


OUR LITURGY

In today's Gospel, the disciples had locked themselves in a room, and the resurrected Jesus appeared to them, but Thomas was not there. When he heard what had happened, he would not believe without seeing for himself. It was only by encountering Jesus personally that Thomas could experience the Lord's peace and presence.

ALTAR BREAD & WINE
 In Memory of
 Joan Donegan
 Requested by
 Terry & Peggy



OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

This Week

Next Week

Fr Tapel	5:00 PM	Fr Maffeo
Fr Tapel	7:00 AM	Fr Maffeo
Fr Boyle	9:00 AM	Fr Boyle
Fr Maffeo	10:30 AM	Fr Thomas
Fr Thomas	12:00 Noon	Fr Tapel
Fr Maffeo	5:00 PM	Fr Thomas

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.

Easter Blessing of Homes

It is a Christian tradition to have our Homes blessed in the Easter Season using the water that was blessed at the Easter Vigil Service. As part of evangelizing the parish, we will bless the homes of those who request it. Should you want to have your home blessed in the Easter season (which ends on the feast of Pentecost) please call the Rectory to leave your name, address and phone number along with the date and time you desire to have the blessing. It is suggested that all the members of the family are present, if possible, at the time of blessing.



MASS INTENTIONS



Sunday, March 30, Divine Mercy Sunday

- 7:00 Lawrence Hayes requested by Georgann & Tom
- 7:00 Lillian Zarrello requested by Gettinger Family
- 9:00 Joseph Onufrak requested by Loving Wife & Family
- 9:00 Deceased Members of the St Regis
 Knights of Columbus & Columbiettes
- 10:30 Theresa DeFilippo requested by Loving Daughter Marie
- 10:30 Gabrielle Graham requested by St Joseph Catholic Seniors
- 12:00 Eileen Rieder requested by Kathy Brann
- 12:00 Catherine DeBellis requested by Tom & Millie D'Agostino
- 5:00 Sarah Boss requested by The Dinger Family
- 5:00 Barbara Eve requested by Carol & Ed Mikolajczyk

Monday, March 31, The Annunciation of the Lord

- 7:00 Mary DeLuca requested by Rose Mary Balance
- 9:00 Adrian G Muller requested by Loving Wife
- 9:00 Rita Sargoy requested by The Ramos Family

Tuesday, April 1

- 7:00 Mary Dougherty requested by Janet Kramer
- 7:00 William Hughes Family requested by Loving Family
- 8:45 Mae & Murray Lombardo & Family
 requested by Timothy & Jean Cleere
- 8:45 Robert & RoseMarie Bassett requested by The Sabourin Family

Wednesday, April 2, St Francis of Paola

- 7:00 Margaret Chancellor requested by Edwin Meehan
- 9:00 Diane Bergamino requested by Richard Ferry
- 9:00 Christine Roach requested by Thom & Marie Kister

Thursday, April 3

- 7:00 Jae Won Byun requested by Mr & Mrs Tom Jurgensen
- 9:00 Patricia Schlosberg requested by Kim & Louis DeQuatro
- 9:00 Carmela Ricci requested by Carol & Michael

Friday, April 4, St Isidore

- 7:00 The People of the Parish
- 9:00 Mary Salata requested by Loving Children
- 9:00 John Boner requested by Joanna & Gabe Devone

Saturday, April 5, St Vincent Ferrer

- 8:00 Theresa & Angelo DeFilippo requested by Loving Family
- 8:00 Stephen T Anglim requested by Susan Page

Anticipated mass for Sunday

- 5:00 Eileen Rieder requested by Cathy & Jim Foy
- 5:00 Donna Martinez requested by Jack Triolo & Family

Sunday, April 6, Third Sunday of Easter

- 7:00 Cornelius J Dunleavy requested by Loving Wife Anne
- 7:00 Maria Migliozi requested by JoAnn Garritano
- 9:00 Barbara King requested by Joe & Michael
- 9:00 Barbara J Kenny requested by Debra Hartmann
- 10:30 Kitty Costigan requested by Fran Murphy
- 10:30 Catherine DeBellis requested by Cathy Szynaka
- 12:00 Elizabeth Rea requested by Ann Harrington
- 12:00 Eileen Breen requested by Anne Bannon & Family
- 5:00 Michael M Frain requested by Mr & Mrs L Riccardelli
- 5:00 John Williams requested by Kathy Dorney

FROM THE DESK OF FR. MIKE

“Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.’ Thomas answered and said to him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.’”

