

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church

Parish Office Hours

Monday Through Friday (effective January 2, 2009)

9am to Noon; 1:15 to 5:00 PM; 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Saturday - 9:00 AM to Noon; 1:00 to 5:00 PM

Sunday - 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Pray with the Parish

Rosary - Prayed daily after the 9 AM Mass

Liturgy of the Hours - Prayed at 8:40 AM (Monday to Friday)
and 7:40 AM on Saturday

Eucharistic Adoration - Mondays (except holidays),
2:00 to 6:45 PM

Nocturnal Adoration & Devotion to the Sacred Heart -
7:30 to 8:30 PM on First Fridays.

Eucharist

The Lord's Day: Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 7:00, 9:00, 10:30, 12 Noon & 5:00 PM

Weekdays 7:00 AM & 9:00 AM,
8:00 AM Saturday

Holy Days As announced in Bulletin

Exposition Monday 2:00 to 6:45 PM
First Friday 7:30 to 8:30 PM

Penance/Reconciliation

Mon., Wed., and Fri. after the 7:00 AM & the 9:00 AM Mass.

Saturday after the 8:00 AM Mass and 4:00 to 4:45 and also upon request



Our Lady of Fatima Devotion

The 1st Saturday of each month will be 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.

Exposition of the 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 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 and generous love. The foundation of this prayer is God's presence in our souls as Creator, Preserver, and Author of Graces ("in Him we live, and move, and are" Acts 17:28). God is our Father, and our Friend and 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 and Benediction, Praying of the Psalms, Silence, Gospel Reading and a Talk /Reflection on the following topics: The Cardinal Virtues of prudence, justice, temperance and fortitude. The Theological Virtues of faith, hope and love. The gifts of the Holy Spirit; wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord.

Every soul, hungry & thirsty for God, is invited to this holy hour every First Friday of the month to adore, venerate & contemplate the Sacred Heart of Jesus, & to have a quiet dialogue with God.

Baptism

Celebrated most Sundays at 1:30pm. Please contact Parish Office when child is born to schedule Baptism Preparation requirements and date of Baptism.

Confirmation

A parish program building on foundation laid by the School and Religious Education Program. There is a separate program for any adult or teenager who has not yet been confirmed. Those interested should contact the Parish Office.

Marriage

Couples should contact the Parish Office to see one of the priests or deacons at least 6 months before the proposed wedding date, and before making any other arrangements. Both parties must complete marriage preparation programs before the marriage date. At least one of the parties must be registered in the parish.

Anointing of the Sick

This is a Sacrament for the living. A Catholic should receive this Sacrament if they are chronically ill, or are about to undergo surgery and hospitalization, or are suffering the effects of advanced age. We celebrate it during a Special Mass each Spring and Fall. Reception of the Sacrament at other times can be arranged by contacting the Parish Office.

Holy Orders

Anyone feeling called to the priesthood or religious life should feel free to contact one of the parish priests or deacons for guidance and direction.

Interested in becoming a Catholic?

Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic can contact the Parish Office for information about becoming part of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

FROM THE DESK OF FR. MIKE

Last weekend I wrote about how Liturgy is the work of the people of God, and it is a very fundamental action on the part of the Church and even on the part of *Ancient Israel*. Last week our first reading from *Nehemiah* spoke about how the post-exilic people heard for the first time the words of the *Book of Deuteronomy*: the restating of the **Law of the Lord**. We are told how the people were so happy and upset at the same time that they wept. For Israel the Law meant freedom from sin, because it guided the people to know what was right and what was wrong. This Liturgical gathering was so successful that the people who were in exile had come back to a fuller relationship with God.

Last week and this week *in Luke's Gospel*, we are told of another Liturgical gathering: this one taking place in the *Synagogue at Nazareth*. We are told how the people were assembled for their usual worship, and how Jesus who grew up in the community came forward to read; as was His right. As He read the words of *the Prophet Isaiah*, all looked upon Him intently until He proclaimed; "*Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.*" Now this is where that gathering differs from the one mentioned above. The people after hearing the words of Deuteronomy were filled with awe and wonderment. The people in Nazareth were upset and eventually grew angry. This passage could only be fulfilled by the Messiah and now Jesus, the local kid, is saying that in their hearing and by His reading the words that they are fulfilled: by and in Him. How can this be? He is the carpenter's son, how can He be the long awaited Messiah? They not only doubted Him, they were ready to harm Him.

