

## 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

**September 4, 2016 — Twenty-Third 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, 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**

Parish Website: stjoronk.org

School Website: stjeronkelem.org

#### **E-mail addresses**

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#### **Parish Trustees**

Robert Koepper                      Mark Crean

#### **Business Manager**

Edward Grieb

#### **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, Sept 4 (Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

**7:00** Cpl. Zachary Solomons, USMC ( The Balestrieri Family), Robert Kerr (Joann Toomey)

**9:00** John & Mary Biglin (Loving Family), James J. Heiman (Loving Sister Helen)

**10:30** Luciano Sapienza (Antoinette Ventola), Violet Thomas (The Thorsen Family)

**12:00** Reno Staffa (Loving Wife & Son), Mary McCartan (Rosemary & Gerry), Helen Dolores Russo (Riziero Cervini & Margaret Viggiano)

**5:00** Daniel Walsh (Sue Walsh), Marilyn Hillery (Love)

#### **Monday, Sept. 5**

**7:00** Albert Rizzo (Frank P. Christopher), Jesse Howard Brown (LIVING) (The Marchany Family)

**9:00** Salvatore Pellitteri (Loving Parents & Family), Paula Pasquarella (Loving Husband)

#### **Tuesday, Sept. 6**

**7:00** Lauren Hendler (LIVING) (Loving Grandparents), Melissa Hendler (LIVING) (Loving Parents)

**9:00** Albert Rizzo (Louise & Joseph Cusumoro Sr.)

#### **Wednesday, Sept 7**

**7:00** Charlotte Hendler (LIVING) (Loving Grandparents), Morgan Hendler (LIVING) (Loving Grandparents)

**9:00** Anthony Scardino (Cathy & Jim Foy), Ralph Annunziato (Lizzul John)

#### **Thursday, September 8**

**7:00** Albert Rizzo (Cynthia Neiditch & Joseph Cusumoro Sr.)

**9:00** Jane Gamsjaser (Mary & Lou Scotti), Maria Nachriener (Mary & Lou Scotti)

#### **Friday, September 9**

**7:00** Albert Rizzo (Diane Priola & Denise Breger), Eileen Rogers (Robert & Irene Staab)

**9:00** Robert Filce (Patty & Jerry Peters), Maria Celeste (Maria Machado)

#### **Saturday, September 10**

**8:00** Richard Autrino (Spock & Millie), Mary Szeglin (Clarice & Jerry Barrett)

**5:00** John F. Watson (Loving Family), David Heim (Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Sheldrick)

#### **Sunday, Sept 11. (Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

**7:00** Cornelius J. Dunleavy (Loving Wife Anne)

**9:00** Joseph J. Onufrak (Loving Mother & Family), Vincent Gessner (Loving Wife)

**10:30** Claire & Jim McQuillan (Loving Family), Pray to End Abortion (Right to Life Com.)

**12:00** Peter Spalding (Kenneth & Gina MacVicar), Roger Gross (Richard Berlinghof & Christine Swett)

**5:00** Debbie Horan (Patty & Family), Diana Rago (Luann Stewart)

## **Doing Good Works While on Earth and When You Get to Heaven Too!**

On the evening of Monday August 22 I had a schedule conflict. I had a finance meeting at the same time as Rosary on the Lawn. I take both the prayer life of our parish and our financial situation very seriously. I chose to go to the finance committee meeting but sent a note to those praying, explaining the situation and asking for their prayers for the financial situation of the parish.

**Thank you for your prayers! They helped a lot! Keep reading.**

Discussing the financial situation of the parish can be very depressing. At this meeting it was brought to my attention that parishioners are seeing the debt grow every week and are concerned as well - this had me very disturbed. I don't want you to lose a wink of sleep over this - that is my job. Honestly, I haven't lost any sleep but our situation is present in my mind during every waking minute.

