



# 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.**

**Nuestro Mission**

**Por nuestro servicio amoroso y las obras de misericordia, invitamos a todos a conocer a Jesucristo, presente en la Palabra y en la fracción del pan, a fin de que todos puedan aceptar su regalo de salvación.**

**Priests**

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

**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

**April 3, 2016 - Second Sunday of Easter—Divine Mercy Sunday**

## **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, and the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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**

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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, April 3 (Devine Mercy)**

- 7:00** Cornelius J. Dunleavy (Loving Wife Anne), James Pickard (Felicia Heraghty)
- 9:00** Mary Tantone (Loving Husband & Family), Beverly Ingemarson (Mr. & Mrs. Riccardelli & Family)
- 10:30** William (Billy) Hubbard (Janine & Richard Hubbard), Maureen Melchiona (Catherine West)
- 12:00** Claire & Jim McQuillan (Loving Family), Salvatore Bacino (Angela Bonserio)
- 5:00** Godofredo Alcantara (Loving Wife & Son), Una Gaffney (Mary Scotti)

**Monday, April 4**

- 7:00** Emanuele Quarantino (Loving Wife & Family), Patrick Wynne (Anne & Joe DiNero)
- 9:00** Sean O'Brien (Marge & Ed Forsyth), Rick Condon (Tom & Jackie McCarthy)

**Tuesday, April 5**

- 7:00** Hawwa Kittaneh (The Mansur Family), Lawrence B. Celeste (Francesca Wagler)
- 8:45** Robert Zanini (Nora & Joseph Faretta), Christopher Quinn (Mary & Lou Scotti & Family)

**Wednesday, April 6**

- 7:00** For the People of the Parish
- 9:00** Helene Nieswandt (Jean & Norman Kalish), Helen LeBlanc (Steven & Edna Kaplan)

**Thursday, April 7**

- 7:00** For the People of the Parish
- 9:00** Thomas Drum (The Paduano Family), Christopher Schweizer (Bonnie Hazell)

**Friday, April 8**

- 7:00** For the People of the Parish
- 9:00** Eileen Stewart (Kevin Stewart), Nancy Rivera (Carol Walsh)

**Saturday, April 9**

- 8:00** For the People of the Parish
- 5:00** Kerry Foy Migliaro (Jim & Cathy Foy), Michael Delaney (Joan Mangan)

**Sunday, April 10 (Third Sunday of Easter)**

- 7:00** James J. Heiman (Loving Sister Helen), Carmen Portuguez Perez (The Fischer & Portuguez Families)
- 9:00** John & Mary Biglin (Loving Family), Emily Walker (Cynthia Naso)
- 10:30** Rudy Swarckof (The Sabourin Family), Pray to End Abortion)
- 12:00** Zora Delgado (Loving Son & Daughter), Jose Angel Pagan (Maureen S. Alfonso & Family)
- 5:00** Michael Botte (The Gessner Family), Anthony Pieroni (Gilda Johnson)

**Altar Bread & Wine**

*In memory of  
 Martin Petriccione  
 Requested by  
 Lucy & John Peters*



## Where did you meet God this week?

We are always in the presence of God's love and we are surrounded by signs of God's love for us. But sometimes there are just too many distractions in our daily lives so we don't always recognize that God is right here!

If we look for signs of God's presence (almost like a game) we will never be disappointed and we'll enjoy God's company too!

Here are some signs of God's presence (in nature):

- An animal that you don't see every day
- Any new spring growth
- The beauty of the beach and the ocean
- The smell after it rains
- A sunrise or sunset
- The taste of a delicious morsel of food
- A rose (or any flower)

Here are some signs of God's presence (in people):

- A surprise phone call
- A person who let's you go first
- A person approaching a door at the same time as you (hold it for them and you are holding it for God!)
- A card or letter from an old friend (why not send one)
- The laughter of a child
- A wink or a smile from a loved one

Here are some signs of God's presence (in you):

- An opportunity to laugh (especially at yourself)
- A tear (they mean something very important is happening in your heart so pay attention to them)
- An "aha moment"
- Any opportunity to forgive
- A joy filled memory

These are just a few of the many ways God might sneak into your life. Look for the God of surprises during the Easter Season. The resurrection was the biggest surprise of them all!

