



## 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

**November 13, 2016 - Thirty-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](http://stjoronk.org)  
 School Website: [stjoeronkelem.org](http://stjoeronkelem.org)

#### E-mail addresses

General: [Info@StJoRonk.org](mailto:Info@StJoRonk.org)  
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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**

### Thanksgiving Prayer Service

Tuesday, November 22

7:30 PM in Church.

Bring a friend!

Hospitality to follow in Carew Hall.

**WE NEED CAKE BAKERS FOR HOSPITALITY!**

I seem to recall that real men can bake - what do you say guys, can you do it again?

Ladies too!

### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Sunday, Nov 13 (Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- 7:00** For the People of the Parish  
**9:00** Joseph J. Onufrak (Loving Mother & Family), Pray to End Abortion  
**10:30** Robert Filce (Richard & Ramona Kelly), Dec'd. Mbrs. Of the McKenna Family (Loving Family)  
**12:00** Howard Ferry (Loving Family), Kenneth Leidner (Edward Mantel)  
**5:00** Ro Higgins (Mary & Gary O'Grady), John Hoffman (Arlene & Jim Altonji)

#### Monday, Nov. 14

- 7:00** Al Amato (Victor & Donna Montuori), Angelo Muro (Mary Ellen Bergin)  
**9:00** John Hoffman (Lou & Mary Scotti), Ludwig Bruno (Jennifer, Joseph & Jason Prieter), Sadie Drioli (Marie DeFilippo)

#### Tuesday, Nov. 15

- 7:00** Angelo Muro (Mr. & Mrs. Joseph DiNero & Family)  
**8:45** Kathleen Cunningham & The Dec'd. Mbrs. of the Corrigan & Fish Families

#### Wednesday, Nov. 16

- 7:00** For the People of the Parish, Thomas WiTimm (Loving Family)  
**9:00** Joan Ockovic (The Family of Joan Ockovic), Anna Acquafredda (Michele A. Charlip)

#### Thursday, Nov. 17

- 7:00** Jessica Mauro (LIVING) (Fr. Mike)  
**9:00** John Hoffman (Lorraine & Linda), Gerard Esposito (Maureen Harkins)

#### Friday, Nov. 18

- 7:00** Nancy Werner (Mr. & Mrs. Anthony DePaul)  
**9:00** Joseph Dichiaro (Mr. & Mrs. Pasquale Mignone), Peter Santora (Nick & Myra LoBasso)

#### Saturday, Nov. 19

- 8:00** Michele Piro (Loving Family), Amanda Platia (Tony DeLouisa & Family)  
**5:00** Bianca Cowan (The Hoffmann Family), Frank Deleo (Loving Wife)

#### Sunday, Nov. 20 (Feast of Christ the King)

- 7:00** Monica Waring (Loving Husband)  
**9:00** Joseph Onufrak (Loving Wife & Family), James J. Heiman (Loving Sister Helen)  
**10:30** William J. & Catherine Kelleher (Loving Family), Marion O'Grady (Katherine Yamaguchi)  
**12:00** Mary Queroli-Mulhern (Cynthia Naso), John Hoffman (St. Joseph Seniors)  
**5:00** Fino Giordano (Patricia McQuaid), Patricia Trishy Callaghan Holian (Doreen Polizzi)

—REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED—

*Genevieve Donohue, Carlos Mosquera, Rose McGovern*

*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*

## **A Communal Work of Mercy!**

This past month we all took part in a wonderful work of mercy. Our Baby Bottle Project to help The Life Center concluded last weekend with the counting and wrapping of the change that was collected in the month of October.

The Respect Life Ministry is where it all began. But they broadened the work by inviting our youth to join in the effort. Our recently confirmed young people labeled the bottles and last month the parish joined in the work by taking bottles home as a reminder to pray for many issues connected to the beginning of life.