This seems to be a constant reaction to the prophets that God had sent to His people. We see in today's first reading how God called *Jeremiah* from before he was born to be His prophet, and yet the people (the king, political and religious leaders, etc.) would not believe him. This was in fact how Jeremiah was greeted until it was too late, and yet he knew that God was with him and would support him no matter what. Jesus reminds those who refuse to believe in Him that a prophet is welcomed everywhere except in his own town. The people of Nazareth that day did not do God's work and their Liturgy was not successful

The message for us, from this series of events, is not to be narrow-minded and not to judge other just based on what we think. Do we accept those who God sends to us and try to see them the way God sees them. For the people of Nazareth only saw Jesus the kid from down the street, they did not see Jesus the Messiah. We want to try to avoid this at all times. How can we avoid this; the answer can be found in Paul's Letter. All we need do is LOVE and Love as God Loves. Read today's Letter when you get home and read it slowly and out loud. Listen to the words and pay close attention to what St. Paul says about Love and how without God's love we can not do anything.

Next weekend I will speak at all of the Masses about the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**. It is that time of the year again, when we are all asked to help those in need, and to support the work of the Church throughout our Diocese, please pray about participating in this year's worthwhile appeal.

Today we start Catholic Schools Week and we are all very happy. We are very blessed to have our own **St. Joseph's School** as a part of our parish's mission. If you are looking for an excellent school for your children or grandchildren (Nursery to 8th grade) please come visit our school during Catholic School Week. At St. Joseph's School your children learn all about this world as well as learning all about the Kingdom of God and how they can do their part. Our Principal *Mrs. Arpino* will be glad to set up an appointment to show you around the school.

Let us pray; Father in heaven, from the days of Abraham and Moses until this gathering of your Church in prayer, you have formed a people in the image of your Son. Bless this people with the gift of your kingdom and love. May we serve you with our every desire and show love for one another as you have loved us. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

God bless you always.

Fr. Mike

We regularly update our SICK LIST and our TROOPS LIST. Please notify the Rectory Office if you would like to renew your relative's posting in either list. Each week we remove entries older than two months on the sick and six months on the troops.

Remember Our Sick

Michael Ambrosio	Margaret InDelicato
Kevin Archbold	Clinton Inniss
Jacqueline Babgak	Cecelia Keller
Sophia Belmonte	Alfred LaRocca
John Bertone	Kevin Latini
Noel Blackwell	Vito Lucivero
Maryann Bonitz	Marie Mangan
Oliver Bouchard	Mark Mangiacapre
Matthew Brennan	Flora Martin
Giovanna Buccellato	Sheila McGovern
Bill Bulinski	Michelle McHugh
Veronica Burns	Donato Morganelli
Danny Caggiano	Anne Murtha
John Carreiras	3 year old Nathan
Regina Cohen	Arthur Owen
Kathie Costigan	Emma Grace Riccio
Mrs. Larry Costigan	William Rotteck
Victor Crema	Karen Sabella
Jolan Csaszar	Lucille Santinello
Kathy Cunningham	Dawn Saporito
John Dadabo	Monica Scanlon
Rick DeGiovine	Kayla Schilt
Janice DeLalia	Krista Schramm
Anthony DeVito	Nancy Schramm
Cosmo DiTucci	Marie Scott
Ann Doherty	Richard Silvia
Bernard Eilers	Darryll Smith
Philip Fava	Nancy Ann Smith
Robert Filce	Michael Tenore
William C. Fischer	Robert Torres
Carl Freiermuth	Gloria Totten
Anthony Gallway	Edward Trees
Catherine Grace Hanson	Lloyd Turnier
Gregory Heraghty	Diane Zimmerman
Jasper InDelicato	

