbiettes
10:30 Regina Ann Barrowclough (Loving Family), Charlotte DaMrau (Joseph & Debbie Gilde)
12:00 Carol White (The Wiener Family), John Giordano (The Santo Lucy Family)
5:00 John Cerrella (Diane & John Buccellato), John Grega (Andrew Tomaiko)

Altar Bread & Wine

*In Loving Memory of
Uncle Bill*

Requested by

Katherine, Dave, Evan & Elina



OUR LITURGY

In today's first reading, Peter charges his listeners to repent and reform their lives, The Letter of Saint John echoes this message, telling the disciples to keep Christ's commandments. In the Gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples and assures them that he is truly risen from the dead, as Scripture had prophesied. He then prepares them to carry on his ministry.

So what's with the jokes?

Last week's bulletin had an entire column of jokes and a note that said this week you will find out why it is so appropriate to tell jokes during the Easter Season. I'm sure everyone has been waiting with bated breath to find out. Here goes...

Years ago I heard an Easter morning homily that was filled with jokes. The priest started by telling how he was out shopping for flowers for his mother for Easter. The line was long, the staff was stressed and tired as they wrapped each potted plant. When it came his turn he put down a beautiful azalea for his mother and as the young girl was wrapping it a flower fell off. She grabbed it and handed it to him saying, "This bud's for you!"

When the laughter in church stopped he told us how valuable jokes are in so many situations and he rattled off a few one liners ending with "Take my wife, please!"

Again when the laughter settled he asked us if we thought it was inappropriate to tell jokes like he had just done on Easter Sunday in church.

He told us that not only is it okay to do so, but it actually is an ancient Christian tradition to tell jokes at Easter. It is a reminder of the greatest joke ever, that God played on the devil.

On Good Friday the devil actually thought he had won the battle and the war! God gave him another day to believe this and then on Easter Sunday morning the punch line came - the Resurrection! God wins and the joke is on the devil!

So go ahead, tell some jokes this Easter season. Take out the old ones and tell them again. You might even hear a couple of new ones because joke telling is contagious!

But let's keep them clean so we can teach this ancient tradition to our kids!

Here's a favorite you can share with kids (but you need to have some water on hand):

"Knock, knock."

"Who's there?"

"John"

"John who?"

Then as you splash the person you say,

"John the Baptist!"

Here's one more:

What do John the Baptist and Winnie the Pooh have in common?

Their middle name - "the"!

The Paschal Mystery continues in our parish

The Paschal Mystery is about death and resurrection: they go together. We can never have the resurrection without the cross and every cross is followed by the resurrection.

Another process of death and resurrection began in our parish during Holy Week. Fr. Henry came here as a newly ordained priest and has been here for five years. The policy of our diocese is that a new priest moves on to a new assignment at the completion of five years. Fr. Henry received a list of parishes that have openings this June and we received a list of other priests who are transferring this June. Now we have a couple of weeks of interviews: Fr. Henry has begun meeting with pastors and priests have come here to meet me and other members of our staff. Then we all send in three possibilities and they try to match things in a way that is best for each priest and for each parish. The process is fair and the board that advises Bishop Murphy takes this responsibility very seriously.

But it is a challenging time. We won't know where Fr. Henry is going or who is coming here until late May or early June, which is a little stressful. Then the process of saying good bye and hello is when we are all called to live the paschal mystery in the life of our parish and of our friend Fr. Henry.

Please keep Fr. Henry in your prayers in a special way during this transition time. Pray that God will place him where he needs to be for his own growth and for the people of God. Also keep our parish in your prayers during this time. Pray that God will send us a priest who will be open to our gifts and responsive to our needs!

Pray for children...in two ways

Next week begins "First Communion Season". There will be several celebrations during the next few weeks. Please pray for our children and their families - that they will be moved into a growing relationship with Jesus through these celebrations!

Please pray for children in our world who live in poverty. Next weekend Fr. Mike will be preaching for Unbound, the sponsorship organization that came here last August. He will be inviting people to join in the work of fighting poverty by sponsoring a child or elderly person. Please pray that this work will also help to bring people into a growing relationship with Jesus through service.

