



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 (Cub Scout Pack 272)

Our vision is to utilize the program of the Boy Scouts of America to minister to the youth of our parish. The Scout Oath and Law call our Cub Scouts to live in service and love to others.

Our Vision (Boy Scout Troop 272)

We develop Leaders whose core values are loving God and loving each other.

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)
 Dcn. Joseph Califano (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

January 3, 2016 - Feast of the Epiphany

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

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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 10:00 - 4:00 (closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:15)

Sunday Closed

Celebramos la Santa Misa en Español en la parroquia de San Jose

Comenzaremos con una celebración cada mes
Se celebrará la Misa en domingo después del primer sábado de cada mes a las 1:30 PM en punto!

Las fechas de la celebración de la eucaristía para este próximo año son:

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| 3 de Enero | 7 de Febrero |
| 6 de Marzo | 3 de Abril |
| 8 de Mayo | 5 de Junio |
| 3 de Julio | 7 de Agosto |
| 4 de Septiembre | 2 de Octubre |
| 6 de Noviembre | 4 de Diciembre |

Esperamos que podamos celebrar juntos!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, Jan 3 (Epiphany of the Lord)

- 7:00** Maryann Fioto (The Clahane Family)
9:00 Jim Hebenstreit (9 o'clock Choir), James R. Hebenstreit (Linda & Lorraine)
10:30 Csaba Csaszar (Anthony & Karen Rossi), Bernie Coughlin (Cathy & Norm)
12:00 Robert Hyatt (Walter & Mary Ann Rogers), Rosemary Callahan (Mary Ann & Walter Rogers)
5:00 Godofredo Alcantara (Loving Wife & Son), Robert Lee North (The Dinger Family)

Monday, Jan. 4

- 7:00** Sharon Marchany (LIVING) (The Marchany Family)
9:00 Ann Brogna (Jerry, Lily & Kaya), Betty (Linda Diehl)

Tuesday, Jan. 5

- 7:00** Joseph, Josephine & Richard Mendola (Bob & Joanne Koepper)
8:45 Jose Martins (Loving Family)

Wednesday, Jan. 6

- 7:00** John Christenson (Joette Stursberg)
9:00 Michele Piro (Linda & Lorraine), Bonifacio de Guzman (Dely Alcantara)

Thursday, Jan. 7

- 7:00** For the People of the Parish
9:00 Araceli Manalo (Loving Children), Joan Boehm (Nicholas Ferrara)

Friday, Jan. 8

- 7:00** For the People of the Parish
9:00 Mary D'Iorio (Rita Devlin), Michele Piro (Janet Kramer & Maureen Harkins)

Saturday, Jan. 9

- 8:00** Eleanor Sandilande (Mary Ann Drew), Madeline Ficcaro (Rosann Wolf & The Ficcaro Family), Francisco Rosa (Loving Family)
5:00 Carmela Bonita (The Quagliata Family), Anne Marie McCabe (Joseph & Melody Paciulli)

Sunday, Jan 10 (Baptism of the Lord)

- 7:00** Jeff Coletti (Loving Wife)
9:00 Alaide Goncalves (Mr. & Mrs. Domingos Lopes), George Belzile (Marilyn & Dom)
10:30 Joan Cady (Cathleen & Norman West), Marie Mawn (Emma & Ramona)
12:00 Michael Wojciechowski (The DeLouisa Family), Csaba Csaszar (Kitty & Cathleen)
5:00 Jack Watson (Lucia Koster), Anne Quiery (The Criesi Family)

Altar Bread & Wine

*In memory of
 Carol A. Walsh
 Requested by
 Greg*





Building the City of God

As we turn the page of the calendar to a new year we have opportunities to look back with joy (and sometimes with a little regret - hopefully only a little).

We also have opportunities to look forward with hope and sometimes we realize it is time to re-evaluate things in our lives.

