



## 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—Al Anon

The Al Anon Family Groups are a spiritual fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience strength and hope in order to solve their common problems. We believe alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery.

Al Anon has one purpose – to help families of alcoholics.

### Priests

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

### Deacons

Dcn. Michael DeBellis                      Dcn. Frank Dell'Aglio  
Dcn. Michael Devenney                  Dcn. William Dobbins  
Dcn. Joseph Dougherty (retired)  
Dcn. Joseph Califano (retired)  
Dcn. James Altonji (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

**February 7, 2016 - Fifth 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 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:

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, Feb. 7 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

**7:00** Claire & Jim McQuillan (Loving Family), Kathryn Valente (The Mangano Family)

**9:00** Michele Piro (The Gessner Family), Gloria Fabisiak (Felicia Heraghty)

**10:30** Francesca Gallo (Anthony & Christina Salvatore), Alfio Ventola (Antoinette & Dan Ventola)

**12:00** Joseph Kubiesko Jr. (Loving Family), Barbara Hand (Loving Family)

**5:00** Peter Biegen (Loving Family), William Cooney (The Dinger Family)

#### Monday, Feb. 8

**7:00** Don Connelly (Tom Caminiti)

**9:00** Joe Jozwicki (Ann Festa), Kenneth Cassidy (Ann Festa & Joseph Gillin)

#### Tuesday, Feb. 9

**7:00** Edie Ryan (Loving Family), Kathleen Pagliucca (Loving Husband & Family)

**8:45** Mary & Edward Cooper (Mary Ann Drew)

#### Wednesday, Feb. 10 (Ash Wednesday)

**7:00** For the People of the Parish

**9:00** For the People of the Parish

**12:10** Prayer Service

**5:00** Prayer Service

**7:30** Prayer Service

#### Thursday, Feb. 11

**7:00** For the People of the Parish

**9:00** Camilla A. Raab (Loving Family), Eileen Kelleher (Janet Kramer)

#### Friday, Feb. 12

**7:00** For the People of the Parish

**9:00** Eileen Kelleher (The Scotti Family)

#### Saturday, Feb. 13

**8:00** John Donohue (Loving Family), Mr. & Mrs. L. Buonocore (Loving Family)

**5:00** Veronica Perdue (Loving Family), Michael Delaney (Judy & Martha)

#### Sunday, Feb. 14 (First Sunday of Lent)

**7:00** Bridget, John & Patrick McWeeney (Loving Daughter Mary & Anne)

**9:00** John & Mary Biglin (Loving Family), Vincent Gessner (Loving Wife), Franklin M. Duarte (Loving Wife)

**10:30** Francesca Gallo (Friday Group A Soup Kitchen), Pray to End Abortion (Right to Life)

**12:00** Theresa Tubiolo (Joe Compitello), Mary Cioffi (Marianne Schreck)

**5:00** George Scotti (Elizabeth Lopez), Paul Rozario (Alexander Rozario)

### Altar Bread & Wine

*In memory of  
Eileen Kelleher  
Requested by  
The Antonucci Family*



**Do you want God to shower you with love this Lent? Don't forget SOAP!**

One of my Occupational Therapists is a very Spirit filled Christian. He told me about one way he prays with scripture - SOAP

**S** Scripture: Start with a scripture reading. Ask God to open your heart to His word in it. (Maybe start with the readings for the coming Sunday in Lent)

**O** Object of Scripture: What is this reading about (what is the lesson Jesus or the prophet or letter writer is giving?)

**A** Application of Scripture: How does this apply to my life? What is God saying to me or asking me to do?

**P** Prayer: Bring it all to prayer. Just sit with it; listen with your heart and let it resonate in your heart. Ask God to give you the strength and courage to put the lesson He has given you into action in your life.

You can do this with any scripture reading not just Sunday's. Using SOAP this Lent we can ask God to "create in me a clean heart!" (Psalm 51:10)



**Parish Mission:  
"Facing Your Giants"**

What are the Giants that challenge your life and family: Has your relationship been wounded and seem unsalvageable? Have you lost the passion in your faith, your career, your marriage, and your life? Have sins of selfishness, impurity, greed, or pride chipped away at the foundation of who you are and were created to be? Has the noise and distraction of our society and world made it impossible for you to hear God speaking to you? Has God forgotten about you?

You are invited to St. Joseph Parish Mission Monday February 22 - Wednesday February 24 at 7 PM in the Church.

