



St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

Let us build the City of God!

Our Mission:

By our loving service and works of mercy, we invite every person to know Jesus Christ, present in the Word and the breaking of the Bread, so that all may accept his gift of salvation.

Our Vision (Shepherd's Inn Soup Kitchen):

The workers at Shepherd's INN soup Kitchen address the issue of the hungry on Long Island. All our guests are treated with dignity and respect. We believe everyone that comes to our kitchen is a guest and as such all guests are fed with a no questions asked policy.

Priests

Rev. Michael J Rieder, Pastor
 Rev. Gil Lap
 Rev. Belevendiram Rathinam (Fr Bala)
 Rev. Juniper J. Thomas (retired)

Deacons

Dcn. James Altonji
 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 - 7:00 PM (except holidays)
 First Friday 7:30 - 8:30 PM Holy Hour

Rosary: Daily after 9:00 Mass

Reconciliation: Mon, Wed, Fri: after morning mass

Sat: after 8:00 AM mass and 4:00 - 4:45 PM

St Joseph Rectory Office

45 Church Street Ronkonkoma NY 11779
 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

September 13, 2015 - Twenty-Fourth 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) 538-7219

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.

Spend Some Time in Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament

Our church opens at 6:30 AM and remains open throughout the day for anyone who wants to make a prayerful visit. Please come and have some quiet time with God in the midst of our busy (and sometimes loud) world.

We have times set aside when Our Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar for your prayer.

Monday Exposition and Benediction

Every Monday afternoon the Blessed Sacrament is exposed from 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM. This opportunity for prayer ends with Benediction beginning at about 6:45 PM and ending at 7:00 PM

You can come at any time for any length of time to join in this quiet, reflective prayer time.

Make an appointment to spend time with Jesus!

First Friday Holy Hour

Every First Friday of the month we have a Holy Hour before the exposed Blessed Sacrament. This communal prayer begins at 7:30 PM and run until 8:30 PM, closing with Benediction.

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: stjeronkelem.org

E-mail addresses

General: Info@StJoRonk.org

Pastor: pastor@StJoRonk.org

FrGil@StJoRonk.org

FrBala@StJoRonk.org

Rel. Ed. Office: RelEd@StJoRonk.org

Rel. Ed. Director: Dre@stjoronk.org

School: ndavidson@stjeronkelem.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, Sept. 13 (24th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 For the People of the Parish

9:00 John & Mary Biglin (Loving Family), Mary Tantone (Frank Tantone)

10:30 John Donald Wygand (Albert Tabigue), Diane Young (Arthur Jr. & Angelina Keller)

12:00 Bernadette Coughlin (Millie & Tom D'Agostino), Frank Woods (Millie & Tom D'Agostino)

5:00 Isabel Torres (Laura Woerner Alduino), Matthew Gay (Stephen & Christine Martin)

Monday, Sept. 14

7:00 Sheila Assoon (Penny & Sharon Marchany), Mr. Richard Brown (The Marchany Family)

9:00 Franklin M. Duarte (Loving Wife), Marie Mawn (Nora & Joseph Faretta)

Tuesday, Sept. 15

7:00 Josephine Scala (LIVING) (Josephine), Uncle Al Vigliotti (Bee, Greg & Kris)

8:45 John Kelleher (Loving Wife Eileen), Carole Cappello (Lucky & Erica John)

Wednesday, Sept. 16

7:00 Andrew Waterson (James & Marie Torretta)

9:00 Brittany Dell'Aglio (Dcn. Frank Dell'Aglio), Virginia Mercado (Al & Ella Villalon)

Thursday, Sept. 17

7:00 For the People of the Parish

9:00 David Dell'Aglio (LIVING), (Dcn. Frank Dell'Aglio) Marie Mawn (The Scotti Family)

Friday, Sept. 18

7:00 For the People of the Parish

9:00 Marie Mawn (Dcn. Joe Califano), Mrs. A. Aliprantis (Tracey Fernandez & Family)

Saturday, Sept. 19

8:00 Santo Gennaro (Josephine Scala), Joseph Rooney (Loving Family)