I just had a profound "end of year conversation" with a wonderful member of our community - Deacon Jim Altonji. Jim began our conversation by quoting some excellent wisdom, "You've got to know when to hold 'em and know when to fold 'em" He then told me that it is time for him to retire from active ministry as a Deacon in St. Joseph Parish. He said it is time to focus his energy on another sacrament in his life - marriage. He wants to spend more time caring for his wife Arlene.

Deacon Jim has been involved in many aspects of ministry in our parish as a deacon for 35 years. Most recently, in addition to his service at the altar and his assistance in consoling families in grief at wakes, he has been very involved in welcoming young families as they come to have their children Baptized. Always caring for the community, he has been preparing a replacement for his work with Baptism classes.

As our conversation continued, Jim spoke of how happy he has been to serve the members our parish over the years. I reminded Jim that "deacon" is not something you do, but something you are and that he will always be a deacon in our parish even though his "diaconia" or service will now be focused on his family. I am grateful for his service and his witness as a deacon and a Catholic husband.

We have been blessed to have many deacons serving in our community. They have been present at every Sunday mass for many years. Very often their family has to wait for them while they are serving our community. In the coming year there will be masses (7:00AM and 5:00PM on Sundays) that will not have deacons serving on a regular basis.

So if you see Deacon Jim, or any of our deacons for that matter, please stop and say "Thank you for your service to our community." You know what, if you see any members of our deacons' families thank them too for their gift to our community! Our deacons and their families are truly helping us to build the City of God with their lives!

Thank You!

We want to thank everyone for the many cards and gifts we have received for Christmas! Cookies, Cakes, Caramel Popcorn, Chocolates, and many Christmas Cards! Don't tell the kids but all these sweets are great for breakfast! Thank you all for your gifts, your holiday wishes, and for your love!

Fr. Bala Fr. Gil Fr. Mike

Do you patronize the businesses that advertise in our bulletin?

You ought to - they are friends of our parish community and by advertising they are supporting the work of our parish.

So please support them!

New Christmas Traditions Were Born

This past Christmas saw two new "traditions" born in our parish. The first is the presence of Carolers at the entrance of the church as people came to Christmas mass! What a joy it was to see "regulars" joined by "guests" sharing Christmas joy by singing Christmas Carols - "The best way to spread Christmas cheer is by singing loud for all to hear!" We even had Carolers out at 6:30 AM greeting our early morning Catholics!

One visitor came up to me after the 10:30 PM mass and told me that he was recently at a funeral that was really a negative experience - "we were all made to feel very unwelcome." He then went on to say that everything about his experience at St. Joseph was the exact opposite - from the carolers to everything that happened in mass we felt very welcomed! "It restored my confidence in the Catholic Church!" Thank you to everyone for being part of that welcoming experience!

Our other "tradition" is more of a statement of lifestyle that was born on Christmas. We now have two "Comfort Alcoves" in the back of church where parents with fussy children can sit in a comfortable glider, care for their child and still be part of our celebrations! If we welcome God in the Christ Child, then we also need to welcome God's presence in every child! Thank you to those who donated our gliders and helped pay for the work!

We're still fixing up these alcoves but they are available while we continue to arrange them!

God Squad: From Father Tom, the 'best present ever'

This column By RABBI MARC GELLMAN was in the December 28, 2013 issue of Newsday

Father Tom Hartman, my pal and former partner in all the God Squad stuff, including this column, is still suffering with Parkinson's disease. He lives in a nursing home, where the people love him and care for him. Both his hands are stiff and he's in a wheelchair. He has trouble remembering things and even greater difficulty communicating, but I know what he means just by looking in his eyes.

I always barge into Tommy's room or his floor, yelling, "I am Rabbi Marc Gellman, and I am Father Tom Hartman and we are the God Squad!" This was our closing line for each of our TV shows. For over a year, Tommy would just look up and smile and say nothing because he couldn't speak. During my last visit, I came barging in with some of Tommy's friends and launched into my God Squad closer, as usual. Then, for some reason, after I said our names, I stopped and looked at Tommy, who looked at me and said in a voice that was soft but clearly audible, "And we are the God Squad!" It was my best present ever.

