



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

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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 27, 2016 - First Sunday of Advent

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: stjoeronkelem.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



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, Nov 27 (First Sunday in Advent)

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

9:00 Dec'd. Mbrs. of St. Regis K of C & Columbiettes, Mary Iorio (St. Regis Columbiettes)

10:30 Caleb DiLallo & Sylvia Vazquez (Loving Family), Frances Allen (AnneMarie & Marco Castelli)

12:00 Carol A. Walsh (Loving Husband Greg), John Hoffman (Patty & Jerry Peters)

5:00 Rose Sykora (Margaret & Joe Heisemann), Jack Luisi (Ann Houston)

Monday, Nov. 28

7:00 Mary McGowan (Ann Houston), Melissa Hendler (LIVING) (Loving Parents)

9:00 Helen & Vincent Romano (Loving Daughters), Elysa Scala (Sal & Tanya Barbaro)

Tuesday, Nov. 29

7:00 Sharon Marcvhany (LIVING) (The Marchany Family)

8:45 John Erdman (Loving Family), Perry Iannacone, Sr. (Stephen Ryan)

Wednesday, Nov. 30

7:00 Walter J. Hilbert (Merlissa & Louis Zanini)

9:00 Catherine Smith (Mike & Diane Niles), Mary Drum (Monica & Thomas Conran)

Thursday, Dec. 1

7:00 For the People of the Parish

9:00 Araceli Manalo (Loving Children), Gerard Ahearn (Bill & Michelle Koster & Family)

Friday, Dec. 2

7:00 For the People of the Parish

9:00 Carolyn Spronck (Steven & Kristin Roloff), Genevieve Donohue (Ann Festa)

Saturday, Dec. 3

8:00 Angelo & Theresa DeFilippo (Marie DeFilippo), Rev. Douglas Arcoleo (LIVING) (The Balestrieri Family)

5:00 Godofredo Alcantara (Loving Wife & Son), Marilyn Hillery (Love)

Sunday, Dec. 4 (Second Sunday of Advent)

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

9:00 Frederick Drew (Mary Ann Drew), Joseph J. Onufrak (Loving Mother & Family)

10:30 Claire & Jim McQuillan (Loving Family), Felix Llanes (Loving Family)

12:00 Julia Patanella (Loving Friends), Lara Barbara (The Trink Family)

5:00 Vincent Gessner (Loving Wife), Laura Calbo (Mary Conzo & The Fazzolari Family)

—REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED—

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

Some Cleaning Up

Often at changes of seasons we go through our closets and realize we may have accumulated more stuff than we really need. Then we go on a cleaning spree. "I haven't worn this in years!" "I didn't know I still had this!" "This will never fit me again!" And so it goes as we start to get rid of some of those things we really don't need any more, promising quietly that we will not accumulate this much stuff again!

Parishes have to do this once in a while too. There are often things we have accumulated over the years that we just don't need so it is time to get rid of them. We are in the process of doing that in our back yard. Years ago we got a trailer with the hopes of using it for offices. That dream never came to fruition. Over the years it got filled with a lot of stuff that we should not have been saving (like obsolete computers). We have moved all the usable stuff to different storage areas and gotten rid of the things that no longer had a use.

We were left with an empty trailer. We tried every possible manner of getting rid of it: selling it, giving it away, even offering to help pay for the removal if someone wanted it. There were no takers! The reason given by everyone was that it was not in good shape and would not survive the move.

We finally decided it is time to clean up and now the trailer is being dismantled. A parishioner has made a generous donation to help defray the cost.

Eventually we will have a much larger yard for use for gatherings when the weather allows...but there is still more cleaning to do before we get there!

Finding Encouragement on the Journey

Each one of us is a pilgrimage from our birth on earth until our birth in heaven. The journey is pretty long and at times it can be challenging. We look to each other for support especially during those difficult times.

But we can also give ourselves support and encouragement. Jesus says we should love our neighbor as we love ourselves - that means we need to be loving and supportive of our selves on the journey - we need to find internal fortitude. We also know ourselves better than others. We know our gifts and our failures and we also know our goals and dreams.