The times, they are a changin’

A couple of years ago I used this headline whenever I wrote about the New Roman Missal. But looking back to the beginning of Lent I feel we may need to use this headline in our parish from time to time.

You recall in the beginning of Lent I came out at all the masses and spoke about the state of the parish - the fact that over the years we have accumulated a debt much larger than what you had seen in the bulletin.

Just a reminder: the debt published in the bulletin is an interest free loan from the diocese and we currently owe \$172,500 on that loan. But the greater debt is now over \$2.5 million and we are accumulating interest on that debt on a regular basis.

When I told you about that debt I said that I will not become a “money pastor” and that my agenda remains the same - “Let us build the City of God.”

Of course, we do still have to acknowledge this debt and also do what we can to make sure our budget is balanced each year.

Here’s where the changes are coming:

As stewards of your offerings we have to make sure we are always getting the biggest bang for our buck on everything. In March we made a radical change in the maintenance of our buildings and grounds. The entire “in house maintenance staff” was eliminated (with very generous severance packages) and we hired an outside company, Professional Building and Maintenance Corp., to take care of our buildings and grounds. This change was not taken lightly. We did an extensive search and had help from the diocese in haggling for the best price we could get. Between this change and some other minor cuts in our workspace and lifestyle we are saving the parish close to \$120,000 a year!

These savings have not yet balanced our budget but we have taken a huge step in that direction.

These changes in staff have caused some “growing pains” which are natural. But for the most part this change has been pretty smooth.

There is one thing that will change for people who are part of groups that meet here using our facilities:

- We ask a leader of the group to come to the office on the day of your meeting to sign out a key. You will let yourselves in and lock up behind yourselves at the end of the evening. Then you are asked to drop the key in the mail slot in the rectory front door. This is how it is done in many parishes.

We are doing this so that our maintenance staff has more uninterrupted time to take care of our buildings and grounds rather than running around to open and close buildings all evening. I apologize that this may cause some minor inconvenience but this is part of our group effort to make appropriate changes to help balance our budget which is our responsibility as stewards.

Just one more piece of financial information

On Holy Thursday I wrote a letter to the finance department of the diocese. I pointed out to them that I had just signed a check for \$7,500 toward our parish debt. We do this every month paying \$90,000 a year toward the debt. But every month we are charged over \$12,000 interest which means our debt increases by more than \$4,500 a month or about \$55,000 a year. At the Chrism mass Bishop Murphy said in his homily, “In the lamp of our lives the oil of Mercy should never run dry.”

In the context of writing the check; Bp. Murphy’s words; and the fact that we have already cut about \$120,000 from our annual budget I asked that our loan be reorganized as an interest free loan. Cutting the more than \$144,000 of interest off our budget will bring us much closer to a balanced budget. This request was not a request for mercy but for justice. But I did also ask for mercy. I asked that all the interest we had been charged over the years be excused so that we can be in a better place to pay off our loans and move forward.

Pope Francis has announced a Jubilee year of Mercy that is to begin on December 8 of this year. I asked that the spirit of this jubilee and this mercy be shown to us a little early.

I was contacted by the finance office of the diocese and we will meet sometime next week to discuss our situation. Honestly I do not believe they will wipe out all of our interest (at least not yet) but I have no problem asking! Really what I want is to show the diocese that we are working toward balancing our budget. If they have any suggestions that will help us on this path (without asking me to become a strictly “money pastor”) I am open to listening!

So, the times they are a changin’! But the changes look like signs of growth to me!

-Fr. Mike

Respect Life



Wednesday, April 29, 2015 – 9 AM – Noon

Mark your calendars – for Lobby for Life Day, sponsored by New York State Right to Life. This day is set aside every year, to give New Yorkers the opportunity to address their lawmakers, and thereby actively make a difference in our state.

The ‘WELL’ in the Legislative Office Building in Albany is scheduled to be the location for the Lobby Day speakers; they will inspire you, educate you, and equip you for your lobby meetings, if you desire to do so, with your legislators.

It is critically important for pro-life people to gather, learn and voice their opinions to their legislators, because, as you know, New York State, as a whole, is an abortion state.