Even if Tommy loses his voice again, I'll know he hasn't lost his heart and his soul and his smile, which are all you need. Pray for him that this will not be his last Christmas and his last New Year's Day.

About those resolutions . . .

I make my New Year's resolutions on the Jewish High Holidays of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur in September, which has always seemed like the best time of the year to take stock of my moral life. Then, when the universal New Year comes around, I check up on how I'm doing keeping the resolutions I made in the fall.

If you want to do this for your spiritual and moral health, run through your list of New Year's resolutions around Easter (or in May for those with secular preferences). Send me not just your New Year's resolutions, but how you're doing with them when you know. Meanwhile, I hope you had a Merry Christmas and I wish to you and yours a Happy New Year!

This year, I resolved to:

1. Pray one more thank you prayer every day. You know my fondness for the Meister Eckhart quote: "If the only prayer you ever say is thank you, it will be enough." I am saying more thank you prayers, but I don't know if it will be enough.

It's very hard to only remember only what you've been given and not gripe about what has been taken away. I know that gratitude is the key to happiness. Happiness is not the key to gratitude. We become happy only when we are first grateful. It's the only way. I know this, but sometimes it's a struggle to live it.

2. Say thank you to people who are not expecting it. The limit of thank you prayers is the address. They're directed to God, which is good because they help us to see life in all its forms as a gift, not a curse, but they don't reach the people who actually help us and who deserve our thanks.

I've been working hard on trying to be especially sensitive to thanking people who are helping me deeply but may think they're just doing their job.. Thanking them helps me to remember and I hope it helps them to realize that it is in doing our regular, ordinary work that we define our life. The big things we do don't mean nearly as much.

Among others, I want to thank you, my dear readers. Your kind comments, as well as your cogent critiques, have not only helped me, but they have also taught me, and so to you my teacher/readers: Thank you and God bless you in the year ahead.

More on Resolutions

I spoke about this at the beginning of Advent - make a resolution to do the best you can to imitate the generosity that you witness or experience! It's easy because if you don't see any generosity you are off the hook. But it can also be challenging because you will find yourself more aware of how generous people around you are!

If each one of us made a resolution like this and kept it just one time, imagine how much brighter our world would become: first by our awareness of God's blessings in the lives of others, then in our actions in imitation of what we have seen!

Thank You to All Who Serve All Year!

We really can never say it enough - Thank You!

There are so many ways that we all join in the work of building the City of God in our parish throughout the year. Sometimes life is going by so quickly that we don't get a chance to say thank you directly for each individual act. Now if we list ministers we will probably forget someone and that is never a good thing!

So take a look at our parish mission statement on the front cover of the bulletin - have you been involved in service or have you done a work of mercy?

Then Thank You - because all of these works large and small, done for strangers or friends, done in a formal public ministry or in a personal act of love build the City of God!

Respect Life



By Americans United for Life

Heading into 2016 State Legislative Sessions, the Infants' Protection Project will be a Companion to AUL's Influential Women's Protection Project

"In this season, as many consider the beauty of the words 'Unto Us a Child is Born,' Americans United for Life is launching a new 'Infants' Protection Project' because every life can change the world and deserves a chance," said AUL's Dr. Charmaine Yoest.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (12-08-15) – "At this time of the year, when many pause from daily struggles to reflect on the unique contributions one baby made to the world, Americans United for Life is announcing its groundbreaking 'Infants' Protection Project' to advance legal protections for the humanity of the unborn, as well as to address ongoing abortion industry abuses," said Americans United for Life President and CEO Dr. Charmaine Yoest. "Already, AUL is receiving requests for a legislative package to address the inhumanity of late-term abortion procedures which cause excruciating deaths for infants and carry substantial health risks for women. During this season, when many consider the beauty of a mother and her newborn son, Americans United for Life offers this package of legislation to care for both mother and child."

Dr. Yoest continued, "AUL's unique legislative package, the Infants' Protection Project, is being released in advance of the 2016 edition of *Defending Life*, the pro-life playbook, which will be released nationwide in January as state legislative sessions open and the nation commemorates the tragic anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*.

