



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.

Nuestra Misión

Por amor a nuestro servicio y las obras de misericordia, invitamos a cada persona a conocer a Jesucristo, presente en la Palabra y en la fracción del Pan, para que todos puedan aceptar su don de salvación.

St Joseph Rectory Office

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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)

Pastoral Associate

Mrs. Maryanne Trezza

Parish Trustees

Robert Koepper & Mark Crean

Come pray with us!

Masses

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 10:30, Noon, 5:00 PM

Misa en Español 6:30 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 masses

Sat: after 8:00 AM mass and 4:00 - 4:45 PM



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April 22, 2018 — Fourth Sunday of Easter

St. Joseph Outreach Resources

Emergency Resources

Response of Suffolk County Crisis Hotline (24/7)
631-751-7620 or 631-751-7500
www.responsehotline.org

Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk - VIBS
Domestic violence, rape, sexual assault, elder abuse:
www.vibs.org www.inforatvibs.org
631-360-3730 or 631-360-3606 24hr for rape
& domestic violence

Suffolk County Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Hotline: 631-666-8833 www.sccadv.org

The Retreat (Domestic Violence) Shelter
631-329-2200 (24/7 hotline) www.theretreat.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 hour)

HIV and AIDS Teen Hotline
1-800-440-TEEN (Fri/Sat 6:30PM—midnight)

Pregnancy Care

Birthright of Nassau/Suffolk 631-785-4070

Life Center of LI Pregnancy Care 631-243-0066

Prayer and Devotion Opportunities

Our Lady of Fatima Devotion

Our Lady came to Fatima and 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.

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.
Make a weekly appointment to spend time with Jesus!

Family Resources

Child Health Plus Information and Referral
1-800-522-5006(24 hour)

Child Care Council of Suffolk 631-362-0303
www.childcaresuffolk.org

Family Services 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

Catholic Charities DRVC Talbot House
Chemical Dependency Crisis Center
631-589-4144
www.catholiccharities.cc

Support Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous 631-669-1124

Gamblers Anonymous 631-586-7171

Narcotics Anonymous 631-689-6262

Overeaters Anonymous 631-260-6615

Al-anon Suffolk County 631-669-2827
info@AL-Anon-Suffolk-NY.org

First Friday Holy Hour

Every First Friday of the month we have a Holy Hour before the exposed Blessed Sacrament. This prayer runs from 7:30 PM 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!

Come Pray Anytime During the Day

Our church opens at 6:30 AM and remains open all 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.

Serving Your Sacramental Needs

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament is celebrated on Sundays at 1:30 PM and on the first Saturday of each month. Parents, please call the parish office to arrange a meeting with a priest.

The Sacrament of Eucharist

See front cover for mass times. If you are sick for an extended period of time or are homebound, contact the parish office to have someone bring Communion to you.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

School aged children can prepare for this Sacrament by contacting our Faith Formation Office. Adults who have yet to be Confirmed should contact the Parish Office

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

As listed on front cover or call the office to see a priest.

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 speak to 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

If you feel called to serve in the church as a priest deacon or in consecrated religious life, call the office to speak to one of the priests or deacons for guidance.

Interested in possibly becoming Catholic?

Contact the rectory to arrange a meeting to discuss your questions. We have classes to help people learn about our faith and decide if becoming Catholic is best for you. 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!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, April 22 (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

- 7:00** Americo Melo (John & Harriet Dias & Family)
- 9:00** Christine Firestone (Loving Family)
- 10:30** Richard Pepe (Mr. & Mrs. Castelli)
- 12:00** Maria Lucas (Mr. & Mrs. Iberico Goncalves), Carmelita Roxas (The Roxas Family), William Van Roten (The Lombardi Family) For the People of the Parish
- 5:00** Matthew Spataro (Joe & Joyce Ando)

Monday, April 23

- 7:00** Julia Fenger (LIVING) (Jane & Jim)
- 9:00** George Alfonso (Loving Wife & Family)

