



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. Edward Grieb
Dcn. Joseph Dougherty (retired)
Dcn. Joseph Califano (retired)
Dcn. James Altonji (retired)

Come pray with us!

Masses

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 10:30, Noon, and 5:00 PM
Spanish Language Mass at 6:30 PM
Weekdays: 7:00 and 9:00 AM* Saturday 8:00 AM
*During School year Tuesday Mass is at 8:45 AM

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 17, 2017 — Twenty-Fourth 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

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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, Sept. 17 (Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 Mary & Patrick Dineen (Loving Family)
9:00 James J. Heiman (Loving Sister Helen), Dec'd. Mbrs. of St. Regis K of C & Columbiettes, Rosalie Russo (Yolanda & Mitch Schwartz), The Family of Sally Crowley (LIVING), (The Bergin & DiNero Families), Charles Percoco (Louis Antonucci), Ann Sue Pasquarella (Dolores & Joe Morale)
10:30 Marion Pedroli (Loving Family)
12:00 For the People of the Parish
5:00 Marie Gannon (Kimberly Gannon Baldassano)
6:30 Spanish Mass

Monday, Sept. 18

7:00 Patricia M. Boden (The Clahane Family)
9:00 Caroline Kreig (Janet Kramer)

Tuesday, Sept. 19

7:00 Special Intention
8:45 S. Gennaro (Josephine)

Wednesday, Sept. 20

7:00 Special Intention
9:00 Mason Kalata

Thursday, Sept. 21

7:00 Ernesto Roxas (The Roxas Family)
9:00 Stephen Gallagher (Loving Parents)

Friday, Sept. 22

7:00 James Powers Sr. (Martin DeBobes)
9:00 Francisco Rosa (Loving Family)

Saturday, Sept. 23

8:00 For the People of the Parish
5:00 Georgiana Lopez (Loving Family), Marie Califano (Loving Husband), Janet Leonick (Joyce & Joe Ando), Peter Conlon (Shepherds Inn Soup Kitchen), Peter Conlon (Robert & Theresa O'Flaherty)

Sunday, Sept. 24 (Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 For the People of the Parish
9:00 John Cuccaro (The Cuccaro Family)
10:30 Anna & Gasper Crimaudo (Loving Family), Betty & Tom Mullins (Loving Family), Constance & Pete Mele (Janine & Richard Hubbard), Martha, Steven & Andrew Cardin (Annette & Tony Vitalino), Irmgard Miller (Mr. & Mrs. R. Kelly), Catherine Kolarik (Evelyn & Ronald Kaufman)
12:00 Frank Giambanco (The Scala Family)
5:00 Lillian Culicchia (Loving Family)
6:30 Spanish Mass

 * **Did you know we are on Facebook?** *
 * **You can keep up with parish happenings on our new** *
 * **Facebook page:** *
 * <http://www.facebook.com/stjosephronkoma> *
 * **Don't forget to Like Us!** *

OUR LITURGY

In the first reading, we are reminded that we will be forgiven as we have forgiven others. In the second reading, Saint Paul tells us that we belong to God in both life and death. In the Gospel, Jesus uses a parable to illustrate that our generosity in forgiving those who have wronged us must be lavish if we are to hope for the same consideration from our heavenly Father.

Altar Bread & Wine

*In Memory of
 Mae, Kenneth & Mary Rayu
 Requested by
 Ann Festa*



**—REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED—
 Rosina Agunzo, Blake Behrens, John Lazzaro
 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

Shake It Off and Take a Step Up!

One day a farmer's donkey fell into an abandoned well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. Finally, he decided the animal was old and the well needed to be covered up anyway; so it just wasn't worth it to him to try to retrieve the donkey.

He invited all his neighbors to come over and help him. They each grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. Realizing what was happening, the donkey at first cried and wailed horribly. Then, a few shovelfuls later, he quieted down completely.

