



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 life 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
Dcn. Joseph Dougherty (retired)

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

June 21, 2015 — Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

We will respect your personal journey with God!

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!

See you Tuesday!

Additional Parish and School Contact Information

Parish Website: stjoronk.org
School Website: stjoronelem.org
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Rel. Ed. Director: Dre@stjoronk.org
School: tmehern@stjoronelem.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, June 21 (Father's Day)

7:00

9:00

10:30

12:00

5:00

Father's Day Novena

Monday, June 22

7:00 Father's Day Novena, Vincent Bohn (Friends of Judy)

9:00 Mary Tantone (Pat & Jerry Peters), Anna & Felice Scala (Josephine)

Tuesday, June 23

7:00 Father's Day Novena, Vincent Bohn (Friends of Judy)

8:45 Vincenzia Paolucci (Loving Daughter), John Weber (Loving Wife), Emanuele Quarantino (Loving Wife & Family)

Wednesday, June 24

7:00 Father's Day Novena, Connie Boriello (Mary Ellen Bergin)

9:00 Peter Mosera (Loving Mother & Brother), Franklin M. Duarte (Loving Wife Joan)

Thursday, June 25

7:00 Robert Zanini (LIVING) (Nora & Joseph Faretta) Robert Zanini (LIVING) Alex & Rocco

9:00 Father's Day Novena, Anna & Gasper Crimaudo (Loving Family)

Friday, June 26

7:00 Father's Day Novena

9:00 Mary Tantone (Loving Husband), Dorothy Mazzola (Janet Kramer & Family)

Saturday, June 27

8:00 Father's Day Novena, Frank J. DeSensi (Loving Daughter)

5:00 Dominick Aiello (Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Stingo & Family, Nancy Mecante (The McKenna Family)

Sunday, June 28 (Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 Father's Day Novena

9:00 Joseph Onufrak (Loving Wife & Family, Dec'd. Mbrs. Of St. Regis K of C & Columbiettes

10:30 Claire & Jim McQuillan (Loving Family), Mary McGee (Janet Lamm)

12:00 Geni Moscato (Loving Family), MaryAnn Cassara & Carmella Spadaro (Loving Family)

5:00 Joseph Arceri (The Binger Family), Joseph Arceri (The Vessa Family)

Altar Bread & Wine

*In Loving Memory of
Alice & Joseph Rau
Requested by
Ann Festa*



OUR LITURGY

In the first reading, the Lord addresses Job. The second reading from Saint Paul's second letter to the Corinthians tells us that whoever is in Christ is a new creation. In the Gospel, before he acts to calm a violent storm, Jesus chastises his disciples for their lack of faith.

The Test of Inexhaustible Beauty

This column by Roxane B. Salonen appeared in "Soul Seeing" section of the June 5 - 18 issue of National Catholic Reporter.

It is a great reflection on the wonder of every human being created in the image and likeness of God.

I read something so powerful the other day that I can't get it out of my mind.

Interestingly, it followed an equally powerful thought that I had just hours before I read it. The thought happened as I began dozing off one evening, drifting in and out of that surreal space between awake and asleep.

The thought was about my children and how unique each of them is. Yes, they all have unrepeatable attributes that no one else in the world has. But it went beyond that. It was as if I were sensing the soul of these individuals in my family. And suddenly, I was struck with a bit of panic -- like in a nightmare -- with this: "What if they had not come to be? What if I'd never known them? What if they simply weren't?"

Honestly, I have no idea what brought this on, but it seized me. I was at once terrified and elated. On the one end, the thought of them not existing and what that void might feel like (intolerable), and on the other, a profundity of sheer gratitude that they are.

And then, as I was reading through Fr. Michael Gaitley's *Consoling the Heart of Jesus*, which I've been studying this year as part of a faith-sharing group, something jumped out from the pages that seemed completely relevant to this nighttime illumination.

Gaitley is first talking about how rather mundane most of us are, most of the time. "People are people -- and, frankly, we do seem to be a motley crew. Moreover, the day-in, day-out people, especially those we live with and love, quickly seem to lose their mystery."

But then he says something else -- something that made me perk right up: "One test shows that each person is an inexhaustible beauty."

What? It sounds so simple. Could there be such a test? What is he talking about? What thing could measure sublimity? Absolute value in a person? Proof for beauty of the soul?

So what is that test? Death.

Here's how he puts it: "Someone we know and love suddenly dies. Just as suddenly, they're not so mundane."