Tuesday, April 24

- 7:00** For the People of the Parish
- 8:45** For the People of the Parish

Wednesday, April 25

- 7:00** Richard Dante (Devoted Wife), Franklin M. Duarte (Loving Wife)
- 9:00** Wayne E. Kalish (LIVING) (Mom & Dad)

Thursday, April 26

- 7:00** Regina a Barrowclough (Loving Family)
- 9:00** Moses Cortes (LIVING) (Linda & Lorraine)

Friday, April 27

- 7:00** For the People of the Parish
- 9:00** Guido "Guy" Salvato (Lisa & Vinny Reynolds)

Saturday, April 28

- 8:00** For the People of the Parish
- 5:00** Marie Califano (Loving Husband), Brian Blair (Lorraine, Jeff & Lauren Witt), For the People of the Parish

Sunday, April 29 (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

- 7:00** For the People of the Parish
- 9:00** Peter D. Mikos (Erick, Tina, Emma & Shea Mikos), Jo Fortunato (Carl & Michele Nappi)
- 10:30** Jacob Lamm (Cathy West)
- 12:00** Rachel Llanas (LIVING) (Grandma)
- 5:00** Lillian & Angelina Casaceli (LIVING) (Virginia Buccellato)
- 6:30** **Spanish Mass**

Altar Bread & Wine

*In Memory of
Alice & Joseph Rau
Requested by
Ann Festa*



OUR LITURGY

In the first reading, Peter says, there is no salvation through anyone else but Jesus. In the reading from the First Letter of John, we are called children of God. In the Gospel, Jesus says that he is the Good Shepherd, and he will lay his life down for us, his sheep.

Respect Life



Pro-Life vs. Pro-Abortion, by the numbers

The abortion industry and their supporters in government and on college campuses would have us believe that the majority of American citizens are in favor of woman's right to choose abortion when she feels it is appropriate for her, claiming that 57% of us are in favor of "legal abortion." But according to the Pew Research Center, when the stipulation that all abortion should be legal is added to the polling question, the support drops to just 33%. Unfortunately, this was one of just a few encouraging statistics offered in this set of data.

Pew listed a lot of different breakdowns on support for legal abortion, including Political party, with Republicans saying that abortion should be illegal in all, or most cases by a margin of 65% to 35%, while Democrats believe that abortion should be legal by a margin of 75% to 25%. Conservative Republicans are Pro-Life by 71% to 27%, while Liberal Democrats are pro-abortion by the staggering margin of 91% to 9%. 70% of college graduates believe in legal abortion, while people with a high school education or less are split 50/50.

The figures by religion are disappointing. 70% of evangelical Protestants are Pro-Life, but that's where the good news ends. People with no religious affiliation are in favor of abortion by a margin of 80% to 20%. Mainline Protestants are in favor of legal abortion by a margin of 67% to 33%. Lastly, Catholics are in favor of legal abortion by a margin of 53% to 44%. Only two groups can be counted on to support the Pro-Life movement the majority of the time; Evangelical Protestants, and Republicans.

The richer you are, the more educated you are, and the more secular you are, the more strongly you support abortion. This raises a critical point for all of us as Catholics, as people of God, and as citizens. We, as a society, have gotten to the point where we are eliminating God from our lives. And it is not just the militant atheist groups we hear about that want to remove "In God we trust" from our currency, and "under God" from the pledge of allegiance. It is the insidious advance of other issues that take the place of God. Money, success, materialism, athletics, entertainment, to name a few, have all become more important than God. The number of people bringing up their children in the church, or in any religion, decreases with each subsequent generation, with the logical conclusion being the complete elimination of Christian religions. We are creating a void where God should be, and therefore creating a void where good should be. Voids are always filled, and this one is being filled with indifference, which will inevitably lead to evil.

We must fight, through prayer, and through action to reverse this trend. We must trust in our lord, Jesus Christ, and strive to become part of the solution.

Have blessed week, from the Respect Life Committee!

