

# 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

Where has the summer gone? Here we are in the beginning of September and school is about to start this week, and tomorrow (Monday) we will celebrate **Labor Day**. On this day we will honor all human labor that goes to building a better society. All of these things remind us that summer is coming to an end. As we begin the school year many students are resolved that they will do better than they did last year (well at least one could hope). Likewise, teachers are planning to do their best to get information to their new students. School administrators and School Boards are hoping to do their best for the students and teachers entrusted to them as well. Parents, likewise, will want only what is best for their children and are aiming to help their children to be the best students they can be this year and always. In the same way, those who labor to build society are hoping to better provide for their families and to make a better life for all as they struggle to reach their goals.

For students, teachers, school administrators boards and parents, and all those who labor, there is a cost we have to pay (a cost of resources, time and talent), and this cost has to be considered before we can achieve our desired goals. If a student wishes to do better he/she must invest more time in studying and less time before the X-Box, Face Book, etc, etc; if this does not happen then nothing new will happen. If we do not consider what we will have to change or have to invest we might as well accept the status quo. Today, Jesus tells us if we wish to be His disciples and reach **the Kingdom of Heaven**, we have to pay a cost. Luke points out that Jesus tells us to renounce our possessions if they are standing in the way. But we are also told, in the beginning of today's reading that it can be family members, or a lack of true commitment to the Gospel! Jesus tells us that disciples will have to pay a cost or they cannot follow Him. **Why, and what price will I have to pay?** Why, because if we don't let the Gospel change who we are or to challenge us, then we are living according to the world's terms and ideas: which for the most part are contrary to the Gospel and leads us away from Eternal Life and the Kingdom of God. What price do we have to pay? Well that is different for each person and the price I would have to pay would be different from the price you would have to pay.

Perhaps we do not like to think of the idea of paying a cost for salvation, but the cost is not paid in gold or silver, but with time, talent, and an exercise of your free will. Please remember that any cost we have to pay is well worth it, for we gain so much more than we actually give.

School starts this week so please be careful driving in the morning and in the afternoon on our local streets and around the parish grounds as our St. Joseph's School Students and later on this fall for our Religious Ed Students will be making their way to and from classes.

**On Saturday September 11, 2010 at 12 Noon** we will celebrate a *Memorial Mass* for the victims and the families of September 11, 2001. At this Mass we will pray for those who have suffered from these acts of terror, and pray for continued healing for those hurting and for the peace that the world can not give; only Jesus can give.

**On Sunday September 26, 2010 at 3PM** we will celebrate Mass for all couples that will or have celebrated *their 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary this year*. Of course this is also open to any couple that has or will celebrate more than 50 years as well. Please fill out the form in the bulletin and send it in to the Rectory as soon as possible.

**Thank you, for all you do for St. Joseph's  
Fr. Mike**



## Remember Our Sick

Thomas Altomare	Kathleen Kern
Michael Ambrosio	George Labriola
Maryann Anaya	Al LaRocca Jr.
Ray Arnold	Kevin Latini
Gabrielle Aversano	Rosemary Larotonda
Anne Bannon	Vito Lucivero
John Bertone	Mark Mangiacapre
Nicholas Bohl	Mary McGee
Suanne Bone	Sheila McGovern
Maryann Bonitz	Marge McKinnon
Leslie Brown	Martin McNeill
Bill Bulinski	Kerry Migliaro
Luis Cerna	Lorraine Milano
Regina Cohen	Mariann Mingannelli
Shaun Cohen	Anthony Morena
Eileen Coradine	Anne Murtha
Michael Costanza	3 year old Nathan
Victor Crema	Frank Nostro
Susan Cronin	Lucas Oliver
Helen Crupi	Richard Pepe
Kathy Cunningham	Lisa Petrone-Altamura
Raffaella Daniele	Gina Purcaro
Richard DeGiovine	Nicole Ramaglia
Cosmo DiTucci	Toni Rand
Rose DiGirolamo	Lisa Rapp
Joan DeCicco	Ralph A. Redo
Janice DeLalia	Joan Reilly
Michael DePinto	Baby Emma Grace Riccio
Anthony DeVito	Emma Rivera
Ann Doherty	Louis Russo
Sharon T. Eichler	Dolores Rutigliano
Lois Emma	Joseph Sabourin
Robert Filce	Dawn Saporito
Carl Freiermuth	Marie V Scott
Carolina Gaudio	Darlene Smith
Mary Gracey	Darryl Smith
Sandy Griggs	Cynthia M. Stewert
Hank Halinski	Michael Supakoff
Katie Grace Hanson	Pauline Sykora
Carolyn Hillenbrand	Michael Tenore
Jasper InDelicato	Mary Thron
Margaret InDelicato	Richard Troiano
Luke James Infanzon	Lloyd Turnier
Jerry Kalish	Larry Walsh
Jim Keebler	Brandon Wangelin
Cecelia Keller	Debra Wangelin
Arthur Keller Sr.	Norm West
Frances Kern	Diane Zimmerman

## PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS



SGT Deborah Alfieri	SPC Matthew Altonji
PRVT Andrew Altonji	Paul Donato
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
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	SGT Jennifer Tomaneng
SPC James Stanek	SPC Erica Sweeney
EO3 Taylor Taranto	MM3 Gregory Taranto
PFC Greg Terrish	SGT Jason Tulowitzki
SSGT Nick Vitale	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
PFC 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
SGT. MAJ. John A Krumholz	LCPL Joseph R. DeGroot USMC

### 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 Catherine Dowling

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

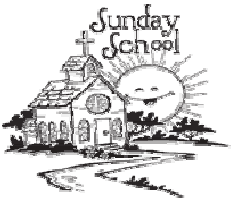
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 website: [RelEd.StJoRonk.org](http://RelEd.StJoRonk.org)  
 981-1805

### Office Hours

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

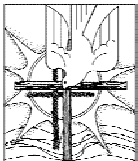


We're busy getting things ready for another wonderful year with your children. Anyone that has not yet **registered** is urged to do so *as soon as possible*. Registration forms are available in the office, on line or in the Rectory. Classes are filling quickly so if you need a specific day or time, please register immediately.



We have a **Sunday school** program which runs from October through March. It is held in Fr. Carew Hall (lower level of the Church) from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. It is for ages 3, 4 and 5 year olds. You may call the Religious Education Office for registration forms.

## Confirmation Corner



Confirmation prep classes begin on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Please be in Carew Hall at 7PM sharp on the night that you have chosen. Parents to pick up students **IN** Carew Hall at 8:15 PM.

## St. Joseph Parish Outreach Center

e-mail — [sjpo@verizon.net](mailto:sjpo@verizon.net) website — <http://outreach.stjoronk.org>

Through your generosity we were able to help more than 142 people throughout the month of July. Financial assistance for the month of July was \$10,811.43. 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 your brothers and sisters.



*"Whenever you did it for the least of my people, you did it for me."*

## St. Joseph School

e-mail: [school@stjoronk.org](mailto:school@stjoronk.org)  
 website: [www.stjoeronkelem.org](http://www.stjoeronkelem.org)



## Welcome Back!

School begins on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 for children in grades 1-8. Kindergarten children begin on Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2010. All children will dismiss at 12 noon the week of Sept. 7th.

Early Childhood orientations are on Thursday and Friday. Please check your summer packet for detailed information.

\*\*\*\*\* Parents please check with your home school district. If they do not open on Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2010 they may not provide transportation to St. Joseph's on that day.



## SEPTEMBER 11 Remembrance

Our Annual Memorial Mass will be held in the Church at 12:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

# Respect Life

**Federal Funding - \$131 million this year** – for embryonic stem cell research was halted recently by Judge Royce Lamberth, a federal judge. He blocked an executive order which allowed federal funding to be used for research, using stem cells taken from human embryos. In the judge’s opinion, this executive order violated a 1996 law that prohibits taxpayer funding for research in which human embryos are destroyed.

**Though some may say “but what about the lives to be saved** by these embryos – those we destroy because we need their stem cells” – and what about the miracle cures we’ve been promised for so many years? Well, suffering patients are still waiting for those cures, and scientists admit they may wait many more years.