The farmer peered down into the well, and was astounded by what he saw. With every shovelful of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up on the new layer of dirt. As the farmer's neighbors continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up.

Pretty soon, the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and trotted off, to the shock and astonishment of all the neighbors

Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to not let it bury you, but to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a stepping stone. We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up!

Shake it off and take a step up!

And finally, the donkey gave the farmer who tried to bury him a good kicking. Which brings me to another moral for this story - When you try to cover your ass, it always comes back and gets you.

Author Unknown

Please Pray For Our Young People!

Bishop John O Barres is coming to our parish on October 24 to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with our 8th graders. They are currently involved in workshops and retreats as they prepare for this sacrament.

We celebrate Confirmation with teens because this is the time when they really need the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives. They are faced with many challenges and temptations as they go through the thrill of being teens, so they need God in their lives now.

Please pray for them that they will be open to the guidance of the Spirit of our Risen Lord as they continue their journey through life! Please pray for their parents too because, as good as they are, they didn't come with owner's manuals!

Gennesaret Retreat

For those facing serious illness.

A retreat especially designed for persons who live with serious illness is coming:

September 22, 23, 24, 2017

Montfort Spirituality Center in Bay Shore

This retreat offers respite, 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 receive more information about this weekend, please call

Colette Fanelli

(631) 665*7052

Attention Young Men

The office of Vocations will be hosting three different retreats in the coming year for young men who want to follow Jesus more closely (and who might feel called to serve in a lifetime church vocation). Mark your calendars:

- **November 10-12 Quo Vadis (Where Are You Going) retreat**
- **December 1-3 (silent retreat)**
- **March 9-11 (with Bishop Barres)**

Who knows? Maybe God is calling you to something very important

A Scout is Reverent!

The 12th point of Scout Law is 'A Scout is Reverent.' One of the things Catholic Scouts do to grow in reverence is to work on earning Religious Emblems. The younger scouts are awarded the emblems they earned on Scout Sunday in the parish later in the year.

Older Scouts gather once a year at St Agnes Cathedral to be given their religious emblems. This weekend is the Scout Convocation.

Congratulations to our scouts who will be honored at the Convocation:

The AD ALTARE DEI Emblem is focused on knowledge of the seven Sacraments. The following Scouts have earned this emblem:

Kevin Lynch

Robert Kohlman

Gregory Nicpon

Lester Nicpon

The POPE PIUS XII Emblem is focused on God's call in our lives. The following Venturer has earned this emblem:

Elina McAteer

Congratulations to our Scouts!

Keep up the good work!

Catholic High Schools Open House

You are invited to explore the benefits of a Catholic High School Education
Please feel Free to visit our schools during the times and dates listed below

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>School</u>
Sat, 9/23	11:00 AM - 1:30 PM	Our Lady of Mercy Academy
Sat, 9/30	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Sacred Heart Academy
Sun, 10/1	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	St Anthony's HS
Sun, 10/1	12:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Holy Trinity Diocesan HS
Sat, 10/14	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Kellenberg Memorial HS
Sat, 10/14	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Chaminade HS
Sun, 10/15	2:00 PM - 4:30 PM	t Mary's HS
Sat, 10/21	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	McGann-Mercy Diocesan HS
Sun, 10/22	10:30 AM - 2:00 PM	St John the Baptist Diocesan HS
Sun, 10/22	1:00 PM - 3:30 PM	St Dominic HS

Parenting: a Full Time Job

I was just out greeting our students as the school day began and I noticed a few things: One mom was getting out of her car to take her preschooler to the front door. But first she had to get to the trunk and take out the frame of a stroller for her little one. Then she had to get to the back seat and take out the special car seat that then snaps into the stroller. Then she was free to go to the other side of the car and get her preschooler out to walk to school. When she was done saying good bye she had to do the same thing in reverse.

That is a whole lot more work than when I was a kid and mom could just say, "Get in the car," and all of us would pile in (with no seat belts).