So maybe each one of us can give ourselves some encouragement. Here's the plan: This week, write a letter to yourself - the kind you put in the mail. Write about your hopes for your life for the coming year: where you hope to be about this time next year and what you hope to accomplish. But also write some encouraging thoughts about what you can do if you don't get there or if you face unexpected challenges along the way. Maybe even write a prayer for yourself for the journey of life. Ask God for help in challenges and thank God for the joy you will find along the way. Also ask God to help you remain faithful to the teachings of Jesus.

Mail the letter to yourself. But put a note on the outside, "DO NOT OPEN UNTIL CHRISTMAS 2017." Won't it be great to read this letter next year? You will be able to measure where you have been and where you have gone beyond your dreams! Merry Christmas next year!

Join in a Mission Trip of Mercy

St Joseph Parish is having a mission trip with UNBOUND to:

Santa Ana El Salvador on August 5 - 11, 2017.

This trip is open to all parishioners

including teens who have celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation.

There is room for about 24 people so it will be first come first served.

Cost of Trip: Approximately \$1,500.

\$650 payable to UNBOUND covers all in country travel and room and board.

Airline prices vary. We will make travel plans when all are signed up - cost, safety, and schedule will be taken into consideration when making travel plans.

Want more information?

Want to sign up?

Contact Fr. Mike! But do it soon!

pastor@stjorok.org or (631) 588-8456

There is still room but space is limited and time is running out so act now!

UNBOUND runs many mission awareness trips throughout the year to many countries.

This one was created specially for us!

We Hope this trip is the first in what becomes a parish mission tradition!

Why Should the Angels Have All the Fun?

We know the Herald Angels sing “glory to the newborn king!” But we can join the chorus on Christmas Eve and Christmas before all our masses.

Believe it or not this is a work of mercy!

The traditional works of mercy are related in Matthew’s gospel, “I was a stranger and you welcomed me” (Mt 25:35).

We will have many visitors at our Christmas celebrations - friends and family will come for the holidays, college students will be home after a long semester, and there will also be members of our parish community who just haven’t been around for a while. Jesus is present in each one of them and as we welcome them we welcome him!

Last year we sang before all the masses and many of our visitors commented on how welcoming it was. Others just joined in and sang to the next wave of people to come to church. It all made for a special Christmas for many!

So why not make a plan to come join in the fun this Christmas? Just come to the mass you would have come to but get here about 1/2 hour to 45 minutes early. We’ll have song sheets!

We’ll meet on the front steps of the church! Trust me, we’ll be easy to find!

This could become a parish and a family Christmas tradition!

Believe it or not, some people are talking about coming in Dickensian costumes. Personally, I think a Santa hat would suffice. But hey, if you want to go all out, go for it!

Happy Birthday

Fr. Bala!

Fr Bala turned 70 last Monday,
November 21!

We had cake with him on Tuesday evening in Carew Hall after
the Thanksgiving Prayer Service

**Are you reading this during mass?
Please put it down and join in our
celebration of heaven and earth!**

Make a Point of Stopping to Say Hello!

One thing that always gets me in the Christmas Spirit is the Salvation Army Bell Ringers. Maybe it is the thing from It’s a Wonderful Life - “Every time a bell rings an angel gets it’s wings!” So hearing the bells ringing near stores and malls reminds me of that. But it is also a reminder to me of mercy incarnate - a person is here making a request to recognize and respond to Jesus in another person in need.

It is easy to walk by and toss in a few dollars and feel good about what I just did. But since mercy is about an encounter and about an opportunity to recognize Jesus - “Whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters you do for me” (Mt 25:40) maybe we need to slow down and have an encounter with the good old bell ringer!

Say hi! Tell him or her on your way in that you will catch them on the way out - and do it with a smile - remember, one of the messages of Christmas is “Joy to the world” so why not share some by greeting this missionary of mercy!

Remember this: real mercy isn’t always going to make me feel good. Real mercy is other centered! So take a moment and encounter the other—treat them like another Christ because that is what they are!

I know some people who have been bell ringers at times. Their stories include people being rude to them from time to time. So even if you can’t give any money, give a little joy. Thank the person for the work they are doing, wish them well and don’t forget to say, Merry Christmas!

Living Mercy Always and in All Ways!

