



**OUR LITURGY**

Isaiah speaks of a servant of God who, filled with the Spirit, pleases God by doing his will and allowing God to work through him. Our reading from Acts finds Peter proclaiming the mission of Jesus that began with his Baptism. Matthew gives us an account of Jesus' Baptism and the testimony of God the Father proclaiming Jesus as his Son.

**ALTAR BREAD & WINE**  
 In Memory of  
*Louis DeLisio*  
 Requested by  
*Loving Wife*



**OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS**

*This Week*

*Next Week*

<b>Fr Tapel</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Fr Boyle</b>
<b>Fr Tapel</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Fr Boyle</b>
<b>Fr Maffeo</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Fr Tapel</b>
<b>Fr Boyle</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Fr Maffeo</b>
<b>Fr Maffeo</b>	<b>12:00 Noon</b>	<b>Fr Tapel</b>
<b>Fr Boyle</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Fr Maffeo</b>

*IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP THE GIFTS AT THE MASSES ON SATURDAY OR SUNDAY, PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE USHERS WHEN YOU ARRIVE FOR MASS.*

**GOSPEL STUDY**



**FR. RENE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE PARISHIONERS TO JOIN HIM EVERY FRIDAY FROM 10-11 AM IN CAREW HALL FOR A BIBLICAL STUDY ON THE COMING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL BYOB (BRING YOUR OWN BIBLE!)**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, January 13, Baptism of the Lord**

- 7:00 Joseph DeMaio requested by Louis & Jane DeMaio
- 9:00 Marion Colletti requested by Maria & Robert Duerr
- 9:00 Frank J Buddine requested by The Morgan Family
- 10:30 Angelo DiFilippo requested by Claire & Jim McQuillan
- 10:30 Norma Owen requested by Claire & Jim McQuillan
- 12:00 CPL David Lindsey requested by The Buckley Family
- 12:00 Anabelle Mattern requested by Nicole Sherman & Family
- 5:00 Sharon Schneider requested by The Ambrosio Family
- 5:00 Norma Owen requested by Millie D'Agostino

**Monday, January 14**

- 7:00 Angelo Puorro requested by The Trink Family
- 7:00 Nina Gambino requested by Mr & Mrs Triolo
- 9:00 Rose Marshall requested by Donna Marshall
- 9:00 Angelo Buonconsiglio Sr requested by The Wiegand Family

**Tuesday, January 15**

- 7:00 The People of the Parish
- 8:45 William Hausner requested by Vincente & Buono Families
- 8:45 Rosemarie D Bassett requested by The Buckley Family

**Wednesday, January 16**

- 7:00 Intentions of the Celebrant
- 9:00 Catherine DeBellis requested by Court St Joseph # 975 CDA
- 9:00 Bill Schaaf requested by Dora Brignoni

**Thursday, January 17, St Anthony the Abbot**

- 7:00 Ralph Kubicko requested by Beloved Family
- 9:00 Rose Puglisi requested by Loving Sister & Nephew
- 9:00 Jessica Malone requested by Loving Sister Josephine Valsechi

**Friday, January 18**

- 7:00 Ken Stokes (living) requested by a Friend
- 9:00 Gelardina Riccardelli requested by  
 Mr & Mrs Pasquale Riccardelli
- 9:00 Peter Haack requested by Dan & Vivian McDonald

**Saturday, January 19**

- 8:00 Rita & Bill Hubbard & Paul Shadlich requested by  
 Loving Family
- 8:00 Margaret Gregorek requested by The Misuraca Family

**Anticipated Mass for Sunday**

- 5:00 Vinci & Carmine Squitieri requested by Loving Family
- 5:00 Michelle Altonji requested by Millie & Tom D'Agostino

**Sunday, January 20, Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**

- 7:00 Stanley Megali requested by Mary Ellen Nicoletti
- 7:00 Joseph DeMaio requested by Annette Platania
- 9:00 Margaret Nugent requested by Loving Family
- 9:00 Maureen Morgan requested by Diane Forte
- 10:30 Pray for an End to Abortion requested by  
 Respect Life Committee
- 10:30 Rose Vives requested by Ramon & Esquerria Families
- 12:00 Philip Jarymiszyn requested by Loving Wife & Sons
- 12:00 Ronald Clifford requested by Jerry & Pat Peters
- 5:00 Gloria Iadanza requested by The Darois Family
- 5:00 Sharon Schneider requested by Eleanor Schratwieser & Family