**In the meantime, adult stem cells** – from numerous adult tissues, or from umbilical cords and placentas from births- are showing extraordinarily greater promise than once was thought possible. They have long been used to help save cancer patients. In clinical trials, they are now healing damaged hearts, restoring sight, repairing wounds and fractured bones, and even rebuilding entire windpipes and other organs. Researchers in Portugal, Ecuador, Brazil, and Australia have published studies showing their benefits for patients with chronic spinal cord injury. And new advances in “induced pluripotent stem cells” – adult cells turned directly into cells with many of the properties of embryonic cells- are said by many, including Dr. Bernadine Healy, to be making embryonic stem cells “obsolete.” (Dr. Healy is a former National Institutes of Health director.)

**We might ask “why isn’t the United States** on that list of groundbreaking countries that have reported progress in beginning to help paralyzed patients walk again? One federal court found that by pouring resources into research that destroys human embryos, the federal government is causing “irreparable harm” to researchers working with adult stem cells. Our country is at risk of falling behind in regenerative medicine, because it has been so obsessed with embryo research that it is neglecting the pursuit of advances more likely to help patients.

**In short, the born and unborn alike may fare better** if we were to channel our scarce federal research dollars into medical advances that harm no one, that everyone can support – and that can produce treatments for devastating diseases more quickly. This court decision by Judge Lamberth gives us an opportunity to explore that “win/win” solution.

-adapted from Newsday, 8/27/10 Opinion column, by Richard M. Doerflinger, associate director of the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops



# Weekly Offering

*Sunday, Aug 29, 2010, Offerings	\$16,802
Same collection last year	16,775
Poor Box last weekend	\$454
Fuel Collection	\$11,970
Same time last year	16,242
YTD Fuel Cost	\$22,928
Weekly Budget Amount	\$18,500
Collection	<u>16,802</u>
Shortage	-1,698
<b>YTD</b>	<b>\$980,500</b>
<b>YTD</b>	<b>885,220</b>
<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>95,280</b>

<b>*Pay Down Debt Donations</b>	
<b>This Month</b>	<b>\$ 6,092</b>
<b>YTD</b>	<b>\$ 60,789</b>

<b>Assumption Collection</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>\$4,876</b>
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2,959</b>


**\*Includes Faith Direct Collections for August**

*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 488**

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



**Banns of Marriage**  
(Second time)


*Keath Mishkin & Tracy Schalk of St. Joseph*

*Matthew Drury of St. Joseph & Ashley Brown of Resurrection*

*Thomas Erdmann of St. Mary & Carol Kalanaras of St. Joseph*

*Travis Karajozzi of St. Joseph & Nicole Peskett of St. Joseph*

*Michael MacDougall of St. Joseph & Evelyn Alegre of St. Joseph*





*Anniversary  
Celebration*

*St Joseph Parish is planning a special Mass  
on Sunday, September 26th at 3:00 PM  
to honor and bless couples who have celebrated  
their  
25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary  
since September 2009.*

*Please leave your name, wedding date and phone  
number at the rectory if you would like to participate.*

*A coffee and cake reception will follow in Carew Hall.*

Dear Fr Mike,  
We would like to attend the Mass on September 26th to receive a special blessing  
as we celebrate our wedding anniversary.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Wedding Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Church of Wedding \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTER  
ASAP**

**SAME LOW  
PRICES**



**REGISTRATION**  
**SERVING RONKONKOMA-HOLBROOK  
AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES**  
**ST. JOSEPH'S CYO**



**FALL 2010 BASEBALL**

**4 NEW  
FIELDS BUILT**  
Fields will be in  
great playing  
condition due to  
sprinkler system  
installed

**\$50.00**

**GIRLS WELCOME**

YOU PAY ..... \$50.00  
YOU RECEIVE 2 CHANCE  
BOOKS, SELL THEM AND  
KEEP THE MONEY ..... \$24.00  
FINAL COST ..... \$26.00

**FAMILY DISCOUNT  
3rd CHILD FREE**

**FOR INFO CALL  
HENRY - 467-6091 OR GENE 588-1879**

**WE USE ONLY  
CERTIFIED ADULT  
UMPIRES**

**2010 FALL/SPRING 2011 SOCCER**

*Intramural, Interleague, Pre-Travel and Travel Soccer*  
• Boys and Girls 4 - 12 • All Faiths Welcome  
Intramural Games Played at Ronkonkoma Jr. High, that means no  
need to travel. We have our own travel program and do not need to  
rely on other Soccer Clubs for travel rights.