All along we planned to make the counting of money a communal event, inviting everyone at every mass to join us for a little while after mass. The Knights of Columbus added to the community spirit of our counting by supplying donuts in the morning and heroes as we approached lunch.

It is amazing what happens when we all work together for a common goal!

Thank you to all who joined in this work of mercy! By bringing home a bottle and praying together you are building the City of God in your family. By staying after mass and counting change with your children you are teaching them the value of working as a community and the value of doing works of mercy as the church!

We finished counting the bottles that came in through Monday and we raised \$8,294.70!

**Did you forget to bring in your bottle? Please hand it to an usher on Sunday or bring it to the rectory during the week!**

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## **Giving Thanks**

I am grateful that my eyes opened this morning,

**for I have been blessed with life.**

I am grateful for blue sky and white puffy clouds dancing in skylights overhead,

**for I have been blessed with sight.**

I am grateful for the blue jay that loudly calls from the bird feeder,

**for I have been blessed with hearing.**

I am grateful for my wife lying here, kids about in the world, a delightful grandson,

**for I have been blessed with family.**

I am grateful for all those who help and show concern about me,

**for I have been blessed with friendship.**

I am grateful for the ability to create this poem,

**for I have been blessed with a sound mind.**

I am grateful for amazing intellects who invented incredible technology,

**for with them, I have been blessed with extended living.**

I am grateful for the men and women devoting lives in service to others,

**for I have been blessed with good care.**

I am grateful for the ALS ice bucket phenomenon that swept the nation,

**for I have been blessed knowing my disease is closer to a cure.**

I am grateful for everything that I have endured,

**for I have been blessed with purposeful living.**

Finally, I am grateful to give thanks to God,

**for I have been blessed with faith.**

Even in this imperfect world, I will go to sleep at peace,

**for I have been blessed with joy and live with hope.**

By Christopher Pendergast

*You may have heard of Chris Pendergast. He was diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) about 20 years ago. Most patients die within 5 years. Chris has been working tirelessly to help find a cure with his "Ride for Life." He is a true inspiration for many. St Joseph School hopes he can accept an invitation to visit and share his story with our students.*

## **Attitude of Gratitude**

Every year "Black Friday" starts earlier on Thanksgiving evening. The greed being sold is squeezing into our family celebrations of giving thanks for the blessings we have. We can't change what retailers do. But we can make changes in our lives.

Why not begin the spirit of Thanksgiving NOW! Take some time daily to recognize the blessings in your life and to thank God for them. This is not about thanking God for stuff in our lives. Instead, thank God for the people in your life that you love. Thank God for your health and the world and the fact that you have a roof over your head and food on the table.

Thanksgiving is not a day it is a way of life. Let's all work to develop an Attitude of Gratitude that lasts all year!

## **An Invitation to Do Another Work of Mercy - Closer to Home!**

Our Parish Outreach is located in a house behind the lower school - the house faces Pond Rd. Having Outreach in its own house is a great thing because people can go there for assistance and their privacy (and dignity) is protected.

But having Outreach around the corner from much of the action of the parish can also mean it can be forgotten, just because it isn't seen on a regular basis.

### **So we want to bring Outreach to your attention!**

Our Parish Council had an involved discussion about Outreach and the growing needs that come to the door on a daily basis (and the fact that those needs are magnified at this time of year). One thing that was very present in our discussion is the goodness and generosity of the people of this parish. But since needs have grown, we decided that we need to make a special plea for your assistance.

Members of the Parish Council will speak briefly at every mass this weekend asking for your financial assistance for the very important work of our Parish Outreach.

There will be a second collection (after Communion) at all masses this weekend to help us prepare to take care of needs at Thanksgiving. There is a real sense of urgency this year!

**Thank you in advance for your prayers and your generosity! This is clearly a work of mercy and we are all standing on sacred ground when we join in this work!**

## **An interesting Invitation to Be Merciful**

As our Parish Council discussed those in need in our community, the Shepherd's Inn Soup Kitchen was also discussed. The Soup Kitchen serves a fresh warm meal on Monday, Wednesday and Friday in Carew Hall at 6:00 PM.