But don't forget that you can help God surprise others by being a sign of his loving presence in your daily life!

At the end of mass we hear the commission, "Go in peace glorifying the Lord by your life." This is a call for us to be signs of the presence of our risen Lord and his kingdom!

**Look for signs of God's presence!  
Be a sign of God's presence!**

## The path of life

The Easter Vigil is a longer celebration than most. There are more readings and then there is the celebration of the sacraments of initiation. But the pattern of the readings is simple: a reading, a psalm response and then a prayer. One of the psalms was psalm 16 and the refrain was "You will show me the path of life and guide me to joy forever." It was a beautiful psalm and wonderfully led by two young ladies in our parish. I got very caught up in this psalm, partly because it was beautiful but also because it reminded me of singing this same psalm with a youth choir in another parish years ago.

When the psalm ended, I just sat in quiet prayer for a moment. Then I got ready to hear the next reading. But it didn't come. I waited...and I looked over to see if someone was approaching the pulpit to begin the next reading...nothing...I thought to myself, this pause is way too long, whoever is reading needs to get up...then there was a voice in my ear. It was Fr. Gil telling me that I had to lead the people in the prayer! OOOOPS!

Interesting that this would happen right after singing "You will show me the path of life." It made me realize that God does show us the path of life but we are the ones who are called to take the steps along that path. God doesn't do that part for us. I had been waiting for someone else to take a step and all along it was my responsibility to take a step along the path of our celebration. Having been reminded of the step I needed to take (Thank you Fr. Gil) I took it!

In our daily lives God is always showing us the path of life; the way into his kingdom and the next task needed in the work of building the City of God. But sometimes any one of us can make the mistake that I made - thinking it is someone else's responsibility to do the thing that we have been called to do.

Each one of us is called to be part of the Body of Christ and to build the City of God according to our unique abilities and circumstances. But each one of us has something to do.

In this Easter Week I have been asking myself if there are other places in my life where I am waiting for someone else to do the work that really belongs to me. The path of life has been laid out for me and for all of us. But no one else can walk my path. I have to take responsibility and take a step. It is very true that God will show us the path of life and that God will guide us to joy forever in his kingdom. But we have to do the legwork.

He shows us the path of life. He walks with us. He picks us up when we fall. But he calls us to follow him along the path. I pray that each of us can will see our path of life and take steps along the way!

*Fr. Mike*

## **The Earth is Full of the Goodness of the Lord!**

These words are the refrain for the psalm for Tuesday of Easter Week. These words are a wonderful reminder of the presence of God's loving grace in every corner of our world. As spring blossoms, maybe we should all make a commitment to go outside for a walk - to nowhere in particular. While we walk maybe we can make a point of opening our eyes and ears wide so that we can see the wonder of God's goodness in the flowers, the buds on bushes and trees and hear the birds singing God's praise with their simple songs.

Then as we feel the breeze we might take a moment and ask God to send the breathe of the Holy Spirit into any corner of our lives that have been closed in for too long. The wonder of the season of spring is an invitation to experience the power of the new life of the resurrection!

### **There's Also a Lot of Litter!**

The earth definitely is full of the goodness of God but it is sometimes buried under litter that is the product of selfishness, laziness, and short sightedness.

As an Easter People we can counter this. Maybe when you are out for a walk to see the goodness of God in creation, if you come across a piece of litter, you can pick it up and go a little bit out of your way to throw it away in an appropriate container.

This simple action is an act of selflessness - looking beyond my wants to the needs of the earth and the people who inhabit it.

This simple act can counter our own tendencies at times toward laziness - going a little bit out of our way to toss the garbage might remind us to be more proactive in how we care for creation and especially for people who are the pinnacle of creation.

This simple act is an action that looks at the big picture - including future generations who will inherit our world from us.

The earth really is full of the goodness of God and so it deserves our care. We are called to be stewards of creation. When we honor our world we honor God who created it for us to enjoy.

So maybe now that the Lenten practices that often include giving things up are finished, maybe we can begin Easter practices which could include spreading the good news that the earth is full of the goodness of God. If each one of us grows in awareness of this goodness and in our responsibility to continue to nurture creation, we may just invite others to do the same thing - we'll be spreading the good news!