Come to pray and grow in your faith with Fr. Joe Fitzgerald on a spiritual journey and gain a strategy to help you face the Giants of your Life.

**Monday: Know Your Enemy**

**Tuesday: Put on Your Armor**

(Tuesday includes Healing Service and Anointing)

**Wednesday: Choose Your Weapon for Battle**

**Please pray for Fr Joe and for our parish as we approach our Lenten retreat time. This is sacred time for all of us!**

**Please do a Mercy**

A few weeks ago we mentioned that the Sisters of Mercy don't ask for a favor, they ask for a mercy. Now we need one:

**Please do not "dog ear" the music books!**

We want them to last a long time!

We are still working on ribbons for the books!

**St Joseph Parish Party**

This year the feast of St Joseph (March 19). Falls on a Saturday. That is great because it is perfect for our parish party right?

Wrong. March 20 is Palm Sunday so we will have begun the solemnity of Holy Week at the 5:00 mass on Saturday. It seems a little incongruous to have this celebration in the midst of reflecting on the Passion of Jesus and from a practical point of view, Holy Week brings a lot of work that we need to focus on instead of this party.

So we will have our St Joseph feast during the Easter Season

**Saturday April 30**

**Mark your calendars!**

**The Body of Christ  
Feeding the Body of Christ!**

In Montauk I had a unique opportunity - a couple was getting married. They were "summer residents" and every time they were in town they attended mass. As their wedding approached we spoke about Communion. We decided that the bride and groom would be the Ministers of Communion for their family and friends. Instead of focusing later on the bride and groom feeding cake to each other, they drew the focus to the bride and groom feeding Jesus to their family and friends. It was a very meaningful moment for them and their families in the context of their wedding celebration.

We are all called to bring others closer to God (read our mission on the front of the bulletin). We have heard in the past few weeks about the fact that there are many gifts among us but the same Spirit who is the source of these gifts.

Perhaps you have a hunger to be closer to Jesus by serving our community as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and feeding the Body of Christ with the Body of Christ.

**Training for this ministry is coming soon!**

To train for this ministry you must be sent by your pastor. So if you feel that this is a ministry for you in our community, please let me know so I can get your name in for a training session. Call the parish office or send me an email: [pastor@stjoronk.org](mailto:pastor@stjoronk.org).



LENT 2016

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

DIocese OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Holy Father has sent us all a Message for this Lent of the Jubilee of Mercy. I want to call your attention to it and urge you to read it. It is beautiful, concrete and opens up to us rich and inspiring ways to make this Lent a deep and wonderful journey of faith as we seek God's merciful love and receive it during the forty days that we travel together to celebrate the Sacred Triduum of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior.

In his letter, Pope Francis says: *Let's not waste the season of Lent!* He goes on to call *Mary, the perfect icon of the Church which evangelizes and is evangelized by the Holy Spirit.* We too, who make up the Church, must imitate Mary and open ourselves to the Spirit as she did at the Annunciation. Led by the Spirit this Lent we can become ourselves evangelizers of God's mercy by our words and our actions.

Pope Francis commends to us the time honored Corporal and Spiritual "Works of Mercy". He says, *God's mercy transforms our hearts to become merciful, inspiring us to love of neighbor.* Take one a day or use them to do an act of kindness. Corporal: feed the hungry; give drink to the thirsty; clothe the naked; welcome the stranger; care for the sick; visit the prisoners; bury the dead. The Spiritual: convert the sinner; instruct the ignorant; counsel the doubtful; comfort the sorrowful; bear wrongs patiently; forgive injuries; pray for the living and the dead.

For me the most beautiful part of his message is when he speaks of God's merciful love for His Chosen People and the faithfulness of His love as a covenant that, despite all the sins of God's people, He will always be faithful, always forgives, and will never cease to love us. The Pope takes that and invites us to see God's compassion for us His people as a model and an inspiration of marriage between a man and a woman and the love that brings children into the world as part of a family. God's unceasing, faithful love (Hebrew: *hesed*) *culminates in the Incarnation of His Son as the bridegroom who does everything to win over His bride, the Church.* He even dies for her!

And He does that for us now and always. Make this Lent a time when you open yourselves up to that love, experience that love through the reconciling and healing sacrament of Penance; let this love heal your hearts and renew your faith and your commitment to your spouse, your children, your parents, all the members of your family, your neighbors, your friends, all from whom you may be alienated. God offers that love to you. You who accept His love then must be givers of that love to others.