In the sermon on the mount in Matthew’s gospel, Jesus tells us, “Be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect!” (Mt 6:48). Many of us struggle with these words - no one is perfect! What Jesus was really saying is, You are made in God’s image and likeness. By being the most perfect version of yourself, you reflect God’s image through your life. Luke’s gospel has the sermon on the plain and it says it a little bit differently, “Be merciful just as your Father is merciful!” (Lk 6:36)

This call to action might be a little bit easier for us to understand than a call to perfection! But the truth is, mercy is the way to perfection! By living in love and mercy we are all growing in grace and growing toward being a better reflection of God’s glory.

This time of year gives us many opportunities to be merciful - sometimes it may feel like there are too many! Being merciful (and growing toward perfection in God’s image) is not a seasonal invitation. We are called to live God’s mercy always and in all ways! Please remember this when the holidays are over and people are still in need!

Respect Life



DID YOU KNOW?.....

Prior to the earliest first-trimester abortions, the unborn already has every body part that he/she will ever have!

At 18 days after conception the baby's heart is forming and the eyes start to develop. By 21 days the heart is not only beating but pumping blood throughout the body. By 28 days the unborn has budding arms and legs. By 30 days he/she has multiplied in size ten thousand times. He/she has a brain and blood flows through his/her veins.

By 35 days, mouth, ears and nose are taking shape. At 40 days the preborn child's brain waves can be recorded. The child's heartbeat, which began three weeks earlier, can already be detected by an ultrasonic stethoscope. By 42 days the skeleton is formed and the brain is controlling the movement of muscles and organs.

The unborn reflexively responds to stimulus, and may already be capable of feeling pain.

Famous intrauterine photographer Leonart Nilsson is best known for his photo essays in Life magazine and his best-selling book *A Child is Born*. In his "Drama of Life Before Birth," he says this of the unborn at 45 days after conception (this is just six-and-a-half weeks, when many women don't yet know they are pregnant): "Though the embryo now weighs only 1/30 of an ounce, it has all the internal organs of the adult in various stages of development. It already has a little mouth with lips, an early tongue and buds for 20 milk teeth. Its sex and reproductive organs have begun to sprout."

By 8 weeks hands and feet are almost perfectly formed, and fingerprints are developing. Already, "Mother's movements stimulate the fetus's balance and motion detectors." By 9 weeks a child will bend fingers around an object placed in the palm. Fingernails are forming and the child is sucking his/her thumb. The nine-week baby has "already perfected a somersault, backflip and scissor kick."

By 10 weeks the child squints, swallows, and frowns. By 11 weeks he/she urinates, makes a wide variety of facial expressions, and even smiles. By 12 weeks the child is kicking, turning his feet, curling and fanning his/her toes, making a fist, moving thumbs, bending wrists, and opening his/her mouth.

All this happens in the first trimester, the first three months of life. In the remaining six months in the womb, nothing new develops or begins functioning. The child only grows and matures, until something (we don't know yet what that is) triggers labor and birth. And then joy- is there a happier occasion than the birth of a baby?

Adapted from Alcorn, *Pro Life Answers to Pro Choice Arguments*



Have you ever wondered how people are selected to bring up the gifts at mass?

If you would like to present the gifts of bread, wine and our Prayer Intention & Works of Mercy book, arrive at mass early and let the ushers know. They will explain what to do. Often times, no one asks to do this, so the ushers try to find a willing family, but this opportunity is available for any



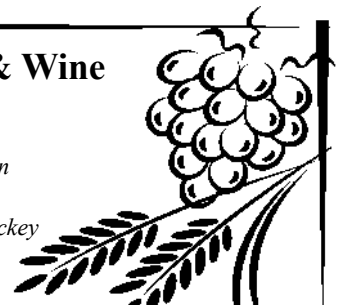
If you were unable to attend the All Souls' Day memorial mass, but would like to have one of the memorial cards that were given out that evening, we have a few extra. Please ask for one at the rectory office.

OUR LITURGY

Our readings speak to us about eternal life and the fulfillment of the kingdom. Isaiah, the Old Testament prophet of consolation, describes a pilgrimage to the mountain of the Lord where the faithful will be instructed in his ways. Paul calls us to wake up and to throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Our Gospel echoes this, describing the need to be prepared for the unexpected coming of Christ the glory.