The Senators and Assembly members need to know how important the dignity of all persons, born and unborn, is, and an example of NYState’s attitude is that the Butler Amendment, to remove funds to pay for abortion in the 2015 NYS budget, failed.

Your presence will make a difference! Contact Jessica Rodgers @ 518-434-1293, Or Jessicar@NYSTRIGHTTOLIFE.ORG to register. It is important to register.

For your transportation, a bus will leave from St. Joseph’s, the parking lot across from the Church, at 4:45 am, and return about 5-6 pm. The bus service will be \$15 per person. For more information and to reserve a seat on the bus, contact 631-758-2093.

On April 25 and 26, the teens of St. Joseph’s will be in the Church lobby, distributing the baby bottles. As you know from past experience, you will be asked to take them home, deposit your spare change into them every night (or day), don’t forget to say the prayer on the bottle, and you will be reminded to return them on May 16 and 17, to the young people who will be in the Church lobby, ready to collect them. This is a very popular event, made more so by the fact that all proceeds go to the Life Center, of which there are four now, and it is known as the go-to place for all kinds of help for pregnant girls and women, and their babies, beginning with a free ultrasound, counseling, baby clothes, etc. Hot Line #: 631-243-0066.



Weekly Offering



Fiscal Year Beginning 9/1/2014 - 8/31/15

Sunday April 12, 2015 Offering	\$18,067
(Includes Faith Direct \$1,684)	
Easter Sunday 2015	\$48,525
2014	\$49,343
Last Year	\$18,257
Poor Box Last Week	494
Drvc HolyLand Collection 2015	1,811
2014	2,889

*Pay Down Debt Donations		
Additions	This Month	\$ —
	Total Funds	455,523
Less Payments made to RVC		<u>432,500</u>
	Fund Balance	\$23,023

RVC Loan	605,000
Less Payment	<u>432,500</u>
Balance	\$172,500

*Includes Faith Direct Collections for April
(77 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**

Pray for the Sick

Lynn Abe-Zaid
Louise Alessandro
Frank Ambrosio
Philip Ambrosio
Olivia Bender
Anthony Bernardo
Janet Belz
Marybelle Berge
Mary Ann Bonitz
Elaine Catenaccio
Louise Cipolla
Martin Condit
Cathy Connolly
Eileen Cross
Rick Crotta
Csaba Csaszar
Joanne DeBellis
Michael DePinto
Christine DiFilippo
Rita Diubaldo
Eva Dayton
Maria Duerr
Sharon T. Eichler
Lois & Michael Emma
Sally & Phil Enright
Donna Evers
Jason Falco
Philip Fava
Amelia Fava
Helen Fenyak
Mary & Frank Ferrigno
Robert Filce
Roseanne Gabriel
Francesca Gallo
Patricia Geiser
Loretta Gerstner
Jasper & Margaret Indelicato
Richard & Thomas Jankay
Joseph Karpf
MaryJo L'Ambrose
Alfred LaRocca
Kevin Latini
Melissa Lipani
Grace Loud
Louis Lopez
Ida Lucivero
Vito Lucivero
Agnes Ludwigson
Carolyn Martins
Pamela Makely
Andrea Maloney
Isabel McAdams
Maureen Melchiona

Helene Nieswandt
Joseph Nicosia
Joanora O'Donnell
Joseph Olivieri
Helen Onufrak
Anna Pepe
Barbara Petersen
Dorothy Pistritto
Joan Plouffe
Donna Marie Priolo
Nicole Ramaglia
Barbara Reustle
Ruby Rivera
Evelyn Rosario
Mary Ann Rossi
Angela Russo
Mary Ann Russo
Ann Sabourin
Norma Salazar
Dawn Saporito
Denise Savage Harper
Ben Scannella
Krista & Nancy Schramm
Nancy Schramm
Maryann Schaudel
Jamie Smith
Abe Stegman
Angela Stoner
Matthew Swenson
Richard Tizzard
Analea Torborg
Richard Troiano
Lloyd Turnier
Regina Turnier
Anna Urizzo
Peter Wrins
Joseph Yasso
Richard Zwirblis