Some parents have spoken about wanting to have their children help serve. But because local families are there (and maybe friends) this is not a good idea.

Something unique was suggested by Anne Kelly who runs our Outreach. Why not bring your kids once to share a meal at the Soup Kitchen. This way anyone who sees anyone else is just sharing a meal and no one knows if it is out of need or out of desire to accompany those in need.

One of the most important aspects of being merciful is to walk with those who are in need so that we can have a better understanding of their need and also their innate dignity as human beings created in the image of God.

This is an excellent suggestion - it brings the work of mercy to a new level: When I was hungry you ate with me!

**Whatever you do for the least of my brothers or sisters you do for me! (Mt 25:40)**

## **We're Listening**

Every time the Parish Council meets one topic of discussion is the Parish Survey we took last year. This was a bigger undertaking than we imagined so getting detailed results is a challenge. But we are always looking at the input of our parishioners and trying to respond.

"Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" was offered in response to the desire for more adult education opportunities. We are already working on future programs!

More opportunities for young people to participate was another request. It is happening - sometimes slowly - but it is happening.

The ranks of our altar servers are growing and there are kids who can't wait until they are old enough to join in this service.

The number of children in our 9:00 choir is growing. Your children are welcome to join. Stop by after the 9:00 mass and ask about it! Our "Joyful Noise" group is helping our younger children get ready to join the choir!

Over the last year we have trained at least 1/2 dozen teens to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. This was no small task because of their very busy schedules!

Last month our Confirmation retreats had teams of ten teens leading groups on each of the days the retreat was given. This definitely added to the positive experience of our Confirmation candidates. Now we hope to involve those newly confirmed in parish life as well - they have all been personally invited to share their talents with the community. So we hope to grow even more in this area!

**We are listening and responding. More importantly, we are growing!**

Thank you all for your input into our parish life. Your responses to our survey are another way you help us build the City of God!

## **Merciful Mysteries**

Maryknoll Missioner Joseph Veneroso offers 5 merciful mysteries you may want to add to your prayer.

### **1. Jesus frees a man from demons**

*May we also speak a liberating word and free those ensnared by evil.*

### **2. Jesus heals 10 lepers**

*May we extend God's healing love, restoring health to those in pain.*

### **3. Jesus saves a woman taken in adultery**

*May we reach beyond judgment to free those condemned by others' self righteousness.*

### **4. Jesus restores sight to Bartimaeus**

*May we open the eyes of those who long to see "the Way, the Truth and the Life."*

### **5. Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead**

*May we walk in newness of life, leading those in darkness to follow the Light.*

-Maryknoll Magazine, Sept/Oct 2016 issue

# Respect Life



## ROE REALITY CHECKS (continued)

**Myth:** Abortion is legal only when the fetus is in the womb.  
**Fact:** Even a child who is partially-born can be legally aborted.

Partial-birth abortion kills a fetus (a baby) during the process of delivery. At first, providers said it was rare and used only on women whose lives were in danger, or whose fetuses were damaged. But Ron Fitzgibbons, the Executive Director of the National Coalition of Abortion Providers, said he had "lied through my teeth."

He admitted that most partial-birth abortions are not done for "extreme circumstances" but are "primarily done on healthy women and healthy fetuses (babies)."

The law banning partial-birth abortions was vetoed twice but eventually passed into law.

**Myth:** If Roe v. Wade is overturned, abortion will automatically be illegal in the U.S.

**Fact:** If Roe is overturned, abortion policy will be decided through the democratic process in each state.

Before Roe v. Wade, all states permitted abortion if necessary to save the mother's life and some permitted abortion in additional circumstances. Roe deemed "every abortion law – even the most liberal – as unconstitutional." As a result, no state can prohibit any abortion at any time during pregnancy. If Roe is overturned, policy decisions about abortion will be made by the citizens of each state through the democratic process, rather than by courts. Some states will place limits on abortion, in others, there will likely be few limits.