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS



SGT Deborah Alfieri	SPC Matthew Altonji
CPL Justin Aragones	TSGT Louis Barletta
LT 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
CPT Ryan Delaney	TSGT Timothy Dermody
SGT Stephen DiGirolamo	SSGT Tony Elliott
CPL Joseph Espinoza	LT Kelly Fletcher
SPC Adam Franciosa	CPT Mark Gillman
CPT Evan Gotkin	LCPL RJ Hartmann
AFC J.R. Kay	SAMN Jessica Kay
SGT John W Keohane	MAJ Sean P Kilkenny
WO-1 Steven Knight	CPL Andrew Kochman
LCPL William Langdon	SPC Christopher Leone
RCT Tiffany LiCausi	SPC Thomas J Lupo
SGT Wade Lynch	MAJ Kevin McCue
PVT Thomas B McGinn	SGT Patrick McNally
PFC William Meyer	CPL Brian G Meyer
CPO Gregory Migliore	SGT Glenn Miller
LT Heather Miras	SPC4 George Monica
SPC4 John Monica	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	PFC Matthew Pandolfi
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	CPL Samantha Sickles
SPC James Stanek	SPC Erica Sweeney
EO3 Taylor Taranto	MM3 Gregory Taranto
PFC Greg Terrish	SGT Jason Tulowitzki
SSGT Nick Vicale	SGT John Thomas Vogt
CPL Brandon Waldon	SGT Randolph Weaver
MSTR Robert Casey	MAJ Jennifer Kochman-Gotkin
ILT Richard Lutz II	HN Frederick James Borsello
PV2 Darian L. Clark	SAMN Bill Ried
CPL Michael Casonova	SPEC4 David Cooper
MIDN Michael Cristiano	Sgt. Brian P. O'Leary
PFC Gregory Caplan	MPS Timothy Caplan
E6PO1 Gerard McGarrity	LT John Cox II
PFC Nicholas Barbieri	LCPL Jim A. Mock

REMEMBERING THE SICK

Name of person who is ill

Person making this request:

Relationship to ill person

Your Phone #: _____

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

REMEMBERING 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 OUR DEAD

Valerie Vigilante, Matthew Prestigiacomo

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

e-mail: RelEd@StJoRonk.org
website: RelEd.StJoRonk.org
981-1805

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM



Level 1 Activity – February 8th at 4:30 and 6:30 in the Auditorium. Please come at your scheduled time.

Congratulations to all our level 2 and Sacrament Readiness 2 students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

St. Joseph School

e-mail: school@stjoronk.org
website: www.stjoeronkelem.org



HURRAY!!!

IT'S CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK !!!

Come and stop by our school. See why we have so much to celebrate. A list of activities are included in the bulletin with dates and times. Hope to see you! All are welcome to come today to our OPEN HOUSE from 11:30 - 1:00.

Congratulations to our second graders who received their First Reconciliation last weekend. Thank you to Mrs. Carnavos for all your work and preparation. The boys and girls did a great job with their prayers.

Thank you to all the families who celebrated Mass here at St. Joseph's last Sunday with Bishop Dunne. We have a lot to be thankful for in these 100 years. We are off to a great year of celebrating the Centennial of our Parish.

Great plans are underway for our Chinese Auction. Parents will be selling tickets for the Mega 50/50 and basket raffles. There are many beautiful baskets raffled off that evening that are only for those who attend the event. Don't miss out! Dinner is at the Watermill Inn on Thursday, February 11th at 7PM. Call the school for more information 588-4760.

Our students continue on from St. Joseph School and do exceptionally well in the Catholic High Schools of their choice. Congratulations to all our 8th graders who received acceptance letters to the Catholic High Schools they would like to attend in September.

Congratulations to Conor Buckley who attained the Honor Roll at Chaminade High School as a senior this First Trimester!

Help us Welcome the Newest Members of Our Community



Embroiderers are needed to make Baptismal Bibs for infants to be Baptized here at St. Joseph's. Please call 588-8456 if you can help.

USING SCRIP MAKES DOLLARS and SENSE !



Please use parish-purchased gift cards for all your shopping needs. Not only will you take advantage of the gas-saving convenience of *one-stop shopping* here, at St. Joseph's, but our church will benefit from the profit of selling the cards. **God bless you for using your time, talent, and treasure to support the ministries of this parish.**

St. Joseph Parish Outreach Center

e-mail — sjpo@verizon.net web-site — <http://outreach.stjoronk.org>

Through your generosity we were able to help more than 471 people throughout the month of December. Financial assistance for the month of December was \$17,591.11 In these tough economic times we are seeing people of increasing need. On their behalf, we thank you for sharing your own limited resources with

Parish Outreach



PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!