Then as I was finishing with my greetings, I ran into a parent who said, "Woah! It's just after 8:00 in the morning and I am already exhausted!" Having just witnessed the other mom, I told her I understand. She said, "Yeah, I'm up at 5:00 AM to get them ready for their day and by the time I get them to school I feel like I have run a marathon!" And she probably has to go to work while the kids are in school, and then come home to her full time job of being a mother.

In "the good old days" my Mom would send us out to play and we would be out with our friends on the block or from around the block all morning, coming home for lunch when we were hungry, then going right back out. In the early evening we would hear Dad's whistle (all the dad's whistled for their kids, but we all recognized our own dad's) and go in for supper. Then at night we would be out until the street lights came on. It was simple but it was also safe. We live in a different world these days and it has changed the job description of parents. They have to be much more hands on for the sake of the safety of their children.

If you see parents at church, thank them for the work they are doing in parenting. If you see a parent whose children are growing up and to be good young men and women, tell them that you notice the good work they must be doing. But mostly, pray for parents - old and young. Pray in thanksgiving for the work that has been done by those whose children are grown and pray that those who have a long way to go can continue in love!

-Fr. Mike

Naming a Reality

About a month ago I had a serious conversation with our Director of Faith Formation, Maryanne Trezza. We spoke about the fact that her work has had a very positive impact on so many areas of our parish life. In addition to the Faith Formation for our children, she has begun our Adult Faith Formation programs - this included recruiting an excellent team of leaders, and now we have about 150 adults participating in our current program. She has been very influential in our Share Mercy Sundays and in our efforts at evangelizing to those who are not practicing their faith. In addition, I can't begin to count the amount of times she has given me excellent advice on numerous areas of parish life. She is clearly a partner in our work of Building the City of God. So I asked her if I could name this reality, giving her a new title. She agreed and now she is a Pastoral Associate in St Joseph Parish. Her work will remain the same but now it is recognized. This title will be present on the cover of the bulletin and on our web site. If you see her, thank her for her work.

-Fr Mike

Keep Up With Parish Happenings

We are now on Facebook and Instagram.

You can find us on either one at [stjosephronkonkoma](https://www.facebook.com/stjosephronkonkoma)

Also keep an eye on our website:

www.stjosephronkonkoma.org

Respect Life



Legislative Corner

The struggle to protect human life is an ongoing battle, being fought by a relatively small, but growing, group of people. One of these folks is Rep. Jody Hice, Republican from the 10th congressional district of Georgia. The Congressman, along with 31 cosponsors, introduced The Sanctity of Human Life Act. This bill declares that 1) the right to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in each human and is a person's most fundamental right; 2) each human life begins with fertilization, cloning, or its equivalent, at which time every human has all the legal and constitutional attributed and privileges of personhood; and 3) Congress, each state, the District of Columbia, and each U.S. territory have the authority to protect all human lives. The bill is currently in the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice House Judiciary Committee, House Judiciary Committee.

Recent attempts to repeal the Affordable Healthcare Act (Obamacare) were frustrated to a large degree by three Republican Senators. Senators Shelley Moore, West Virginia, Lisa Murkowski, Alaska, and Susan Collins, Maine, voted no on the repeal. At the heart of their opposition was the defunding Planned Parenthood, the country's largest provider of abortions, performing approximately 300,000 annually. Planned Parenthood received approximately \$528,000,000 in 2014. Defunding Planned Parenthood was a major issue during the 2016 election.

A disturbing broadcast by CBS on August 14th touted Iceland's elimination of Down's syndrome. This has been accomplished through state mandated pre-natal testing for the syndrome, and abortion of baby's with positive results. The state of Ohio has recently introduced proposed legislation that would make it illegal to terminate pregnancies because the child has Down's syndrome. The bill was immediately denounced by pro abortion groups as an attempt by the Pro Life community to hi-jack the concern's of the disabled.