## FROM THE DESK OF FR. MIKE

After his election in October of 1958, *Pope John XXIII* wanted to visit the inmates at Rome's *Regina Caeli Prison*. This desire of the new Pope did not come to fulfillment until December of that year for a Christmas visit. When he arrived at the prison, he told the prisoners that he came as; "*Joseph your brother.*" He shared with them that since they could not come to him he had to come to them. He also told them not to give up hope, and know that they could change their lives after they served their terms, as he shared with them that he had relatives who had served time and they came out with no lasting harm. John XXIII told those gathered there; "*I want to see the world through your eyes.*" The Pope truly won over their hearts, in fact one person came up to him who was a murderer. As he fell on his knees, he asked the Pope; "Holy Father, can there be forgiveness for the likes of me?" The Pope simply stood him up, and embraced him as a sign that said to all that could see; yes, God can and does forgive even murder, if there is a desire on the part of the sinner to receive and be open to the forgiveness that God offers. They were so impressed by this visit, not just because he was the Pope and he came to see them, but because he took the time to come, to see them, to minister to them and to share their existence; if only for a while.

Today that is what we remember on the part of Jesus who comes to the Jordan to be baptized by John along side those who were seeking repentance and to come closer to God. If only those who were on the river bank that day knew how close they were to the presence of God! Our Lord shared with those people their existence as He too was baptized: even though He was without sin. In short, he did not need to be baptized because of sin, but He chose to do so that we could freely identify with Him and He could identify with us. This of course is the whole mystery of the Incarnation, for God truly **has become one of us** in the person of Jesus. *Blessed John XXIII*, like his Holy Master, did exactly the same; he shared the prisoners' existence so that they could feel the love and presence of God through His servant the successor of St. Peter who is Christ's Vicar on Earth. Just as Jesus did 2000 years ago, so He does now for us and with us as He continues to share our lives and we through His great gift allows us to share His life. Through this gift we are freed from sin and darkness and are given new and eternal life. This is what we celebrate on this special feast day and what we have been celebrating for the entire Christmas Season.

Today as we celebrate the Lord's solidarity with us through His baptism by John, let us recall our entering more closely with Jesus and the Father and the Holy Spirit as we remember our Sacramental Baptism through water and the Holy Spirit (which is truly more powerful than the baptism of John), and we can do that as we remember our **Baptismal Promises**. **For each please respond; I Do.** (If only to yourself)

**Do you reject Satan? And all his works? And all his empty promises? Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth? Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father? Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?**

**This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen!**

*And for the last time this year, Merry Christmas!*

*Fr. Mike*

[www.bible.ca](http://www.bible.ca)





## REMEMBER OUR SICK

Rosemarie Aiello	William Barry
Edmond Blinn	Ronald Cassidy
Lu Clifford	Kathy Cunningham
Ann DeMaio	Sr Marie Denise
Michael DePinto	Brian Devereux
John Dwyer	Paul Feltman
Joanne Fergus	Robert Filce
Ann Fortunato	Vincent Fortunato
Louise Harney	Kyle Heffron
Jane Keaveny	Vincent Keaveny
Eileen Keddy	Rachel Marie Keddy
Krystyna Kuras	Kevin Latini
Marion Lewis	Georgiana Lopez
Anthony Martinez	Msgr Frank Midura
Toby Monti	Barbara Mooney
James O'Donnell	Joanora O'Donnell
Marion Pedroli	Lorraine Persson
Grace C Peshkur	Paula Piccirillo
Anna Plude	Nicole Ramaglia
John Walter Rochford	Dawn Saporito
Karen Seibel-McCullagh	Barbara Seibel-Schoenfeld
Irene Sherry	Richard Silva
Darryl Smith	Ken Stokes
Stacie Tizzard	Lloyd Turnier
Patricia Vasiento	

## PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

SGT Deborah Alfieri	PFC Matthew Altonji
LCPL Justin Aragones	TSGT Louis Barletta
2LT Stephen Bartoszak	LT Michael-Jon Bonacorsa
LCPL John Brown	PFC Justin Browne
LTCOL James Cersosimo	CPL Glenn Clacher
SPC Thomas E. Corcoran	SPC Jason Crawford
CPT Edward Cuevas	PFC John B Cuneo
SGT Ryan Delaney	TSGT Timothy Dermody
LTCOL Kurt Diehl	SGT Stephen DiGirolamo
SSGT Tony Elliott	LT Kelly Fletcher
SPC Adam Franciosa	CPT Mark Gillman
CPT Evan Gotkin	RCT RJ Hartmann
AB J.R. Kay	SGT John W Keohane
SSGT Steven Knight	CPL Andrew Kochman
PFC Thomas Lupo	SGT Wade Lynch
LCPL Marshall	PVT Thomas B McGinn
SGT Patrick McNally	PFC William Meyer
CPO Gregory Migliore	SGT Glenn Miller
2LT Heather Miras	SGT Daniel Montville
SSGT Brian Moran	MAJ Gregory Mueller
LCPL Thomas Napolitano	LCPL Michael Napolitano
PVT Todd Nelson	LCPL James Neubauer
LCPL Anthony Notaroberta	PVT James Notaroberta
SGT Brian Pacella	N/Seal Paul Padro
ENS3 Lucy Padro	CPT Michael Parisi
2LT Anthony Parisi	MAJ Paul E Pinaud
CTR2 Matthew Pistrutto	LT David A Rewkowski
SGT Edwin Rivera, II	LCPL William R Rodgers
LCPL Anthony Sbrocco	SSGT Jason Schiavo
CPL Brian Schildt	LCPL W.Mason Shehan
SPC James Stanek	PVT Erica Sweeney
PFC Greg Terrish	CPL Jason Tulowitzki
SSGT Nick Vicale	SGT John Thomas Vogt
LCPL Brandon Waldon	SGT Randolph Weaver
2LT John Wolven	

**PLEASE NOTE:** To keep our prayer list current, we will keep names on the sick list for **two months**. We ask families to return the bulletin cut-out to include names of those who are ill for another two months.

**REMEMBERING THE SICK**

Please include the following in the bulletin sick list:

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of person who is ill:

Person making this request: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to ill person \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please place in collection basket or return to Church Office)*

*(Friends can be placed on the silent prayer list only)*

**REMEMBERING OUR TROOPS**

Please include the following soldier in your prayers :

\_\_\_\_\_

Name, Rank and Branch of Service

Person making this request: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Soldier \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Friends can be placed on the silent prayer list only)*

**REMEMBER OUR DEAD**

Jennie Cataldi, Jose Martins, Marion Austin, Linda Rogers, 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

**Religious Education**

[reled@stjoronk.org](mailto:reled@stjoronk.org)



**Office Hours are:**

**9 - 4 on Monday & Thursday**  
**10 - 4 on Tuesday & Wednesday**

Monday, January 14th Level 1 Activity. Please come at your scheduled time.

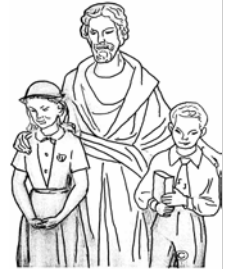
Wednesday, January 16th, Catechist meeting at 7:30 p.m. in school auditorium.

Reconciliation for Level 2 will be held on Saturday, Jan 19th at 10:30-noon. Please follow your child's class schedule.

**St Joseph's School**

[school@stjoronk.org](mailto:school@stjoronk.org)

Congratulations to the following St Joseph School graduates of 2007. They are now attending freshman year at St Anthony's High School and have achieved Honor Roll for the first trimester:



Stephan Brandt, Elizabeth Easton, Matthew Fortunato, Matthew Lanotte, Bishara Mansur, Victoria Massey, Eric Mattessich, Jonathan Sanders, Edward Schmidt and Thomas Thicke.

Keep up the excellent work!



**Outreach**

[sipo@verizon.net](mailto:sipo@verizon.net)

The Outreach cliental are in need of toiletries - toothpaste, soap, deodorant, toilet paper, shampoo, etc. - please help them if you can. Also paper towels, tissues and paper napkins would be appreciated. All donations can be left by the Blessed Mother statue in the front of the Church. Thank you.



**Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

The Parish Office will be open on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> from 9 AM - 3 PM

There will be no evening hours.