May God's words of love and reconciliation dwell in our hearts this Lent of Mercy and may God bless our Church here on Long Island and make us instruments of His merciful love to others.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Bishop of Rockville Centre



CUARESMA 2016

JUBILEO DE LA MISERICORDIA

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo:

El Santo Padre ha enviado a todos un Mensaje para esta Cuaresma del Año Jubilar de la Misericordia. Quiero

llamar su atención e impulsarles a leerlo. Es hermoso, concreto y nos abre de forma rica e inspiradora para hacer esta Cuaresma un viaje profundo y maravilloso de fe mientras buscamos el amor misericordioso de Dios y lo recibimos durante los cuarenta días que caminamos juntos para celebrar el Sagrado Triduo de la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de nuestro Señor y Salvador.

En su carta, el Papa Francisco dice: *¡No desperdiciemos el tiempo de la Cuaresma!* Él sigue llamando a *María, el icono perfecto de la Iglesia que evangeliza y es evangelizada por el Espíritu Santo.* Nosotros también, que conformamos la Iglesia, debemos imitar a María y abrirnos al Espíritu como ella hizo en la Anunciación. Conducidos por el Espíritu, esta Cuaresma podemos hacernos evangelizadores de la misericordia de Dios por medio de nuestras palabras y nuestras acciones.

El Papa Francisco nos encomienda "Las obras de la Misericordia", Corporales y Espirituales, tan estimadas a los largos de los siglos. Él dice, *la misericordia de Dios transforma nuestros corazones haciéndolos misericordiosos, inspirándonos amar al vecino.* Tomar una al día y usarla para hacer un acto de caridad. Corporales: dar de comer al hambriento; dar de beber al sediento; vestir al desnudo; acoger al forastero; cuidar de los enfermos; visitar a los presos; sepultar a los muertos. Espirituales: convertir al pecador; instruir al ignorante; aconsejar al que duda; consolar al que sufre; soportar el m

Para mí la parte más hermosa de su mensaje es cuando él habla del amor al con paciencia; perdonar las injurias; orar por los vivos y los muertos. misericordioso de Dios por Su Pueblo Escogido y la fidelidad de Su amor como la promesa que, a pesar de todos los pecados del Pueblo de Dios, Él siempre será fiel, siempre perdona, y nunca dejará de amarnos. El Papa toma esto y nos invita a ver la compasión de Dios por nosotros Su pueblo como un modelo y una inspiración del matrimonio entre un hombre y una mujer y el amor que trae los niños al mundo a formar parte de una familia. El amor incesante, fiel de Dios (hebreo: *hesed*) *culmina en la Encarnación de Su Hijo como el novio que hace todo para ganarse a Su novia, la Iglesia.* ¡Él hasta muere por ella!

Y Él hace eso por nosotros ahora y siempre. Hagan de esta Cuaresma un tiempo en el cual se abran a ese amor. Experimenten ese amor por medio de la reconciliación y sanación del sacramento de la Penitencia; dejen que ese amor sane sus corazones y renueve su fe y su compromiso con su cónyuge, sus hijos, sus padres, todos los miembros de su familia, sus vecinos, sus amigos, con todos aquellos que ustedes puedan estar enajenados. Dios les ofrece ese amor. Ustedes que aceptan Su amor deben ser donantes de ese amor a los demás.

Que las palabras del Dios de amor y reconciliación habite en nuestros corazones esta Cuaresma de la Misericordia y que Dios bendiga nuestra Iglesia aquí en Long Island y nos haga instrumentos de Su amor misericordioso para con los demás. Fielmente suyos en Cristo,

Obispo de Rockville Centre

# Respect Life



## 90-Day Campaign for LIFE begins Ash Wednesday

• **PRAYERS.** This is very important. Our struggle to end the injustice of abortion is *spiritual warfare*. So I'm relying on you to "**pray without ceasing**" for an end to legalized abortion in America.

**INVOLVEMENT.** While we work for an end to abortion nationwide, it's important that you do what you can to end abortion in your local community.

1. Our upcoming Legal Symposium for churches
2. Oral Supreme Court case against the HHS mandate of ObamaCare
3. Our efforts to get Congress to pass important life-saving legislation
4. Our work to get state legislatures to protect mothers and babies from abortion
5. Our 2016 Election Battle Plan

In and of themselves, each one of those initiatives is vital to our fight to end abortion. Taken altogether, their success or failure will determine the outcome of our pro-life mission.