This Second Sunday of Easter brings us once again to the *Upper Room* with its locked doors and windows on the first Easter Sunday Night, and a week later, when *St. Thomas* was present, where he refused to believe the testimony of the others, who told him they saw the *Risen Lord*. We then see from the above quote, how Thomas, upon seeing Jesus, now truly believes. This Second Sunday is also known as **Divine Mercy Sunday**, and one of the key phrases found on the Image of the Divine Mercy, given to the Church through the apparitions to *St. Faustina*, is: **Jesus, I trust in You!** Where does this difference and leap of faith come from? On one hand we have Thomas, **an Apostle** who lived with Jesus, saw the wonderful things He did; listened to His beautiful words and he refused to believe that Jesus rose from the dead. And on the other hand, there are those of us who completely turn to *Jesus in the Divine Mercy, the Sacred Heart, and most importantly Jesus in The Blessed Sacrament*. How is it that we can say Jesus I Trust You! How is it possible?

Well, first don't go around patting yourself on the back saying that you or I are better than *St. Thomas* because we believe without seeing. That is because it is not on our own that we believe without seeing. For we have seen Jesus totally working in our lives in the life of the Church and the whole world. But it is only through the eyes of faith that we can see all this. And this faith comes to us from God the Father through the *Risen Lord*, by the power of the Holy Spirit as a totally free gift; a gift far more superior than what was given before. God speaks to us in our souls to show us everything He has and continues to do for us through Jesus. This we see in Peter's First Letter from today's Mass, as Peter tells us that we have all been brought to a new birth and a living hope through the Resurrection of Christ, and that what we have been given is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. This gift which is more precious than gold gives us the ability to say Jesus I Trust in You!

But unfortunately there are still too many people who can not say that and many just don't find it easy to

trust. What are we to do? It's simple; let go and let God do it for you. One could say, however, "If I could do that, don't you think I would?" Yes, but realize that you and any one like this can easily learn to trust. In short remember that you are not God, nor do you have His job, so you cannot control everything and that should be completely freeing. No, you can't control it all so give it over to God who is there to help you in everything. How do you know He will do it? **THAT'S EASY, HE SAID HE WOULD!**

But sometimes we don't get what we want or think we need, and sometimes we ask things for others and it does not happen so how can we trust? As mentioned so many times, **NO**, is an answer to prayers and not getting what we asked for is usually the best thing to happen to us or to others (even if it is a matter of life or death) because God does do what is best for us. Even in the matters of life and death God is present to help us experience the Resurrection in its fullest way. Also we can truly say I trust in you Jesus, when we realize what Thomas, the other Apostles and our Dear Blessed Mother experienced 50 days after the Resurrection. They received the Holy Spirit, and this allowed them to trust so much in Jesus that they went to all the parts of the known world to proclaim the Good News about Jesus. This allowed doubting Thomas to go to India (as tradition tells us) and proclaims the Gospel even to the point of giving up his life for Christ.

Blessed are all of us who believe without seeing, knowing that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief we may have life in His name.

Please keep in your prayers the following people who we welcomed into the Church at the Easter Vigil through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist: *Jennifer Davis, Hank Uto, Debra Barone, and Janice Graef*. Also pray for *Laura Metzger, Claudia Correa, and Christine Cooper* who were brought into Full Communion with the Church, also at the Easter Vigil.

Happy Easter
Fr. Mike



REMEMBER OUR SICK

Al Barone	Samuel Joseph Baxter
Oliver Bouchard	Elsie Bratisax
Ronald Cassidy	Marie Citron
Kathy Cunningham	Stephanie D'Agostino
Michael DePinto	Nesam Devaraj
Brian Devereux	John Dwyer
Paul Feltman	Margaret Gunn
Kyle Heffron	Mary Johnson
Jane Keaveny	Vincent Keaveny
Nancy Klemm	Kevin Latini
Georgiana Lopez	Rose Malinowski
Bill Mangan	Marie Mangan
Anthony Martinez	Karen McCullagh
Joanora O'Donnell	Ann Sue Pasquarella
Richard Pasquarella	Grace C Peshkur
Maryann Reddy	Louis Russo
Jason Ryan	Marguerite Ryan
Shawn Ryan	Dawn Saporito
Louise Schaaf	Darryll Smith
Ken Stokes	Alessandro Treglia
Lloyd Turnier	