**Blessed Sacrament**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Monday (except holidays) from 2-6:45 PM

And on each First Friday from 7:30- 8:30PM

Please come and spend some quiet time with the Blessed Sacrament



**St. Vincent de Paul**

In the life of Mother Teresa, the Two Commandments- to love God and to love our neighbor-are inseparable. In her life and work she exemplifies the relationship between the two:

*How, if we do not love God we cannot love our neighbor, and if we do not love our neighbor we cannot love God.*



**Diocese of Rockville Centre Annulment Information Meeting**

*" The Church's annulment Process offers the divorced person a vehicle for healing and closure of what is, many times, a painful period in one's life."*

Presenter Fr James Pereda, Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Rockville Centre will explain the annulment process and will begin the question and answer time. Lorraine Cortina a minister to divorced and separated Catholics will be present to share her personal experience of the process.

**The meeting will take place at 7:30PM on:** Tuesday, January 29, at St Joseph's, Kings Park  
 The cost is \$10 per person.

**To register go to:** [www.drvc-faith.org](http://www.drvc-faith.org)  
 or **for more information** call:  
 Kathleen Logan at 516-678-5800 ext 236  
 or email her at [klogan@drvc.org](mailto:klogan@drvc.org).



## RESPECT LIFE

The state Catholic Conference, the diocesan Respect Life office & Telecare, are producing a DVD to help educate Catholics statewide about Gov. Spitzer's proposed Reproductive Health & Privacy protection Act. The Governor's proposal is "misguided, immoral & radical," said Kathleen Gallagher, director of pro-life activities for the NYS Catholic Conference, as she recorded the DVD at Telecare's studio, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>.

The bill would eliminate even modest controls on legal abortion & possibly force physicians & hospitals- including Catholic hospitals- to perform abortions, she said. In addition, the bill could potentially be used to force employers & health insurance plans to pay for abortion. The bill "is not pro-choice. It is pro-abortion, & it eliminates choice. It will not make abortion rare. It demands that society approve of abortion," she said.

Msgr. Francis Maniscalco, who is the new director of the diocesan Respect Life Office feels that "The governor's proposal is so extreme & many may not be aware of its scope; & because so, many participants at the annual diocesan respect Life convention of 10/13 expressed the wish that their entire parishes be made aware" he decided that a DVD of Ms. Gallagher's presentation be made available, not only to all the parishes of Rockville Centre, but Msgr. intends to reach every parish in all eight of the dioceses of N.Y.S. Quite an undertaking! (Check Telecare's schedule. It should air in a week or two)

Gov. Spitzer's bill would make abortion a fundamental right, like the right to free speech or the right to vote. And so it would declare that the state could not discriminate in benefits, services or information. Health insurance plans would have to cover abortion & employers would be forced to offer such coverage to their employees. With abortion established as a fundamental right, the bill's provisions would allow state regulatory agencies to deny licenses to physicians who don't perform abortion, & operating certificates to hospitals- even Catholic hospitals- that do not offer the procedure.

Ms. Gallagher cited opinion polls that show that most Americans want **greater** restrictions on abortion & believe that late-term abortions should be illegal. "The governor needs to hear from you," she said, & also urged viewers of the DVD to seek more information from the state Catholic Conference by calling 518-434-6195, or accessing its web site, [www.nyscatholic.org](http://www.nyscatholic.org). Voters should also express their views to their elected officials, especially in the NYS Senate, "our best chance of stopping this insidious abortion bill."

*"Our bishops tell us that participation in the political life of our society is a requirement of our faith, & we must do all within our power to oppose this misguided, immoral, & radical proposal."*

Kathleen Gallagher, L.I. Catholic, Jan 3, 2008

**PREGNANCY CRISIS HOTLINE** - We are here to help you. Please call 981-6888.

## Weekly Offering

Sunday, January 6, 2007 Offerings	\$17,126
Same collection last year	17,875

Number of envelopes 558

Poor Box last weekend \$402

Fuel Collection	\$6,844
Same time last year	7,311

November Weekly Budget Amount \$18,125

Last Week's Collection 17,126

**Shortfall \$ - 999**

Christmas 2007	\$57,009
2006	54,287

*Thank you for your generous response to the appeal for increased giving.*

*God Bless You Always, Fr Mike*

*Believe it or not .....*

*Ash Wednesday is less than a month away.*

*We are in need of your old palm in order to make ashes.*

*Please bring in your palm and deposit it in the can in the lobby. Thank You.*



Please look for people in the lobby of our Church next weekend who will help you send roses (Right to Life symbol) to our U.S. Senators, Representatives & other officials, & to take your reservation for a seat on the bus on Tues., Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>, for the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. For more information, you may call Marie at 588-0168.