*Specials: Allstar Game  
Child Parent Game*

Information Call Beth 737-6299  
Uniforms Call Joe 585-0748

- Participation Award for Every Player
- Qualified Referees
- Qualified Licensed Coaches
- Insurance Coverage
- On Site Bathroom
- Guarantee of 50% Play Time

**Divisions**

4 yr. clinic • 5-6 Micro • 7-8-9 Middle 10-11-12 Upper • Girls Subdivision

**FALL 2010  
\$40.00 NET**

YOU PAY ..... \$52.00  
YOU RECEIVE 1 CHANCE BOOK,  
SELL THEM AND KEEP THE MONEY....\$12.00  
FINAL COST ..... \$40.00

**FALL 2010/SPRING 2011  
\$66.00 NET**

YOU PAY ..... \$90.00  
YOU RECEIVE 1 CHANCE BOOK,  
SELL THEM AND KEEP THE MONEY... \$24.00  
FINAL COST ..... \$66.00  
*Uniforms \$25.00 If Needed*

**FALL 2010 TRACK: BOYS/GIRLS GRADES K-8**

**FEE: \$40.00\***

**FAMILY DISCOUNT 3rd CHILD FREE**

**GIRLS & BOYS INFORMATION: HENRY: 467-6091**

**MAIL IN REGISTRATION ASAP**

**ST. JOSEPH'S CYO • P.O. BOX 2755 • LAKE RONKONKOMA, NEW YORK 11779**

I agree as parent/guardian to provide all transportation to and from all games and practices. I hereby authorize my child's participation in St. Joseph's CYO sports program, and I know of no physical disabilities or illnesses which would interfere or prevent his/her participation. I do hereby waive, release, indemnify and agree to hold harmless or responsible, the St. Joseph's CYO, its sponsor, staff and participants, for any claim arising out of injury to my child, whether the result of negligence or for any other cause, except to the extent of St. Joseph's CYO, liability responsible for this activity.

Check One Sport .....  Track     Soccer     Baseball  
 I DO NOT WANT TO DO ANY FUND RAISING. I ADDED \$25.00 TO REGISTRATION COST.  
 I WILL DO FUND RAISING OF CANDY

Please sign indicating you have read and understand the above statement

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

*St. Joseph's CYO  
reserves the right to  
change age groups based  
on number of registrants.*

*If At All Possible, Checks or Money Orders (No Cash). Make Checks Payable to:  
ST. JOSEPH'S CYO BASEBALL • P.O. BOX 2755 • LAKE RONKONKOMA, NEW YORK 11779  
No Registration Refunds - \$15.00 Bank Service Fee For Returned Checks  
This group is not sponsored or insured by the Connetquot Central School District of Islip*

*Court St. Joseph No. 975  
Catholic Daughters of the Americas*

*welcomes you to a*

# **CHINESE AUCTION**



*Friday evening,  
September 17th, 2010*

*To be held in St. Joseph's School Hall  
25 Church St., Lake Ronkonkoma.*

*Doors open at 6:30 p.m.*

*Admission \$6 includes 25 tickets, cake,  
coffee & tea.*

*Hot dogs, soda & water sold.*

*Extra tickets \$2 per card.*



**No strollers or baby carriers please.**

*For information call 631-588-3046 or 631-585-5352.*

JOIN THE COLUMBIETTES

Help us make a  
difference by touching  
hearts and changing lives



Membership Drive Please call

Rosemary Mc Menamin - 648-3090

Or Eppie Larke - 736-6210



We Care We Share

A unified body of Catholic women  
who work side-by-side with  
the Knights of Columbus



## Automated Contributions with Faith Direct!

As you are probably aware, church attendance during the summer months tends to drop off as families go out of town for vacation. On the other hand, the services we provide within the parish and for the larger community continue year round, as do their associated expenses. Thus, your consistent financial support of our parish is vital to achieving our mission.