Pray for Our Troops

PFC Eric Lange, USMC
SGT Deborah Alfieri
SGT Matthew Altonji
SPC Andrew Altonji
LCPL Matthew Balestrieri, USMC
TSgt Louis Barletta
LT Michael-Jon Bonacorsa
LCPL John Brown
PFC Justin Browne
LTCOL James Cersosimo
CPL Glenn Clacher
SPC Thomas E. Corcoran
SPC Jason Crawford
CPT Edward Cuevas
PFC John B Cuneo
CPT Ryan Delaney
TSgt Timothy Dermody
SGT Stephen DiGirolamo
SSgt Tony Elliott
LT Kelly Fletcher
SPC Adam Franciosa
CPT Mark Gillman
CPL RJ Hartmann
MAJ Sean P Kilkenny
CW2 Steven Knight
LCPL William Langdon
SPC Christopher Leone
SGT Wade Lynch
MAJ Kevin McCue
PVT Thomas B McGinn
SGT Patrick McNally
PFC William Meyer
CPL Brian G Meyer
CPO Gregory Migliore
SGT Glenn Miller
LT Heather Miras
SPC4 George Monica
SPC4 John Monica
SGT Daniel Montville
GYSGT Brian Moran, USMC
LTCOL Gregory Mueller, USMC
LCPL Thomas Napolitano
LCPL Michael Napolitano
LCPL James Neubauer
SGT Brian Pacell
CPT Stephen Bartoszak
PFC Matthew Pandolfi
SFC James Munro Army
CPT Michael Parisi
2LT Anthony Parisi
MAJ Paul E Pinaud
CTR2 Matthew Pistritto
LT David A Rewkowski
SGT Edwin Rivera, II
SGT Anthony M Sbrocco, USMC
SSgt Jason Schiavo
LCPL W. Mason Shehan
SSgt Timothy McGoyne
SPC James Stanek
EO3 Taylor Taranto
MM3 Gregory Taranto
PFC Greg Terrish

SGT Jason Tulowitzki
SGT John Thomas Vogt
CPL Brandon Waldon
SGT Randolph Weaver
MSTR Robert Casey
ILT Richard Lutz
SPC Darian L. Clark/Army
SAMN Bill Ried
CPL Michael Casonova
SPEC4 David Cooper
ENS Michael Cristiano, USN
SGT Brian P. O'Leary
PFC Gregory Caplan
MPS Timothy Caplan
E6PO1 Gerard McGarrity
LT John Cox II
PFC Nicholas Barbieri
LCPL Jim A. Mock
SGT Maj. John A. Krumholz
LCPL Joseph R. DeGroot, USMC
RCT Dustin A. Whitton, USMC
SPC Peter Reilly
SMAN T.J. Waldhauser, US Navy
LCPL Brian Kolarik, USMC
PVT Chris Dorn, Army
SSgt Ray C. Sigman II
CPL Sean Rainone, USMC
SGT Thomas Lupo
SSgt Mike Hengerle, USMC
Kelly R. Denimarck ENS Navy
SFC James Munro Army
CPL Kristen M. Saporito USMC
Captain Sean Lavigne USAF
LCPL Daniel Pfeifer USMC
MSGT Thomas J. Valentino USAF
CSM Lawrence Dougherty, USArmy
PFC Thomas Conran USArmy
SRA Matthew Maisano USAF
SPJonathan G. Romano USANG
PFC Daniel R. Hayes USMC
PFC Allecia N. Ahearn USMC
Lt. James Ciccarello US ARMY
Sal Evangelista, US ARMY
Nick Vicale SFC ARMY
LCPL Michael A. Davison USMC
CAPT. Glenn Miller



—REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED—

Robert Romeo, Zora Delgado

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



ST. JOSEPH PARISH & SCHOOL
15th Annual Golf Outing
At: Island Hills Golf Club
June 1, 2015



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:



Kevin G. Harney, Principle
Stalco Construction, Inc.
St. Joseph Class of 1977

Information will be located at the back of the church starting on or around April 8th

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS...