Feb. 7 - Unity Sunday - Carew
Feb. 7 - Scout Sunday & CMA talks
Feb 13 - Propagation of Faith Speaker
Feb 17 - Ash Wednesday
Feb 19, 26 - Stations of the Cross 7:30 pm

Respect Life

Today begins Catholic Schools Week, the week the spotlight is on Catholic Schools in our Diocese in general, and our parish school, St. Joseph's, in particular. So today we are printing, for your enjoyment, the essay written by an 8th grade student, **Nitasha Khazanchi**. As you know, all 7th and 8th grade students in our school enter the Diocesan Respect Life contest every year. This essay was read by *local* judges who felt it deserved first place. Now, **Nitasha's** essay and all the other students' essays are in Rockville Centre, being read again, and we sincerely wish them all good luck.

'EVERY CHILD BRINGS US GOD'S SMILE'

Who is considered God's child? The answer is every single one of us is God's child. He loves all of His children equally. In every stage of your life you bring God's smile. You bring it when you are a baby, when you are dying and everywhere in the middle. What is God's smile though? You can see God's smile when you help others without benefit to yourself, much like a philanthropist. You truly need to help conserve each child, each human and appreciate God's gift of life to all.

Abortion is the termination of a pregnancy. This means killing an unborn child. The Catholic Church is strictly against abortion because they believe it is the taking of one's life which is morally wrong. We should all fight against abortion because of our duty to God. We are depriving a child a chance at life. This child could change the world. This child could be a normal person. Either way, a child is robbed of a future and a life and a chance to bring joy into many family members' lives.

Suicide is when someone kills him or herself. Suicide can be either when someone causes their death or puts them in a situation in which they must die, such as refusing to leave a burning house. The Catholic Church is against suicide saying that suicide is disrespecting God's consent and this is morally wrong. Suicide in any stage of your life is wrong because no matter what, you have a purpose on this Earth that you would be throwing away. By killing yourself you are losing your faith in God that He will help you make everything right in the end. Suicide prevents you from bringing God's smile to others.

Euthanasia is the act of killing someone painlessly usually when they have an incurable disease. The Catholic Church is against euthanasia because they do not believe mercy killing is an exception to the commandment "Thou shall not kill." Even in the last stages of your life, you are a person and you deserve that chance, that slim miracle, or possibility, that you may get better. Also, you are giving God's smile to your loved ones just by holding on to your life. Anesthetics are the most commonly used form of euthanasia. The Catholic Church also believes certain people deserve the time they get from not choosing euthanasia to repent for their sins.

Life is a very precious gift. We should handle it, at any stage, with great caution and reverence. We should be thanking God for His gift of life. This is why abortion, suicide and euthanasia are all disrespecting God's gift of life. At all stages of our lives, we, as God's children, bring smiles to the world. We help and we cause joy at every stage of our life. This is why every child brings God's smile.



Weekly Offering

Last Sunday, Jan 24, 2010, Offerings	\$18,087
Same collection last year	18,792
Poor Box last weekend	\$365
Fuel Collection	\$6,894
Same time last year	7,096
YTD Fuel Cost	\$7,808
Weekly Budget Amount	\$18,500
Collection	<u>18,087</u>
Shortage -	413
YTD	\$388,500
YTD	\$355,626
Shortfall	-32,874

Pay Down Debt Donations

This Month	\$8,642
YTD	11,387

Thank You!!!!

2nd Collection Haiti Relief \$9,629

Average weekly shortage is \$7,268 based on last year's figures. If you missed last week, please make it up this week. Thank you.

Envelopes 578

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



February 16 - Ash Tuesday Service 7:30 pm

February 17 - Ash Wednesday Masses 7 & 9
Ash Wednesday Prayer Services
12:10, 5:00 & 7:30 pm

Banns of Marriage

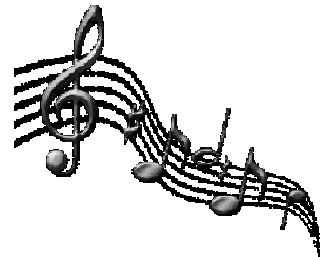


*Nicholas Clemente & Alexandra Fasano
Christopher Coolbaugh & Lauren Nicoletti
of St. Joseph
Michael Giordano of St Philip of James & Lauren Ferzola
of St Joseph*

St. Joseph R.C. School

16th Annual Dinner & Chinese Auction

Honoree: Mr. Michael Keller



Thursday, February 11, 2010

The Watermill Inn, Smithtown, NY

7:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Featuring: Grand Raffle Baskets, Exclusive Grand Baskets
(for attending guests), Regular Baskets and Mega 50/50

Ticket Price: \$50.00

*Includes: Hors d'oeuvres, Choice of Entrée, Dessert, Soda, Coffee, Tea & DJ
(Cash Bar Available)*

Reservations are limited and must be received by February 4, 2010

Dear Parishioners,

The St. Joseph School Parent Association takes great pride in honoring Mr. Michael Keller at our 16th Annual Dinner and Chinese Auction.

