



## 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 14, 2016 - First Sunday of Lent**

## **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, Feb. 14 (First Sunday in Lent)**

- 7:00** Bridget, John & Patrick McWeeny (Loving Daughters Mary & Anne)  
**9:00** Franklin M. Duarte (Loving Wife), Vincent Gessner (Loving Wife), John & Mary Biglin (Loving Family)  
**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)

**Monday, Feb. 15**

- 7:00** Madelyn Clark (The Brown Family), Larry Lentino (The Giannotti Family)  
**9:00** Lilia Mirasol (LIVING) (Eva Mirasol), Helen Nieswandt (LIVING) (Her 98th Birthday) (Loving Daughter)

**Tuesday, Feb. 16**

- 7:00** Emanuele Quarantino (Loving Wife & Family)  
**8:45** Joseph Quagliariello (Amanda Sears & Deandra Ramkarran), Arthur Marooney (Felicia DiMola)

**Wednesday, Feb. 17**

- 7:00** Olive Tizzard (Tony & Cindy Prisco)  
**9:00** Rosalie Hoffman (Loving Family), Richard Fahey (Loving Family)

**Thursday, Feb. 18**

- 7:00** Frank Proscia (Jay & Dominick DeLorenzo)  
**9:00** Salvatore Bacino (Marge & Ed Forsyth)

**Friday, Feb. 19**

- 7:00** For the People of the Parish  
**9:00** Gisela Kutzero (The Profit Family)

**Saturday, Feb. 20**

- 8:00** Nicholas DioMede (The Letterese Family), Lisa Brown (LIVING) Rosemary McMenamin  
**5:00** Raffaelina Maddaluno (Sal & Debbie Maddaluno), Joan Ockovic (Mr. & Mrs. Richard Delamater)

**Sunday, Feb. 21(Second Sunday of Lent)**

- 7:00** Kathleen Pagliuca (Loving Husband & Family)  
**9:00** Peter Wrins (Sarah Sauber & Family), Priscilla Nevins (The Sauber Family)  
**10:30** The Waka Family (LIVING) (Karen Bennette), Deborah Arceri (The Vessa Family)  
**12:00** Vincent Gessner (Margaret Mannng & Family), Louis Fava Sr. (Loving Daughter)  
**5:00** Angela Tagliavia ((The Strull Family), Judy Johannessen-Bain (The Scotti Family)

**Altar Bread & Wine**

*In memory of  
 Mr. & Mrs. L. Buonocore  
 Requested by  
 Loving Family*



## **Don't Forget to Feast!**

Last year Mike Keller jokingly told some people in the choir that during Lent we pray fast and we give alms. Then he corrected himself by saying "we pray, we fast and we give alms."

Fasting is an important part of our Lenten practices. We are mirroring Jesus' time in the desert. But remember, he went into the desert immediately after his Baptism where he heard the voice of God say, "You are my beloved."

In the midst of his fasting Jesus was tempted to turn stones to bread to fulfill his hunger. His response was that we do not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Look back. What words had he heard from the mouth of God before he went into the desert? "You are my beloved!" Maybe his fasting in the desert was so that he could feast on those words!

Those words are also meant for us because when scripture is read or proclaimed in faith it is God's word alive today. God has told each one of us, "You are my beloved!" Maybe this Lent we can take some time and feast on that love!



## **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!**

## **Thanks Again!**

With the broken wrist this year my disorganization has grown to monumental levels!

I am just going through Christmas cards again, realizing I will never get to personal thank you notes this year. So I want to make sure I say again Thank You to all who gave me, or the priests as a group, gifts, cards, cookies and notes this past Christmas. They are appreciated and so are you!

*-Fr. Mike*

## **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).

## My favorite thing to do during Lent

During Lent, there is one spiritual activity that I look forward to most. Before Lent starts (though it's never too late to begin), I get out my calendar and I write the name of one family member, friend, coworker, neighbor, acquaintance, or someone I'm not too fond of on one of the 40 days of Lent. When that day arrives, I offer my prayers and petitions, frustrations, joys, and sufferings for the person's intentions.

This practice is truly transformative. First, it encourages me to take the Lenten pillar of prayer more seriously. I feel like I *have* to pray hard each day; otherwise, it's almost as if I let that person I'm interceding for down in some way.