"For more than 40 years, AUL has worked to protect unborn children and their mothers with constitutionally sound model legislation. The Infants' Protection Project builds on AUL's uniquely effective mother-child strategy that considers both victims of a greedy abortion industry that places profits over people."

The vast majority of Americans support limiting abortions later in pregnancy when an unborn baby will experience a horrific death. A Marist poll found that "most Americans, 84%, agree there should be significant restrictions and safe guards associated with the procedure including limits to within the first three months of pregnancy, allowed only in cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother, or never permitted."

"Momentum is on the side of LIFE," observed Dr. Yoest. "Since the release of the Center for Medical Progress videos, Congress has been examining the half-a-billion in tax dollars that the Planned Parenthood receives each year. While the Supreme Court considers the constitutionality of health and safety standards long championed by AUL, there is more that we can do. The *Infants' Protection Project* will equip legislators to protect the weakest among us, as we remember the birth of a special child at Christmastime."



Weekly Offering



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

Sunday Dec. 27, 2015 Offering \$15,986
(Includes Faith Direct (\$2070))

Last Year \$15,593
Poor Box Last Week 832

Christmas 2015 \$56,738
2014 \$57,063

*Debt reduction collection \$6,987
(this month)

Total Parish Debt:

Interest free loan (balance)	\$ 120,000
Addl. accumulated debt	<u>\$2,812,792</u>
	\$2,932,792

We are currently paying \$7,500 a month toward our debt.

We are working with the Diocese on plans for balancing our budget and addressing our larger debt.

*Includes Faith Direct Collections for September (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

Christian James DeRosa Jr.

Liam Jai Harrod

Lucas CJ Harrod

Taryn Alicia Maldonado-Gatti

Pray for the Sick

Please note: To keep our prayer list current, we will keep name on list for 3 months.

Lynn Abe-Zaid
Greta Ambrosio
Philip Ambrosio
Ginny Amita
Baby Rocco Caracciola
Karen Balezos
Janet Belz
Jeff Berg
Anthony Bernardo
MaryAnn Bonitz
Lucy Brancaccio
Carrie Cabral
Michael Carbuccia
Moises Carbuccia
Priscilla Castelano
Virginia Catalano
Antoinette Cichetti
Louise Cipolla
Martin Condit
Cathy Connolly
Eileen Cross
Rick Crotta
Joanne DeBellis
Michael DePinto
Barbara DiGirolomo
Muriel DeQuatro
Sean Patrick Dixon
Colin Donohue
Bobby Eck
Sharon T. Eichler
Lois & Michael Emma
Donna Evers
Louis Fava
Mary Ferrigno
Robert Filce
John Finnegan
George Fox
Charles Anthony Fuchs
Roseanne Gabriel
Louise Gagliardi
Patricia Geiser
Nick Gerbino
Loretta Gerstner
Neil Holzmann
Richard & Thomas Jankay
Linda Keller
Jimmy Kimberling
Alfred LaRocco
Rachel Laskowski
Melissa Lipani
Grace Loud
Ida Lucivero
Vito Lucivero
Agnes Ludwigson
Baby Dominic Madaris
Andrea Maloney
Sal & Serafina Maraviglia
Carolyn Martins

Christie Merkle
John Merkle
Carol Meyer
Danielle Michels
Joseph Nicosia
Maria O'Halloran
Joseph Olivieri
Helen Onufrak
Anna Pepe
Barbara Petersen
William Pfister
Dorothy Pistritto
Joan Plouffe
Nicole Ramaglia
Josephine Ripp
Ruby Rivera
Michelle Robinson
Maryann Rossi
Angela Russo
Mary Ann Russo
Theresa Ryan
Ann Sabourin
Norma Salazar
Dawn Saporito
Denise Savage Harper
Ben Scannella
Krista & Nancy Schramm
George Scotti
Janet Shapiro
Jamie Smith
Michele Smith
Abe Stegman
Angela Stoner
Matthew Swenson
Orazio Troiano
Theresa Troiano
Olive & Richard Tizzard
Analea Torborg
Richard Troiano
Regina & Lloyd Turnier
William Vallar
Margaret Villano
Peter Wrins
Joseph Yasso
Christopher Zoas
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
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, US Army
PFC Thomas Conran US Army
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
Lt. Bryan C. Koch USCG
Cadet Megan P. Koch
PVT. Kyle Santos
ARMY SPEC. James Lombardo
CADET Christopher V. Hackett
US ARMY



—REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED—

Iris McInerney, Ismael Negron

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



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**FREE THROW
CHAMPIONSHIP**

St. Regis Knights of Columbus Council 4651
&
St. Regis Squires Circle 2259



Saturday January 16, 2016

St. Joseph's Gymnasium, Ronkonkoma

Registration: 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Competition begins at 9:30 AM

(You must register between 9:00 and 9:30 AM.)

Contest open to all boys and girls 9 – 14 years old

Winner of each age/gender group advances to district championship

No cost to participate

For further information, contact Tom Gillin (516-658-7722)

*Thank
You*

To all who generously donated gifts & food to our Parish Outreach. This helped a lot of families have a Merry Christmas. Also a special thanks to St. Regis K of C for their generosity and kindness for their donations and food drives through the holiday seasons.

OUR LITURGY

Today's first reading is a prophecy about the radiance of the Lord's light shining on all nations. The second reading speaks of the Gentiles and co-heirs, along with the Jews, to the promises of Jesus. The Gospel tells of the visit of the Magi to the child Jesus, and how they were led by a star, fulfilling ancient prophecies.





There are still some books available for Memorials.



Journeysongs is HERE!

This hardcover hymnal helps our parish in many ways:

- It looks better than softcover books that got 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 serves us in much the same way as before:

- It comes from the same music publisher so the songs we know are in it with some new songs as well for our future growth in learning more music to praise God.
- We 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!

We will be inserting the Memorial Labels soon.
Want to help? Ask Mike Keller or Fr. Mike.

**Please return this form in an envelope with your memorial donation to the Rectory, in the collection basket, or by mail.
St. Joseph R.C. Church - HYMNAL, 45 Church Street, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779-3301
A label indicating your memorial request will be placed on the front inside cover of a Journeysongs hymnal.**

Name of Donor: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Please indicate the names of the remembered and select a memorial phrase for each hymnal you memorialize.

Memorial 'A' — **“In Loving Memory of [name]”**

Memorial 'B' — **“Sing Praise to God with [name] and All of the Saints in Heaven.”**

Please List Names of Remembered and Memorial Phrase Selected ('A' or 'B' — one phrase per hymnal)

If you have more than 4 memorial requests, please write them on a separate sheet of paper.

Please, please, please print clearly.

Please remit your donation with this request.

Number of Hymnals to be memorialized _____ X \$25 each = Donation Amount Enclosed _____

Announcing!

Joyful Noise Choir Club

Attention Parents and Kids

First Grade
Second Grade
Third Grade

What is Joyful Noise Choir Club?



We Pray
We Sing
We Play



Joyful Noise is "fun with a purpose."

Joyful Noisy kids pray and sing, do fun activities and crafts, and make friends. We meet special guests who share music with us and teach us about Jesus with songs. Sometimes, about every 4 to 6 weeks, we'll sing at Sunday Mass.

**The first meeting of the New Year is Thursday,
January 7 at 4:30 PM in the church.**

Hey, Parents!

Joyful Noise is a great way to introduce your children to choir, ministry, and small group communities. They'll make new friends, learn some great songs, and learn to feel comfortable about praying and discussing their faith in a social setting. In a fun environment, they grow as Jesus' youngest disciples.

Our kids are not just the Church of the future, they are the Church of NOW!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS...

Level 7 Sacrament of Reconciliation in Church, 7:15pm:
Tuesday classes attend: Monday, January 4, 2016
Wednesday classes attend: Monday, January 11, 2016



Level 2 Family Mass on January 10, 2016, 10:30am
Sacrament of Reconciliation Preparation Session for all children
preparing to receive First Reconciliation: Saturday, January 16, 2016, 10:00am.
Parent & child attend. Bring your completed booklets to session.
parent /guardian & child

Catechetical Corner...