Mike has resided in Ronkonkoma most of his life, and along with his wife Susan, has raised two wonderful children, Kristen and Michael. As soon as he was able to speak, he began to sing...and has not stopped, much to the delight of the St. Joseph's congregation. A graduate of our own St. Joseph School, Mike became a young member of the church choir and altar server. At the young age of 16, he became the first Cantor of our parish. Now, he is the Director of Music Ministries.

In addition to his love of music, Mike has shown tremendous dedication to our children, through his work with the Boy Scouts of America and the Venturing Crew. He has recently been recognized for his many years of excellent scouting service by being elected to be a Vigil Honor Member of the Order of the Arrow, an organization dedicated to cheerful service through BSA.

Please join us in honoring Mike's continued commitment and dedication to our faith, children and community. His devotion to the St. Joseph Parish and School sets an example for us all!

16th Annual Dinner & Chinese Auction-Honoring Michael Keller

Reservation Form

Your response is requested by February 4, 2010

Reservations for _____ guests, under the name of _____

Contacts Phone # _____ Child's Name/Grade (if applicable) _____

	Full Name	Phone #	Check #	Card #	Zip	Date	Credit Code	Exp.	Security
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____


Tables are made up of 14 guests.

If there are more than 5 guests in your party, please attach a list of additional guests with the above information.

Completed Reservation Form along with payment (payable to St. Joseph School) can be left at the Rectory, or, sent to: St. Joseph School, Attn: Ann Ambrosio, Treasurer, 25 Church St., Lk. Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

*****EARLY BIRD SPECIAL*****

The first 10 Full tables of 14 will receive one sheet of 25 regular raffle basket tickets Free! (A \$25.00 value!) Ticket price of \$50.00 includes Hors d'oveures, Pasta, Salad, Choice of Entree, Dessert, Coffee/Tea/Soda and DJ



Mega 50/50

St. Joseph School Parent Association presents the
16th Annual Dinner & Chinese Auction

Honoring Mr. Michael Keller

Thursday, February 11, 2010
The Watermill, Smithtown, NY

Previous winners have won over \$3000!

The more tickets sold, the BIGGER THE JACKPOT!

Winner need not attend!

DONATION: \$5.00/each or 5 for \$20.00

Tickets can be purchased at the Rectory or by sending completed form below to:
St. Joseph School, Attn: Ann Ambrosio, Treasurer
25 Church Street, Lake Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

of Tickets: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

(Please make checks payable to St. Joseph School)

Child's Name & Grade: (St. Joseph School Only) _____

50/50 Raffle ticket stubs will be entered to win with the above contact information. The receipt stub will be mailed back to the above address as confirmation of your purchase. Winner will be drawn on February 11, 2010 and contacted by phone (if not in attendance.) If you have any questions, please contact the school at (631) 588-4760.

Calendar Club

EVERY DAY THERE'S A CHANCE YOU'LL WIN!

(EXCEPT HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY AND HOLY SATURDAY)



ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE CLUB?

Calendar Club 2010 Prizes

Weekdays* and Saturdays*---\$25

*(*no prize is awarded for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Holy Saturday)*

Sundays---\$50

larger prizes on the following special days...

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God---\$50

St. Joseph's Day---\$50

Easter Sunday---\$200

April Fools Day---\$50

Ascension Thursday---\$50

Mothers Day---\$75

Fathers Day---\$75

Independence Day---\$75

Feast of the Assumption of Mary---\$75

All Saints Day---\$75

Thanksgiving Day---\$75

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary---\$75

Christmas Day---\$200

New Years Eve---special drawing,

drawn from those who have not won throughout the year---\$250

MEMBERSHIP DONATION IS \$25 PER "CALENDAR".

GET FIVE MEMBERSHIPS FOR A DONATION OF \$100.

Sign me up for calendar club 2010

Member Name:	#	@ \$25 each	
Address:	#	@ 5 for \$100	
City, State, Zip		Total	
Phone Number:	Place in envelope with donation and mail or bring to the Rectory or drop in the collection basket.		