Early Tuesday morning I went out for a walk. This is usually time I pray the rosary and then rattle off a litany of personal intentions. But that morning was different. I told God I had a lot on my heart and just needed to talk. We talked about a lot of things but mainly my concerns about our finances and about the fact that we have done quite a bit to improve things but the hole just keeps getting bigger. Honestly, this conversation with God was kind of a continuation of the depressing feeling from the finance meeting. There were no answers.

After breakfast I went over to the school - teachers are coming back to set up classrooms and this is usually energizing. They helped my mood to get better. Then life just kept moving through the day but a little better than it had been in the early morning.

Let's get back to the prayers from the people at Rosary on the Lawn. God heard them and gave a wonderful reply.

Two weeks ago you saw a story about a gift of \$10,000 from another parish. Last week you saw a list of the many things that are being done to improve our parish - obviously much more than \$10,000 worth of work. How can we do it? Because God is really good, listens to prayers and sends help at the right time.

Later that day we got an inheritance - that's right, a parishioner remembered us in their will. There were two tremendously generous gifts in this inheritance - one for our Outreach and one for the parish. This gift from heaven will cover the costs of the work we are doing!

When I mentioned this to Anne Kelly in our Outreach, she commented that God always comes through - using the goodness of people to do it! A few years ago a mother came in at Christmas saying she needed a left handed baseball mitt. They are not exactly popular items. Anne said she would do what she can. Within the hour a man came in to make some donations and one of them was a left handed baseball mitt. Coincidence? No! A God incidence! God uses us all the time to answer the prayers of others.

The pray-ers on the lawn did a great work of mercy just by bringing the intention of our parish to God. This parishioner who is now in heaven did great work while alive and has continued to do good with this gift from heaven - and the timing was excellent! It was a real reminder of the loving presence of God and of the power of prayer.

Please keep up the prayers - never doubt that God is present and listening!

If you are ever wondering if the good you do has an impact, trust me it does in ways you may never imagine!

But now let's get back to doing good works from heaven. You may want to think about remembering us in your will so that you can do good from heaven too!

*Fr. Mike*

## **Anuncio!**

En el año pasado, nuestra parroquia empezó a celebrar la misa mensual en Español. Yo recuerdo esta celebración en el primer Domingo de Noviembre porque después tomamos una foto de historia en nuestra parroquia!

**Vamos a hacer historia otra vez en nuestro aniversario!**

**Empezando en el 6 de Noviembre vamos a celebrar la misa en Español**

**cada Domingo a las 6:30 de la tarde!**

Favor de presentar esta celebracion y nuestra comunidad a Dios en sus oraciones diario. Necesitamos la ayuda de otros sacerdotes a hacer esta misa seminal!

Last year we began to celebrate a monthly mass in Spanish. I recall the first celebration in November because afterwards we took a picture of this historic event.

We are going to make history again on our anniversary! Beginning November 6 we will celebrate mass in Spanish every Sunday at 6:30 PM. Please keep this celebration and our growing Spanish Community in your prayers. We will need help from other priests to have this mass weekly!

## **Our Children Are Watching Too!**

I recently read somewhere about a movement called "Children are listening" regarding the rhetoric in this year's election cycle. It is a reminder that we really have to be careful of what we say because it has an impact on our children and their future.

My niece has a note on her refrigerator that says, "Be careful how you talk to your children. What you say today becomes their inner voice in the future!"

Last week I was in Kohl's and saw something wonderful! A woman who seemed to have already checked out was asking if she could get to the cashier without getting back on line. When she got to him she took out the products from her bag and said, "I have two of these and you only charged me for one." Her daughter of about 8 years old was with her.

I told her that she just made my day! Talk about a work of mercy—teaching her child (by example) that honesty really matters even if no one would have noticed otherwise.

We're just about back to school but this event reminded me that learning (and teaching by example) can happen at anytime!

## **Just a Little More in Finances**

In March of 2015, I made the shocking announcement about the depth of our parish debt. Since then, for the sake of full disclosure we have kept the amount of the growing debt in the bulletin. Seeing this information, and watching the numbers grow can be very disheartening for anyone who reads the bulletin.