Our Legislators:

Senator Charles Shumer, 143 Pinelawn Road, #300, Melville, NY 11747 (631)753-0978

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, 155 Pinelawn Road, Suite 250 North, Melville, NY 11747 (631) 249-2825

Congressman Pete King, 1003 Park Boulevard, Massapequa Park, NY 11762 (516) 541-6602

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God" Matt 5:9



Weekly Offering



Sept. 10, 2017
\$19,473

(Includes Electronic Giving of (\$4,517))

Offering

Last Year Offering

\$19,056

Poor Box

\$560

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

Our Mission Assistance debt note was repaid by the maturity date of June 30! We have changed our monthly special collection from "Debt Repayment" to a "Repair & Renovations" collection so we can begin some needed improvements to our buildings and grounds. Thank you for your generous support.

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

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

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 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.

Baptisms

Thomas Aloysius Booras

Jack Michael Hickey

Ariana Josie Prestel

Isabella Rangel-Rodriguez

Mason Anthony Weisgram

ALL ARE INVITED, ALL ARE WELCOME, COME JOIN US!

October 1st, in honor of the Feast of St. Francis (Oct 4), we've invited representatives from the Guide Dog Foundation to come and speak with us about their organization.

Please come join us on the rectory lawn for light refreshments after the 9, 10:30 & Noon Masses.

Our Work of Mercy:

Bring donations of Dog and Cat food to be donated to pet shelters

What else have we done? We made valentine's for Veterans, active military and elderly residents in local assisted living facilities; we participated in making dolls for the NY Giving Doll Program; we collected your donations of personal care and cleaning items for our Parish Outreach program; we showcased the *League of YES*, a local baseball league for people with disabilities; we shined shoes to raise money to help offset the cost of building a house for a family in Santa Ana El Salvador! (Please visit our Facebook page to see pictures and stories from that trip!) and we celebrated Grandparents Day by coloring pictures and sending them with some treats to the residents in the 2 adult homes we service in Ronkonkoma.

"Well done my good and faithful servant" Matthew 25:23

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,



**Grandparents Day
September 10th
Thank you to all who
came to Share Mercy
By coloring pictures and
packaging candy!**



All are Welcome! We invite & encourage new participation. There are many ways for you to be involved. Perhaps you'd like to bake for Share Mercy Sunday; others can help with the hospitality setup/clean up before/after the masses; and of course, general participation in the act of mercy offered each month is for EVERYONE. Come share your gifts, we would love to have you. Please come by on October 1st and help us grow in discipleship as we continue to *Live*

Mercy and Build the City of God right here at St. Joseph.

Thank you to all who have participated thus far,



MINISTERIO HISPANO



El domingo pasado, Jesús, nuestro buen Maestro, nos enseñaba que ayudarnos y corregirnos los unos a los otros con amor. Hoy, nos recuerda que todos cometemos errores y necesitamos ser perdonados, y que tenemos que aprender a perdonarnos como Dios nos perdona, a ser misericordiosos como es misericordioso nuestro Padre del cielo, que nos perdona siempre. El discípulo de Jesús sabe que

Dios le ha perdonado tantas cosas y por eso está dispuesto a perdonar siempre a sus hermanos y ser testigo del amor y del perdón inmenso de nuestro Dios.



LECTURAS: Vigésimo Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo A

Primera lectura: Eclesiástico 27, 33-28, 9 (Perdona la ofensa a tu prójimo y serás perdonado)

Segunda Lectura: Romanos 14, 7-9 (En la vida y en la muerte somos del Señor)

Tercera Lectura: Mateo. 18, 21-35 (Perdón hasta setenta veces siete)

¿QUE ES EL PERDON?