Second, it allows me to become a sort of spiritual companion to another person on their own Lenten journey, particularly by letting them know that I am interceding for him or her on that day. Often times, the individual will give me specific intentions to pray for, making that day's prayer even more meaningful.

Finally, it gives me a chance to catch up on my "I'll be praying for you" promises. It's easy to tell people that we are praying for them, but sometimes, our prayer for them just isn't as frequent or as deep as we would like it to be. (Other times, we forget to pray altogether!) This Lenten prayer activity changes that. You devote an entire day of focus to one person and their struggles, hopes, spiritual life, family relations, health, and whatever else that soul uniquely needs from you and your intercession.

I encourage you to join me in this special prayer journey this Lent. I love how connected I feel with others through this exercise. It reminds me that, especially during this penitential season, we are all one body, helping to bear each other's crosses so that, at the end of these 40 days, we can come to rejoice in the glory of Easter as brothers and sisters through the Risen Christ.

*This was sent to me by a parishioner who added, "I don't know what to do. I probably have more than 40 people who annoy me!"*

*The way I figure it, that's okay. Everything Pope Francis says about meeting people where they are seems to say, "wherever you are is a legitimate starting point to grow in your relationship with God."*

*So start with some that annoy you a little this week. That might give you an early success to build on. But eventually we all need to get to the people who annoy us most - they are made in God's image and likeness too. Maybe their purpose is to give our hearts a chance to grow in love during Lent in this year of mercy!*

*To all those who find my name on their list, thanks for the prayers!*

## The Children of St Joseph and the Seven Habits of Highly Effective People

This school year St Joseph School became a "Leader in Me" School. We are following the example of the Sachem school district and, from what I understand, the Connetquot district is also becoming a "Leader in Me" district.

The "Leader in Me" process of education is based on the Seven Habits of Highly Effective People by Stephen Covey and presented by the Franklin Covey Organization. They are thrilled to work with our school because the principles presented in the Seven habits are all Christian principles. In a Catholic School we are allowed to teach these principles in conjunction with religious education and gospel values!

Since our children are learning and living the Seven Habits, it might be a good idea for all of us to begin to become fluent in them.

### **The first three habits are habits of independence (personal mastery):**

1. Be proactive: *The opposite of this is to be reactive which puts the world outside of you in charge of your life.*
2. Begin with the end in mind: *Envision your future so you can work toward it.*
3. Put first things first: *The most important thing is to make the most important thing the most important thing. This habit is especially helpful to those who struggle with time management.*

### **The next three habits are habits of interdependence (working well with others):**

4. Think win-win: *Seek mutually beneficial outcomes in all circumstances.*
5. Seek first to understand, then to be understood: *Imitate St Francis of Assisi and be an empathetic listener.*
6. Synergize: *Combine your strengths with the strengths of others to create real teamwork. TEAM is an acronym - Together Each Achieves More!*

### **The seventh habit is one for continual improvement**

4. Sharpen the saw: *This is the habit of constant self renewal. It fits in with the commandment to keep holy the Sabbath Day.*

Since St Joseph School, Sachem and Connetquot school districts comprise more than 90% of our students there is a good chance that a child you know from our parish is learning (and living) these habits.

**Maybe we should all become familiar with them.  
They can help us live our Christian faith!**

# Respect Life



The Fourteenth Amendment says the state shall not deprive any “person” of life without due process of law. Of course, when this was written the word human was a synonym for person and could have just as easily been used. The Supreme Court admitted in Roe v. Wade, “if the suggestion of personhood (of the unborn) is established, the appellant’s (pro-abortion) case, of course, collapses, for the fetus’ right to life is then guaranteed specifically by the (fourteenth) amendment.” -Alcorn, Pro Life Answers to Pro Choice Arguments

Even though science and common sense have long known that life begins at conception, over sixty-one million babies have been aborted in the past forty-two years since the infamous Roe v. Wade decision. The key to overturning that decision is legislation which would establish that life begins at the moment of conception and is entitled to legal protection.