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you..." Jeremiah 1:5

Our Prayer and Action In Building the City of God

Our Prayer for Financial Well Being is \$23,700 in our Sunday Offerings (which will be a \$5,000 increase over our 2017 Weekly Average):

Sunday April 15, 2018 Collections:	\$17,758
Same Week from Last Year:	\$17,760
2018 Weekly Average ((to-date)	\$18,718
Our 2017 Weekly Average Was:	\$18,700

Our Prayer for Evangelization is an increase of 500 new people at Sunday Mass (which will be 2,043 people at Sunday Mass):

Mass Attendance on Sun. April 15th	1,626
2018 Average Mass Attendance:	1,690
2017 Average Mass Attendance:	1,543

Our Prayer for our St Joseph School Enrollment Is 245 Students (which is an increase of 50 Students):

2017/18 Enrollment is currently:	197
2018/19 Enrollment:	in process

Our Prayer for Parish Vocations is 5 new vocations from within St. Joseph Parish

None as yet, but this is always in process

Repair & Maintenance of Our Parish Building:

April & March 2018 Collection	\$12,125
Specified Donations	\$6,610
25% used to repay Spending to date*	(4,683)
Balance toward \$17,000 Goal	\$14,053 - 83% of Goal
*Balance of Spending to be repaid is (\$14,654)	

Catholic Ministries Appeal

2018 Goal:	\$75,000
Pledged - to - Date	48,375
Percentage of Goal	64%

St. Joseph Parish Gift Shoppe

For your convenience the Parish Gift Shoppe will be open after all Masses on the weekends of our **Share Mercy Sundays**. We are located in the Lobby outside Carew Hall. You are cordially invited to stop in and see the variety of items, reasonably priced, for all occasions.



Was Blind, But Now I See!

Since October our children have been working diligently to sponsor the training of a Guide Dog for a blind person through the Guide Dog Foundation in Smithtown. They are currently at 55% of their goal of raising \$6,000 needed to Sponsor a puppy. **Since we get to name the dog we sponsor, the plan is to allow everyone to vote on a name (\$1 per vote) to help raise the balance of money needed.** Making a ballot has been interesting, but we have finally narrowed down the choices of names. Here they are:

Oreo Joseph (Joey) Mercy Faith Roxy Daisy
Guardian Oakley Benji Rosie Galaxy Charlie

To make things easy, we will have ballots available on Share Mercy Sundays (\$1 per vote, and vote as often as you like). If you would like, you can drop off your vote at the rectory too. You can also write in a name!

Praising God Together During Easter

If you read Acts of the Apostles, you will see many examples of the community growing - both in number and in Spirit. We have been growing in number this Easter. We Baptized adults at the Easter Vigil, a family of five children at the Easter Spanish mass, six more children at two masses the following week, and four more at mass last week! God is definitely at work in the growth in numbers in our Christian community.

How are things going in terms of the growth of our Christian Spirit? Acts 4: 32 says "The community of believers was of one heart and mind..."

With all the different concerns and needs in any given family, the ideal of being of one heart and mind may be impossible. But how are we doing in terms of our common faith and our desire to live that faith as a community? Here is one simple area where we can be completely united: When we stand for the Gospel and sing Alleluia (praise God!), let's all make an effort to join in that communal praise.

"But I'm not a singer." We're not talking about a solo, or even about quality. We're talking about being united in praise of God who sent his son into the world to save us. When I was in the seminary, I was taught that at mass, every person is called to let go of "me", in order to pray as "we". That makes a lot of sense. If I join that community of prayer, I receive the strength of the prayer of that community, even when I have gone back into my life with my own personal concerns.

One simple word, sung together can do a lot for each one of us if we pray it together. So give it a shot. When the cantor or choir sings, "Alleluia" they are saying, "Let's praise God together!" When we respond in kind, we are saying, "YES! Let's all praise God together!" We are unleashing tremendous power in that communal worship. Some amazing things happened in the community that was of one mind and heart in Acts. God will also do amazing things for and with us, if we all, for one moment, let go of "me" and join in the prayer of "we".

Let's praise God together! We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!