Adapted from Roe Reality Checks which were published by the Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and made possible by the generosity of the Knights of Columbus.

**Addendum:** Roe v. Wade assumes a different complexion if we decide that the unborn child is, or should be treated as a person. At this point, we can no longer speak of the exercise of natural liberties but must find some justification for the deliberate killing of a human being.

Clearly, had the child been born, the mother would not be allowed to kill it at birth for the reason that a child might cause her mental distress and tax her with the burden of care.

Nor could she kill her sick mother for a similar reason. These purported justifications for killing are, in a word, brutal. If the unborn child is indeed a person, then the logic of

Mr. Justice Blackmun's position collapses.  
 Richard A. Epstein, "Substantive Due Process by Any Other Name: The Abortion Cases"  
 Supreme Court Review (1973)



# Weekly Offering



<b>Sunday, Nov. 6, 2016 Offering</b> (Includes Electronic Giving of ( \$5,376 )	<b>\$19,438</b>
Last Year's Offering	\$16,326
Poor Box Last Week	\$455
All Saints Day	\$4,979
Parish Debt:	
Interest free loan (balance)	\$51,000

We are actively working with the Diocese on plans for balancing our budget and addressing our other accumulated debt to the Diocese. Because of this, we are now only showing our actual loan balance we have with the Diocese. If you have questions on this or other financial matters, please feel free to call our business manager, Ed Grieb.

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

**IF YOU MISSED LAST WEEK, PLEASE TRY TO  
 MAKE IT UP THIS WEEK. THANK YOU.**

## OUR LITURGY

The first reading explains that the day is coming when the Lord will punish evildoers, but bring healing to the just. Paul's words in Thessalonians urge those who are idle to keep busy and work quietly to earn their own food. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that he will give them a wisdom in speaking that will render their adversaries powerless to resist or refute.

## Altar Bread & Wine

*In Memory of  
 John Hoffman  
 Requested by  
 Millie & Tom D'Agostino*



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS...

## LEVELS 7 & ST2 CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING

Monday, November 14, 2016

7:30pm in Fr. Carew Hall (lower Church)

- At this meeting, parents receive the Confirmation Candidate Workbook.

Students do not attend the meeting. Workbook is only given to the parent.

- This meeting is for the parents of students enrolled in St. Joseph Parish Religious Education Program and St. Joseph Catholic School.

## LEVELS 6 & ST1 CONFIRMATION ENROLLMENT MASS

Saturday, November 19, 2016, 5:00PM Mass. At this Mass, the students are formally enrolled in the 2 year Confirmation Preparation process.



St. Joseph's  
Confirmation Program

## LEVEL ONE STUDENT ACTIVITY SESSION

Monday, November 14, 2016, 7:30pm, in Fr Carew Hall.

Attend at your scheduled time.

If you are interested in assisting with the Level 1 program, please contact Gloria Napolitano 631-981-1805

or [gnap@stjoronk.org](mailto:gnap@stjoronk.org)



## LEVEL 5 THANKSGIVING FAMILY MASS, Monday, November 21, 2016, 7:30PM

All parishioners are welcome to attend this Mass.

In preparation for the Level 5 Thanksgiving Family Mass, all Level 5 students attend a preparation session on Friday, November 18, 2016, 7:15-8:30PM in the Church.

Please sign in at Church Lobby.

At the preparation session, students assigned to the choir remain in the Church to rehearse with Mike Keller, St Joseph Music Director.

The remaining students go to Fr. Carew Hall (lower Church) to take part in the *Giving Doll New York* project. *The Giving Doll New York* is a non-profit organization that constructs and distributes hand-made dolls to sick and suffering children.