Currently there is hope. There are, as of the end of 2015, 124 sponsors of the Life at Conception Act, which, when enacted, will dismantle the Roe v. Wade decision, eliminating abortion-on-demand. It would legally establish that the protection of life guaranteed by our Constitution is vested in each baby from the moment of conception. The Life at Conception Act will assure equal protection under the law for each born and pre-born human in the United States.

National Pro-Life Alliance President, Martin Fox, repeated President Ronald Reagan’s concern about abortion, “...today there is a wound in our national conscience. America will never be whole as long as the right to life granted by our Creator is denied to the unborn.” Fox noted, “Recent exposure of Planned Parenthood videos have reopened that wound, reawakened our national conscience, and reinvigorated efforts important to pass the Life at Conception Act.” Mr. Fox is urging all National Pro-Life Alliance members to contact their Congressman at 202-224-3121. Perhaps we should ALL do that. -adapted from Lifeline, Newsletter of the National Pro-Life Alliance.



# Weekly Offering



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

Sunday Feb. 7, 2016 Offering \$17,353  
(Includes Faith Direct (\$1673))

Last Year \$18,920  
Poor Box Last Week 478

Fuel collection	2016	\$8,517
	2015	\$8,969

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

<b>Total Parish Debt:</b>	
Interest free loan (balance)	\$ 105,000
Addl. accumulated debt	\$2,849,055
	<u>\$2,954,055</u>

**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

## OUR LITURGY

The reading from Deuteronomy is a reminder of God’s fidelity to the Hebrew people, and their responsibility to offer the first fruits of their labors back to the Lord. In Romans, Paul teaches the people to confess that Jesus is Lord, and to be saved. In the Gospel of Luke, the devil empts Jesus in the desert.

## 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 & 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  
Stella Coan  
Eileen Cross  
Rick Crotta  
Joanne DeBellis  
Michael DePinto  
Barbara DiGirolomo  
Rita Diubaldo  
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 Pistrutto  
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 & 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 Pistrutto  
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 Chris V. Hackett US ARMY



—REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED—

*Loretta Dodge, Joseph Spinelli Jr., Robert Bickerton Jr., Carmela Grillo  
our deceased soldiers and all of our deceased relatives and friends.*

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.  
May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen*

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS...

## 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

## *St. Joseph Confirmation Candidates performing the Works of Mercy*

### *The Giving Doll New York*

*“Give a child faith, hope, comfort, joy and love.”*



Level 7 Confirmation Candidates participated in “The Giving Doll” workshop led by Maureen Ennis, who opened the first NYS chapter of “The Giving Doll” in Ronkonkoma.

The Giving Doll is a non-profit organization based in Ohio that donates handmade dolls to sick and traumatized children. Since 2006,



# MARDI-GRAS DINE-AROUND



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

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



**Tuesday, February 16, 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!**



# 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

### IN PERSON REGISTRATION DATES OR MAIL IN

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- Saturday, February 13th • Noon to 4pm • St. Joseph's Gym Hallway, Church St., Ronkonkoma
- Sunday, February 14th • Noon to 4pm • St. Joseph's Gym Hallway, Church St., Ronkonkoma

### 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

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# 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. 14th Tonight**

**Feb. 21st**

*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*

# 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>



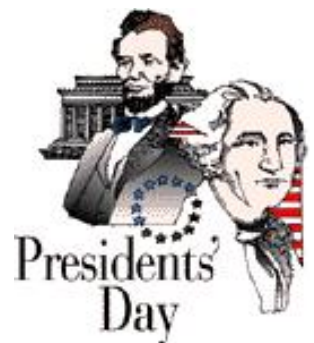
## Columbiette Retreat

March 6, 2016

Cenacle Retreat House

2pm-6pm

Keynote speakers are the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. Cost is \$45.00 which includes dinner. If interested, please call Geri Devenney at 631-419-6856.



## LECTORS WANTED!

To parishioners of Confirmation age or older:

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 – yes, a vocation – to become God's instrument to proclaim 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 of 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-March, a two-hour Lector Training session will be held in the rectory.

*Interested? Call Greg Walsh at 585-4524.*

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul Gives Back



St. Joseph's Church should share in the profits!! For each car, truck or van, running or not, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will give back to our church \$50/ \$100 per vehicle. Maybe you

don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of. Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at (718) 491-2525. Thank you for your participation.



## 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.**