Please consider enrolling in Faith Direct today. Participation in the Faith Direct program for automatic electronic giving expresses the willingness of the faithful to be a regular part of the mission and ministry of St. Joseph Catholic Church especially during these summer months. You may visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) to enroll, our Parish code is NY252. You can also pick up an enrollment form in the parish office.

What is the best way to ensure our parish receives the support needed for our operating expenses and ministries during the busy summer months? Electronic giving through **Faith Direct**. Increased enrollment with **Faith Direct** will help stabilize our parish finances during the coming summer months when many families are away on vacation.

I pray you realize how important your gifts of treasure to St. Joseph are, and will continue to be, and how much I appreciate your generosity.

God bless you!

# Mums!



**Reserve Now!**

**You are invited to reserve potted Mums (9" size) for your personal use.**

**They will be available for pick-up the weekend of September 18th & 19th.**

**Cost is still \$5 each.**

## **Order Form**

Please reserve the following colors

\_\_\_\_\_ White

\_\_\_\_\_ Red

\_\_\_\_\_ Bronze/

\_\_\_\_\_ Yellow

\_\_\_\_\_ Purple

\_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed "x" \$ 5 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return with payment to the Church Office by  
September 14th, 2010*

# Calendar Club 2010

## THE WINNERS ARE!!!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8/29 #359 Msgr. Midura \$50	8/30 #73 Cookie Loughlin \$25	8/31 #769 Laura Lupinacci \$25	9/01 #400 Christopher Tenaglia \$25	9/02 #368 Marilyn Crisham \$25	9/03 #335 John McGarry \$25	9/04 #387 Cookie Loughlin \$25

*Congratulations to our winners. Thank you for your generous support!*



### Baptismal Bibs

We are in need of volunteers to embroider Baptismal Bibs for the infants Baptized here at St. Joseph. If you can help us, please call the rectory at 588-8456.

### 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.**

### A VOCATION AS A DEACON

*An Afternoon of Discernment  
will be conducted at the  
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception,  
Huntington, New York,  
On Sunday, September 12th,  
from 1:00 to 4:00 PM,  
for men, and their spouses,  
who believe God might be calling them  
to the diaconate.*

*For more information or  
to sign up, please contact  
The Office of Deacon Formation*

**631-424-8360**

OR

**deacons@drvc.org.**



## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

### Why do you want to become a Catholic Daughter?

1. To unite with 96,000 women in the largest Catholic Organization situated throughout the USA, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, Mexico and Dominican Republic.
2. To do work in the community and your parishes.
3. To help promote Quality of Life.
4. To have available to yourself and family, scholarships on all levels of education.
5. To enjoy a variety of spiritual, social and cultural activities.
6. To help promote the teachings of the Holy Father.
7. To gain an opportunity for personal leadership development.
8. To enjoy the friendship of many other Catholic women across the country.
9. To be able to get involved in the legislative agenda.
10. To receive Share, a quarterly magazine which has received several Catholic Press Association awards.
11. To reap the benefits of our many different insurance programs.
12. To help build future leaders through a Junior Catholic Daughters program.

Court St. Joseph #975 is inviting all Catholic women to join us at our next meeting. The meeting will take place on Sept. 7th at 7pm in Carew Hall. Written material will be given out at this meeting. There will be plenty of refreshments. Come see what we are all about. Take that extra step and help us help others.

*R.S.V.P. Joyce McGay, Regent 631-588-3046*

### *Alphonsus Retreat House*



Come, join us on our journey of prayer meditation and celebration, at the Mount St. Alphonsus Retreat House, Esopus, New York. St. Alphonsus is a former Redemptorist Seminary located on 400 acres and includes walking paths, meditation areas and views of the Hudson River.

Mass is celebrated daily in the exquisite Romanesque Chapel. The retreat program offers direction and perspectives on relevant subjects as well as time or prayer, reflection and the chance to focus on nurturing inner spirituality. We are also provided with entertainment and wine and cheese evening socials.