Let's enjoy the reality that the Earth is full of the goodness of God and let's honor that reality as well!

## **The Earth is Full of the Goodness of the Lord!**

### **So is the Parish!**

Holy Week is a great time to see the goodness of God in the people of our parish. There is so much work to be done as we prepare for three very important and very different celebrations. Each celebration involves different decorations and it is amazing how everything gets set up and taken down by joy filled, but tired parishioners. Thank you for this work!

Each celebration also has a different tone that music helps to create. Our music ministers work for weeks preparing for these celebrations to mark the appropriate solemnity, and festivity for each celebration in a way that also invites participation by the congregation. Thank you for this work!

Our church is cleaned and cared for by a dedicated maintenance staff. Thank you for this work!

Our grounds are coming to life with signs of the goodness of the Lord because of the many gardeners who care for our grounds. Thank you for this work!

The word "Liturgy" means the work of the people. It is our work to praise God together. Thank you all for taking part in this work!

The work continues on a regular basis after our celebrations and there are so many who are involved in our work of building the City of God and praising God in that City. Thank you all for the work you do on a daily basis in our parish!

### **Mark your calendars!**

Diocesan Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage  
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate  
Conception-Washington, DC  
Saturday, September 24th  
Keep an eye on the parish bulletin for more  
information!

### **Adult Confirmation**

Are you looking to complete your sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church?

Our Confirmation program for already baptized Catholics will meet in the rectory basement beginning Wednesday April 13 at 7:00 PM and last for 4 sessions as shown below. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday (May 15) at the noon mass. The following topics will be discussed at class:

- Wed April 13 Prayer and faith
- Wed April 20 Basics of Scripture
- Wed April 27 The Mass
- Wed May 4 No Class
- Wed May 11 Sacraments (and preparation for Confirmation celebration.

# Respect Life



Kansas family Ian and Brittani McIntire were heartbroken when doctors told them that one of their unborn twins probably will die before he is born.

Baby Mason McIntire has a hole in his heart and an abnormal brain. But the family said they are clinging to the knowledge that Mason is not alone in the womb. His unborn twin sister, Madilyn, is there to comfort him. On Tuesday, the family shared with their local news station a heartbreaking ultrasound image of baby Mason's tiny hand clinging onto his sister's fingers.

Brittani said the ultrasound tech told her that her twins' interactions are unusually kind and gentle, as if they know that Mason may not live long. It could very well be true. Scientific studies have found that unborn babies feel emotions like joy, anger and sadness in the womb long before they are born.

"Most twins, when she's trying to take pictures they're kicking each other and hitting each other, and she said with our twins it seems like [Madilyn] was very protective over him," the mother said.

"I know I'm holding him, I'm carrying him but I just want to be there for him," she continued. "And she's the only one who can actually be there and holding onto him through it, so it's comforting to know that if he does pass he won't be alone."

The Hutchinson, Kansas family said they planned to stop having children after their two older daughters were born, but then they discovered they were pregnant with twins. The McIntires said they were surprised and happy to learn the unexpected news.

Bad news came a few weeks later when doctors noticed that Mason was not growing at the same rate as Madilyn, according to the report. Doctors later discovered a hole in his heart and brain abnormalities, the report states.

"He's only weighing nine ounces and his sister is over two pounds, so big size difference," Brittani said. "His only chance of survival would be heart surgery but they wouldn't do heart surgery on him because of his brain."

The family said they are praying for healing for Mason, but they also are trusting God, no matter what happens.

"We know we have a piece of them together that will last forever and it's special to have," Ian said.

"We're still going to trust in God that no matter what, he's been a blessing and if he makes it then it's a huge testimony to what God can do," Brittany added. "And if he doesn't then we have a special angel watching over us."

Ultrasounds frequently show unborn twins interacting and bonding, beginning at very early stages in the womb. But the touching ultrasound photo that captured the McIntire twins holding hands is a memory the family will treasure for a lifetime.