Muchas veces te habrás preguntado qué es el perdón. El perdón es una expresión de amor, es un acto de misericordia, es gratuito, es un es un gesto de humildad que no humilla, es una de las formas más nobles del ejercicio de la caridad. El perdón es ante todo una decisión personal, una opción del corazón; es una actividad sin final, en constante cambio y variación, por medio de la cual aceptamos la realidad y nos reconciamos con ella. Hay quien dice: Te perdono pero no te olvido. Eso es tanto como decir que no se perdona.

¿Qué es pedir perdón?

Ante todo, es reconocer la propia falta y dar un paso hacia el ofendido y después buscar el modo de cómo reparar el perjuicio sufrido. El cristiano reconoce que al ofender a alguien, es a Dios mismo a quien se ha ofendido. A esto es a lo que se llama pecado. Y de él se pide perdón a Dios.

El perdón de Dios

En la Biblia, y más particularmente en el Nuevo Testamento, Jesucristo acoge a los pecadores y les perdona sus faltas (la Samaritana, la mujer adúltera, el paralítico, Zaqueo, la negación de Pedro...)

La confianza concedida al que ha cometido una falta, le hace crecer y lo restablece en su dignidad.

Después de la resurrección, Cristo da la misión a los apóstoles de continuar su obra de reconciliación entre los hombres y entre los hombres y Dios. Entre los católicos, el perdón que Dios da al pecador por medio de Cristo se significa con la palabra y el gesto del sacerdote, en el sacramento de la reconciliación.

Sólo la Gracia hace posible un perdón imposible. Es un testimonio admirable, estamos hablando de algo que sucedió hace unos años. ¿Y quién tomó la iniciativa en este proceso? El ofendido. ¿Cuál fue el resultado de todo esto? El ofensor realizó un cambio interior tremendo. Ambos, ofensor y ofendidos tuvieron mucho coraje, nos cuesta perdonar porque no nos metemos en la Gracia, en la fuerza de la caridad para pedir perdón. Hay que orar para pedir la Gracia del perdón y lo demás, viene por añadidura. Dios nunca se cansa de perdonar y siempre toma la iniciativa, es el ofendido quien debe tomar la iniciativa a la hora de perdonar.



El perdón perfecto no deja huellas de rencor ni resentimiento y es un proceso, pero...¿Cómo saber que el corazón ofendido ha perdonado de verdad?

Hay 10 pasos que nos pueden ayudar para saber si estamos dando un perdón perfecto, a saber:

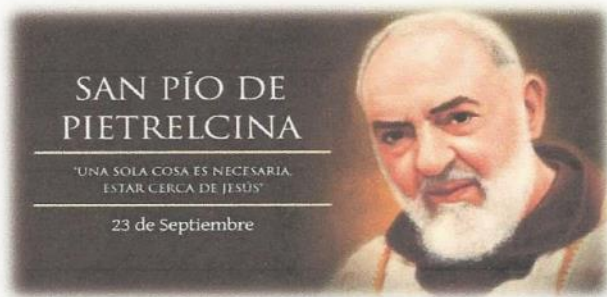
- 1- Cuando se realiza un proceso de purificación.** Por lo general, luego de la ofensa, las personas ofendidas, suelen decir cosas como: No tiene perdón de Dios, lo odio con toda mi alma, no puedo perdonar. Más tarde, luego de trabajar su interior, sus pensamientos van cambiando de esta manera: Tengo que perdonar por mi bien, no puedo seguir así, sufro por no perdonar, me gustaría perdonar pero me cuesta. Es decir, cuando se ve a la otra persona de diferente forma.
- 2 - Cuando se reza por el ofensor.** "Si no oramos, nunca saldremos del círculo cerrado del duelo del perdón.
- 3 - Cuando se está cansado de sufrir.**
- 4 - Cuando ya no se desprecia a la otra persona.**
- 5 - Cuando se perdona con voluntad y decisión.**
- 6 - Cuando se piensa y se desea la reconciliación.**
- 7 - Cuando se ha logrado la reconciliación con el ofensor.**
- 8 - Cuando se tienen dudas sobre continuar la relación con el ofensor.**
- 9 - Cuando se está dispuesto a ayudar sin ninguna duda a la persona que ofendió.**
- 10 - Cuando el corazón del ofendido está en paz.**

La propia paz y la serenidad interior es el signo del perdón verdadero.