Oh, how true it is. I know that people complain sometimes about everyone becoming heroes at their funeral. But isn't it true that when someone who has been in our life passes, all the apparent wrong they did, all the mistakes they might have made, pale in comparison to the good they brought, not only us but the world? How, even if in their imperfections, they made our life better, richer, than it would have been without them in it?

"Suddenly, we easily see past their annoying aspects and remember the irreplaceable gift that they were -- and, in fact, as we remember them, we often find we love those aspects that annoyed us and wish we could experience them again," Gaitley says. "When someone we love dies, there's no question of consoling ourselves with the thought, 'Oh don't be so sad, there are plenty of other people in the world.' We all intuitively understand why that's so ridiculous."

All the other people in the world may well have been funnier, better looking, kinder, more athletic, etc., but none of that matters at the point of death. "There was a treasure in the beloved that no one can replace no matter how talented or gifted, and we rightfully mourn the fact that this side of heaven, we'll never encounter it again. We rightfully weep because there's a hole in the cosmos, a reflection of Christ's face that, here, we behold no more."

Truer words were never spoken. And it's also true -- and agonizingly so -- that often, death is the only thing that lifts the scales from our eyes of the person now at the object of our complete affection.

It's sad that we cannot truly see this beauty until the person has gone, and yet, I do think that death is quite possibly the only way we can truly see another as God does. Even then, the visual is still incomplete. It's not yet heaven, after all.

So what's the lesson? Well, for me, it's just an awareness of this, and to somehow cling to the thought I experienced the other night so that I can -- maybe not every second of every day, but most days at least -- have an awareness for how truly and absolutely precious the people in my life are.

In April, we celebrated the 10th birthday of our youngest, Nick.

He's been alive a full decade now, and he may well epitomize this whole concept best of all for me. Because many people thought we were crazy to be open to another life, this child in particular should not have "been," according to the "world." He should not have existed. And yet, here he is, and again I shudder to think of what life would be like without him, and screech with relief at the reality that he is.

We have no idea, do we? No idea at all how truly unrepeatable and loved each of us is. But I think if we can just start to fathom it -- just even make a small attempt to see this good, this invaluable beauty in those around us -- we might be onto something quite amazing, quite necessary, even if quite mind-blowing and impossible to grasp within our current limitations. And yet ... it's certainly worth opening the eye of our soul to see.

Transition is a Challenge!

Please keep Fr Henry in your prayers even after he is gone. Moving and changing jobs are both big causes of stress in a person's life so he could really use your prayers during his transition from Ronkonkoma to Merrick.

Pray also for Fr. Gil Lap who will be taking Fr. Henry's place on the schedule - he'll have to find his own place in our hearts!

But there are a few more who will need our prayers during this time of transition - our entire parish for starters. The dust is just beginning to settle from the last move of priests and now here we go again! Let's all be patient with ourselves and with one another as we continue to walk through changes in our life together as a parish.

There is at least one other person who needs our prayers during transition - Fr. Thomas. Right before Palm Sunday Fr. Thomas went into the hospital for a few days. When he came home we had a heart to heart talk about life, his health, and ministry. Fr. Thomas told me that, even though he is only 69 years old (and the minimum age for retirement in our diocese is 72) he would like to apply for early retirement because of health reasons. We began that process right after Easter.

This process has included: doctor visits, doctor notes, permission to see medical records, meetings, phone calls and emails with the director of priest personnel and with a couple of bishops.

As I was writing this, still unaware of the future for Fr. Thomas and our parish, I got a call from Msgr. Peter Pflomm, the director of priest personnel in our diocese. Two things were resolved in the call:

1. Fr. Thomas is retiring. For now (July - September) he will help with masses at Our Lady of Ostrabrama parish in Cutchogue. He plans to move back to India after Christmas so we will have time to say good bye to him then. He will either move back here in the fall or he may be asked to help in another parish.
2. We are getting a replacement for Fr. Thomas (I was a little worried - no, very worried!) So on June 24 we will welcome another priest who is replacing Fr. Thomas: Fr. Belvendiram Rathinam. I have been told, he goes by the name of Fr Bala.

So pray for Frs. Thomas, Henry, Gil and Bala and for our parish. Remember the multiplication of loaves and fishes? Maybe we need some other sort of multiplication in the church! *-Fr. Mike*

Thank you!