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 Gene 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
LCPL William Langdon	PFC Thomas J Lupo
SGT Wade Lynch	LCPL Marshall
PVT Thomas B McGinn	SGT Patrick McNally
PFC William Meyer	CPL Brian G Meyer
CPO Gregory Migliore	SGT Glenn Miller
1LT 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 Pistritto	LT David A Rewkowski
SGT Edwin Rivera, II	LCPL William R Rodgers
LCPL Anthony M 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:

_____ Relationship to ill person

Person making this request: _____

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

_____ Relationship to Soldier

Person making this request: _____

Your Phone #: _____

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

REMEMBER OUR DEAD

Joanne Malafi, Michael A Myles, Antonette Ropers , Dorothy Neuman, Beatrice Baldanza,
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



Office Hours are:

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

Reminder Level 6 will be attending the Seder on April 3rd. Level 6 does not have regular classes this week, but must attend the Seder in Carew Hall at 7 pm.

Level 2 Activity in Fr. Carew Hall at 10a.m. to 12 noon. Please come at your assigned time.

Registration for 2008/2009 has started. Any child entering grade 1 in September 2008 should be registered for the first year of Communion preparation. Please call our office and we will send you the necessary forms.



GOSPEL STUDY

FR. RENE'S WEEKLY GOSPEL STUDY HAS RESUMED ON FRIDAY'S AT 10AM IN CAREW HALL.

OUTREACH

sjpo@verizon.net



Feinstein Matching Grant - This foundation will match all donations made to the Outreach Program during the months of March and April. *The more of a donation you send the more Feinstein money Outreach will get.*

Dear Friend: My name is Alan Shawn Feinstein. For the past 10 years, I have been giving away \$1 million each year to anti-hunger agencies throughout the country.

This year, I am doing it again...whatever you donate to OUTREACH, I will add money to it. The more you give, the more of my \$1 MILLION they'll get – thanks to you!

Why am I doing this? Because I believe each of us was put here on earth to do what we can to help those in need. This letter is written because we feel that YOU believe that, too. This has become the greatest grass roots campaign ever to fight hunger in our country. Your donation makes you a partner in it with me!

I'm only here to give you some support and to remind you of this: *That all that will matter to us someday is what we did while we were here to help those who needed us.*

Please give whatever you can– I will gladly add some of my money to yours. Thank you for sharing my heart, and the hope that-someday-no one will ever go hungry.

Sincerely Yours,
Alan Shawn Feinstein

St Joseph's School

school@stjoronk.org



Congratulations to our seventh and eighth graders who participated in the Chaminade High School Science Fair.

Our winners were as follows: First Honors: Jessica Rega and Caroline Grenier, Second honors: Jason Skidmore and Salvatore Scilingo, Third honors; Frank Gulotta. Great job!

Congratulations to Laekin King, grade 8 who participated in the Diocesan Right to Life Contest. Laekin was a finalist in the Bookmark Design - level 1.

Registration is open for the Fall 2008 school year. Please call the school office for registration information as soon as possible to avoid waiting lists.

Reminder transportation forms are due to the public school districts before April 1st.

Also applications are available for scholarships for fall 2008 tuition. Those must be submitted before April 1 for the September 2008 school year.



Our Easter music was Heavenly !!!!

Baptisms

Jennifer Davis

Hank Uto

Debra Barone

Janice Graef



RESPECT LIFE

NOVENA FOR THE PREBORN CHILDREN

(Starting on the Feast of the Annunciation,
celebrated March 31st)

O, Mary

Bright dawn of the new world

Mother of the living

To you do we entrust the cause of life.

Look down, O Mother,

Upon the vast numbers

Of babies not allowed to be born,

Of the poor whose lives are made difficult,

Of men and women who are victims of brutal violence,

Of the elderly and the sick killed

By indifference or out of misguided mercy.

Grant that all who believe in your Son

May proclaim the Gospel of life

With honesty and love

To the people of our time.

Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel

As a gift ever new,

The joy of celebrating it with gratitude

Throughout their lives

And the courage to bear witness to it

Resolutely, in order to build,

Together with all people of good will,

The civilization of truth and love

To the praise and glory of God,

The Creator and lover of life.

Pope John Paul II,

Evangelium Vitae Closing Prayer

Solemnity of the Annunciation, 1995

ONE – I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do every-
thing, but I can do something. What I can do, I should
do and, with the help of God, I will do!

Everett Hale

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

Weekly Offering

Easter, March 23, 2008 Offerings	\$46,020
Same collection last year	45,441

Poor Box last weekend	\$477
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Fuel Collection	\$10,866
Same time last year	11,242

Easter Sunday Budget Amount	\$48,300
Collection	46,020
Shortage	\$ 2,280

Flower Donations	\$4,780
Last Year	6,482

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

God Bless You Always, Fr Mike

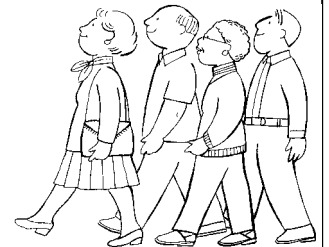


Mass
Intentions

**The 2009 Book for
Mass Intentions will be
opened on April 1st. Masses
for your loved ones can be scheduled by coming
into the rectory. The cost is \$15 each.**

St Joseph's Seniors.

St Joseph Seniors are seeking
active adults to join us on the
2nd & 4th Tuesday of each
month. We meet at 11AM at
Knights of Columbus on Pond
Rd. If you would like more
information please contact our
president at 588-5838.



Calling All Seniors!

Mark Your Calendars



Mar 30	Divine Mercy Sunday 3PM Church
Apr 4	Gospel Study 10-11:30 Carew Hall
Apr 4	First Friday - Holy Hour 7:30 PM
Apr 5	First Saturday Mass & Devotion 8-9AM
Apr 6	Unity Sunday
Apr 7	Baptism Class 8-9PM Rectory Basement
Apr 11	Gospel Study 10-11:30 Carew Hall
Apr 13	Sunday School Closing Celebration
Apr 14	Baptism Class 8-9PM Rectory Basement

2008 Catholic Ministries Appeal

The Hands of Christ-Supporting the Community Around Us

TOTALS for the 2007 APPEAL

Parish Goal: \$83,700
 Number of Pledges: 458
 Total Amount Pledged: \$88,025
 Total Amount Paid: \$85,705
 Amount Over Goal: \$ 2,005
 Parish Rebate: \$18,162

2008 TO DATE

Goal: \$89,616
 Number of Pledges: 316
 Amount Pledged: \$60,983



Ministries Appeal Update

Once again, we should like to thank all of you who have already responded so generously to this year's appeal. We encourage each and every family to get involved by making a pledge. Your support goes directly to helping in the areas of Catholic Charities, Education, Pastoral Outreach, Formation and parish rebates. Consider this, when you receive your income tax refund, why not make a donation to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Your charitable contribution will be a tax deduction toward your next tax refund! Don't forget, a pledge of \$200 or more will enter you in a drawing to win dinner for two with your parish priests. Pledges can be paid over ten months time so please be as generous as you can.

Thank you and God Bless you.

Please consider what you can do to make this campaign successful.

Please make your check payable to:
 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Pledge: \$ _____
Down Payment: \$ _____
Balance: \$ _____

Parish: _____

Payment Plan:

Name: _____

Monthly Quarterly

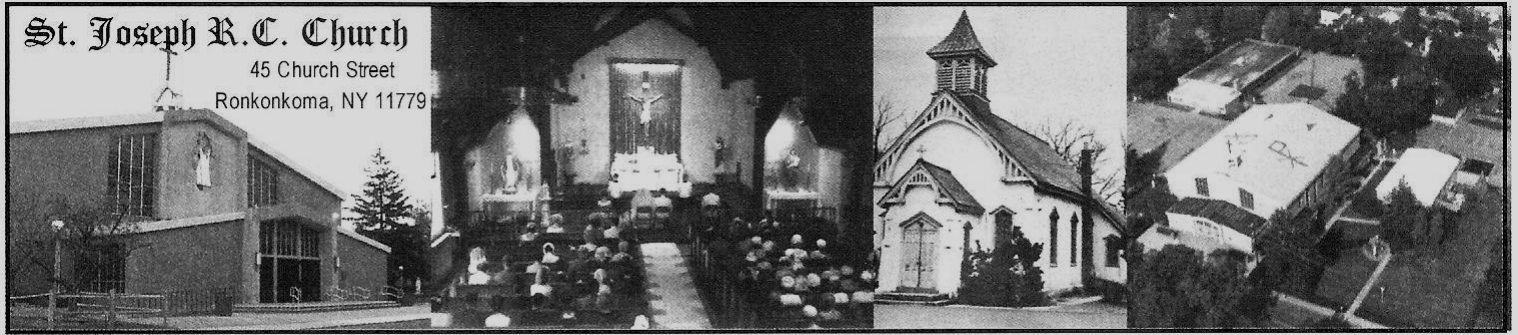
Address: _____

Annually Other

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Donor Signature: _____ Date _____

** Pledges of \$200 or more will be entered into a drawing. Five winners will each receive an invitation for dinner for two with your parish priests!



Celebrating 100 Years of Service as the Mother Church of the Ronkonkomas

Our Centennial Celebration

Our parish, St Joseph the Husband of Mary , is celebrating a momentous occasion, it's 100th Anniversary! It is a time for the community of St Joseph's parish to come together to celebrate this occasion and participate in all of the activities we have planned.

The first event we have planned is a

DINNER DANCE

The Dinner Dance will take place on April 26th at the Island Hills Golf Club in Sayville beginning at 7:30PM. There promises to be great food, lots of laughter and dancing.

Please plan on joining us.

Individual tickets are \$75

Purchase a table for 12 \$900

Tickets are available at the Rectory.

Our Centennial Celebration

**This is the last week for
Journal Ads !
It's a great way to honor a
loved one, a favorite priest
or even a friend.**

Journal Ad Guide

***Ads must be received by March 30,
2008***

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|---|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Back/Inside cover | \$600.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Page Gold Print | \$500.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Page Silver Print | \$300.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Page | \$150.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Half Page | \$ 75.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter Page | \$ 50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial | \$ 25.00 |

Memorials will recognize deceased members of our parish. Please list their names below.

Please write or attach journal copy/ad information. Business cards may be submitted.

Centennial Celebration 50/50 Raffle

3 Raffle Tickets to a Book

\$10.00 per ticket or 3 for \$25.00

Number of tickets requested: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Name: _____

Company/Organization

Street Address

City/State/Zip

Please make your checks payable to:

St. Joseph's RC Church
Centennial Celebration
45 Church Street
Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

*For additional information, please call
(631) 588-8456.*

The Image of the Divine Mercy

The Hour of Great Mercy

Our Lord asked for a special prayer at the hour that recalls His death:

“At Three o’clock implore My mercy, specially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion.... This is the hour of great mercy.... In this hour I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion (Diary, 1320)

His Promise for the Feast of Divine Mercy...

“The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (Diary, 699)

He also made clear to St. Faustina that, “I demand from your deeds of Mercy , which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere” (Diary, 742)



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Divine Mercy Sunday

During the course of Jesus’ revelations to Saint Faustina, He asked that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy on the Sunday after Easter Sunday. The liturgical texts of that day center around the Sacrament of Penance, the Tribunal of Divine Mercy, were well suited to the request of Our Lord. This feast was granted to the universal Church by Pope John Paul II at the canonization of Saint Faustina. In a decree dated 23 May 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated, “throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come.”

How to say the Chaplet:

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and The Apostles Creed.

2. Then on the Our Father Beads say the following:
Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

3. On the 10 Hail Mary Beads say the following:
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

(Repeat step 2 and 3 for all five decades).

4. Conclude with *(three times)*:
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.





Our Lady of Fatima Devotion

The 1st Saturday of each month is devoted to Our Lady of Fatima. The devotion will include 8am Mass, Novena to Fatima / the Rosary, Confessions after Mass and fellowship in Carew Hall at 9am.

Our Lady came to Fatima with a message from God to every man, woman, and child of our century. Our Lady of Fatima promised that the whole world would be in peace, and that many souls would go to Heaven if Her requests were listened to and obeyed.