5:00 Billy Nolie (Cathy & Jim Foy), Anna A. Fattori (Joseph & Janet Sheldrick)

Sun. Sept. 20 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 For the People of the Parish

9:00 Joseph J. Onufrak (Loving Wife & Family), Connie & Peter Mele (Janine & Rich Hubbard)

10:30 Constance Mele (Richard & Janine Hubbard), JoAnn & Frank Brodzik (The Crimaudo Family)

12:00 Anna & Gasper Crimaudo (Loving Family), Betty & Tom Mullins (Loving Family)

5:00 Pete Schmitt (Tim & Sue Grant), Carl Faust (Stephen Ryan)

Altar Bread & Wine

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



OUR LITURGY

In today's first reading, Isaiah tells of God's suffering servant, who will bring salvation. The letter from Saint James reminds believers that faith without works is dead. In the Gospel, Peter proclaims Jesus to be the Christ, the anointed one. Jesus instructs those who would be his followers to deny themselves, take up their cross and follow him.

Doing Our Part in Our Mission

A man walked into a church that was under construction. There was all sorts of activity going on so he decided to investigate.

He saw a carpenter hard at work and asked him what he was doing. "I'm measuring wood. Then I cut it, sand it, stain it and put it together to make a pew."

He then saw a man working with different colored glass and asked him what he was doing. "I take pieces of stained glass and cut them into shapes and put them together according to a pattern and when I am done there is a stained glass picture for the windows."

Next he saw a blacksmith and asked him what he was doing. "I use this bellows to get the iron red hot and then I can bang it into shapes and put the pieces together to make grillwork."

Lastly he came to an older woman who was sweeping. She was sweeping up sawdust and pieces of colored glass and little shards of iron. The man stopped her and asked what she was doing.

She stopped, leaned on her broom and looked at him as if he were crazy and said, "What does it look like I'm doing? I'm building a church for the greater glory of God!"

She got it! Do we?

I want to invite everyone to reread our parish mission statement:

By our loving service and works of mercy, we invite every person to know Jesus Christ, present in the Word and the breaking of the Bread, so that all may accept his gift of salvation.

The craftsmen in the above story were each too busy with their tasks to see that they were actually building a church for the greater glory of God.

Each one of us, through living our parish mission, is involved in Building the City of God. We each join in this work in our own unique way. Different groups in our parish each share in this work through their unique ministry. We will be seeing more examples of the vision of different groups as they bring them to the office - by the way ministries, we do want these reflections!

But each person - young or old, married or single, involved in a specific ministry or not - is called to join the work of our mission of inviting people to a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Years ago a husband and father of four told me he is not involved in church (he meant he was not in any group or ministry). I told him, "You are VERY involved in the life of the church - you are raising your children to live the sacramental life of church by going to mass every Sunday. I think he got it. I hope we do too!"

Sing Choirs of Angels

It is time to start thinking about Christmas! Look again at our parish mission statement - we can all invite others to know Jesus in the sacramental life of the church. Christmas is a great time to invite - because so many people are here!

So let's make a welcoming environment for all who come to our parish to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Let's welcome Him by welcoming them!

We are looking to create a few groups of Carolers! What we want is regular people (not the choirs because they are busy getting ready for mass). We need people to come to church early on Christmas Eve and Christmas. Then all you do is stand at the main entrance of the church as a group and sing Christmas Carols to help people get in the mood.

EVERYONE sings Christmas Carols so EVERYONE is invited to join in the fun!

We'll have one or two practices in December just to make sure you all know the three or four songs we will sing. You will have a sheet with the words. All you have to do is SING (choirs of angels!)

Start thinking about joining in the celebration before the celebration by caroling - **Families welcome!**

Mark Your Calendars

"Passion and Purpose"

With Matthew Kelly

Saturday, September 26

9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Hicksville

Tickets: \$39 (includes all retreat materials)

This has been a life changing event for tens of thousands of people!

If interested, please contact:

Deacon Mike Devenney

(631) 553-5566

Here's a great way to reflect on your day!

At the end of every day, ask yourself:

How did I put my life in service of the City of God today?