## *Are You Interested?*

Are you interested in more information about the Roman Catholic Church? Would you like to know more about our beliefs, traditions, rituals and sacraments? Were you baptized but never received Holy Communion or Confirmation? If you answered yes to any of these questions, we have a group here at St. Joseph's called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). We meet in the rectory basement on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 to prepare you to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and/or Confirmation. For more information contact the parish office in the rectory at 631-588-8456 or just come downstairs on Tuesday evening.

## SPIRITUALLY ADOPTED BABY IS 6 MONTHS IN DEVELOPMENT

Your spiritually adopted baby is developing quite beautifully now. Her weight is approaching 2 pounds. Babies born prematurely at this time have a very good chance of surviving. The medical advances in caring for extremely small newborn infants are extraordinary indeed. Your baby has been able to feel pain for the past month. Abortion hurts babies as well as mothers, and are legal through all nine months. Don't forget to pray for your baby and her family. Her Mom may still be feeling the pressure to abort.

# MINISTERIO HISPANO

## Lecturas de la escrituras



Estamos celebrando el penúltimo domingo del año litúrgico. Las lecturas de hoy nos hablan del día de Yavé, o sea, del juicio final. Ellas nos animan a perseverar en nuestra fe, aunque suframos por el Evangelio. Como nuevo pueblo de Dios, vamos a prepararnos para ese día.

Primera lectura: Malaquías 4, 1-2a (Los iluminará un sol de justicia)

Segunda lectura: II Tesalonicenses 3, 7-12 (El que no trabaja, que no coma)

Tercera lectura: Lucas 21, 5-19 (Con su paciencia salvarán sus almas)



Si usted

desea ser

voluntaria Iglesia, favor

para la decoración de Adviento en la de ir a la rectoría para dar su nombre, la decoración será el 26 de noviembre a las 9:30 a.m.



## Defensive Driving / Curso de Manejo Defensivo

El curso se ofrecera en St. Joseph Church, Sábado 19 de Noviembre en el Carew Hall de 8:30 am a 3:00 pm. El costo es de \$45.00, favor de llamar a la rectoría 631-588-8456 para reservar su lugar, hacer el cheque al nombre St. Joseph Church. **\*\* las clases son en Ingles. \***



**SANTA FRANCISCA XAVIER CABRINI**, Virgen fundadora de las "Hermanas Misioneras del Sagrado Corazón". 1850 - 1917 (En los Estados Unidos el 13 de noviembre; en los demás países, el 3 de enero).



Según una estadística oficial, entre 1879 y 1914, emigraron 14 millones de italianos, en su gran mayoría, a los Estados Unidos de América. Allí les esperaba, generalmente, una suerte muy difícil. Algunos fueron discriminados por su origen, su lengua y su religión y no pudieron conseguir empleo. A otros les dieron los trabajos más humildes y pesados.

En la primavera de 1889, se dio a conocer una religiosa italiana, fundadora de una nueva Congregación llamada "Misioneras del Sagrado Corazón". El papa León XIII le confió el cuidado de sus compatriotas en los Estados Unidos. El arzobispo de Nueva York vio con malos ojos a la fundadora y le aconsejó que con sus 6 religiosas volviera a Italia. Ella contestó al prelado "No, excelencia, no volveremos; éste es nuestro campo de misión; estamos aquí por voluntad del mismo Sumo Pontífice".

Francisca fue la décima tercera hija de una familia de campesinos y quedó huérfana a los 20 años de edad. El obispo de Lodi invitó a las madres a que trabajaran en favor de los emigrantes italianos.

En los Estados Unidos, la madre Francisca tuvo que superar muchísimas dificultades. No sólo asistieron a los italianos dispersos en las grandes ciudades, sino también visitaron las cárceles para hablar, rezar con los presos italianos en su propia lengua, y acompañaron a algunos de ellos, condenados a muerte, hasta la silla eléctrica. En sus 35 años de apostolado en los Estados Unidos la madre Francisca Xavier Cabrini fundó 67 instituciones para el cuidado de los enfermos abandonados y pobres. También organizó escuelas catequísticas para niños y adultos de origen italiano a fin de que no perdieran su fe en un ambiente materialista. Tenía una confianza ilimitada en la intercesión de la Virgen santísima. Una vez le preguntaron sobre el secreto de su éxito y contestó: "Nunca dudar de Jesús ni de María, pero en cuanto a mi propia persona, miren un vaso de agua: yo no soy más que ese vaso".