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# Weekly Offering



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

Easter Sunday March 27, 2016 Offering \$41,848  
(Includes Electronic Giving of \$1,616)

Last Year \$43,981  
Poor Box Last Week 148

Easter Flowers \$4,523  
Holy Land \$1,922

\*Debt reduction collection \$6,537  
(this month)

Total Parish Debt: 90,000

Interest free loan (balance)

Addl. accumulated debt \$2,918,297  
\$3,008,297

**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.**

**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 first reading tells of the Apostles working many signs and wonders among the people in Jerusalem. The second reading tells of the personal price John the Apostle paid for preaching the Gospel message. In the Gospel, Jesus invites Thomas to put his finger in his hand and his side so Thomas may believe he has truly risen.

## 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  
Bill Cairns  
Laura Capuano  
Michael & Moises Carbuccia  
Priscilla Castelano  
Virginia Catalano  
Antoinette Cichetti  
Louise Cipolla  
Martin Condit  
Cathy Connolly  
Stella Coan  
Maureen Crain  
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  
Roseanne Gabriel  
Louise Gagliardi  
Patricia Geiser  
Nick Gerbino  
Loretta Gerstner  
Joseph Giommetti  
Roberta Halinski  
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  
Dorothy Pistritto  
Joan Plouffe  
Kathy Purcaro  
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  
Michael J. Timo Jr.  
Orazio & Theresa Troiano  
Richard Tizzard  
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  
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 E3  
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—

*Alexis Lorello, Stephen Binstock*

*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 6 SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION, 7:15pm

Tuesday classes attend on Monday, 4/4/16

Wednesday classes attend on Monday, 4/11/16

## LEVELS 6 & 7 CONFIRMATION WORKBOOK

will be collected and checked for completion on April 5th, 6th, & 7th

## LEVEL 1 PRAYER RECITATION Saturday, April 9 & 16

Please attend at your scheduled time.



## THE WAY OF THE CROSS

*A special thank you to our Level 7 Confirmation Candidates who presented the Living Stations of the Cross during Lent. It was truly a moving experience as they prayerfully re-enacted the last week of our Lord's life beginning with his entry into Jerusalem, his walk to Calvary, his crucifixion, death, and resurrection. It was an excellent way to begin our Holy Week and the Easter Triduum Liturgies.*





Please Come & Join with our Parish Family as  
we Celebrate

## Divine Mercy Sunday

3 PM Holy Hour — April 3, 2016

During the course of Jesus' revelations to Saint Faustina, He asked that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy on the *Sunday after Easter Sunday*. The liturgical texts of that day center around the Sacrament of Penance, the Tribunal of Divine Mercy, were well suited to the request of Our Lord. This feast was granted to the Universal Church by Pope John Paul II at the canonization of Saint Faustina. In a decree dated 23 May 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated, "Throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come."



## Golden Wedding Jubilee

"This spring, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at liturgies on Sunday, April 10 at the Church of St. Lawrence the Martyr in Sayville and on Sunday, April 24 at the Church of Maria Regina in Seaford. Both liturgies will begin at 2:30 pm. *Couples may register for ONE liturgy.* Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory. Registration must be received by the Office