And those are only our top five priorities over the next 90 days. They don't include our parish mission trips. Our post-abortion healing ministries – Rachel's Vineyard and the Silent No More Awareness Campaign. Our many speaking engagements. Our production of pro-life materials. Our "Youth Outreach" program. Our "Blacks Against Abortion" initiative. Our work to shut down abortion mills. And more. These programs are over and above the five priorities listed above.

Priests for Life has brought together some of the top legal minds in the country when it comes to what churches can and cannot do and say during elections. The bottom line is that they can preach to their heart's content on moral issues ... including abortion. They can even mention candidates by name. The only things they can't do are explicitly say: "Vote for John Smith", contribute to a candidate's campaign or take up a collection on behalf of a particular candidate.

The pro-life Congress you and Priests for Life did so much to help elect back in 2014 is asserting itself on behalf of life. It passed a reconciliation bill de-funding Planned Parenthood ... (including President Obama's veto of the bill). The House passed the "Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act". We're pressing the Senate to follow suit. We're working with lawmakers to introduce a ban on dismemberment abortions. And it is formally investigating Planned Parenthood and the whole abortion industry. There is much Congress can do to help the pro-life movement and we are in constant communication with members.

*Abortion corrupts our entire society* – the economy, health care, foreign policy, the War on Terror, immigration ... everything. [www.PriestsForLife.org](http://www.PriestsForLife.org)



# Weekly Offering



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

Sunday Jan. 31, 2016 Offering \$21,253  
(Includes Faith Direct (\$1673))

Last Year \$17,925  
Poor Box Last Week 391

Snow removal collection 2016 2,093  
2015 2,215

**\*Debt reduction collection (this month)**

**Total Parish Debt:**  
Interest free loan (balance) \$ 105,000  
Addl. accumulated debt \$2,849,055  
\$2,954,055

**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

ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00AM	Mass
9:00AM	Mass
12:10PM	Prayer Service
5:00PM	Prayer Service
7:30PM	Prayer Service

## Pray for the Sick

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

Lynn Abe-Zaid  
Chet Alongi & Michael Alongi  
Greta Ambrosio  
Philip Ambrosio  
Ginny Amita  
Baby Rocco Caracciola  
Karen Balezos  
Janet Belz  
Jeff Berg  
Anthony Bernardo  
MaryAnn Bonitz  
Lucy Brancaccio  
Richard Busick  
Carrie Cabral  
Laura Capuano  
Michael & Moises Carbuccia  
Priscilla Castelano  
Virginia Catalano  
Antoinette Cichetti  
Louise Cipolla  
Martin Condit  
Cathy Connolly  
Eileen Cross  
Rick Crotta  
Joanne DeBellis  
Michael DePinto  
Barbara DiGirolomo  
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  
Joseph Giommetti  
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  
John Merkle  
Carol Meyer  
Danielle Michels  
Helen Moser  
Joseph Nicosia  
Maria O'Halloran  
Joseph Olivieri  
Helen Onufrak  
Anna Pepe  
Barbara Petersen  
William Pfister  
Anthony Pieroni  
Dorothy Pistritto  
Joan Plouffe  
Nicole Ramaglia  
Regina Reilly  
Josephine Ripp  
Ruby Rivera  
Michelle Robinson  
Maryann Rossi  
Angela Russo  
Mary Ann Russo  
Theresa Ryan  
Ann Sabourin  
Norma Salazar  
Dawn Saporito  
Denise Savage Harper  
Ralph Sabatino  
Ben Scannella  
Krista & Nancy Schramm  
Janet Shapiro  
Jamie Smith  
Michele Smith  
Abe Stegman  
Angela Stoner  
Matthew Swenson  
Orazio Troiano  
Theresa Troiano  
Richard Tizzard  
Analea Torborg  
Richard Troiano  
Regina & Lloyd Turnier  
William Vallar  
Margaret Villano  
Nicholas Wittreich  
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  
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PFC Thomas Conran US Army  
SRA Matthew Maisano USAF  
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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 Chris V. Hackett US ARMY



—REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED—

*Kenneth Cassidy, Agnes Taylor*

*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*

# MARDI-GRAS DINE-AROUND



St. Joseph's Parish  
*invites you to an evening of*

## **Fine Food Tasting** *and* **Fun Fellowship**



**Monday, February 8, 2016**  
**6:30 pm in Carew Hall**

**Get tickets in advance**  
**for only \$25 per person.**

*Tickets at the door are \$30.*

*Enjoy Delicious Offerings from the Menus of*

Akropolis	Miller's Ale House	Popeyes
Texas Road House	Flannigan's	Ragazzi
Irish Coffee Pub	Dah Lee	Windows on the Lake
Sundried Tomato	Panico's Country Market	Lake Liquor
Crazy Crepe	Meatballs	Carabbas
BBQ Stew's	Florie's Finales	<i>and many others</i>

Please return this reservation request with your check made payable to St. Joseph Church in the collection basket or to the Rectory Office, or mail it to *Mardi Gras, St. Joseph Church, 45 Church St, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779-3301*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish ID, if known: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Reservations: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 each = amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank You!**

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS...

LEVEL 1 ACTIVITY: FEBRUARY 8, 2016, St Joseph School Gym

LEVEL 6—CHRISTIAN PASSOVER EVENT: Tuesday, February 9, 2016, 7:20pm, Fr. Carew Hall

Tuesday Class: Mon., 1/ 25, 6:50-:800pm

Wednesday Class: Mon. 2/1, 6:50-8:00pm

St Joseph School: may attend either day

LEVEL 5— SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION— NEW DATE

•Thursday, 2/25/16-Reconciliation, 7:15PM, Church -FOR TUESDAY CLASSES

•Monday, 2/29/16-Reconciliation, 7:15PM, Church – FOR WEDNESDAY CLASSES

## *Catechetical Corner...*

Mardi Gras ("Fat Tuesday") and Carnival ("Farewell to Meat") precede Ash Wednesday and Lent around the world, even where Lent has ceased to have much religious meaning. It was natural to develop a festival, a "last fling," before the prayerful fasting and abstinence of Lent. How can we give this day before Ash Wednesday some religious meaning for us? It may be that we are going to a Mardi Gras party and there will be much feasting. Our country may celebrate a Mardi Gras Carnival with gusto. Perhaps we can have a special family dinner together, with meat. What's important is that we let our feasting anticipate our fasting. One way to do that is to begin to focus on the meaning of the day, when we first get up. It can create a sense of anticipation all day, that something very new is about to begin tomorrow. We can prepare for whatever we will do, no matter how purely "social" or simply ordinary our day will be. Knowing why we go to a party, or enjoying the planning or preparation for a special meal, will add much meaning to this day.



*In these or similar words, we can pray in the spirit of this day.*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,

it is from your goodness that we have today to celebrate on the threshold of the Season of Lent.

Tomorrow we will fast and abstain from meat. Today we feast.

We thank you for the abundance of gifts you shower upon us. We thank you for one another.

As we give you thanks, we are mindful of those who have so much less than we do.

As we share these wonderful gifts together,

we dedicate ourselves to greater generosity toward those who need our support.

Prepare us for tomorrow.

Tasting the fullness of what we have today, let us experience some hunger tomorrow.

May our fasting make us more alert and may it heighten our consciousness

so that we might be ready to hear your Word and respond to your call.

As our feasting fills us with gratitude, so may our fasting and abstinence hollow out in us

a place for deeper desires and an attentiveness to hear the cry of the poor.

May our self-denial turn our hearts to you and give us a new freedom for generous service to others.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, as we place ashes on our foreheads. Once again, Jesus reminds us that he is inviting us to a "change of heart." It is an extraordinary invitation by God to each one of us. Our Lord beckons us in a personal and individual way, "Come back to me, with all of your heart". God invites me to drop the defenses that I hold up between myself and God. All God wants is for me to realize that *my* standards, my way of judging and loving are so very different from God's way, and so much smaller. God offers an entire Lent season, an entire lifetime, of loving me unconditionally, no matter what I have done or how much I think I have hidden from God.

This year we let us ask the deeper question: What is God inviting me to change this Lent?

*Excerpted from Praying Lent, Online Ministry of Creighton University*



# ST. JOSEPH'S CYO

P.O. Box 2755, Lake Ronkonkoma  
New York 11779

**SOME GAMES NOW  
BEING PLAYED AT  
RAYNOR BEACH PARK**



## 2016 BOYS SPRING BASEBALL

For Information Call  
Gene 588-1879

TB	FARM	MINORS	MAJORS	SENIORS
4-5-6	7-8	9-10	11-12	13-16
\$25.00	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$60.00

**WE USE ONLY CERTIFIED ADULT UMPIRES**

**AT. ST. JOSEPH'S CYO WE GIVE YOU A CHOICE**

FUND RAISING - 1 Box of Candy  
To Be Sold By Each Athlete

**OR**

NO FUND RAISING  
Add \$25.00 To Cost of Registration

## 2016 GIRLS SPRING SOFTBALL



**GRADES 2-9  
\$40**

Most games will be played at our new complex at Raynor Park. Restrooms available on premises.