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

Children scheduled to celebrate First Eucharist on Saturday, April 25, 10:30am
attend a rehearsal on Tuesday, April 21, 2015, 5:30pm

Children scheduled to celebrate First Eucharist on Saturday, April 25, 1:00pm
attend a rehearsal on Wednesday, April 22, 2015, 5:30pm



LEVEL ONE PARENT MEETING -Monday, April 27, 2015, 7:30pm

This meeting is for parents of children enrolled in St. Joseph Religious Education during the 2014-15 year, current Level One children.



Life Center of Long Island and
St. Joseph Respect Life Ministry

We need your help with the Baby Bottle Campaign

What is it? The Baby Bottle Campaign is a pro-life program conducted to raise awareness of the sanctity of all life. The campaign helps change and save lives of women and men facing unplanned pregnancies by raising funds for the support services of the Life Center.



How does the program work? Empty baby bottles are distributed to families to deposit their loose change, paper money, or checks. All donations are sent to Life Center of Long Island.

How can I help?

- After the 5:00pm Mass on Sunday, April 19, bottles need to be labeled. Please help!
- The bottles are distributed after all weekend Masses on April 25 & 26. Please help!
- The bottles are returned the weekend of May 16 & 17. After the 5:00pm Mass on Sunday, May 17, the donations are counted in Carew Hall. Please help!

The Life Center is a private, non-sectarian 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation which serves everyone regardless of race, religious affiliation or ethnicity. No one is turned away and there are no charges for our services. Our organization relies on the financial support of our benefactors without whom we could not continue our work. We need your help to continue our mission.

ATTENTION ST JOSEPH CATECHIST , YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ...

Setting the World on Fire Seminar conducted by Joe Paprocki, D.Min.

How you can move from *presenting information* about Jesus to *facilitating encounters* with Jesus leading to transformation.

Date & Time: Saturday, May 30, 2015 from 8:30 AM – Noon, with Continental Breakfast

Location: Church of St. Gerard Majella, 300 Terryville Rd., Port Jefferson Station

Registration Fee: \$5.00 per person **Registration Deadline:** Friday, May 15, 2015

Please Note: This seminar will involve a great deal of interaction and Joe will be referencing some items from his book *Beyond the Catechist's Toolbox* during the seminar. If you have a copy of this book, please feel to bring it to the seminar. Please see the registration form if you would like to order a copy of this book. YOU DO NOT have to bring or purchase a copy of this book to attend the seminar.

REGISTRATION FORM for ***Setting the World on Fire*** , Cut & Send to Church of St. Gerard Majella

Name of person attending: _____

Email or phone number at which you can be contacted: _____

Parish Name & Town: _____

Parish Position: _____

I would like to order *Beyond the Catechist's Toolbox*? (Cost:\$5.00 per book) _____

Total amount enclosed (Registration fee plus book cost, if ordering) _____

Please make checks payable to: "Church of St. Gerard Majella"



Calendar Club 2015



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4/5 #44 Al Nunziata \$200	4/6 #631 Marion Scarglato \$25	4/7 #170 Cheryl Marchese \$25	4/8 #333 Marie Crimauco \$25	4/9 #495 Anne Weber \$25	4/10 #514 Geraldine LePage \$25	4/11 #295 Fr. Mike Maffeo \$25

2015 Catholic Ministries Appeal Comparison as of 4/7/2015

2014 Goal : \$107,800

2015 Goal: \$110,000

2014 Pledges #308

2015 Pledges #270

2014 Amount Pledged \$73,081

2015 Amount Pledged \$71,228

2014 Percent of Goal 67.8%

2015 Percent of Goal 64.75%

The disciples in today's Gospel came to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we share what we have with those who are in need, we, too, will discover Jesus in our midst.

To make your donation or pledge, please use one of the envelopes found on the window sills in church or the cut out response form below. Thank you for your generous support.



**Yes, I want to support the 2015
Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Parish: St. Joseph 45 Church St. Ronkonkoma

Pledge: \$ _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Parish ID # _____

**Complete and drop in collection basket at Mass,
mail/bring to the rectory office OR**

Mail to: DRVC Catholic Ministries Appeal

PO Box 4000 Rockville Centre NY 11571

We want to do a rerun

Last week's bulletin had the beautiful poem written by our own Willdween Fontaine who won first place in the Diocesan Respect Life Poetry Contest.