Another way to do it is to begin your day by asking:

How can I put my life in service of the City of God today?

You might be amazed to discover how simply yet profoundly you are serving God's kingdom on a daily basis!

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS
OPEN HOUSES

You are invited to explore the benefits of a
Catholic high School Education
Open House Schedule:

Please feel free to visit our schools during the times and dates listed below

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
Sat 9/26	11:00 AM - 1:30 PM 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Our Lady of Mercy Academy St. Dominic HS
Sun 9/27	12:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Holy Trinity Diocesan HS
Sat 10/3	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Sacred Heart Academy Kellenberg Memorial HS Chaminade HS
Sun 10/4	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	St Anthony's HS
Sun 10/18	10:30 AM - 2:00 PM 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM	St John the Baptist Diocesan HS St Mary's HS
Sat 10/24	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	McGann-Mercy Diocesan HS

If you cannot make an open house and are interested in seeing a specific school,
call the school to arrange a visit

Monthly Holy Hours for Vocations

At St Ignatius Loyola Parish
129 Broadway, Hicksville
September 18 October 16
November 20 January 15
February 19 March 18
April 15

Adoration Confession
Food Youth Social
Entertainment

Doors open at 7:00 PM
Open to all ages 13+
vocations@drvc.org

SAVE THE DATE
MORE DETAILS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE IN THE COMING WEEKS AT: WWW.DRVC.ORG

THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE PRESENTS
LONG ISLAND CATHOLIC FAMILYFEST

THE SEMINARY - HUNTINGTON N.Y. + 1-5PM + NO COST

OCT. 10 2015

Respect Life



Regarding the Planned Parenthood issue: Dr. Charmaine Yoest, President and CEO of Americans United for Life, stated in a Media Alert dated 8/4/15:

“Planned Parenthood’s spin in trying to push back against the horrific images of picking through the bodies of aborted infants falls flat and misses the point...Planned Parenthood tries to talk about expenses or continues to insist that the videos have been edited to indict them---an odd claim since the full videos, and transcripts, are all available online. But the broader context of each one of the videos released so far, and the ones to come, reveals a deepening morass of moral, ethical and legal entanglement for PP, including possible infanticide. They may end up wishing the story were only a debate over profit. The videos raise serious, on-going and legal questions about Planned Parenthood’s business model. They must be held legally accountable.”

Yoest continues, “The videos raise numerous questions of significant illegalities, which must continue to be investigated, including: How much money is being exchanged for baby parts? Are interstate commerce laws being violated in the transportation of baby parts? Are mothers fully informed, and do they give legal consent to the sale of the babies’ hearts, livers, and lungs? Is the illegal Partial Birth Abortion procedure used in an effort to gain valuable, later-term more fully formed heads and hearts? Is the Born Alive Infant Protection Act also violated and for the same reason? Are women encouraged to endure dangerous late-term abortion procedures by abortionists who know that body parts from more developed infants sell for more money? Are federal funds used to subsidize any of the facilities or procedures used in ‘harvesting’ fetal tissue after the abortion was performed?”

Adapted from Life News, September 2015

As of July 31, 2015, twelve states have launched investigations. On August 2nd, the US Senate failed to obtain the 60 votes required to pass cloture on a bill to defund Planned Parenthood. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky) is conceding that his party will have to await the next president before it can cut off Federal funds that go to PP.

McConnell says that Republicans lack the votes to halt the payments, and that standing in the way is the current President, who doesn’t leave office until January, 2017.

“The president has made it very clear that he’s not going to sign any bill that includes defunding of Planned Parenthood,” McConnell said in an interview with Kentucky TV station WYMT.

Newsday, September 2, 2015.

The sad news of Marie Mawn’s death on August 28th, sad for many reasons, including the fact that her life’s work was the saving of unborn babies from abortion, prompted this e-mail from an anonymous gentleman who was well aware of her dedication:

“As most of you know, Marie was the heart and soul of the Right to Life Movement here in St. Joseph’s, having co-founded Families For Life. And now, the Author of Life has taken her Home to enjoy a well-deserved Eternity with the tiniest of His human creations.”