I have decided that we will no longer keep this information right in front of everyone's face all the time. We all know about the debt. We don't need to watch it grow weekly.

So beginning next week the bulletin will only show the amount of the interest free loan that is actually shrinking.

The actual numbers will be available to anyone who is interested. We just won't publish them weekly.

Much work has been done regarding our financial situation over the past several months. We have been working with the diocese to try to develop a plan that will begin to resolve our financial difficulties. I hope to be able to come to you with some good news from the diocese soon!

In the meantime:

"Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?" (Mt 6:26).

Let's keep on trusting God. He's been pretty good to us lately!

## **Have You Made Any Resolutions?**

I always found that the beginning of September was a better time for me to make resolutions than January 1. September is when things start over again. When I first started to work at McGann-Mercy HS I was told by a teacher friend that the best thing about the education field is that every year you leave your successes and your failures from the past behind and you get to start over with a clean slate!

Many who read this are beyond school age but the truth is much of the rhythm of our lives is based on the school year and summer vacation. Well summer vacation is about over and life really kicks into higher gear about now.

So have you made any resolutions? Last Monday Deacon Bill Dobbins preached at Rosary on the Lawn (in the church that day). He read the reading of the wedding at Cana and spoke about how Jesus' sign of changing water to wine is a call for us to allow ourselves to be transformed. He reminded us of the fact that from time to time our hearts and souls can be filled with gunk that gets in the way of us being the best we can be. But Jesus wants us to be the best and he wants to help us to be the best we can be. So he reminded us to call upon God to ask to be transformed.

In order for us to be transformed we sometimes have to make some changes in our habits - that brings us back to resolutions. I made all sorts of them every year as school began and often had as much luck with them as with New Year's Resolutions. Maybe the problem is that we try to do it all at once.

Maybe the resolution can be in one area of our lives. Maybe we should look for a quick success so that it will give us incentive and energy to move to a more challenging area of growth.

As long as we are alive there is room for growth and the best part of being a Christian is that Jesus always wants to help us start over!

## **Gennesaret Retreat**

### **For those facing serious illness**

A retreat especially designed for those who live with a serious illness is coming

September 23, 24, 25, 2016

**Montfort Spirituality Center**

Bay Shore, NY

This retreat offers a respite, a quiet time, an oasis, to enable one to continue the journey.

The retreat focuses on God's love, his forgiveness, and his faithfulness.

To register or for more information about this weekend, please call:

Colette Fanelli  
(631) 665-7052

# Respect Life



## Prayers for Life

### Life Prayer

O God, our Creator, all life is in your hands from conception until death. Help us to cherish our children and to reverence the awesome privilege of our share in creation. May all people live and die in dignity and love. Bless all those who defend the rights of the unborn, the handicapped and the aged. Enlighten and be merciful toward those who fail to love, and give them peace. Let freedom be tempered by responsibility, integrity and morality. Amen.

### A Prayer for Life

Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Prayer for All Life

Loving God, I thank you for the gift of life you gave and continue to give to me and to all of us.

Merciful God, I ask your pardon and forgiveness for my own failure and the failure of all people to respect and foster all forms of life in our universe.

Gracious God, I pray that with your grace, I and all people will reverence, protect, and promote all life and that we will be especially sensitive to the life of the unborn, the abused, neglected, disabled, and the elderly. I pray, too, that all who make decisions about life in any form will do so with wisdom, love, and courage.

Living God, I praise and glorify you as Father, Source of all life, as Son, Savior of our lives, and as Spirit, Sanctifier of our lives. Amen.