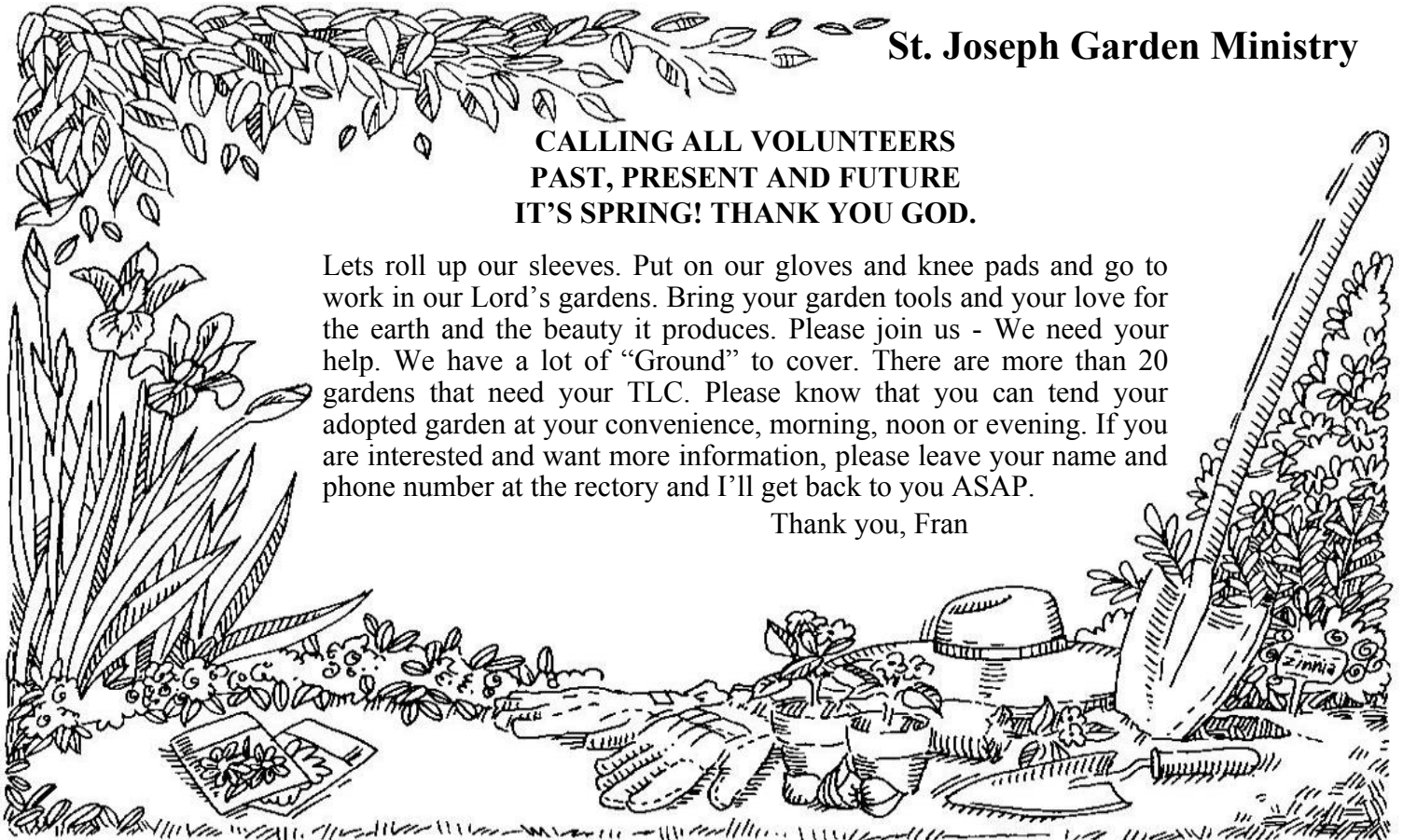
of Worship by March 25 for the April 10 liturgy and by April 8 for the April 24 liturgy. If you have any questions you may call 516-678-5800, extension 207."

## St. Joseph Garden Ministry

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS  
PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE  
IT'S SPRING! THANK YOU GOD.

Lets roll up our sleeves. Put on our gloves and knee pads and go to work in our Lord's gardens. Bring your garden tools and your love for the earth and the beauty it produces. Please join us - We need your help. We have a lot of "Ground" to cover. There are more than 20 gardens that need your TLC. Please know that you can tend your adopted garden at your convenience, morning, noon or evening. If you are interested and want more information, please leave your name and phone number at the rectory and I'll get back to you ASAP.

Thank you, Fran



# SJS ANNUAL DINNER DANCE GALA



**Friday April 15, 2016**

**6:30 PM to 11:30 PM**

**Watermill in Smithtown**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Purchasing Entire Table: Yes No (10-12 ppl/table)

If you have a table preference please indicate with whom you'd like to sit with:

\_\_\_\_\_

# of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$79.00 each Total Payment Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*RSVP online to [info@pal-o-mine.org](mailto:info@pal-o-mine.org)\*\* Tickets sold until April 6, 2016**

*Please email the Home School Association with any questions: <http://tinyurl.com/oetahxb>*

*Checks payable to St. Joseph School: Dinner Dance Tickets in memo*

You can mail your money to the school or drop off in the main office during school hours.

25 Church Street Ronkonkoma NY 11779



—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING—

**We are inviting all of our parishioners to sign up for Parish Giving as your way to support your church.**

Parish Giving is easy and convenient

- ▶ It lets you have weekly offerings automatically debited from checking account or credit card
- ▶ No more forgetting to bring the checkbook or having to stop at the ATM on Sunday morning
- ▶ You choose how much & how often to give, and what payment method to use
- ▶ You can also make special offertory donations for capital campaigns, special events & holy days, and second collections
- ▶ Parish Giving is the ONLY program that lets you choose the day of the month that works best for you!