Rest in peace, dear friend

Weekly Offering



Fiscal Year Beginning 9/1/2015 - 8/31/16

Sunday Sept. 6, 2015 Offering	\$18,298
(Includes Faith Direct (\$1826))	
Last Year	\$18,158
Poor Box Last Week	\$599
Education Collection 2015	\$789
2014	\$950

*Pay Down Debt Donations

Additions	This Month	\$	_____
	Total Funds		487,043
Less Payments made to RVC			462,500
	Fund Balance		\$24,543

RVC Loan	605,000
Less Payment	462,500
Balance	\$142,500

*Includes Faith Direct Collections for August (64 Participating Households)

If you missed last week, please try to make it up this week. Thank you.

Envelope users: Please enter the amount of your donation on the envelope in the space provided. This will be a big help to us when counting the collection. Also, it is not necessary to tape or staple the envelope closed. Your help is appreciated.

Thank you, Deacon Mike DeBellis

*Thank you and God Bless You Always,
Fr. Mike*

Baptisms

*Caysen William Busching
Ronin Edward Goldsborough*

Pray for the Sick

Lynn Abe-Zaid
Frank Ambrosio
Philip Ambrosio
Ginny Amita
Karen Balezos
Olivia Bender
Anthony Bernardo
Janet Belz
Marybelle Berge
Mary Ann Bonitz
Lucy Brancaccio
Michael Carbuccia
Moises Carbuccia
Martin Condit
Cathy Connolly
Eileen Cross
Rick Crotta
Joanne DeBellis
Michael DePinto
Christine DiFilippo
Rita Diubaldo
William Doyle
Maria Duerr
Sharon T. Eichler
Lois & Michael Emma
Donna Evers
Jason Falco
Louis Fava
Helen Fenyak
Mary & Frank Ferrigno
Robert Filce
Charles Anthony Fuchs
Roseanne Gabriel
Louise Gagliardi
Patricia Geiser
Nick Gerbino
Loretta Gerstner
Laura Greger
Ronnie Hanson
Jasper & Margaret Indelicato
Richard & Thomas Jankay
Joseph Karpf
Linda Keller
Alfred LaRocca
Rachel Laskowski
Kevin Latini
Melissa Lipani
Grace Loud
Louis Lopez
Ida Lucivero
Vito Lucivero
Agnes Ludwigson
Carolyn Martins
Andrea Maloney
Sal Maraviglia
Molly McClure
Christie Merkle
John Merkle

Carol Meyer
Marge Morelli
Helen Moser
Joseph Nicosia
Frank Nostro
Katie O'Hara
Joan Ockovic
Joseph Olivieri
Helen Onufrak
Anna Pepe
Hennie Perez
Barbara Petersen
William Pfister
Dorothy Pistritto
Joan Plouffe
Nicole Ramaglia
Connie Rinaldi
Ruby Rivera
Victoria Rosenblum
Angela Russo
Louis Russo
Mary Ann Russo
Theresa Ryan
Ann Sabourin
Norma Salazar
Dawn Saporito
Denise Savage Harper
Ben Scannella
Krista & Nancy Schramm
Janet Shapiro
Robert Sokol
Jamie Smith
Michele Smith
Abe Stegman
Angela Stoner
Matthew Swenson
Orazio Troiano
Theresa Troiano
Richard Tizzard
Analea Torborg
Richard Troiano
Lloyd Turnier
Regina Turnier
William Vallar Jr.
Thomas Valentino
Peter Wrins
Joseph Yasso
Richard Zwirblis

Pray for Our Troops

PFC Eric Lange, USMC
SGT Deborah Alfieri
SGT Matthew Altonji
SPC Andrew Altonji
CPL 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
SGT 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
Eli Matthew Berg US ARMY



—REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED—

Al Vigliotta, Craig Belmonte, Virginia Villardi

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

2015 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Comparison as of 8/01/2015