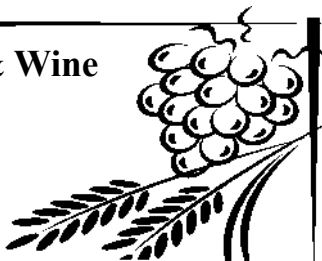
*Sister Mary Margaret Johanning, S.S.N.D.*

### Prayer for Respect of Life

Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in his incarnation. Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death. Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defence of life. Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life. To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

## Altar Bread & Wine

In memory of  
Carol A. Walsh  
Requested by  
Greg



# Weekly Offering



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

Sunday August 28, 2016 Offering (Includes Electronic Giving of (\$3,100))	\$18,791
Last Year Offering	\$18,070
Poor Box Last Week	253
Parish Debt Collection (August)	\$5,032

Total Parish Debt:	
Interest free loan (balance)	62,000
Addl. accumulated debt	<u>3,166,950</u>
	\$3,228,950

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 and assure that the correct amount is recorded. Do not tape or staple the envelope closed. Your help is appreciated.

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



## Baptisms

*Savannah Chamberlin  
Zachary Patrick Cunningham  
Demetrius Alonzo Mendez  
Jonas Lorenzo Mendez  
Marcelo Angelo Mendez*

## 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  
Alfonso Aversano  
Baby Rocco Caracciola  
Karen Balezos  
Janet Belz  
Jeff Berg  
Emma Rivera  
MaryAnn Bonitz  
Eileen Bouchard  
Steven Bratisax  
Lucy Brancaccio  
Richard Busick  
Carrie Cabral  
Laura Capuano  
Michael & Moises Carbuccia  
Priscilla Castelano  
Antoinette Cichetti  
Louise Cipolla  
Martin Condit  
Cathy Connolly  
Rick Crotta  
Joanne DeBellis  
Michael DePinto  
Jennifer Diomede  
Barbara DiGirolo  
Rita Diubaldo  
Joan Dziediec  
Bobby Eck  
Sharon T. Eichler  
Lois & Michael Emma  
Donna Evers  
Jason Falco  
Louis & Amelia Fava  
Helen Fenyak  
Mary Ferrigno  
John Finnegan  
Roseanne Gabriel  
Louise Gagliardi  
Joseph Giommetti  
John Hoffman  
Neil Holzmann  
Thomas Jankay  
Linda Keller  
Jimmy Kimberling  
John Koopmann  
Alice Zoas-Kubiesko  
Jane Lacey  
Alfred LaRocca  
Rachel Laskowski  
Grace Loud  
Ida Lucivero  
Kathleen Lucivero  
Mike Lucivero  
Agnes Ludwigson  
Baby Dominic Madaris  
Andrea Maloney  
Sal Maraviglia  
Carolyn Martins

John Merkle  
Danielle Michels  
Helen Moser  
Ann Muller  
Joseph Nicosia  
Joanora O'Donnell  
Maria O'Halloran  
Joseph Olivieri  
Helen Onufrak  
Louise McManus  
Dean Pace  
Anna Pepe  
Barbara Petersen  
William Pfister  
Dorothy Pistritto  
Joan Plouffe  
Julia Powers  
Kathy Purcaro  
Nicole Ramaglia  
Regina Reilly  
Ruby Rivera  
Michelle Robinson  
Lucy Ronga  
Maryann Rossi  
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.  
Bob Torres  
Orazio & Theresa Troiano  
Richard Tizzard  
Richard Troiano  
Regina & Lloyd Turnier  
William Vallar  
Margaret Villano  
Catherine Wagner  
Richard White  
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 DiGirolo  
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  
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  
SGT 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 Vitale 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—

*Robert Pasquale, Kenneth Leidner*

*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*



# *Saint Joseph Parish*

What are the benefits to Saint Joseph Parish parishioners with the Parish Giving program?



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To get started log on to: <http://stjoronk.org> and click on the Parish Giving Logo and follow the easy registration steps.

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# 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-September, a two-hour Lector Training session will be held in the rectory.