Murió el 22 de diciembre de 1917, en Chicago. Su Congregación contaba con 2,000 religiosas y 70 casas. El 7 de julio de 1946, el papa Pío XII canonizó a Francisca Xavier Cabrini que fue la primera santa norteamericana. Fue declarada patrona de todos los "inmigrantes" después de la segunda guerra mundial.

**ORACION:** Señor Jesucristo, por su intercesión de santa francisca que adquiramos su interés por servir a los demás y consigamos llegar al puerto de la eterna felicidad. Tú que vives y reinas por los siglos de los siglos.... Amén.

# ST. JOSEPH'S CYO

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## 2015-2016 FALL-WINTER BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL

RATINGS  
WILL BE BY  
THE END OF  
OCTOBER

GIRLS  
SEPARATE  
DIVISION



CLINIC K-1-2

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

FUND RAISING:  
1 BOX OF CANDY TO BE  
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GRADES 3-8

**\$95.00**

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ADD \$25.00 TO COST  
OF REGISTRATION

GRADES 9-12

**\$130.00**

SENIOR DIVISION

2 refs per game

BOYS  
ONLY  
DIVISION

**FOR INFORMATION AND  
IN PERSON REGISTRATION**

### FOR INFORMATION:

Boys Division: Vinny - 631-543-4100  
or Henry - 631-467-6091

Girls Division: Debbie - 631-467-6174

Boys/Girls Clinic Division: Nick 631-585-7723

### FINAL REGISTRATION DATES!

Saturday, Nov. 5th - St. Joseph's Gym Hallway 2-4pm

Monday, Nov. 7th - Slocum Gym Hallway, 6:30-8pm

Wednesday, Nov. 9th - Cherokee Elementary School, Gym Hallway 6:30-8pm

Thursday, Nov. 10th - Ronkonkoma Middle School Gym Hallway 6:30-8pm

GIRLS  
ONLY  
DIVISION



## MAIL IN REGISTRATION ASAP

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 illness 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.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### COACHES NEEDED FOR ALL DIVISIONS!

BASKETBALL:  I DO NOT WANT TO DO ANY FUNDRAISING. I ADDED \$25 TO THE REGISTRATION COST

I WILL DO FUND RAISING OF CANDY

Name \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_ School attending \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Check One:  Boy  Girl Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email \_\_\_\_\_  I want to coach  I want to assist

If At All Possible, Check or Money Orders. Make Checks Payable to:

**ST. JOSEPH'S CYO • P.O. BOX 2755 • LAKE RONKONKOMA, NEW YORK 11779**

No Registration Returns • \$40.00 Bank Service Fee For Returned Checks

St. Joseph's reserves the right to change age groups based on registration numbers and the athletes ability.

*This group is not sponsored or insured by the Connecticut Central School District of Islip.*

# We're Back!

# Joyful Noise

## Choir Club



## Attention Parents and Kids

“Fun with a Purpose.”  
Joyful Noisy kids pray and sing, do fun activities and crafts, and make friends. We meet special guests who share music with us and teach us about Jesus with songs.

*About once a month, we'll sing at Sunday Mass.*

**We meet on Thursdays at 4:30 pm.**  
**Join us for some noisy fun!**

First Grade  
Second Grade  
Third Grade



## THANKSGIVING

That's right! It's almost the Holiday Season! Once again, Outreach is asking for your help in providing a Thanksgiving meal for their clients. Donations of the following would be greatly appreciated: gift certificates for turkeys, gift cards to grocery stores, stuffing mix, instant potatoes, canned vegetables, cranberries and any non-perishable fixings. All donations can be left at Church in the basket in the elevator lobby, at the Outreach Office or the Rectory. Please return items by Nov. 16th. Thank you!