## Mark Your Calendars



Jan 13	Baptism of the Lord
Jan 14	Baptism Class 8-9PM Rectory Basement
Jan 18	Pre Cana 7:30-9:30PM Carew Hall
Jan 22	Right to Life March on Washington
Jan 25	Pre Cana 7:30-9:30 PM Carew Hall
Jan 26	Pre Cana Closing 5PM Mass
Jan 27 - Feb 2	Catholic Schools Week
Feb 3	Unity Sunday
Feb 3	Scout Sunday - Pancake Breakfast
Feb 6	Ash Wednesday



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 13, 2008

Dear Friends in Christ,

One hundred years ago Father Paul Watson, founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, initiated The Chair of Unity Octave. This visionary priest, who had begun his ministry as an Episcopalian and was later received into the Catholic Church, had a burning passion to work for the unity of all the Church. As a Christian he was committed to fulfilling the prayer of Jesus, "That they might all be one." As a Franciscan he felt deep in his heart the prayer of Francis, "Make me an instrument of your peace."

At the time, Father Paul's vision seemed almost naïve. It took another sixty years before the Second Vatican Council would commit the Catholic Church to the process of ecumenism. Still, the power of prayer is great. The strides toward unity that the Christian communions have taken over the past forty years must surely be part of Father Paul's delight in heaven.

Now known as The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and officially supported by the World Council of Churches and the Holy See, this time of prayer continues to inspire Christians to open their hearts and minds to the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who gently yet powerfully moves Christians to reach beyond the sin of their divisions to discover the oneness initiated by our Baptism.

Serious issues of faith and practice still divide us. We do not yet sit together at the Lord's table. Still, the progress that Grace has effected in us over the past one hundred years is a cause of great hope. I invite all the Catholics of Long Island to join this week with our fellow Christians in asking the Spirit of God to continue to move us forward towards that unity for which Jesus prayed.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Bishop of Rockville Centre



# **Saint Joseph's Catholic School**

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**[www.StJosephRonkonkomaElem.org](http://www.StJosephRonkonkomaElem.org)**

## **OPEN HOUSE**

*Tour the school / Meet the teachers*

**January 27, 2008: 10am to 1pm**

- **Pre – K:** 5 Full-Day or 5 Half-Day
- **Nursery:** Half-Day programs available 2, 3 or 5 Days
- **Full-Day Kindergarten**
- **Elementary Grades 1 - 5**
- **Middle School Grades 6 - 8**

**Consider what a Catholic Education can mean  
for your child and your family:**

- ☞ **Values based education / Safe learning environment**
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- ☞ **Extra curricular activities for students and families**
- ☞ **District Bussing / Before and after school care programs**

**Call the School Office or visit the Web Site for more information**

***“What they learn today will determine what they value tomorrow”***

# The March for Life



Washington, D.C.  
Tuesday, January 22, 2007

A bus will leave from St Joseph's Church for the one-day trip. Sign up for the bus will take place on Saturday, January 12th and Sunday, January 13th.

This is the 35th March for Life. Members of St Joseph Parish, St Regis Council Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes, and Court of St Joseph Catholic Daughters have attended the March for Life each of the past 34 years. Please plan to use this event to make your commitment to the sanctity of all human life. Be part of history in the making as you walk along Constitution Avenue in Washington, DC, up Capitol Hill to end in front of the Supreme Court Building. You will be marching with over 100,000 pro-life people including clergy and religious, men, women, college groups, teens, and families from all 50 states. This will be the experience of a lifetime.

Bishop Murphy will be greeting marchers from Long Island at 11:15 in front of the Capitol before the March for Life begins at the corner of 7th Street and Madison Drive across from the National Gallery of Art.

A Mass will be celebrated here at St Joseph's at 4:30AM Tuesday, January 22nd for those making the trip and for those wishing to offer the Mass for the success of the March.

For information call St Joseph Parish Respect Life Committee at 588-0168 or 724-8586.

“Children are the major richness and the most precious good of a family.”