THE YEAR OF MERCY LOGO

A description of the image and its meaning:

The *logo* and the *motto* together provide a fitting summary of what the Jubilee Year is all about. The motto *Merciful Like the Father* (taken from the Gospel of Luke, 6:36) serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure (cfr. Lk 6:37-38). The logo – the work of Jesuit Father Marko I. Rupnik – presents a small *summa theologiae* of the theme of mercy. In fact, it represents an image quite important to the early Church: that of the Son having taken upon his shoulders the lost soul demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption. The logo has been designed in such a way so as to express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with a love with the power to change one's life. One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, one's own humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in his gaze, the love of the Father.

The scene is captured within the so called *mandorla* (the shape of an almond), a figure quite important in early and medieval iconography, for it calls to mind the two natures of Christ, divine and human. The three concentric ovals, with colors progressively lighter as we move outward, suggest the movement of Christ who carries humanity out of the night of sin and death. Conversely, the depth of the darker color suggests the impenetrability of the love of the Father who forgives all.

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

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 or www.inforatvibs.org

Suffolk County Coalition Against Domestic Violence
631-666-8833 (hotline)
www.sccadv.org

The Retreat
Domestic Violence
631-329-2200 (hotline 24hrs/7 days shelter)
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

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

Family Service League of Suffolk County
631-427-3700
www.fsl.li.org

Hope House Ministries
631-928-2377
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

Haven House/Bridges
631-231-3619
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




 **Parish Outreach**

Parish Outreach is in dire need of donations of toiletries. Shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, tissues, combs, brushes, toothbrushes, soap, toilet paper. If you can help, please drop off to our Outreach Office or to the Rectory.



Parish Outreach St. Joseph Parish Outreach Center

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



Through your generosity we were able to help more than 312 people throughout the month of November. In these tough economic times we are seeing people of increasing need. On their behalf, we thank you for sharing your own limited resources with your brothers and sisters. *"Whenever you did it for the least of my people, you did it for me."*



CYO Sport Programs

<http://stjoecyosports.com>

Baseball:

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

Basketball:

Girls (koolmom4d@msn.com) Debbie ☎467-6174
 Clinic Division (Coed Grades K-2) Nick ☎585-7723
 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

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:

Jan 3rd Tonight

Jan. 10th

e-mail: Crew272@StJoRonk.org

phone: Advisor Mike Keller (631) 872-7675

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*

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>



Calendar Club 2015



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12/6 #463 Carolyn Weggeland \$50	12/7 #92 Joseph Messina \$25	12/8 #100 Joe Finnegan \$75	12/9 #683 Lorraine Stiefel \$25	12/10 #279 John & Maria Fausone \$25	12/11 #258 The MacIntosh Family \$25	12/12 #247 Richard Otterstedt \$25
12/13 #314 Rick & Pat Alvanos \$50	12/14 #99 Al Nunziata \$25	12/15 #527 Blake & Brodie Vodopija \$25	12/16 #153 Kathy & Charlie Wiener \$25	12/17 #250 Janet & Bill Wroblewski \$25	12/18 #559 Peter Borneman \$25	12/19 #738 Nick & Angela DeVito \$25
12/20 #449 Harry & Carol Ellis \$50	12/21 #379 Kathy Pesce \$25	12/22 #632 The Evola Family \$25	12/23 #499 The McCann Family \$25	12/24 #239 Graciela Pedra \$25	12/25 #739 Fr. Mike Maffeo \$200	12/26 #372 Janet & Bill Wroblewski \$25
12/27 #302 Phyllis & Joseph DeClemente \$50	12/28 #329 Bob & Joanne Koepper \$25	12/29 #477 Gail Flood \$25	12/30 #3 Florence Buckley \$25	12/31 #112 Guenther Maczkiewicz \$250		