Last Sunday evening we had a party to celebrate our friend Fr Henry. The 5:00 mass was filled with about twice as many parishioners as ordinary. That says a lot about your love for Fr. Henry! Thank you for coming out to share that love and to enjoy the community celebration!

The mass was a great celebration in itself - we had a combined choir that did a wonderful job in leading us in prayer through song. Thank You!

Thank you also to the people who set up Carew Hall before mass and to the shoppers and chefs and all who worked behind the scenes to set up and clean up from this celebration.

I'm sure Fr Henry and his mom and brothers really enjoyed the celebration!

Shabbat Shalom

I used to be afraid to acknowledge that a priest takes time off because it seemed that people expected you to always be ready for their needs.

Then I remembered something I learned on a visit to a synagogue for a Sabbath service. The Jewish people greeted each other with the words "Shabbat Shalom" - Peace of the Sabbath! A rabbi once told me, "Some Jewish people believe that if just once the entire world would honor the Sabbath, then we will have created an environment that is welcoming to our messiah for whom we still wait."

Wow! The Sabbath rest really is sacred! The commandment to keep holy the Sabbath is a commandment to imitate God who rested after the work of creation. So it is okay, and even holy to take a rest!

We are about to enter a sacred time (actually all time belongs to God and so it is all sacred). The summer is traditionally a time of taking an extended Sabbath - vacation.

Taking time for recreation - or maybe it should be pronounced re-creation - is our sacred duty. My prayer is that we all get some time out of our routine to enjoy a book, the sun, a day with family or just being able to sleep late once or twice!

With so much unknown in the lives of our priests, I don't think any of us have had much chance to make summer plans. But we too hope to get some time for re-creation so we can begin with enthusiasm in September.

So enjoy some sacred rest this summer. But don't forget to continue praying for your brothers and sisters in St Joseph Parish!

Respect Life



FATHERS ARE SO IMPORTANT **** HAPPY FATHERS DAY!

They profoundly impact how we view ourselves, what we value, our hopes for marriage and family and our relationship with God.

Their love, presence, self-giving and example of living faith strengthen us.

As we grow into adulthood we realize that our hearts' need and longing is for a father who knows us intimately, loves us tenderly, understands and accepts us, who is wise and strong and will never let us down.

Here are some ways to grow into a really great Dad:

Say yes to the challenge of fatherhood, each day.

Love your wife and treat her with great respect –the model you set will greatly influence your children's decisions later.

Make prayer an essential part of your life. Teach your children to pray, and let them see you pray, regularly. Be faithful to the sacraments.

Spend time with your children. Play with them. Let them know you enjoy the gift of being their father.

Love your children enough to discipline them. Teach them clearly right from wrong.

>Grow in patience.

Forgive your children and allow them to hear you say "I'm sorry."

Tell them "I love you." Don't be afraid to be affectionate; let your children feel loved.

Talk with your children – especially as they enter teenage years. Be genuinely interested in how they are.

Lead by example: Select your friends, your entertainment, your social outings knowing that your choices influence your children more that you will ever know.



Weekly Offering



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

Sunday June 14, 2015 Offering \$17,781
(Includes Faith Direct (\$1,633))

Last Year \$17,392

Poor Box Last Week \$347

Drvc. Rel. Retire Collection	2015	\$2,296
	2014	\$2,270

*Pay Down Debt Donations

Additions	This Month	\$	—
	Total Funds		469,419
Less Payments made to RVC			447,500
	Fund Balance		\$21,919

RVC Loan	605,000
Less Payment	447,500
Balance	\$157,500

*Includes Faith Direct Collections for June
(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*

Baptisms

Jacob Thomas Berotti

John Harold Guidice

Maya Kircher

Hannah Rose Lundstrom

Charles Robert Pitney

Dominick Rosso Umbrino

Pray for the Sick

Lynn Abe-Zaid
Louise Alessandro
Frank Ambrosio
Philip Ambrosio
Ginny Amita
Olivia Bender
Anthony Bernardo
Janet Belz
Marybelle Berge
Mary Ann Bonitz
Michael Carbuccia
Moises Carbuccia
Elaine Catenaccio
Louise Cipolla
Martin Condit
Cathy Connolly
Eileen Cross
Rick Crotta
Joanne DeBellis
Michael DePinto
Christine DiFilippo
Rita Diubaldo
Eva Dayton
William Doyle
Maria Duerr
Sharon T. Eichler
Lois & Michael Emma
Sally & Phil Enright
Donna Evers
Jason Falco
Louis Fava
Helen Fenyak
Mary & Frank Ferrigno
Robert Filce
Roseanne Gabriel
Francesca Gallo
Patricia Geiser
Loretta Gerstner
Laura Greger
Ronnie Hanson
Jasper & Margaret Indelicato
Richard & Thomas Jankay
Joseph Karpf
Alfred LaRocca
Kevin Latini
Melissa Lipani
Grace Loud
Louis Lopez
Ida Lucivero
Vito Lucivero
Agnes Ludwigson
Carolyn Martins
Pamela Makely
Andrea Maloney
Isabel McAdams
Molly McClure
Maureen Melchiona
Carol Meyer