1-El camino del ofendido. Él es quien, al hacer este proceso, entra en empatía con el ofendido y lo ayuda a salir de su círculo cerrado.

2- El camino del ofensor. Y luego, para llegar a la reconciliación, se unen los dos caminos.

El perdón es unipersonal, la reconciliación es bilateral, aunque no siempre es posible por diferentes circunstancias, no vivamos encerrados, tengamos nuevas visiones. Si no hacemos el proceso para curar las heridas, nunca llegaremos al perdón ni facilitaremos al ofensor a que haga su proceso".



SAN PÍO DE PIETRELCINA 23 DE SEPTIEMBRE

El padre Francesco Forgione nació en Pietrelcina, provincia de Benevento, el 25 de mayo de 1887. Sus padres fueron Horacio Forgione y María Giuseppa. Creció dentro de una familia humilde, pero como un día él mismo dijo, nunca careció de nada.

Fue un niño muy sensible y espiritual. En la Iglesia Santa María de los Ángeles, la cual se podría decir fue como su hogar, fue bautizado, hizo la Primera Comunión y la Confirmación. También en esta misma Iglesia fue donde a los cinco años se le apareció el Sagrado Corazón de Jesús. Más adelante empieza a tener apariciones de la Virgen María que durarían por el resto de su vida.

Ingresó a la Orden de los Frailes Menores Capuchinos en Morcone en enero de 1903. El día anterior de entrar al Seminario, Francisco tuvo una visión de Jesús con su Santísima Madre. En esta visión Jesús puso su mano en el hombro de Francisco, dándole coraje y fortaleza para seguir adelante. La Virgen María, por su parte, le habló suave, sutil y maternalmente penetrando en lo más profundo de su alma.

Fue ordenado sacerdote el 10 de agosto de 1910 en la Catedral de Benevento, y en febrero de ese año se estableció en San Giovanni Rotondo, donde permaneció hasta su muerte, el 23 de setiembre de 1968.

Primera bilocación En 1905, solo dos años después de haber entrado al Seminario, el Fraile Pío experimenta por primera vez la bilocación. Rezando acompañado de otro fraile en el coro, una noche fría de enero, alrededor de las 11:00 de la noche, se encontró a sí mismo muy lejos, en una casa muy elegante en la cual un padre de familia agonizaba en el mismo momento que su hija nacía. Nuestra Santísima Madre se le apareció al Fraile Pío diciéndole: "Encomiendo esta criatura a tus cuidados; es una piedra preciosa sin pulir. Trabaja en ella, lístrala, hazla brillar lo más posible, porque un día me quiero adornar con ella". A lo que él contestó: "¿Cómo puede ser esto posible si soy un pobre estudiante, y todavía ni siquiera sé si tendré la fortuna de llegar a ser sacerdote? Y si no llegara a ser sacerdote, ¿cómo podría ocuparme de esta niña estando tan lejos?". La Virgen le contestó: "No dudes. Será ella quien venga a ti, pero la conocerás de antemano en la Basílica de San Pedro". Inmediatamente se encontró de nuevo en el coro donde había estado rezando minutos antes.