Electronic offering through Parish Giving helps you as a parishioner in many ways . It helps our parish to live within a planned budget. Last January, we had a weekend snowstorm. Our weekly offering suffered greatly because of this while our costs for snow removal increased. With Parish Giving you can support the works of your parish even if bad weather keeps you from mass on a given weekend.

Fr. Mike had a conversation with his physical therapist recently about electronic giving. His therapist asked, “How is the electronic giving thing going in your parish?” He then said,, “I am the father of two children under three years old and there are Sundays when sickness or crankiness gets in the way of us coming to mass. But with electronic giving I at least know that I am supporting the work of my parish.”

**Think about it.**

**Pray about it.**

Then, if you want to begin using Parish Giving as your way of supporting your parish, go to [stjoronk.org](http://stjoronk.org) and click on the Parish Giving Logo (seen above). Follow the instructions and you can start using Parish Giving right away!

**Just one thing**

If you are changing from using envelopes to using Parish Giving to offer your support, please let us know so we can cancel your envelopes - there is no sense in paying for them to be delivered to you if you won't be using them anymore.

Thank you for your support of the works of Building the City of God here at St Joseph Parish!

*-Fr. Mike*

## 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



St Regis Columbiettes  
are requesting your presence at  
Smithtown Center for the Performing Arts  
2 East Main Street, Smithtown

Cabaret  
3PM Sunday April 10, 2016

Get there early for Wine and Cheese. There will also be raffles and a 50-50.

Tickets are \$25.00. For more information please contact Millie D'Agostino 631-585-2753

**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 116 people throughout the month of February. 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."

An illustration showing two people, a man in a red shirt and a woman in an orange coat, standing and exchanging a box. The man is handing the box to the woman.



## 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

### Grade 5 Girls/Travel Basketball TRYOUTS

Cherokee St. Elem. School, Ronkonkoma

Wed., March 30 and Fri., April 1 6-8pm

For additional information contact COACH: Bernard Soto bsoto@liadvantage.com

Cell: 516-633-1956



### PRAY FOR THE SICK

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of person who is ill

Person making this request: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to ill person  
 (Friends can be placed on the silent prayer list only)

### PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Name, Rank and Branch of Service

Person making this request \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Soldier  
 (Friends can be placed on the silent prayer list only)

# Scouting as Youth Ministry



**Cub Scout Pack 272**  
**Boy Scout Troop 272**



St. Joseph's Cub Scout Pack 272 and Boy Scout Troop 272 have fun, exciting, educational, character building programs for boys, age 7 through 17 (*first Grade and up*).

For more information or to enroll your child, contact Dr. Louis Scotti at 656-8428 or e-mail [JoinScouting@StJoRonk.org](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:**

**April 10th**

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

*phone:* Advisor Mike Keller (631) 872-7675

***What did you do this weekend?***



**D.O.G.  
 DEPEND  
 On  
 GOD**

*My salvation and my honor depend on God;  
 He is my mighty rock, my refuge.  
 Psalm 62:7*

# SAVE THE DATE...

Monday - **June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016**



**St. Joseph Parish & School**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing**  
**Honoree: Joseph A. Weber**  
(Joseph A. Weber Funeral Home, Inc.)  
**Being Held @ Willow Creek Golf & Country Club**  
**In Mount Sinai, NY**

## SPRING HAS SPRUNG 50/50 CASH RAFFLE



TICKETS: \$10 EACH or 3 FOR \$25  
DRAWING TO BE HELD ON **April 30<sup>th</sup>**  
ST. JOSEPH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

**PRIZE AMOUNT DETERMINED BY TICKET SALES**  
**HALF GOES TO ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH**  
**HALF TO ONE LUCKY WINNER**

(WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT)

Complete form, return with payment to rectory or drop in collection at Mass

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets requested \_\_\_\_\_

\*If you would like different names on each ticket please list the info on the back of this form.  
The tickets will be mailed to you, not to individuals.