-Fr Mike

Drug Awareness Program

Thank you to Henry Melchiona and St Joseph CYO for hosting an evening of drug awareness last Monday. Our presenters touched our hearts as they informed our minds. Linda Ventura is the Founder of Thomas' hope Foundation. She is a member of a club that no parent wants to belong to - she lost her son Thomas to a heroin overdose. In the Spirit of true Christianity, Linda has taken her cross and is now using it to help others to find a way to the resurrection. Her story, as a mom of a very normal family, touched our hearts. She also gave us information that could help us all get beyond the temptation to judge someone with a substance abuse problem. Instead of calling it addiction, which can bring up many images of the darkest side of humanity (and with that, judgment), she called it "Substance Abuse Disorder" which puts it on the same level as any other physical ailment. This gives us the freedom to be able to reach out and help without judgment.

Kym Laube, Executive Director of HUGS (Human Understanding and Growth Services) taught us quite a bit about how our actions influence our children much more than our words. She also spoke of her own experience in the basement of many churches in her 28 years of living in recovery from alcoholism. She reminded us of how much we can learn from the church that meets downstairs!

Both Kym and Linda gave us food for thought and prayer through their dynamic presentations. Virtually everyone who was present agreed that we need to have them return to our parish and all of us need to invite all of our friends to hear the information they have to offer as well as their message of hope.

Many people thanked me for having these two very strong women here in our community. All I did was (finally) say Okay to Henry and the CYO who have been asking to host this program for a long time. I am very glad I finally said yes.

They will be back. When they are, please, do everything in your power to come listen to them.

-Fr Mike

Ministerio Hispano



Nuestra Misión

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Celebraciones Sacramentales y otras informaciones para la Comunidad Hispana

El sacramento del bautismo

Padres, por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia para hacer una cita con el Padre Michael Rieder (en español)
(631) 588-8456

El Sacramento de la Eucaristía

Si estás enfermo por un prolongado tiempo en su hogar, llame a la rectoría para el servicio de Comunión en español ó **ministeriohispano01@gmail**
(516) 320-4144 Sandra Chacón

El Sacramento de la Confirmación

Los niños en edad escolar pueden prepararse para este Sacramento llame a la Oficina de Formación de Fe.
(631) 588-8456

El sacramento de la reconciliación

Lunes, Miércoles y Viernes después de la misa de las 9:00 am ó llame a la rectoría para hacer una cita con el Padre Michael Rieder para las confesiones en español.
631-588-8456

El sacramento de la unción de los enfermos

Celebramos este Sacramento cada primavera y otoño, personas que están crónicamente enfermo, avanzado en edad o que está a punto de someterse una cirugía u hospitalización. Por favor llame a la Oficina Parroquial. **Emergencias nocturnas: para hablar con un sacerdote. Llame al (631) 538-7219**

El sacramento del matrimonio

Por favor llame a la oficina por lo menos seis meses, antes de la fecha de la boda deseada, antes de comenzar los preparativos para la boda.

El sacramento de orden sacerdotal

Si sientes el llamado a servir en la iglesia como un sacerdote diácono o en la vida religiosa consagrada, llame a la oficina para hablar uno de los sacerdotes o diáconos como guía.

RICIA

Clases para aquellos adultos (mayores de 16) que desean recibir el sacramento de CONFIRMACION. Necesitará los siguientes documentos:

- 1) Identificación que muestra la fecha de nacimiento.
 - 2) Copia del certificado de bautismo y
 - 3) Copia del certificado de comunión.
- Si no has recibido el sacramento del bautizo y Comunión y desea hacerlo, por favor déjenos saber.

ministeriohispano01@gmail
(516) 320-4144 Sandra Chacón

Hoy es el domingo del Buen Pastor, día de las vocaciones sacerdotales, por lo que encomendamos a Dios a todos nuestros sacerdotes, para que sean esos pastores con olor a oveja, que estén cerca de su rebaño y les dé fuerza para desempeñar bien su ministerio.