Please join us in this devotion

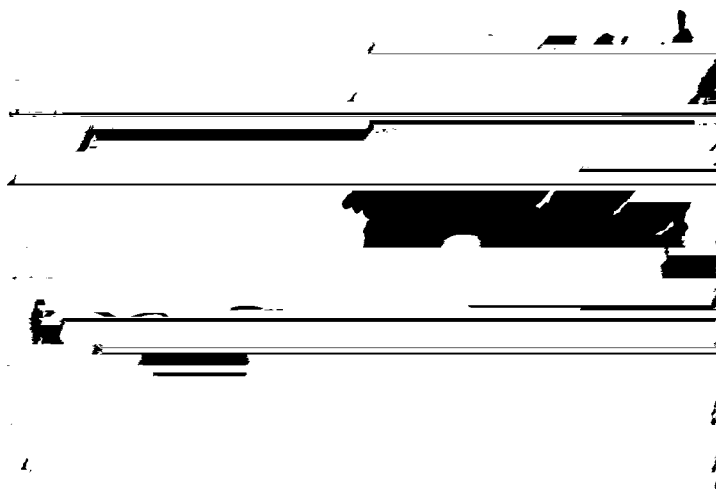
St. Joseph's Parish Monthly Recollection

On the First Friday of every month, at 7:30 PM, we hold our Monthly Parish Recollection. This is an hour of prayer, of recollection before our Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament - whose Sacred Heart is the source of immense charity & generous love. The foundation of this prayer is God's presence in our souls as Creator, Preserver, & Author of Graces. God is our Father, & our Friend & is our sweet Guest. We must acknowledge the realization of this great truth: God is in each of us, our soul is His Temple. This prayer of recollection includes the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction, Praying of the Psalms, Silence, Gospel Reading & a Talk /Reflection on the following topics: The Cardinal Virtues, The Theological Virtues & The Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Please join us.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

are needed to bring Communion to the homebound. If you are able to devote an hour or two a week to this important ministry, please call the rectory at 588-8456 and leave your name and phone number.

The Ministry of Hospitality (Ushers) are seeking individuals who are willing to greet all who come to gather around the Lord's table each week. You can make others feel warm and comfortable with your smile and willingness to help. Call the rectory or e-mail Ushers@stjoronk.org if you are interested. Help is especially needed at the 5PM Masses.



**We're in this
together
you know.
-God**

Way of Love Spiritual Growth & Healing

Prayer & support group oriented toward personal healing, mercy & forgiveness of those who trespass against us; Thursdays ongoing, beginning April 3 at 7:30PM at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island, Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Eastport Manor Rd, Eastport. Free will donation. For more information call 631-678-1709.

Life in the Spirit Seminar

April 4 - May 15th
Thursday evenings
8-9:30PM

**St John Nepomucene
Bohemia**

631-589-0450

*** WANTED ***

YOU!

AT
PARISH MISSION
CONDUCTED BY
FRANCISCAN FRIARS
MINISTRY OF THE WORD



A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE!

Parish Mission Theme 2008

Awakening our Faith in these Challenging Times

In a time when violence & evil have visited our lives, how does the Gospel Message of Jesus call us to respond? In this time of scandal in the Church, how is God present to us? How do we live Christ's message of love & reconciliation, and at the same time seek peace & justice?

How do we heal our pain?

Join us April 21st, 22nd & 23rd as we pray & seek peace together.

We'll be meeting in the Church from 8-9PM each evening.

Please plan to join us.

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT (RHAPP)

This is one RHAPP that should be beaten.

What is it? Governor Spitzer's **RHAPP** bill would make abortion a fundamental right in New York State – like freedom of speech or the right to vote.

Effects -- Just a partial listing would include:

Regardless of possible future U.S. Supreme Court decisions, the RHAPP bill, if enacted into law, would make abortion virtually immune from regulation in New York State (already the abortion capital of the nation).

Even regulation regarding abortion for minors would be forbidden.

It would allow even non-physicians to perform abortions.

The **Right of Conscience** could be **profoundly** affected – Doctors could be forced to perform abortions or lose the right to practice.

Hospitals (even Catholic Hospitals) could be forced to allow abortions for any reason.