Make check payable and mail to St. Joseph R.C. Church, 45 Church Street, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

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2010 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Catholic Ministries Appeal gives us an opportunity to respond to God's love by being present in the lives of all of our neighbors. This is done with humility and gratitude for all that we have been given and is a most sacred trust to share God's love as we reach out to help people in need.

Our faith is proclaimed everyday through ministries that reach out to more than 500,000 people annually. The elderly, the unwed mother, men and women with addictions and those seeking shelter. Children as they receive the gift of spiritual formation, sacramental preparation and quality educations, and seminarians, deacons and lay leaders as they prepare to fulfill their calling. The Catholic Ministries Appeal allows us to continue these important ministries and programs that express our core values, while providing a way for each of us to share our gifts and take an active role in the mission of our Church.

We are able to provide this support in part because of your generosity together with the more than tens of thousands of people who support our annual Catholic Ministries Appeal. However, the needs of our neighbors on Long Island are continuing to grow at astonishingly high rates. In an effort to insure that we can continue to help them we ask you to, once again, consider supporting the work of the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Thank you for considering this request and please pray for the continued success of our efforts to serve the people of God.

With my prayers and gratitude, I am

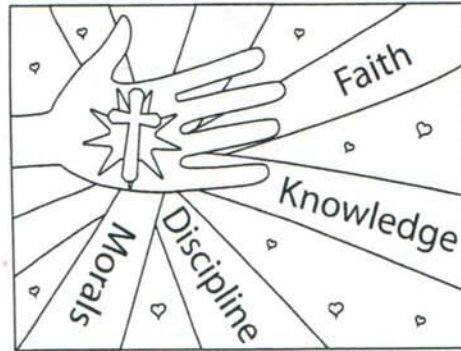
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Rockville Centre

100% OF YOUR GIFT GOES TO SUPPORT
THE FIVE MINISTRIES OF THE APPEAL.

LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE

January 25, 2010

Dear Families,

Today we begin our celebration of Catholic Schools Week. It is an annual celebration of Catholic Education and its vital contribution to communities and the nation. We will be spending the week sharing the important role of Catholic Schools in providing values-added education for America's young people and making the world a better place for all.

We set aside this week every year to build community awareness of and involvement in Catholic Schools. We also honor those who make our schools a success, everyone from students, families, faculty, administration and staff to volunteers, community supporters and local and national leaders.

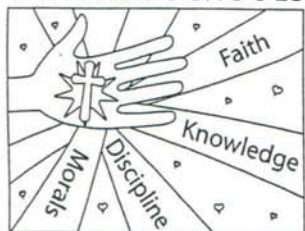
This year our theme is "Dividends for Life." It is particularly fitting because it underscores the great commitment Catholic education has to community service. As part of their effort to educate the whole child in an atmosphere of faith and academic excellence, Catholic Schools instill in students a lifelong commitment to serving others. When our students graduate, they have the tools they need to fulfill their roles as good citizens, productive employees and compassionate leaders.

Please join our Catholic Schools Week celebration. Volunteer your time, visit the classrooms during Open House, meet with the teachers and students and congratulate them on their accomplishments. Encourage friends who may be considering Catholic Education for their children to visit the school.

Take time to express your appreciation to our teachers, staff and administration and everyone else involved in running St. Joseph School. Through their dedication and commitment, they make our school an excellent example of how Catholic Schools are "Dividends for Life."

Sincerely,

Mrs. Leona Arpino
Principal



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK **JANUARY 31st - FEBRUARY 5th**

SUNDAY – JANUARY 31, 2010

9:00AM – 10:00AM – Grandparent’s Tea

10:30AM – 11:30AM – Mass

11:30AM – 1:00PM – OPEN HOUSE



MONDAY – FEBRUARY 1, 2010

Parish Appreciation Day! – Students will be sending letters of appreciation to different ministries in our parish

TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 2, 2010

8:45AM – 9:30AM – School liturgy

10:00AM – 11:00AM – OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 3, 2010

Kid’s Day! – Students at St. Joseph will be appreciated with special “treats” during the day.

THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 4, 2010

Community Service Day! – Students will be collecting items for the people in Haiti to be sent thru the National Guard.

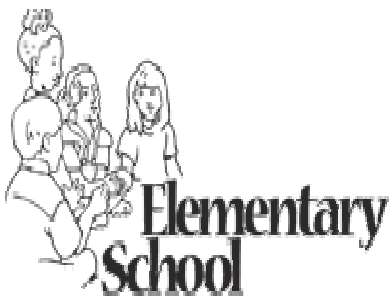
FRIDAY – FEBRUARY 5, 2010

Teacher’s Appreciation Day! Kid’s Movie Day!