2014 Goal : \$107,800

2015 Goal: \$110,000

2014 Pledges #368

2015 Pledges #339

2014 Amount Pledged \$90,171

2015 Amount Pledged \$84,430

2014 Percent of Goal 83.5%

2015 Percent of Goal 77%

For the past several weeks the Gospel Readings have been about *'The Bread of Life'*. We know that *Jesus is the Bread of Life* which feeds our soul and nourishes our spirit. When we have been Baptized and are receiving the Bread of Life, we are commissioned by Christ to discipleship. That means we are to do whatever we can to help others to *know Jesus present in the Word and breaking of the Bread so that all may accept his salvation*. We work to *Build the City of God*, and the *Catholic Ministries Appeal* plays a much larger role in doing this. Therefore, by supporting the Appeal, you are living out your call to discipleship. Please make a donation to help us reach our goal. Complete the tear off 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

LECTORS WANTED

To parishioners of Confirmation age or higher:

Are you reasonably comfortable addressing large groups?

Do you speak and read clearly - with confidence, strength, passion, and certain knowledge of what you speak or say?

Do you feel a calling - a vocation - to become God's instrument in proclaiming His Word to His people?

Do you believe you can truly bring Scripture *alive* to the listener; and are you willing to spend a half-hour or more in practice (*before each assignment*) to assure a smooth, effective, and vibrant proclamation?

If your answer to all of the above is "Yes", then your parish needs you!

On an evening in mid-September, a two-hour Lector Training session will be held in the rectory.

Interested? Call Greg Walsh at 585-4524

ARE YOU REGISTERED IN THE PARISH?

Many parishioners support St Joseph's parish in the weekly collection and in other ways but are not listed in our census. We would like to serve you better and make sure that you are given proper credit for your donations. If you do not receive mail from us, you are probably not in our census.

**Please send us the following information
and we will send you a census card.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cellphone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Would you like to receive contribution envelopes? _____

Would you like to contribute weekly or monthly? _____

Can you share your time or talent with our parish? _____

What would you like to do? _____

When is the best time to contact you? _____

**Please drop in the collection basket or bring to the office or mail to
St. Joseph R.C. Church, 45 Church St, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779**



St. Joseph School – Home and School Association

HSA - SAFETY NIGHT



DATE:

Thursday , Sept. 24th 2015

TIME: 6:00pm – 8:30pm

This HSA sponsored event hopes to promote first responder and school partnerships as well as neighborhood camaraderie to make our school and neighborhood as safe as it can be.

We have partnered with Town of Brookhaven Supervisor Ed Romaine, Suffolk County Sheriff Crime prevention team with McGruff the dog, Suffolk County Emergency Services Unit with Special guests Local Fire & EMS crews. All agencies will be available for demonstrations and information.

It will be an exciting and fun night for all families!! Bring your cameras as our kids will have plenty of photo ops!



The Safety Committee has been busy with upgrades to our school...here are a few of the completed projects: **Upgraded LED lighting for parking areas around schools; ** Upgraded cameras for school area including church; ** Secured school grounds with privacy fence; **Relocated Nursery and PreK drop off to front of school for easy pick up and drop off **Upgraded wi-fi for student and teacher use as well as for enhanced security; **Live feed video into aftercare for parents ; **All staff are now trained in CPR and Basic First Aid ; **Upgraded first aid supplies and AED's for the church and school.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS...

CATECHIST ORIENTATION MEETINGS

We are looking forward to another great year for St. Joseph's Religious Education!

It is important that you attend your grade level Catechist Orientation Meeting in that that we will discuss important information on the new curriculum for the coming year (see schedule below).

Levels 3 -5 are using a new religion series from Sadlier Publishing Company called *We Believe Catholic Identity Edition*. Level 6 is using Sadlier's *One Faith, One Lord* and *Encounter* from Ascension Press. Level 7 will continue to use Chosen Confirmation Program from Ascension Press.

Catechist guides are available in the office for those wishing to review the curriculum before the orientation meeting. Feel free to stop by the office to pick up your catechist guide. You may also find information and resources at the Sadlier website: sadlier.com/religion and click "parish programs" for Levels 1-6 and ascensionpress.com for Level 7.