Health and Insurance Plans could be forced to cover abortions.

RHAPP will NOT result in Pro-Choice

RHAPP will mean NO CHOICE

There is little time to act re RHAPP – Senate Bill 5829

For a start contact: New York State Catholic Conference
518-434-6165 www.nyscatholic.org

An informational DVD will be shown in Carew Hall 6PM
April 5 and after the AM Masses April 6 (Unity Sunday).

Please be aware: Regardless of the leadership changes in Albany the RHAPP bill is in the Senate Health Committee, as of 3/14/08, and could be brought to a vote at anytime this session. We ask you to view this non-graphic DVD and make your voice heard.



AND THE WINNERS ARE....

March 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 \$25 Edward Kroczyński # 28
2 \$50 Robert Lingner # 566	3 \$25 Thomas A McCann # 768	4 \$25 Diane Bonserio # 358	5 \$25 John & Maria Fausone # 339	6 \$25 Margaret Meyer # 734	7 \$25 Jack Hough # 9	8 \$25 Mr & Mrs Edward Gabriel # 515
9 \$50 Jolan & Csaba Csaszar # 115	10 \$25 Jacqueline Scannella # 429	11 \$25 Sheila Romano Pascale # 264	12 \$25 Gerry LePage # 217	13 \$25 Tom & Debbie Brennan # 858	14 \$25 Joe DiNero # 167	15 \$25 Msgr. Midura # 415
16 \$50 Natalie Gelardi # 823	17 \$25 Louise & Dominic Caranella # 378	18 \$25 Joseph & Julia Rivellese # 408	19 \$50 Feast of St Joseph Lenore & Ernie Pappas # 435	20 Holy Thursday	21 Good Friday	22 Holy Saturday
23 \$200 Easter Sunday Danny Murphy # 158	24 \$25 Joseph & Frances Maro # 773	25 \$25 Jim & Arlene Altonji # 604	26 \$25 Kathy Purcaro # 19	27 \$25 Barbara Maddaloni # 812	28 \$25 Barbara Mickelson # 315	29 \$25 Ann & Chuck Gonzalez # 366
30 \$50	31 \$25					

The Calendar Club

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 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. . Thank you and Good Luck!

MAIL TO: St Joseph Church, 45 CHURCH STREET, RONKONKOMA, NY 11779-3301

MEMBERS NAME: _____ **ADDRESS:** _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

Spaghetti Dinner and Chinese Auction



On Saturday April 12th from 6pm-9pm here at St. Joseph's Church Venturing Crew 777, BSA (sponsored by the Holbrook Lions Club) will hold their 5th Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Funds raised go directly to the youth in order to subsidize their yearly activities. For tickets (\$6), call (631) 981-1399.



St Joseph's School is hosting a ladies Night Out on Friday, April 18 from 7-10 PM. This wonderful shopping experience will be held indoors in our school gymnasium. We will be selling admission tickets into this event and will be serving food and beverages as part of the admission. For more information please call Christine Florio at 516-220-2563 or email her at 3cherubs@optonline.net.

Cub Scout Pack 272

Will be holding their annual car wash on Sunday, April 13th from 9-4 behind the Church



St Joseph's Angels CYO
Travel Baseball Tryouts

(12 and under) You are eligible if you turn 13 after April 30th.

1st Meeting - Monday, March 31st 8:30PM
at Cherokee Street School.

For more info call Vinny at 631-521-5544

Diocese of Rockville Centre

Respect Life Office

God's Plan for Growing Up

- ◆ APRIL 12 FATHER & SON BRUNCH (13-15 YEAR OLDS)
 - ◆ MAY 17 MOTHER & DAUGHTER TEA (10-12 YEAR OLDS)
 - ◆ JUNE 21 MOTHER & DAUGHTER TEA (13-15 YEAR OLDS)
- 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

At The ACADEMY of ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL
1725 Brentwood Rd, Brentwood, NY 11717

All the Programs will include speakers from GENERATION LIFE and guest speakers
These programs explore the beauty & WONDER OF God's plan for growing up & becoming a woman & man.