*Interested? Call Greg Walsh at 585-4524*



## 2016 Mum Sale

*(The proceeds this year will be used to purchase new audio/visual equipment for the church meeting rooms)*

*Reserve yours now and pick up on*

*September 17th & 18th.*

*(Outside the school gym)*

Mums	Quantity	Price	
Red		X \$6.00	=
White		X \$6.00	=
Yellow		X \$6.00	=
Bronze/Orange		X \$6.00	=
Purple		X \$6.00	=
Decorative Cabbage		X \$6.00	=
Decorative Kale		X \$6.00	=
Fall Planter		X \$16.00	=
		Total	=

Name:

Telephone:

Address:

Email:

Please return form to the Rectory by September 5th, 2016 or email your order to [PlantSale@stjoronk.org](mailto:PlantSale@stjoronk.org) and drop you payment off at the rectory. All orders must be paid in full no later than September 10th. The church is not responsible for orders that are not picked up.

# REGISTRATION

SERVING RONKONKOMA-HOLBROOK AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES  
ST. JOSEPH'S CYO

## FALL 2016 BASEBALL

FOR INFO CALL  
GENE 588-1879

**TB**  
4-5-6  
\$30.00

**FARM**  
7-8  
\$35.00

**FAMILY DISCOUNT**  
3rd CHILD FREE

**MINORS**  
9-10  
\$40.00

**MAJORS**  
11-12  
\$40.00

**SENIORS**  
13-16  
\$50.00

**WE USE  
ONLY  
CERTIFIED  
ADULT  
UMPIRES**

## FALL 2016 SOCCER

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

**\$40.00**

AGES 3-13

**UNIFORM \$30.00 IF NEEDED**

*Specials:*

*Allstar Game AND Child Parent Game*

• L.I. Jr. Travel Program • All Girls Teams

Interleague Same Price as Intramural • Soccer C-B-A, License - Ask for DATE

Free Coaching School L.I. Jr. - WE PAY FOR IT

FOR INFO & UNIFORMS  
CALL JOE 585-0748

## FALL 2016 TRACK: BOYS/GIRLS GRADES K-8

**FEE:**

**\$45.00\***

\* \$12 for Jersey - If Needed

**FAMILY DISCOUNT 3rd CHILD FREE**

- QUALIFIED COACHES
- ALL MEETS LOCAL - ON LONG ISLAND
- OVER 40 YRS EXPERIENCE

EVERY ATHLETE RECEIVES A TROPHY AT  
YEAR END AWARDS CEREMONY

**MOST ATHLETES WILL RECEIVE 5-15 AWARDS  
DURING THE SEASON**

**NO  
FUNDRAISING  
IN THE  
FALL TRACK  
ONLY**

FOR INFO CALL  
JERRY - 585-4048

**YOU TRIED THE REST, NOW JOIN THE BEST!  
MAIL IN REGISTRATION ONLY**

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.

- Check One Sport .....  Baseball  Soccer  Track
- I DO NOT WANT TO DO ANY FUND RAISING. I ADDED \$25.00 TO REGISTRATION COST.
- I WILL DO FUND RAISING OF CANDY

Please sign indicating you have read and understand the above statement

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

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

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

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_  Boy  Girl  Will Coach

St. Joseph's CYO  
reserves the right to  
change age groups based on  
number of registrants.

If At All Possible, Checks or Money Orders (No Cash). Make Checks Payable to:  
ST. JOSEPH'S CYO • P.O. BOX 2755 • LAKE RONKONKOMA, NEW YORK 11779  
No Registration Refunds - \$40.00 Bank Service Fee For Returned Checks  
This group is not sponsored or insured by the Connetquot Central School District of Islip

## St. Joseph Men's Prayer Group – 3 Years Strong



Please join us on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Church  
for prayer and fellowship

**ATTENTION ALL SCOUTING UNITS!**

## **Religious Emblems Counselor Training**

for the Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII Religious Emblems

**Thursday, August 18; Monday, September 26; Thursday, October 13**



**St. Joseph Church of Ronkonkoma**

**7:00 pm in Rectory Room B**

**Enter via staircase at rear of Rectory.**

**There is NO CHARGE for the training.**

**Counselor Books are available at the Scout Shop**

**Bring a notebook, pen and enthusiasm.**



Upon completion of this training, counselors will receive a  
**TRAINED certificate from the Diocese of Rockville Centre.**

Additional training dates will be available throughout the scouting year.