## *THE GIVING TREE WILL BE UP IN THE LOBBY OF THE CHURCH THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 26TH*



Once again we are asking that you please donate gift cards rather than wrapped gifts. When we give our clients gift cards they are able to experience the same joy of selecting gifts for their family as we do in selecting gifts for ours. Many of our generous parishioners have told us how much they enjoy purchasing gifts for the Giving Tree. Gift cards will be available in the rectory.

For those of you who would still like to purchase a gift rather than give a gift card, please know that a toy for children from ages 2-8 would be truly appreciated. Please take an angel from the tree and return you gifts by December 14th to the Outreach office or the Rectory.

YOUR GENEROSITY ALLOWS OTHERS TO SHARE  
IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON.

# Breakfast with Saint Nicholas



**Saturday, December 3, 2016 from 9 am to 12 noon** in Carew Hall

Limited Seating Available

*(Breakfast Served from 9 to 11:00 am)*

Adults and Children: \$ 5.00

Seniors and children under 3 yrs.: Free

Children's Crafts - Coloring - Cupcake Decorating

## Breakfast with St. Nicholas

45 Church St, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779  
(631)588-8456

Number of adults \$5x \_\_\_\_\_ # of children \$5x \_\_\_\_\_ # of free seniors \_\_\_\_\_ # of free children under 3 \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for your support.* Please make checks payable to: **St Joseph RC Church**

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

Amount Enclosed

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

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone or Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please return with payment to the Rectory or put in the collection basket by November 29th. Thank You.

If you prefer, you may reply by e-mail to [StNick@stjoronk.org](mailto:StNick@stjoronk.org)

If responding by e-mail please bring payment on the morning of Breakfast with St. Nicholas. Thank you.

## Blessing and Lighting of the Parish's Outdoor Tree and Nativity Display Saturday, December 3rd



Join us in prayer and song on the front lawn of the rectory after the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, as we rededicate these public symbols of our joyful anticipation of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

# 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



### 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 140 people throughout the month of Sept. 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."*

You are cordially invited to the Annual St. Joseph School

## *Harvest Pancake Breakfast*



On

**Date:** Sunday, November 20, 2016

10am -12pm in Carew Hall

**Tickets are \$5 each**

Breakfast includes: ALL YOU CAN EAT Pancakes, Bacon, Eggs  
Coffee, Tea, and Juice

*For tickets, please drop off the below form with payment at the rectory to the attention of  
Jennine Conway*

*any questions please contact Jennine @ 631.790.2430 or familytaxi2@yahoo.com*

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## *Harvest Pancake Breakfast*

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

*Number of Tickets:* \_\_\_\_\_ X \$5.00= \_\_\_\_\_

*Phone Number:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Total Payment Enclosed:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to St. Joseph School*



# 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.*



## 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  
jcaiola@fast.net

Travel (LIJSL): Rob ☎ 721-8831

**Softball:** Dennis 467-6174



## 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 to our meeting and check it out.*

**Visit our next meeting:**

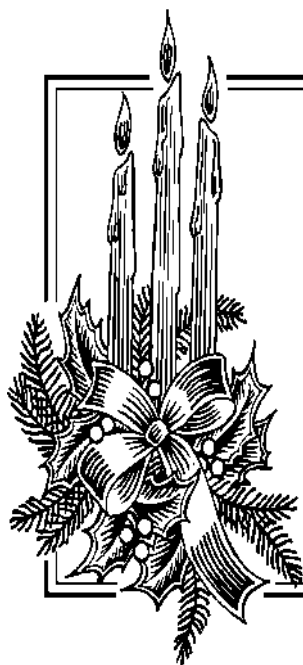
**November 13th Tonight**

**Nov. 20th**

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

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

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



### Mark Your Calendars

We will begin decorating the Church for Advent on Saturday, November 26th, at 9:30 AM. (Depending on a funeral) If you can volunteer your time and talent, please call the rectory and leave your name .