Marge Morelli
Helene Nieswandt
Joseph Nicosia
Frank Nostro
Joanora O'Donnell
Joseph Olivieri
Helen Onufrak
Anna Pepe
Barbara Petersen
Dorothy Pistritto
Joan Plouffe
Donna Marie Priolo
Nicole Ramaglia
Barbara Reustle
Connie Rinaldi
Ruby Rivera
Evelyn Rosario
Mary Ann Rossi
Marco Rouse
Angela Russo
Mary Ann Russo
Theresa Ryan
Ann Sabourin
Norma Salazar
Dawn Saporito
Denise Savage Harper
Ben Scannella
Krista & Nancy Schramm
Maryann Schaudel
Janet Shapiro
Robert Sokol
Jamie Smith
Abe Stegman
Angela Stoner
Matthew Swenson
Theresa Troiano
Richard Tizzard
Analea Torborg
Richard Troiano
Lloyd Turnier
Regina Turnier
Anna Urizzo
William Vallar Jr.
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
Michael Cristiano LTJG
SGT Brian P. O'Leary
PFC Gregory Caplan
MPS Timothy Caplan
E6PO1 Gerard McGarrity
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
Joseph Scotti E2



—REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED—

*Barbara Hand, Domenick Guido, Eileen Young-Misla
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*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS...

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE OF THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Pastoral Formation Institute

School for Missionary Disciples

PFI provides the active Catholic with a process for developing the human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral aspects of an integrated faith life. The two-year process offers a variety of experiences through which the participant deepens their baptismal commitment .

Applications may be made online, or by contacting us directly. Please visit: www.drvc-faith.org for more information or contact kgarcia@drvc.org



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION IN MINISTRY

Training and Formation

The Faith Formation Office offers many opportunities for ongoing training and formation to those called to evangelize and catechize through the ministries listed below:

Adult Faith Formation	Ministry to Divorced & Separated
Baptism Preparation	Religious Education to Children
Bereavement Ministry	RCIA
Liturgy	Marriage Preparation
Ministry of Consolation	Special Needs Ministry

Specific information is listed on the Office of Faith Formation website: drvc-faith.org.



Parental Choice in Education Act to Enact the Education Tax Credit

In the final days of this legislative session in Albany, Governor Cuomo and key legislators are leading the fight to enact the Education Tax Credit. The governor's plan, called the Parental Choice in Education Act, will help keep Catholic schools affordable. The Act provides \$150 million in education tax credits annually that will provide:

- Tax credits directly to low-income families who send their children to Catholic and other schools,
- Scholarships to students from low- and middle-income families to attend a school of their choice,
- Donations to public schools for enhanced educational programming,
- Tax credits to teachers for their out-of-pocket classroom expenses.

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45 Church Street, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2015

For children from 4 to 11 years old

July 6th to 10th , 9:30 A.M. - 12 Noon in Carew Hall

Fee: \$50.00 one child / \$70.00 family of 2 / \$90 family of 3 or more

Confirmation Candidate Volunteers: \$10.00

Daily snack is provided (juice, pretzel or cookies)

Please check : Participant _____ Student Volunteer _____

Complete all applicable sections

Name of Child: _____

Age: _____ Grade entering in September 2015 _____

Address: _____

Town: _____

Telephone: Home# _____ Cell # _____

Mother's Name: _____

Father's Name: _____

Adult to be contacted in case of emergency: _____

Relation to child: _____ Phone #: _____

Please list information concerning your child's medical history, medications being taken, and any physical impairments to which a physician should be alerted in case of emergency.