LECTURAS: Cuarto Domingo de Pascua – Ciclo B

Primera lectura: Hc 4, 8-12

Segunda lectura: I Jn 3, 1-2

Tercera lectura: Jn 10, 11-18



Jesús resucitado nos convoca de nuevo aquí, como comunidad, en torno a su mesa. Él está presente en medio de nosotros. Él va delante de nosotros como el pastor que guía a su rebaño. Él nos muestra el camino, el nos enseña a vivir, el nos ama a cada uno personalmente. Y él, con una entrega total, da la vida para que nosotros tengamos vida.

Todos nosotros, en las más diversas circunstancias de la vida, hemos tenido a nuestro lado a santos sacerdotes que nos han ayudado a mantenernos en pie, a pesar de las dificultades. Y a ellos les debemos la perseverancia en nuestra fe y en nuestra vocación cristiana.



Todos nosotros estamos bendecidos de tener sacerdotes como El Padre Michael Rieder, Padre Gil Lap & Padre Belevendiram Rathinam (Fr. Bala)

Congreso de la Mujer Latina Católica DE LONG ISLAND 2018 CELEBRACION

25 Aniversario

INVITA LA OFICINA DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO DIOCESIS DE ROCKVILLE CENTRE

¡Mujer Festival y Fiesta!

¡NUESTROS INVITADOS!
ANDREA BLANCO, JD. PADRE FERNANDO ECHEVERRI MERJUEL DURAN

Desde la Diócesis de Raleigh, NC Presentadora de Noticias

CENTRO PASTORAL, CATEDRAL SANTA INES
29 QUEALY PLACE ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NEW YORK

SABADO 5 DE MAYO, 2018
DE 8:30AM - 3:30PM

DONACION: \$20.00 CUPO LIMITADO
PARA MAS INFORMACION Y TICKETS
Maria Teresa Gutierrez: 516-678-5800 EXT. 560 - EMAIL: tgutierrez@dioc.org
Luisa Taveras: 516-642-9656 - Rita Obregon 516-476-7517 - Josefina Soriel: 646-938-0534
Sandra Chacon 516-320-4144 - Veronica Reyes: 631-480-6200 - Eva Larrea: 631-784-5825

RESERVA TU ESPACIO CON TIEMPO (NO NIÑOS POR FAVOR)

Es un placer informarles que el Congreso de la Mujer Latina Católica se celebrará el sábado, 5 de mayo, 2018 en el Centro Pastoral de la Catedral Santa Inés de 8:30AM a 3:30PM. Este año estamos celebrando los 25 Aniversarios. Para más información llamar a Sandra Chacon 516-320-4144



SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018

6-9PM

Sponsored by The Respect Life Committee

In honor of Mother's Day, we would like to give moms a night off. Register ahead of time, then drop your children off with us for an evening of supervised fun.

6-9pm in Fr. Carew Hall (basement of church)

Children ages 3-8

(Older siblings are welcome but must be registered as well.)

\$5 for one child \$10 for 2+ siblings

(Fee is to defray the cost of dinner.)

Registration and payment are required by Friday, April 27.

Registration forms can be dropped off at rectory or put in rectory mail slot. **First come, First serve. Limited spots available!**

Child/ren's Name/s and age/s

Older Sibling/s Name/s and age/s:

Any allergies:

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Phone Number: _____

Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number:

Total Amount enclosed (cash or check): _____

Games and Art & Crafts!

Chicken fingers & mac and cheese!

Video

Popcorn

Great Community Service Opportunity for students Grades 7-12

Email
Christina@stjoronk.org
for volunteering info

Photo Release I hereby grant S Joseph R.C. Church permission to use my child's likeness in a photograph, video, or other digital media ("photo") in any and all of its publications, including web-based publications, without payment or other consideration.

Parent's Signature:



THE
Diocese of Rockville Centre
THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF LONG ISLAND, NY

RESPECT LIFE OFFICE

St. Gianna Mass For Women and Families



The Diocese of Rockville Centre
Celebrates
Saint Gianna Feast Day
at
Saint Agnes Cathedral
Saturday, April 28, 2018
5:00 pm
Vigil Mass - 5th Sunday of Easter
Saint Gianna Feast Day

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre
presiding

Part of the liturgy will include a blessing in thanksgiving for those celebrating the gift of a child, those planning now or in the future for a child and those who are expecting a child.