~ Pope Benedict XVI



# Building for the Future

## It's Time



**Goal:           \$200,000**

**To Date:       \$124,125**

**We Are ready to begin but we still need your help.**

As you can see, we are half way to our goal of funds needed to complete the projects we have been speaking of since the Spring. Our next step is to tear down the convent and cart away the debris. After that, we will permanently install the modular buildings we purchased to become our new Religious Education Office. This is made possible by the generosity of all parishioners, several of which have already responded. We thank those who have made a pledge or donation and we ask you to please help us in any way you can. Use the tear out below and drop it in the collection basket at mass or bring/mail to the rectory office at

45 Church St. Ronkonkoma, NY 11779. God Bless you.

**Yes, Fr. Mike, I want to Help St. Joseph's**

**Finish the Restoration Projects and Build for the Future!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ID # \_\_\_\_\_

We welcome all pledges. If each family could make a pledge of \$200 it would be greatly appreciated. All pledges are payable over the period of time you designate.

Pledge Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make payments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly   Quarterly please circle one

Fr. Mike, I authorize you to charge my credit card for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ each month until the total of my pledge is paid in full.

Credit Card Type: MC   Visa   American Express   Other \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Security code # on back of card (3 or 4 digit #) \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



# The Calendar Club



**DON'T MISS OUT ON ALL THE FUN !!!  
THE WINNING IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!!**

## **For Your Chance to Win Each Day for the Next Year**

**Everyday for the next year we will draw one number. The owner of that number will win the prize for that day. Then the number is put back into the mix for the next day's drawing, giving you yet another opportunity to WIN!!!!**

A donation of only \$25 buys you 1 number and 362 chances to win.

A donation of \$100 will buy you 1,810 chances to win!!!!!!

*Your donation must accompany this form. The calendars will be mailed to you when all returns are received. In order to kick off the drawing in January of 2008, we ask you to return your request as soon as possible. Thank you and Good Luck*

MAIL ALL DONATIONS TO: St Joseph Church  
45 CHURCH STREET  
RONKONKOMA, NY 11779-3300

*NOTE: If more than 1000 calendars are sold, prizes will be increased proportionately.*

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**MEMBERS NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER OF CALENDARS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$25 = \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**5 FOR \$100 TOTAL ENCLOSED \$** \_\_\_\_\_



*When you're here,  
you're home...*

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN  
OPEN HOUSE**

JANUARY 2008

Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm  
Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm

***Sign a lease by the end of January to  
Receive one month's rent FREE!!!***

FEBRUARY 2008 **Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm**

MARCH 2008 **Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm**

**Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm**

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# For the Young at Heart



## YOUTH IN MINISTRY

Every Sunday at 5:00 PM, St. Joseph's Parish offers a modern, upbeat, worship experience designed especially for youth and their families.

**Everyone in grades 7-12 is invited to participate.**

*We're looking for:* Lectors Ushers Musicians/Singers Altar Servers  
Eucharistic Ministers (Eucharistic ministers must be over 18)

**Youth  
Worship  
Service**

For more information about joining *Youth in Ministry*, contact [YIM@StJoRonk.org](mailto:YIM@StJoRonk.org)

## Venturing Events

*In Carew Hall after 5:00 PM Mass*

Open to all young men & women from 9th grade to age 20. For info about our crew or to join us, just visit one of our meetings.



### Next Meetings

January 13

January 20

**E-mail:** [Crew272@StJoRonk.org](mailto:Crew272@StJoRonk.org)  
**Phone:** Advisor Mike Keller (631) 467-6468



*Christ was one  
child Who knew  
more than His  
parents --  
yet He obeyed  
them.*



**Sport for all Seasons  
ST. JOSEPH CYO**

**Baseball:** Gene ☎ 588-1879

### **Basketball:**

Girls Intramural & Travel : Christine ☎ 275-8321  
Boys Intramural : Henry ☎ 467-6091  
Boys Travel: Vinney ☎ 467-3651

### **Soccer :**

Intramural : Joe ☎ 737-6299  
Travel : Tony B ☎ 737-5159

**Track:** Karen ☎ 588-8636

**Chairman:** Henry Melchiona ☎ 467-6091



**St Joseph's Play  
Group**

Calling all babies, toddlers and pre schoolers - Come meet new friends at the St Joseph's Playgroup! Bring your Mom, Dad, Grandparents or caregiver to Fr. Carew Hall on Thursday's at 10:00 AM. There you'll meet other St Joseph's families and spend an hour of fun with other children from birth to age 5. For more information please call Sally Miller at 737-5120. Hope to see you there!