Altar Bread & Wine

*In Memory of
James & Helen Lavin
Requested by
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Hickey*



Seek the Light — Follow the Star

Celebrating Advent — Preparing for Christmas — Family Style

First Sunday of Advent - November 27

It's a Wonderful Life — Family Night / Movie Night

6:15 pm Church Lower Hall

Bring food to share for a casual cover-dish supper.

Alternative Giving Information and Crafts

watch the movie—play board games—basketball in the gym

Second Sunday of Advent - December 4

From Bethlehem to Ronkonkoma to Bethlehem

Family Night — 6:15 pm — Church Lower Hall

Bring food to share for a casual cover-dish supper.

Bake Candy-Cane Cookies — Help with Project Care Package

Light and Song Service — 7:30 pm in the Church

Reception of the Bethlehem International Peace Light

Lessons and Carols—Scripture Readings and music

Third Sunday of Advent - December 11

Mary, Did You Know? Mary is Advent

Family Night — 6:15 pm — Church Lower Hall

Bring food to share for a casual cover-dish supper.

Crafts — Family Works of Mercy

Music, Song, and Prayer — 7:30 pm in the Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 18

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Family Night — 6:15 pm — Church Lower Hall

Bring food to share for a casual cover-dish supper.

Crafts — Family Works of Mercy

SoLI — Concert — 7:30 pm in the Church

Singers of Long Island will give an Advent/Christmas Concert.

During the concert our priests will be available

for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS...

LEVEL 3 SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

7:15pm in the Church as follows:

Tuesday Classes attend on Monday, 11/28/16

Wednesday Classes attend on Monday, 12/5/16

Please bring your attendance strip that your child received at class



LEVEL 2 FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING

Wednesday, November 30, 10:00am, Carew Hall (lower Church)

OR

Thursday, December 1, 7:30PM, Carew Hall (lower Church)

This meeting is for parents of children preparing to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation attending parish religious formation classes and children attending St. Joseph Catholic School. At this meeting parents receive a booklet to be completed at home with your child. The booklet is given on to a parent or guardian.



LEVEL 2 FAMILY ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE

All Level 2 families will attend on Saturday, December 10, 11:00am in the Church.

CHRISTMAS 50/50 CASH RAFFLE



TICKETS: \$10 EACH or 3 FOR \$25
Drawing to be held Saturday December 3rd
At Breakfast with St. Nicholas
(WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT)

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

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.

I Domingo de Adviento

¡Señor, VEN!»,

Este será el mejor estado de vigilancia.

Actuemos y provoquemos su venida con buenas obras.



www.fuenteacumbres.com

Lecturas : I Domingo de Adviento - Ciclo A

Hoy, primer domingo de adviento, empieza la Iglesia un nuevo año litúrgico. Con la primera venida de Cristo, su muerte y resurrección y por medio de nuestro bautismo hemos entrado en la etapa final de nuestro caminar hacia Dios, etapa que no se consumará hasta la venida final de Cristo. Su venida en gloria nos sorprenderá a todos, por eso, debemos estar siempre listos para cuando Él venga. Estemos atentos a Dios, quien viene ahora a nosotros, a través de su palabra y Eucaristía, con el fin de prepararnos para la segunda venida de Jesús. Recibamos al celebrante y acompañantes uniéndonos en coro al canto de entrada.



Primera lectura: Is 2, 1 - 5 (El Señor reúne a todos los pueblos en su reino)

Segunda lectura: Rom 13, 11 - 14 (Nuestra salvación está cerca)

Tercera lectura/Evangelio : Mt 24, 37 - 44 (Estén en vela para estar preparados)



¿ QUE ES EL ADVIENTO ?

La palabra Adviento es de origen latino y quiere decir: VENIDA.

- Es un tiempo de espera, un tiempo especial para preparar el espíritu para el nacimiento de Jesús en la Navidad.

- El tiempo de adviento abarca cuatro semanas antes de Navidad.

- Ocuparé cada una de estas semanas, en las 4 tareas para preparar mi casa: limpiar, ordenar, adornar, alegrar.