Please RSVP you meeting attendance and confirm your assignment time @981-1805.

The following meetings are in the SCHOOL, 7:00PM:

Level 2: Tuesday, September 15, 2015

Levels 3, 4, & 5: Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Level 6: Thursday, September 17, 2015



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY St. Joseph

Parish invites all catechists to receive a special blessing at mass on Saturday, 9/19 or Sunday 9/20.

The Church is focusing on the theme

"Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human Person." For 2000 years the Church has emphasized the major doctrine that we are created out of love in God's image. Pope Francis said it this way: "People are God's handiwork, his creation. God created that person in his image, and he or she reflects something of God's glory". We pray that by our teaching and witnessing to this belief, we encourage every student to embrace and live this truth.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS...

We are pleased to announce that Bishop William Murphy will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at

St. Joseph on October 29th. To help prepare for that day, please attend the following:

Monday, 9/14/15, Sin & Reconciliation, 7:30pm, Church

Wednesday, 9/23/15 OR Saturday, 9/26/15, Retreat & Reconciliation, 10:00-3:00pm

Monday, 10/5/15, Candidate. Parent & Sponsor Mass (Present Letter to Fr. Mike) 7:30pm, Church

Friday, 10/16/15, Gifts of the Holy Spirit, 7:30pm, Church

Thursday, 10/22/15, Rehearsal, 7:30pm (for 10:00am Mass) OR

Monday, 10/26/15, Rehearsal, 7:30pm (for 1:30pm Mass)



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION for 2015-2016

Time is running out for registering and getting the best choice for class day and time.

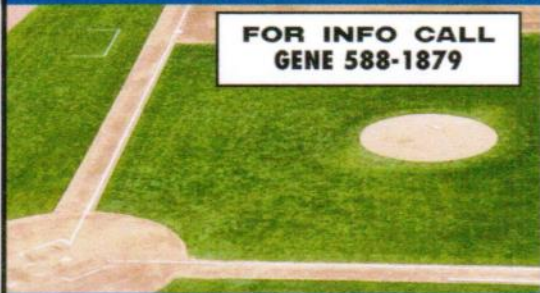
In order for your child to be eligible for classroom instruction you must register no later than September 30, 2015. The office is open Monday through Thursday.

Please do not hesitate to register if you are experiencing financial difficulty at this time. Feel free to call if you have any questions or concerns.

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Edith Slocum School Parking Lot · Sycamore Ave., · Ronk

OR MAIL IN REGISTRATION BY SEPT. 14TH (Rain or Shine)

I agree as parent/guardian to provide all transportation to and from all games and practices. I hereby authorize my child's participation in St. Joseph's CYO sports program, and I know of no physical disabilities or illnesses which would interfere or prevent his/her participation. I do hereby waive, release, indemnify and agree to hold harmless or responsible, the St. Joseph's CYO, its sponsor, staff and participants, for any claim arising out of injury to my child, whether the result of negligence or for any other cause, except to the extent of St. Joseph's CYO, liability responsible for this activity.

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Please sign indicating you have read and understand the above statement

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

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Address _____ Town _____ Zip _____

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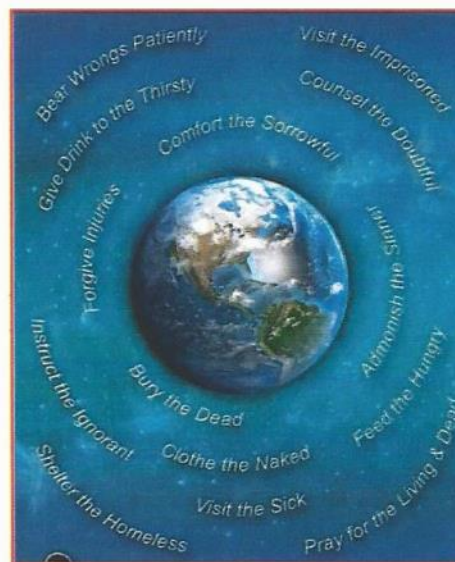