## 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 979-0060  
or e-mail [JoinScouting@StJoRonk.org](mailto:JoinScouting@StJoRonk.org).**

## Courtesy Announcements

**Valentine Evening for Married Couples** - Thursday, February 14th at the Cenacle Retreat house. Spend a romantic evening celebrating the gift of love with a candlelight dinner & renewal of vows in the context of the Eucharist. Registration begins at 5:30PM & dinner at 6:30 PM with the program concluding by 10:00PM For more information call 588-8366.

**St Patrick's singles Fellowship** - Coffee & Conversation Sunday, January 20th from 10AM to 1PM. Widowed, single, divorced, separated ages 30-60 plus. \$2.00. For information call Gail at 631-360-1860 Mon-Fri.

**Charismatic Healing Mass** - Saturday, January 19th at Our Lady of the Island Shrine in Eastport. Praise & Worship begins at 1:00 PM. Mass begins at 1:30PM. For more information call 631-730-6210.

**Free Food for NY Seniors** - the FAN is offering free food for Seniors age 60 and over who are income eligible. New eligible include a single senior whose gross monthly is \$1,107 or less, and a senior whose gross monthly income is \$1,484 or less. Call 631-491-4166 or 516-623-4568.

**Free Food for NYS Women & Children** -the FAN (Food and Nutrition Program) is offering FREE ENFAMIL Formula (both regular & Soy), also nutrition food for income eligible children under six years of age (not on WIC) plus pregnant & up to one year postpartum women. The INCOME guidelines are: A family of two with a weekly gross income of \$488 is eligible. For each additional member add \$124. Call: 631-491-4166 or 516-623-4568.



**Meals-On-Wheels** - Lake Nutrition Meals-on-Wheels provides food to elderly & homebound Monday thru Friday, two meals a day. Hot meals & cold meals are available for a charge of \$6 for both meals. Call 467-8948 for information. **Wanted- Volunteers** - 1 hour of your time, 1 day a week to deliver meals to the homebound, Monday thru Friday, 10:45-12:00 Noon. Please call Suzanne at 467-8948 if you are able to help Meals on Wheels.

**Smithtown Central School District Adult Basic Education Program**—Free Classes! Learn English, Earn your GED, High School Equivalency Diploma, Prepare for Citizenship, Gain Basic Computer Skills (Seniors & ESL Students) & Receive Career Counseling! For more info call 382-2181 or [www.smithtown.k12.ny.us](http://www.smithtown.k12.ny.us)

**Professional Therapy** provided by NYS licensed therapists, are available to our parish and 80 other parishes. It is provided by the Catholic Counseling Center which is independent of & not controlled or supervised by the parish or diocese. Most insurance policies are honored. For confidential information & appointment, call Dr Giuliani at 243-2503.

**The Beginning Experience** - help for the heartache of divorce, separation, & widowhood. A weekend away for a lifetime of change. The next weekend is February 15 through 17th, 2008. For information & reservations, call Connie at 516-735-1720, Mike at 516-812-6417, or Celia at 516-625-1073.

**Mom's Club** - at Hope House Human Services Center located at 1 High Street in Port Jefferson. Monday mornings from 10-11AM beginning January 28th thru March 10th. (Dates may extend to March 31st if sessions are cancelled due to bad weather.) We will meet to share and discuss common issues, to discuss "A Walk on the Beach" by Joan Anderson and just to "be" together. To register call Sister Jean Olsen, OP on or before January 21st at 631-928-2377 (ext 12).

**Marriage Encounter Weekend** - the next weekend is scheduled for February 8-10. Registration is limited. For more information or to register call toll free 1-866-499-6354. Please visit our website at <http://www.wmeli.org> or email Ron and Chris at [ron@morassefamily.com](mailto:ron@morassefamily.com). Learn the secrets to making a good marriage a Great One!

### ***We're Looking For...***

**BOX TOPS** - from cereals for Educational purposes are always welcomed. Please drop them in the collection.

**DEPOSIT BOTTLES AND CANS**- Please place them in the baskets that are located on the school side of the Church on weekends or behind the rectory during the week.

**CELL PHONES** - Please bring your no longer used or needed cell phones and deposit them at the Scrip table in the Church lobby.

**INKJET CARTRIDGES** - Drop them off (in a plastic baggie) when you come to mass. We will send them to a company who reuses them and gives the parish a bounty for each. One note, to clear confusion, if it is larger than a fist, it is not an inkjet cartridge!!!