Check our website for details. [www.ccos-drvc.org](http://www.ccos-drvc.org)

Please be kind and pre-register so that we bring enough training materials for all participants.

To register for training, contact: Mary Scotti—[mbscotti@yahoo.com](mailto:mbscotti@yahoo.com)

# 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

631-260-6615



### 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)*

### Parish Outreach



### St. Joseph Parish Outreach Center

e-mail — [sjpo0101@gmail.com](mailto:sjpo0101@gmail.com) website — <http://outreach.stjoronk.org>

Through your generosity we were able to help more than 85 people throughout the month of July. 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:**

**August 28th Tonight**

**September 4th**

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

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

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



## Jubilee Year of Mercy



"As part of the celebration of this Jubilee Year of Mercy, please consider participating in the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC. The date of the pilgrimage is Saturday, September 24, 2016. Please contact Deacon Michael Devenney at 631-588-8456 for more information on this wonderful event and reserve a seat on the bus. Please join us!



Suffolk County Catholic Daughters  
 Annual Scholarship Luncheon  
 Hosted by Catholic Daughters Court St. Joseph#975

Place: St. Joseph's Church, Carew Hall

Date: Saturday, September 17, 2016

Time: Noon to 4:00 P.M.

Cost: \$20.00 per person

For reservations call 631-588-4437

*We Remember  
We Celebrate  
We Believe*

**September 11  
Memorial Service**  
Sunday, September 11  
Lakeland Fire Dept.

**7:30 PM**

**928 Johnson Ave, Ronkonkoma**

**After the Memorial Service all are invited  
to return to St Joseph Church for  
personal quiet prayer and reflection**



## **Bus Trip to Foxwoods Resort Casino**



Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016

Bus Leaves St. Regis Council Parking Lot at 9:00am,  
\$45.00 per person

Includes FREE Buffet Coupon and \$10.00 Free Slot Play

Seating is Limited - Reserve Early!!

Please make checks payable to St. Regis Knights of Columbus

For more information or reservations

Please call: Gerry or Rosemary 631-648-3090



## **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.



## *The Diocese of Rockville Centre Golden Wedding Liturgy*

*Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years or More*

This fall, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at liturgies on Sunday, October 23rd at the Church of St. Rose of Lima in Massapequa and on Sunday, November 6th at the Church of Christ the King in Commack. Both liturgies will begin at 2:30 pm. *Couples may register for ONE liturgy.* Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory. Registration must be received by the Office of Worship by Oct. 7th for the October 23rd liturgy and by October 21st for the November 6th liturgy. There will be additional celebrations in the spring for those who may find that more convenient. Dates for the spring celebrations will be communicated at a later time. If you have any questions you may call 516-678-5800, extension 207.

## **OUR LITURGY**

The first reading encourages us to keep our minds on God, not on worldly concerns. In the second reading, Paul sends Onesimus back to his owner Philemon, with the hope that Philemon will take him back not as a slave but as a brother. Today's Gospel reminds us that faithful discipleship requires taking up our cross each day and following Jesus.

## **Month 4**

### **"I had a dream"**

Well, your little baby now weighs six ounces. Her heart pumps 6 gallons of blood a day. She has fingernails and eye lashes. She has her own unique fingerprints, which will remain until she dies. Her taste buds are working. Her sense of hearing is developing and present at 14 weeks. There are no major developments anymore. At this month rapid eye movements (REMs) can be detected - a sign of dreaming! Your spiritually adopted baby is already well formed, internally and externally. All she needs now is time to gain weight and grow strong. What a miracle she is!