But part of the beauty of this poem was missed because of the way it was laid out. Read down the left of the page to get the extra message:

Love is the Missing Piece

Living in a world with hatred.

Oblivious to mother nature's graces.

Violently attacking innocent races.

Envious of other's riches.

Ignorant of other's choices.

Selfish towards our creator's blessings.

Tick-tok tick-tok is what we are addressing.

Humbling ourselves is what we should be facing.

Empowering others is where we should be heading.

Mistreating others should not be our liking

Interacting with love indeed should be our liking.

Strategizing to be a better you rather than judging, should be the solution.

Striving for success should be our reason.

Intriguing the young should be our mission.

No more hatred is why we're crying.

God's masterpiece is who we are, therefore let us not

Present ourselves in a shameful manner.

Instead follow God's plans for our lives.

Enlightening our unsaved lives.

Correcting our past mistakes and

Embracing with joy what God has created.

Well done!

An important message for all of us!

Congratulations on having your beautiful work recognized!

Outreach Ministry

Feinstein Matching Grant - This foundation will match all donations made to the Outreach Program during the months of March and April. *The more of a donation you send the more Feinstein money Outreach will get.*

Dear Friend:

My name is Alan Shawn Feinstein. For the past 14 years, I have been giving away \$1 million each year to anti-hunger agencies throughout the country.

This year, I am doing it again...whatever you donate to OUT-REACH, I will add money to it. The more you give, the more of my \$1 MILLION they'll get - thanks to you!

Why am I doing this? Because I believe each of us was put here on earth to do what we can to help those in need. This letter is written because we feel that YOU believe that, too. This has become the greatest grass roots campaign ever to fight hunger in our country. Your donation makes you a partner in it with me! I'm only here to give you some support and to remind you of this: *That all that will matter to us someday is what we did while we were here to help those who needed us.*

Please give whatever you can- I will gladly add some of my money to yours. Thank you for sharing my heart, and the hope that-someday-no one will ever go hungry.

Sincerely Yours,
Alan Shawn Feinstein

Baptisms

Brodie Martin Biehner

Julianna Noel Ciani

Caitlyn Rainy Georgio

Dominic William McCaffrey

Giselle Montserrat McCaffrey

Julian Paul Viscarra

Brayden James Westbrook



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!**

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

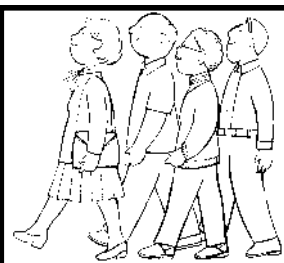
631-243-0066

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>

Parish Outreach



Through your generosity we were able to help more than **145** 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."**



CYO Sport Programs

<http://stjoecyosports.com>

Baseball:

Intramural (Coed, ages 4-16): Gene ☎588-1879
 Travel * (Boys) Vinny ☎543-4100

Basketball:

Girls Debbie ☎467-6174
 Clinic Division (Coed Grades K-2) Henry ☎467-6091
 Boys Grades 3-12) Vinny ☎543-4100
 Travel* Vinny ☎543-4100

Track:

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

Soccer :

Intramural Boys & Girls(ages 3-13) Joe ☎585-0748
 Travel (LIJSL): Rob ☎721-8831

Softball:

Dennis 467-6174

**Must register for the intramural program as well*



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)

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:

April 19th Tonight
April 26th

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.

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>



Baby Bottle Campaign



"Get ready for the Baby Bottle collection campaign to aid the Life Center! On April 19 after the 5pm Mass we will need some teens and siblings to put labels on baby bottles to be given out on April 25/26. Come on down to Carew Hall after 5pm Mass, there will be food!"

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Gives Back



St. Joseph's Church should share in the profits!! For each car, truck or van, **running or not**, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will give back to our church **\$50/\$100 per vehicle**. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of. Call the Society of **St. Vincent de Paul** at **(718) 491-2525**. Thank you for your participation.

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! →