GROOMED FIELDS • DUGOUT  
FREE CLINICS (FOR ALL)

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For Information Call  
Dennis Aveta 467-6174

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### COACHES NEEDED. BECOME A TEAM LEADER

If you are unable to register in person, please use mail in registration below.

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.

- I DO NOT WANT TO DO ANY FUND RAISING I ADDED \$25.00 TO REG. COST  
 I WILL DO FUND RAISING    CHECK ONE     BASEBALL     SOFTBALL

Please sign indicating you have read and understand the above statement     WILL COACH     WILL ASSIST

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_  Boy  Girl    Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

If at all Possible, Check or Money Orders (No Cash). Make All Checks Payable to  
**ST. JOSEPH'S CYO • P.O. BOX 2755 • LAKE RONKONKOMA, NEW YORK 11779**  
 THERE WILL BE A \$30.00 SERVICE CHARGE (BANK FEE) FOR ALL RETURNED CHECKS

WWW.STJOECCYOSPORTS.COM



# ST. JOSEPH

P.O. Box 2755, Lake Ronkonkoma, New York 11779



## 2016 SPRING SOCCER Ages 3-13yrs old



### St. Joseph's CYO Soccer Club

Trainer  
Joining Club

*Serving the Ronkonkoma and Surrounding  
Communities with Intramural, Interleague,  
Pre-Travel and Travel Soccer*  
Boys and Girls 3-13 • All Faiths Welcome  
LJR Soccer Travel Program • All Girls Teams  
Interleague Same as Intramural  
Free Coaching School LJR - We Pay For It  
Soccer C-B-A License - Ask for Date

**SPRING 2016**

**3-4 year olds  
\$25.00.**

**5-13 year olds  
\$40.00.**

#### SPECIALS: Allstar Game • Child-Parent Game

- Participation Award for Every Player
- Qualified Referees • Qualified Licensed Coaches
- Insurance Coverage • On Site Bathroom
- Guarantee of 50% Play Time

FUNDRAISING: 1 Box of Candy  
or \$25.00 Extra At Registration

Uniform on Soccer Fields  
\$30.00 if needed

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL JOE 585-0748**



## GIRLS AND BOYS GRADES K-8 2016 SPRING TRACK REGISTRATION FEE \$50.00



At St. Joseph's CYO We Give You A Choice

**FUND RAISING: 1 BOX OF CANDY TO BE SOLD BY EACH ATHLETE** **OR** **NO FUND RAISING: ADD \$25.00 TO COST OF REGISTRATION**

**JERSEY IF NEEDED \$12**

QUALIFIED COACHES • OVER 50 YEARS EXPERIENCE • ALL MEETS LOCAL

**COACHES NEEDED - BECOME A TEAM LEADER**

**FAMILY  
DISCOUNTS  
3RD CHILD  
FREE  
For All Sports**

MAIL IN ASAP **FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL JERRY AT 585-4048**

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I DO NOT WANT TO DO ANY FUND RAISING I ADDED \$25.00 TO REG. COST

I WILL DO FUND RAISING  CANDY  CHECK ONE  SOCCER  TRACK

Please sign indicating you have read and understand the above statement  WILL COACH  WILL ASSIST

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_  Boy  Girl Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. JOSEPH'S C.Y.O. • P.O. BOX 2755 • LAKE RONKONKOMA, NEW YORK 11779**  
ALL FAITHS WELCOME • \$30.00 BANK SERVICE FEE RETURNED CHECKS NO REGISTRATION REFUNDS • CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PREFERRED  
St. Joseph's reserves the right to change age groups based on registration numbers and the athletes ability.

# 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:sjpo@verizon.net) website — <http://outreach.stjoronk.org>

Through your generosity we were able to help more than 391 people throughout the month of December. 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](mailto: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:**

**Feb. 7th Tonight**

**Feb. 11th**

*e-mail: [Crew272@StJoRonk.org](mailto: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*