Mass will be televised on Telecaretv.org
After Mass there will be an opportunity to venerate the relics of St. Gianna.

[View St. Gianna Intercessory Prayer](#)

6:00 pm
Reception at the St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Center
Representatives and resources will be available in the following areas:

- Gianna Center of Long Island (Restorative Reproductive Medicine)
- Fertility, Infertility
- Labor & Delivery
- Maternal Fetal Medicine
- Comprehensive Services Supporting Life
- Catholic Pregnancy Support Services
- Unplanned Pregnancy
- Pregnancy Loss (Emily's Gift)
- Difficult Diagnosis (Gabriel's Courage)
- Diocesan Post Abortion Ministry (Project Rachel)
- Faith Formation

RSVP by April 20, 2018

[Register Now!](#)

Respect Life Office
Diocese of Rockville Centre
50 N. Park Avenue, Rockville Centre, N.Y. 11571
516 678 5800 ext.381, and 626
aobrien@drvc.org
respectlife.drvc.org



Mark your calendars for the evenings of April 24th, 25th and 26th as we invite you to join us for an Easter Retreat.

Our hearts are the dwelling place where God's gifts of Faith, Hope and Love reside forever.

Mon. April 23rd @ 7:30pm – Deacon Bill Dobbins will lead us an evening on Faith. Surrendering our Trust to God is a challenge for all of us in today's world.

Tues. April 24th @ 7:30pm – Deacon Ed Grieb will lead an evening on Hope. True Hope is rooted in God alone, and Hope in God's gift of faith and love will see us through to eternal life in Heaven

Wed. April 25th @ 7:30pm – Deacon Mike Devenney will lead an evening on Love. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." (John 3:16)



HOLD THE DATE

JUNE 11, 2018: ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
BBQ LUNCH, GOLF AND DINNER
WILLOW CREEK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB IN MT. SINAI.
A DAY OF FOOD FUN AND SPORT
STARTING AT NOON AND ENDING 9PM.
STAY TUNED FOR OUR HONOREE!



St. Joseph Backward Drawing & Golf Outing Raffle Basket Donations



It's that time of the year and we are preparing for our Backward Drawing & Golf Outing. We have asked each Parish Ministry to sponsor at least one basket donation valued at a minimum of \$50. We also invite all parish families, St. Joseph School classes and local businesses to participate and consider a donation as well.

Please bring your basket to the rectory as soon as possible. Also, list the contents and the name of the ministry/organization/family/individual on an index card or sheet of paper and attach it to the basket.

Thank you for your donations in helping to make this year's Backward Drawing & Golf Outing a success.

St. Joseph Garden Ministry

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

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

Thank you,
Fran



The Respect Life Committee will be very busy in May, supporting mothers and young families...



Diaper and Baby Item Collection

May 5th and 6th after all masses.

We will be collecting diapers and wipes, as well as knitted and crocheted baby items such as blankets and sweaters. All will be donated to parish outreach and local crisis pregnancy centers.

Share Mercy Sunday

Additionally, the Respect Life Committee will host Share Mercy Sunday on Sunday, May 6th after the 9, 10:30 and noon masses.

Please join us in Father Carew Hall for some coffee and baked goods and to participate in our May Act of Mercy, making Mother's Day Cards for moms at Mother-Child Residences throughout Long Island.

Mom's Night Out

Moms can have a night off while we entertain their children! See separate ad in the bulletin for registration and community service opportunity for those in grades 7 and up.



Building and Living God's Dream at St. Joseph School

One of our parish prayers is to increase our student enrollment at our St Joseph school. God is trying to help us answer our prayer! Recently, someone has graciously come forward and offered to establish a scholarship fund in the name of one of our long-time parishioners, with a request for us to try and match the funds.

Henry Melchiona and his late wife Maureen have done much for the community of Ronkonkoma and our parish over the years. An anonymous patron has offered to establish a scholarship fund in his name and to contribute **\$10,000**. Henry has asked that this benefit our St. Joseph School. What we would like to do now is to match that with additional donations. We have had several come in already amounting to over \$5,000.