LA CORONA DE ADVIENTO

- Existe la tradición de hacer en casa una "Corona de Adviento", que es un círculo de follaje verde (pino, abeto o hiedra), envuelta con un listón rojo y en cuyo centro se colocan 4 velas, para que la familia encienda una cada domingo de Adviento mientras hace oración.

- El círculo simboliza la eternidad, el color verde simboliza la vida y la esperanza. El listón rojo significa el amor de Dios que nos envuelve y también nuestro amor que espera con ansiedad el nacimiento del Hijo de Dios. La luz de las velas simboliza nuestra fe.



PRIMERA SEMANA: TIEMPO DE LIMPIAR

¿Me atrevería a recibir al Hijo de Dios, en una casa llena de suciedad? Imposible. De igual manera, Jesús no podría hospedarse en mi alma, si esta está llena de pecado.

- La mejor manera de preparar mi alma para la venida del niño Jesús es reflexionando, qué cosas me separan de Dios. Haré un examen profundo, pensando con cuales de mis actos le ofendo. Después me esforzaré por hacer una buena CONFESIÓN, pidiendo de corazón a Dios perdón por haberle ofendido a El que tanto me ama. Finalmente, haré un firme propósito de enmendarme, de poner los medios concretos para cambiar.

- Veré que una vez con el alma limpia, estaré mucho mejor dispuesto para seguir con los preparativos.





THE GIVING TREE IS UP IN THE LOBBY OF THE CHURCH

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. Please note that we **NO LONGER** sell gift cards or scrip 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.

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.



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.

Baptisms

*Ashley Bravata
Britney Bravata*

Order Now!

Christmas Wreaths Grave Blankets Roping

Available for pick-up the weekend of
December 10th and 11th

-pre-order form-

12" Wreath, Decorated # ___ x \$25 = _____

24" x 45" Grave Blanket # ___ x \$40 = _____

10 yards (30 ft) of Roping # ___ x \$15 = _____

Total: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Drop off this order form in the Rectory Office by this Monday, Nov. 28. If you prefer, you may order by email:

preorder@stjoronk.org

If ordering by email, please bring payment on the day of pick up.

All Wreaths, Blankets and Roping must be pre-ordered. Orders will be available for pick up Saturday after Mass, Dec. 10th and 11th. If you have any questions, call Mary @ (631) 979-0060 or e-mail mbscotti@yahoo.com Thank you!

The wreath sale is conducted by St. Joseph Cub Scout Pack 272.

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

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

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

Interested? Call Greg Walsh at 585-4524

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

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 or www.inforatvibs.org

Suffolk County Coalition Against Domestic Violence

631-666-8833 (hotline)

www.sccadv.org

The Retreat

Domestic Violence

631-329-2200 (hotline 24hrs/7 days shelter)

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

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

Family Service League of Suffolk County

631-427-3700

www.fsl.li.org

Hope House Ministries

631-928-2377

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

Haven House/Bridges

631-231-3619

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

Overeaters Anonymous



Parish Outreach



Parish Outreach is in dire need of donations of toiletries. Shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, tissues, combs, brushes, toothbrushes, soap, toilet paper. If you can help, please drop off to our Outreach Office or to the Rectory.



Parish Outreach

St. Joseph Parish Outreach Center

e-mail — sjpo0101@gmail.com website — <http://outreach.stjoronk.org>



Through your generosity we were able to help more than 123 people throughout the month of Oct.. 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."*

THE SAME DATE

BARNES & NOBLE BOOKFAIR

St Joseph School

Monday, November 28th at 6:00 pm
Barnes & Noble: Smith Haven Mall

Story Times

Musical Performances

Cupcake Decorating Station

(Cupcake purchase required \$2.95 + tax)

Scavenger Hunt

Crafts

CAN'T ATTEND OUR BOOKFAIR AT BARNES & NOBLE?

Visit BN.COM/bookfairs to support us online from 11/28/16 to 12/03/16
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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.

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 27th Tonight
Dec. 4th

e-mail: Crew272@StJoRonk.org

phone: Advisor Mike Keller (631) 872-7675

What did you do this weekend?



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.



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)



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.

First Grade
 Second Grade
 Third Grade

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

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



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.

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. _____

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

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)