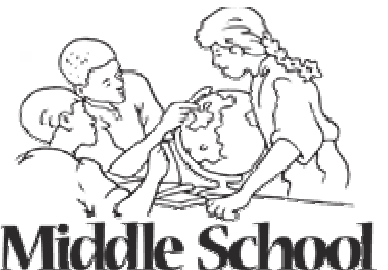
The Class of 2010 and the entire St. Joseph School community would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to St. Joseph parishioners. Through your generosity and constant support, we have had the opportunity to attend St. Joseph School and share in the value centered caring atmosphere offered by our school. St. Joseph School has empowered us by encouraging our spiritual and academic achievements. Within this parish community, we have been privileged to experience first hand the personal commitment each of you has made to provide a Christ-centered educational environment. Your spirit is a constant reminder to us of our responsibilities, and our school has responded by providing us with the tools to meet today's challenges as Catholics and good citizens.

We truly appreciate your support. Daily we remember you all in our prayers, and we will continue to share in the spirit of Christ you so generously offer to St. Joseph School.



I devoted myself to
study and to explore...
all that is done
under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 1:13





YOUTH IN MINISTRY

Every Sunday at 5:00 PM, St. Joseph's Parish offers an upbeat experience of celebrating Mass 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 or call the rectory.



CYO Sport Programs

Baseball:

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

Basketball:

Girls Intramural Debbie ☎467-6174
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

Soccer :

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

**Must register for the intramural program as well*

SPRING 2010 EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION BASEBALL, SOCCER & TRACK

Feb. 6th & 7th 12 pm - 3 pm @ St. Joseph's Gym
Feb. 10th 6:30 pm - 8 pm @ Seneca Middle School
Feb. 11th 6:30 pm - 8 pm @ Ronkonkoma Middle School

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.



Venturing Events

In Carew Hall after 5:00 PM Mass

Venturing is open to men and women age 14 through 20 who have graduated from 8th Grade. This year's crew plan is jam packed with interesting and fun activities here at St. Joseph's and "off-campus" as well.

Come down to our meeting and check it out.

Visit our next meetings —

Sunday, Jan. 31st

Sunday, Feb. 7th

e-mail: Crew272@StJoRonk.org

phone: Advisor Mike Keller (631) 467-6468

What did you do this weekend?



D.O.G.
DEPEND
On
GOD

*My salvation and my honor depend on God;
He is my mighty rock, my refuge.*

Psalms 62:7

Courtesy Announcements



Charismatic Prayer Meeting - at Our Lady of the Island Shrine the fourth Wednesday of each month from 7- 9PM. Praise, worship & teaching. Contact the Shrine at 631-325-0661 for info.

Free Food for NY Seniors - the FAN is offering free food for Seniors age 60 & over who are income eligible. New eligible include a single senior whose gross monthly is \$1,127 or less, & a senior couple whose gross monthly income is \$1,517 or less. Call 631-491-4169 or 631-491-4156.


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.

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 information & appointment, call Dr Giuliani at 243-2503 or visit our website at <http://thecatholiccounselingcenter.net>.

Cleary School for the Deaf - is offering evening Adult Education classes in American Sign Language, levels 1,2,3, & Intermediate/Advanced. Spring session Feb 3-May 5, 2010 7-8:30 pm (age 12 & up). Summer session July 7-August 4, 2010 (age 10 & up). Call Carolyn Kelly at 631-588-0530 or e-mail Cleary ASL@hotmail.com for more info.

Children's Community Head Start - is happy to announce it has received funding to expand the program for income-eligible pregnant women and families with infants, toddlers and preschoolers up to age five. If you reside in one of the 13 school districts served by the Children's Community Head Start including, Sachem, Connetquot, & Middle Country, you may be eligible for a no-cost home-based and /or classroom-based early childhood education and other social services. Call today to find out if your are eligible. Liz at 631-476-9698.

McGann-Mercy High School - Principal's Dinner is scheduled for Sat., Feb. 27, 2010 at Giorgio's in Baiting Hollow. Live music, dinner & silent auction. Festivities begin at 6 pm. Celebrating 50 years of Mercy Alumni. For more info or to purchase tickets, contact the Mercy Development Office at 631-727-5900 ext 34.