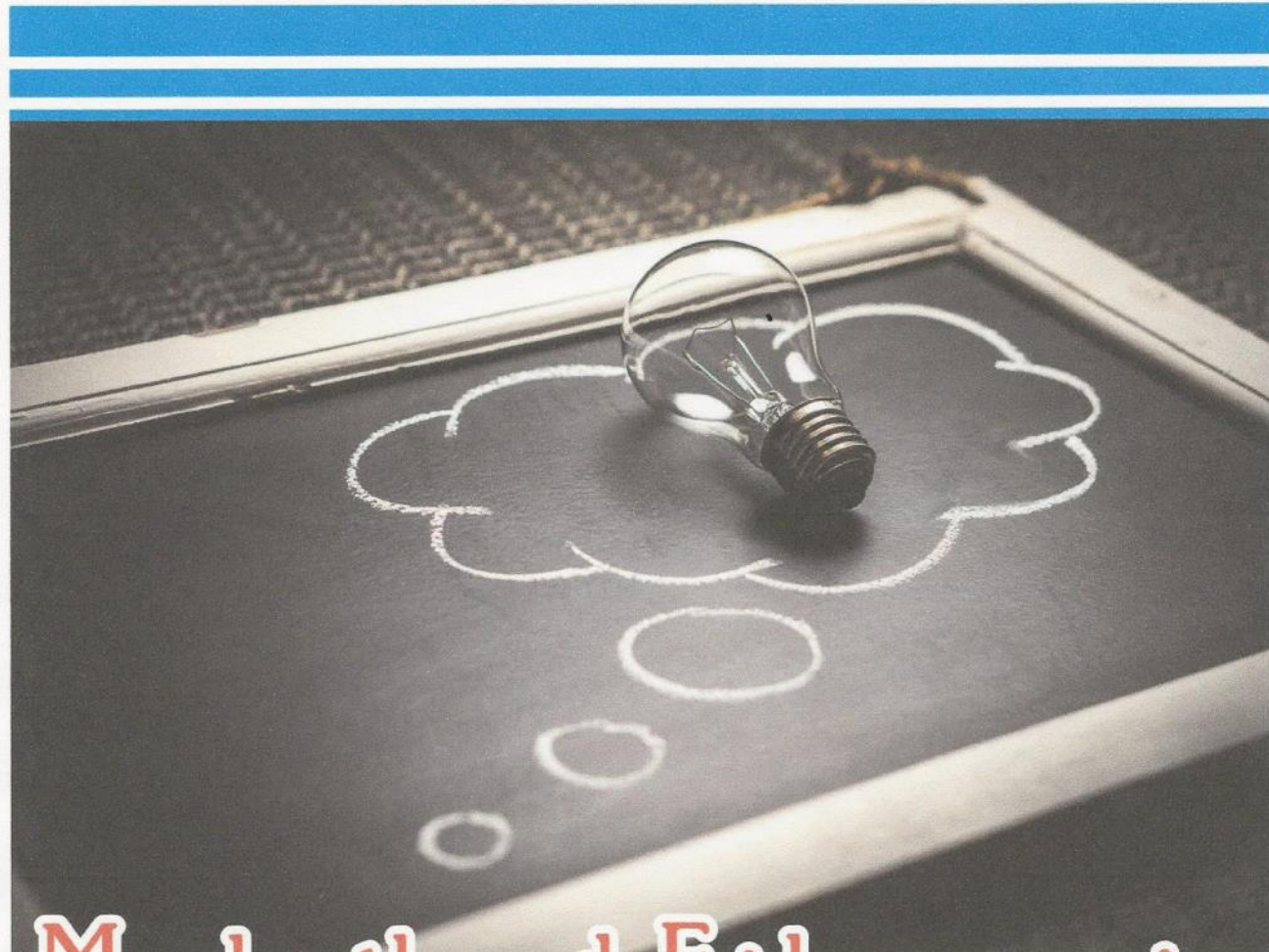
Dieciocho años más tarde esta niña se presentó en la Basílica de San Pedro, agobiada y buscando a un sacerdote con quien pudiera confesarse y recibir dirección espiritual. Ya era tarde y la Basílica iba a cerrar, miró a su alrededor y vio a un fraile entrar en el confesionario y cerrar la puerta. La joven se le acercó y comenzó a compartirle sus problemas. El sacerdote absolvió sus pecados y le dio la bendición. La joven en agradecimiento quiso besarle la mano, pero al abrir el confesionario solo encontró una silla vacía.