Catholic Committee on Scouting
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CATHOLIC BOY SCOUT RETREAT
September 25-27, 2015
SEMINARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
440 West Neck Road, Huntington

Merciful
Like the Father

Let us rediscover these corporal works of mercy:
to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty,
clothe the naked, welcome the stranger,
heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and
bury the dead. (*Misericordiae Vultus*, n. 15)



**HELP FEED THE HUNGRY: BRING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS
TO BE DONATED TO A LOCAL FOOD PANTRY.**

Join us on Friday evening for a movie, and Night Prayer. Saturday's full day program begins at 9 a.m. with our Opening Ceremony. The day ends with Mass and a campfire. Our retreat concludes early Sunday morning after breakfast.

All Catholic Scouts, especially those working on the *Ad Altare Dei* religious emblem are encouraged to attend.

The retreat fee is \$35.00 per person if registered by Wednesday, September 16. Late registration will be accepted only from Thursday, September 17 through Monday, September 21 and will be \$45 per person. The fee includes all meals for the weekend, including a Friday evening snack.

All participants are asked to bring a camp chair for the campfire, and a personal beverage cup. Provide your own tents - we will be camping on the property of this beautiful and historical building.

There will be a provisional unit for those scouts not attending with their unit. A permission slip is required for individual retreatants. For the permission slip, download BSA form 19-673: www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/19-673.pdf.

For more information, please contact: Teresa da Luz 631-368-9251 or odaluz@optonline.net or Mary Scotti 631-678-7245 or mbscotti@yahoo.com.

Visit our website: www.ccos-drvc for all forms and updates.

Coming Soon to a Pew Near You:

Journeysongs

This hardcover hymnal will help our parish in a few ways:

- It will look better than softcover books that can get kind of crumpled looking after a few weeks.
- It helps us to care for our environment - we are no longer adding old booklets to the landfill four times a year.
 - We will save money by not having to pay for new booklets every year.

This book will serve us in much the same way as before:

- It comes from the same music publisher so the songs we know will be in it.
 - We will still have the Sunday readings in this book.

Here's how you can help us in this transition:

- *We are asking parishioners to memorialize books by making a \$25 offering per memorial.*
- *A label noting the memorial will be placed in the inside cover of each book.*
 - *This memorial will connect our celebration with the eternal celebration in heaven!*

In the coming weeks we will have more information about how you can memorialize these books

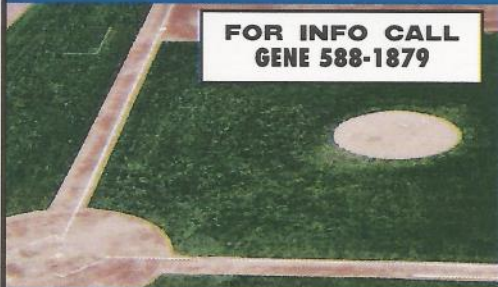
Journeysongs will be part of our celebrations beginning on the First Sunday of Advent
(November 29)

Interested in seeing a copy of Journeysongs?
There is a copy on the organ, or ask Mike Keller.

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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

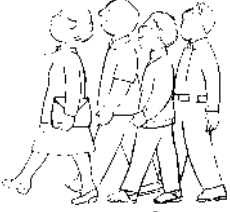
Narcotics Anonymous
631-689-6262

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


Overeaters Anonymous
631-487-2291



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.



Parish Outreach

St. Joseph Parish Outreach Center

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

Through your generosity we were able to help more than 254 people throughout the month of August. 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:

Sept. 13th Tonight

Sept. 20th

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>



The Diocese of Rockville Centre Golden Wedding Liturgy

Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years or More

This fall, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at liturgies on Sunday, October 4th at the Church of St. Rose of Lima in Massapequa and on Sunday, November 8th at the Church of Christ the King in Commack. Both liturgies will begin at 2:30 pm. *Couples may register for ONE liturgy.* Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory. Registration must be received by the Office of Worship by Sept. 18th for the October 4th liturgy and by October 23rd for the November 8th liturgy. There will be additional celebrations in the spring for those who may find that more convenient. If you have any questions you may call 516-678-5800, extension 207.