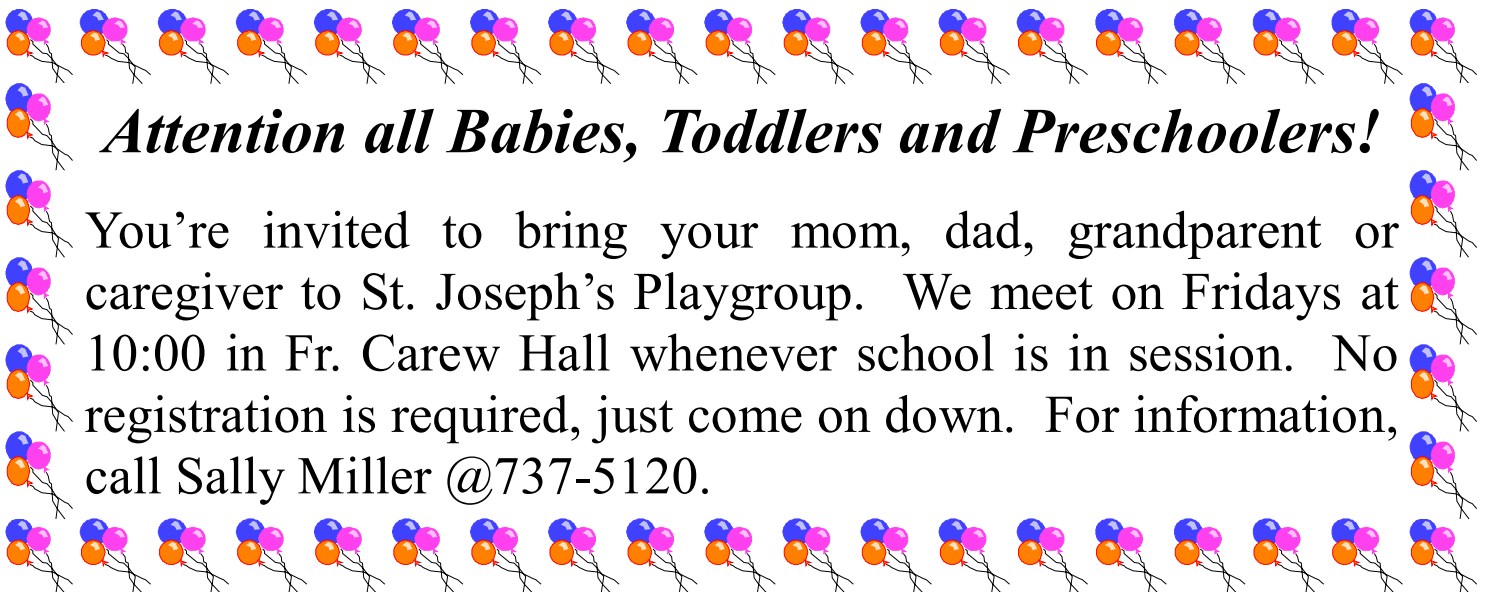


In the Gospel today, Jesus shows us that we are called to place gospel values before any other values and to be willing to put our lives on the line for them. Taking care of God's poor is indeed living gospel values. **In the month of January, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul we were able to assist families with food, rent & utility bills.**

Marriage Encounter - Upcoming weekend Feb. 12th - 14th . Registration is limited. For more info or to register, call 1-866-499-6354. Please visit our local web site at <http://www.wmeli.org> or email Ron and Chris Morasse ron@morassefamily.com for more information.

Degree in Social Work - Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service and Molloy College offer an exciting Graduate Social Work Program (MSW Degree) at Molloy College, Rockville Centre and Fordham's Lincoln Center campuses. Bus transportation to Lincoln Center from Molloy will be provided. Information sessions will be held at the Molloy Campus (Casey Center, Room 014) Monday, Feb. 8th 6:00 pm. For more information, please contact Agnes Mitchell at 516-678-5000 ext. 6590, amitchell@molloy.edu.

Volunteers Needed - Meals on Wheels, 1 hour - 1 day a week to deliver meals to homebound. For more information please call Suzette Jacobellis at 467-8948.



Attention all Babies, Toddlers and Preschoolers!

You're invited to bring your mom, dad, grandparent or caregiver to St. Joseph's Playgroup. We meet on Fridays at 10:00 in Fr. Carew Hall whenever school is in session. No registration is required, just come on down. For information, call Sally Miller @737-5120.