Topics include:

- **God's gift of human fertility **The sacredness of human life **The virtue of chastity
- **The importance of the mother/daughter & father/son relationship

The cost is \$25.00 per family, for two programs \$40.00 and For Three programs \$60.00 (non-refundable) and reservations are required. Please complete form below and mail with a check to:

The Respect Life Office

200 W. Centennial Avenue, Suite 204, Roosevelt, NY 11575 (516) 379-8292 Ext. 215 • respectlife@drvc.org

Make check payable to Diocese of Rockville Centre

I Need Your Support!!! **Eagle Scout Fundraisers**

What: Eagle Scout Fundraiser
When: Monday April 14, 2008
Time: 5PM - 7PM
Where: McDonald's – Ronkonkoma - 174 Portion Rd ~ Just East of Hawkins Ave.
Other: Treat Your Family to Dinner Out - Order from either inside or the Drive-In

Purpose: For my Eagle Scout Project, I will be building a new playground at St. Joseph's School. In order to start my project, I need to raise the money necessary to purchase the playground equipment.



Please share this with your friends & families. Everyone has to eat –why not make it McDonald's that night. While you're "lovin' it" I'll be that much closer to purchasing the playground equipment and the children of St Joseph's will be lovin' that! If you have any questions, please call me at: 631/656-8428.

Thanks for your support,
Steven Scotti, Eagle Scout Candidate
Troop 272, Ronkonkoma

CANS & BOTTLES

I'll also be collecting cans and bottles for recycling. The deposit from each can or bottle will go toward my Eagle Scout project. Every can helps !!!! Please bring your cans and bottles to the recycling center behind the rectory. Thank you.

For the Young at Heart



**Youth
Worship
Service**

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)

For more information about joining *Youth in Ministry*, contact 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.



Our next meetings will be held on

April 6th & 20th.

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



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.



**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!



Sport for all Seasons
ST. JOSEPH CYO

Baseball:

Intramural (Coed, ages 5-16): Gene ☎ 588-1879
Travel * (Boys) : Vinny ☎ 467-3651 or
Tony ☎ 737-8136

Basketball:

Girls Intramural / Lower Division: Debbie ☎ 467-6174
Girls Intramural / Upper Division: Dave ☎ 981-5513
Clinic Division (Coed Grades K-2) Henry ☎ 467-6091
Boys Intramural(Grades 3-12) : Henry ☎ 467-6091
Travel* (Boys): Vinny ☎ 467-3651

Track:

Boys & Girls, Grades K-8
Karen ☎ 588-8636 or Gina ☎ 676-6208

Soccer :

Intramural Boys & Girls(ages 4-12): Joe ☎737-6299
Travel (LIJSL): Tony B ☎ 737-5159

Chairman: Henry Melchiona ☎ 467-6091

*Must register for the intramural program as well

Courtesy Announcements

St Patrick's Day Celebration— Bishop Philip Boyce of Raphoe, Co Donegal, Ireland will be visiting Rockville Centre & is looking forward to meeting many of Ireland's sons & daughters that live on the island. On Sunday, March 30th from the hours of 4:30-9 PM he will be hosting a social evening of Irish music & culture in Cannon's Blackthorn located at 49 North Village Ave, Rockville Centre. For more information call 516-678-5000 ext 6899.

American Sign Language Classes - begin March 3rd at the Cleary School for the deaf. Levels 1-5 are being offered. Call Carolyn at 588-0530 for information.

Charismatic Prayer Meeting - at Our Lady of the Island Shrine the fourth Wednesday of each month from 7- 9PM.

Victorian Tea - hosted by St Regis Columbiettes to raise funds for DDI Foundation to help children with Autism. It will be held on March 30th at 2PM at the West Sayville Country Club. \$25 for Adults & \$12 for children. For information please contact Rosemary McMenamin at 648-3090.

Free Food for NY Seniors - the FAN is offering free food for Seniors age 60 & over who are income eligible. New eligible include a single senior whose gross monthly is \$1,107 or less, & 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: 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 Suzette 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 info call 382-2181 or

www.smithtown.k12.ny.us

Professional Therapy provided by NYS licensed therapists, are available to our parish & 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.

Literacy Tutors Needed! Literacy Suffolk, Inc. will be holding a question and answer session at the Central Islip Public Library on July 17th from 7-8pm. Call 585-9393 ext 267 to register or for further information. Knowledge of a foreign language is not necessary.

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!!!