*Come and join in the fun!*

## Defensive Driving



*The defensive driving course will be offered at St. Joseph Church on Saturday, November 19th in Carew Hall from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Fee is \$45. Please call the rectory at 588-8456 to reserve your place. Make checks payable to St. Joseph Church.*

# How we *Build the City of God* here at St. Joseph Parish

## Our Vision (Parish Outreach)

We are here to serve the basic needs of the poor, the troubled, the weak and the oppressed. We are here to treat all with the dignity they deserve.

## Our Vision (Shepherd's Inn Soup Kitchen)

The workers at Shepherd's INN soup Kitchen address the issue of the hungry on Long Island. All our guests are treated with dignity and respect. We believe everyone that comes to our kitchen is a guest and as such all guests are fed with a no questions asked policy.

## Our Vision (Altar Servers)

In serving at mass we add dignity and reverence to our celebrations by drawing attention to the highpoints of the mass: the proclamation of the Gospel, the offering of our gifts, and Jesus' presence in the Eucharist.

## Our Vision (Pack 272)

Pack 272's vision is to utilize the program of the Boy Scouts of America to minister to the youth of our parish. The Scout Oath and Law call our Cub Scouts to live in service and love to others.

## Our Vision (Troop 272)

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

## 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. Our contact phone number is in this bulletin under "Outreach Resources".

## Our Vision (Sacristans)

Sacristans help to maintain an atmosphere of worship by preparing the church for various services and anticipating priestly needs. Through reverent conduct, we strive to provide opportunities to others to draw closer to God and each other.

## Our Vision (Religious Education)

St. Joseph Religious Education works in partnership with parents and Parish to nurture, celebrate, and witness our Catholic faith as we build up the Kingdom of God. Our efforts, based on Gospel values, are directed at developing the knowledge, skills, and attitudes of students enabling them to make a positive contribution to contemporary society.

## Our Vision (Eucharistic Ministers)

In helping to build the city of God here at St. Joseph's, we as Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist assist the Priest and Deacon in the distribution of the Eucharist in service to the people of God.

**Many more ministry groups are developing *their* Vision.**

**Check back often to see how they help us to build the City of God!**

***If your group's vision statement was sent but not here, please resend it to make sure we have it!***



**OUR PARISH GOAL IS \$93,185**

**2016 Catholic Ministries Appeal**

**266 DONORS HAVE MADE \$62,519 IN PLEDGES. (67% OF OUR GOAL)**

***for more info or to contribute online: [drvc.org/CMA](http://drvc.org/CMA)***

***contribute by mail: Catholic Ministries Appeal, PO Box 4000, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-4000***

***Be sure to use our parish ID #146 or enter St. Joseph, Ronkonkoma.***

***(important to indicate "Ronkonkoma" because there are several St. Joseph Parishes in our Diocese)***



## 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.

### 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)*

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul Gives Back

St. Joseph Church shares 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!

## 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.

To get started, go to our website — [stjorank.org](http://stjorank.org)  
Click on **Parish Giving** and follow the easy sign-up directions.

## Did you miss getting a Journeysongs Memorial?

Please return this form in an envelope with your memorial donation to the Rectory, in the collection basket, or by mail.

Mark or address your envelope to: **St. Joseph R.C. Church - HYMNAL, 45 Church Street, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779**

*A label indicating your memorial request will be designed for you to place inside the front cover of a Journeysongs hymnal.*

Name of Donor: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish ID#, if known: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Memorial 'A' — "In Loving Memory of [name]"

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*If you have more than 4 memorial requests, please write them on an additional sheet of paper.*

Please, please, please print clearly.  
Please remit your donation with this request.

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

I HAVE MORE MEMORIALS LISTED ON ADDITIONAL SHEET. \_\_\_\_\_