If you can, and would like to, contribute to the Henry and Maureen Melchiona scholarship Fund, please call the rectory and speak to our business manager, Deacon Ed Grieb, or fill out the below tear-off.

I would like to contribute to the Henry and Maureen Melchiona scholarship fund in the amount of \$_____.

Enclosed is my check for \$_____, and I will pay the balance in ____ annual installments of \$_____.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone #: _____

The Henry and Maureen Melchiona Scholarship will offer two (2) annual scholarships of \$1,000 each to middle school students of St. Joseph School.

Mr. Melchiona is a retired law enforcement officer who has been a leader in the St. Joseph CYO program for many years. Maureen was there (and still is) to support him. Together they have made a tremendous commitment to the community.

To reflect their commitment to the community, eligible students should therefore demonstrate integrity, civic responsibility, and good sportsmanship. More specifically, selected students will exhibit:

- A desire to make a meaningful contribution to society, by being involved in a balance of community, school and athletic activities
- Pursue goals and aspirations with integrity, resolution, self-discipline and judgment
- Exhibit teamwork and grit when faced with challenges

The scholarships will be given out annually at a CYO family Mass each spring. Deserving students will be selected from enrolled students in the upcoming school year and will be selected by a committee including the Pastor, school principal, and Henry Melchiona (or his designee).



St. Joseph Parish 2018 Backward Drawing

SATURDAY, April 28, 2018

Carew Hall - Doors open at 6 PM

\$10,000.00 GRAND PRIZE

(Last ticket drawn—Winner need not be present)

PRIZE LIST

TICKET DRAWN	PRIZE AMOUNT
1	\$500.00
50	\$200.00
100	\$200.00
150	\$200.00
200	\$200.00
250	\$200.00
300	\$200.00
350	\$200.00
396	\$250.00
397	\$350.00
398	\$500.00
399	\$2000.00
400	\$10,000.00



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Only 400
Tickets Sold
Winners need not
be present.*

LAST TICKET DRAWN—\$10,000.00—WOW!



Dinner - Drink - Prizes
Dinner includes Pasta & Meatballs, Variety of Sauces,
Dessert ,Wine & Beer
Ticket stub entitles 2 people admission to the party.



NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____ Parish ID# _____ CIRCLE # ATTENDING PARTY 0 1 2

Complete this form and return it to St. Joseph Church 45 Church St. Ronkonkoma, NY 11779.

A numbered ticket stub will be mailed to you in advance of the event.

Please enclose your donation with this order.

Prizes may be decreased pro-rata if less than 350 tickets are sold.

Thank you for your support.



2018 St Joseph Backward Drawing
Bulletin

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Help Support St. Joseph Cheerleaders’
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 Out with the Old - In with the New

Date: Saturday, May 5

Time: 8:30 - 9:30am

Location: School Parking Lot

We will take: Clothing, Coats, Shoes, Bedding
 If you can’t make it then, bring items to the
 rectory

Questions or Information:

Please Call: Jennine Conway 631-790-2430



We are pleased to offer a Sensory-Friendly Mass at 3 pm on the second Sunday of the month, so families who have children with special needs can attend Mass together! We provide a monitored space set up with various items to help facilitate an easier experience for you and your family. The next mass will take place on April 8 in the basement of the rectory. Since space is limited if you plan to attend, we would appreciate if you would contact Rachel and let her know. Email: rachcaz@gmail.com; phone: 631-521-1425.



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



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Perhaps

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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.

Joseph's and "off-campus" as well.

Come to our meeting and check it out.

Visit our next meeting:

April 22, 2018 Tonight

e-mail: Crew272@StJoRonk.org

phone: Advisor Mike Keller (631) 872-7675

What did you do this weekend?

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)

—REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED—
our deceased soldiers and all of our
deceased relatives and friends.

Joseph Minieri, Katherine Amend, Robert Bruno,
Anthony Vitalino

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

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