Un año después, la joven fue en peregrinación a San Giovanni Rotondo. Padre Pío caminaba por los pasillos de las celdas repletos de peregrinos y al ver a la joven entre ellos, la señaló diciendo: "Yo te conozco, tu naciste el día que tu padre murió", la joven, sorprendida, esperó largo rato para poderse confesar con el Padre y aclarar sus inquietudes. Padre Pío le recibe en el confesionario con estas palabras: "Mi hija, has venido finalmente; he esperando tantos años por ti!". La joven aún más sorprendida le manifestó que él estaba equivocado, siendo ésta la primera vez que ella visitaba San Giovanni. A lo que Padre Pío contestó: "Ya tú me conoces, viniste a mí el año pasado en la Basílica de San Pedro". La joven se convirtió en su hija espiritual, obedeciendo siempre a sus consejos. Se casó y formó una sólida y ejemplar familia cristiana.

Los estigmas de Cristo El Padre describe este fenómeno y gracia espiritual a su director por obediencia: "Era la mañana del 20 de septiembre de 1918. Yo estaba en el coro haciendo la oración de acción de gracias de la Misa y sentí poco a poco que me elevaba a una oración siempre más suave, de pronto una gran luz me deslumbró y se me apareció Cristo que sangraba por todas partes. De su cuerpo llagado salían rayos de luz que más bien parecían flechas que me herían los pies, las manos y el costado. Cuando volví en mí, me encontré en el suelo y llagado. Las manos, los pies y el costado me sangraban y me dolían hasta hacerme perder todas las fuerzas para levantarme. Me sentía morir, y hubiera muerto si el Señor no hubiera venido a sostenerme el corazón que sentía palpar fuertemente en mi pecho. A gatas me arrastré hasta la celda. Me recosté y recé, miré otra vez mis llagas y lloré, elevando himnos de agradecimiento a Dios".

Los estigmas del Padre Pío eran heridas profundas en el centro de las manos, de los pies y el costado izquierdo. Tenía manos y pies literalmente traspasados y le salía sangre viva de ambos lados, haciendo del Padre Pío el primer sacerdote estigmatizado en la historia de la Iglesia (San Francisco Asís no era sacerdote).

La palabra "estigma" proviene del griego y significa "marca" o "señal en el cuerpo", y era el resultado del sello de un hierro candente con el cual marcaban a los esclavos. En sentido médico, estigma quiere decir una mancha enrojecida sobre la piel, que es causada porque la sangre sale de los vasos por una fuerte influencia nerviosa, pero nunca llega a ser perforación. En cambio los estigmas que han tenido los místicos son lesiones reales de la piel y de los tejidos, llagas verdaderas como, en este caso, las han descrito los doctores Romanelli y Festa.



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Help Support St. Joseph Cheerleaders' Clothing Drive

Out with the Old - In with the New

Date: Saturday, September 30 Time: 8:30 – 10:00am

Location: School Parking Lot

We will take: Clothing, Coats, Shoes, Bedding

Questions or Information:

Please Call: Jennine Conway 631-790-2430



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For more information or to sign up contact
Laura at 631-676-2652 or Michelle at 631-687-0876





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Clinic Division (Coed Grades K-2) Nick ☎ 585-7723

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Travel* Vinny ☎ 543-4100

Track:

Boys & Girls, Grades K-8 Jerry 585-4048

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Intramural Boys & Girls(ages 3-13) Joe ☎ 585-0748

jcaiola@fast.net

Travel (LIJSL): Rob ☎ 721-8831

Softball:

Dennis 467-6174



Venturing Events

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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.

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Sept 17th Tonight

e-mail: Crew272@StJoRonk.org

phone: Advisor Mike Keller (631) 872-7675

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