Food allergies: _____

If applicable, complete the Blue Form on the St. Joseph website (click Religious Ed tab)

Name of a special friend your child might like to be with: _____

Parent Signature _____

Many Volunteers are needed to make VBS a success. We need teachers, teachers' aides, crafters, musicians and more! Please consider sharing your talents with our children. Junior High and High School students have always been a vital part of making VBS a hit and they are encouraged to volunteer. It is a fun way to complete Service Hours for Confirmation Candidates. Please phone the office if interested in volunteering. Thank you.

Please mail or drop off the form to the Religious Ed Office or Rectory: Attention: VBS

Please direct any questions you may have to the Religious Education office at 981-1805.



Calendar Club 2015



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5/31 #259 Anthony & Lina DeLouisa \$50	6/1 #202 Arlene Shaffer \$25	6/2 #254 Dorothy Isola \$25	6/3 #468 Thomas & Carol Gillin \$25	6/4 #444 Marion Scarglato \$25	6/5 #701 Laura Hebenstreit \$25	6/6 #386 Mary Jane Finnegan \$25
6/7 #269 Dennis Regan \$50	6/8 #508 Camille & Nick Vicale \$25	6/9 #532 Dolores Lingner \$25	6/10 #516 Marianne Mueller \$25	6/11 #170 Cheryl Marchese \$25	6/12 #330 Charles Romano \$25	6/13 #52 Joseph Messina \$25

**2015 Catholic Ministries Appeal
Comparison as of 6/01/2015**

**2014 Goal : \$107,800
2015 Goal: \$110,000**

**2014 Pledges #344
2015 Pledges #324**

**2014 Amount Pledged \$86,216
2015 Amount Pledged \$80,040**

**2014 Percent of Goal 80%
2015 Percent of Goal 73%**

Today we hear of not one but two miracles. The first is a woman who suffered 12 years with hemorrhages. She heard of Jesus and followed the crowd hoping that if she could just get close enough to touch him that she would be healed. The second was the daughter of synagogue official who was dying. He came to Jesus and pleaded that he come to lay hands on her that she might get well and live. Each had faith in Jesus and his healing power. Do we believe in miracles? How strong is our faith? There are so many people waiting, hoping and praying for miracles and your contribution to the Catholic Ministries Appeal could be the answer to their prayers. Complete the tear off below and return it to the rectory or directly to the CMA Office.



**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



SCOUT PACK 272 NIGHT WITH THE DUCKS

DATE: Wednesday, July 29
TIME: 6:35pm (Gates open at 5:35pm)
PRICE: \$11, Parking FREE
CONTACT: Mary Scotti
EMAIL: mbscotti@yahoo.com
OPPONENT: Somerset Patriots

***COME OUT TO BETHPAGE BALLPARK TO SUPPORT
SCOUT PACK 272 AS THE COLOR GUARD DURING
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM***

TICKETS ARE LIMITED; FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: PACK 272
 CASH OR CHECK ONLY
 RSVP BY JUNE 22



Name	Phone #
# of tickets	Email
Amount Enclosed	

Parish Family Party Raffle Baskets



We are asking for donations of Themed Raffle Baskets for the *Annual Parish Summer Party* to be held this year on *August 22nd*. Every Parish Ministry/Association is asked to donate a basket. We also would like to invite all parish families, SJS classes, individuals or businesses to participate by making a basket to donate as well. In the past we have had a wide variety of theme baskets such as summer fun, gardening, car care, school supplies, baby baskets, movie baskets and so much more! Come up with a creative idea of your own or use one of these to help us offer something for everyone! We ask that each basket be a minimum value of \$50. Please list the contents & the ministry/organization or family name on an index card or sheet of paper and attach it to the outside of the basket. We will begin selling the tickets for the raffle baskets in August so please bring all baskets to the rectory no later than August 1st. Enjoy working together to make your basket special. Thank you for your cooperation and donations.

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

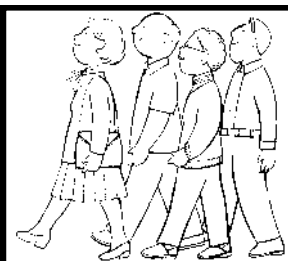
631-243-0066

Birthright of Nassau/Suffolk

516-785-4070

Al-Anon Suffolk County

631-669-2827



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

Parish Outreach

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



Through your generosity we were able to help more than 145 people throughout the month of May. 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."



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.



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*



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:

June 28th Tonight

July 5th

e-mail: Crew272@StJoRonk.org

phone: Advisor Mike Keller (631) 467-6468

What did you do this weekend?



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)



D.O.G.
DEPEND
On
GOD

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

Psalm 62:7