Retreat dates are September 13-16, 2010. Cost including bus transportation is \$325.00, departing from St. Joseph parking lot at 9:00 AM on the 13th and return at 5:00 PM on the 16th. For further information please contact Joyce McGay at 588-3046.

Mount St. Alphonsus website - <http://www.mountsaintalphonsus.org>



Fr. Mike's Weekly Letters are available online in a "blog" format at [PastorsDesk.StJoRonk.org](http://PastorsDesk.StJoRonk.org) or via the Parish Website (StJoRonk.org).

**From the  
Pastor's Desk**

**A WEB-LOG  
OF FR. MIKE'S  
WEEKLY LETTERS  
TO THE PARISH,  
PASTORAL ADVICE  
...AND MUCH MORE...**

**same time last year  
\$85,422**

**Our Goal  
\$92,000.00**

<b>100% of our goal Our parish receives:</b>	<b>\$18,400</b>
<b>\$5000 over our goal Our parish receives:</b>	<b>\$22,400</b>
<b>\$10,000 over our goal Our parish receives:</b>	<b>\$26,400</b>
<b>\$25,000 over our goal Our parish receives:</b>	<b>\$38,400</b>

**"VOICE OF OUR YOUTH"  
CONTEST**

*How do you see the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) at work in your community, your school, your Parish?*

**We want to hear from you!**

- ▶ Send your essay and our judging panel will select a winning essay from all entries.
- ▶ The winning essay will be printed in the **CMA** Newsletter, The Long Island Catholic and posted on our Web Site.
- ▶ You and your family will also be invited to a special **CMA** "thank you" event at the end of the year, where you will be given the opportunity to read your essay aloud.

*Did you know? Every year because of the **Catholic Ministries Appeal** we are able to serve more than 500,000 people in our Long Island community.*

**Contest Rules:**

- ▶ Essay entries should be no longer than 1,000 words.
- ▶ Contest is open to all youth ages 12-17.
- ▶ All entries must be received by November 1, 2010.

**Essays can be submitted via email to:**

[bkilarjian@drvc.org](mailto:bkilarjian@drvc.org)

**or mail to:**

Barbara Kilarjian, Director Marketing & Development, Office of Institutional Advancement, Diocese of Rockville Centre  
PO Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023

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**A GUIDE TO GIVING**

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\$5,000	\$500
2,500	250
1,500	150
1,000	100
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**EVERY GIFT COUNTS!**

Please make checks payable to:  
Catholic Ministries Appeal  
**Thank you for your support**

Place in collection basket. —or— Drop off at the Rectory. —or—  
Mail to St. Joseph Church, 45 Church Street, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779-3301



## 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](mailto:YIM@StJoRonk.org) or call the rectory.



## CYO Sport Programs

Last Chance in person Registration for Fall 2010 will be Monday, September 13 at the Slocum Field Snack Stand from 6-7:30 pm. Raindate Tuesday.

### 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: Henry 467-6091

### Soccer :

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

\*Must register for the intramural program as well

# 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](mailto: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, August 29th  
Sunday, Sept. 5th

e-mail: [Crew272@StJoRonk.org](mailto: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.

Psalm 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>.

**McGann-Mercy Golf Outing** - Thursday, Sept 23, 2010 at Rock Hill Country Club in Manorville. This fabulous event will feature lunch, best ball golf, putting contest, dinner, raffles and an auction. For more info, to sponsor this event, purchase a tee sign or to purchase tickets, please contact the Mercy Development Office at 631-727-5900 ext. 34 or Bruce Bradley at 631-902-2311, golf committee chairperson. Thank you for your support.

**Gennesaret Retreat** - for those facing serious illness. A retreat especially designed for persons who live with a serious illness is planned September 24,25,26, 2010 at Montfort Spirituality Center in Bay Shore, NY. This retreat offers a respite, a quiet time, an oasis, to enable one to continue the journey. The retreat focuses on God's love, His forgiveness, and His faithfulness. To register or receive more information about this weekend, please call: Colette Fanelli (631) 665-7052.



In today's Gospel, Jesus lays out the demands of following him, the great cost of discipleship. The Mission Statement of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul states: "Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice...the Society makes no distinction in those served because, in them, Vincentians see the face of Christ." **Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?**

**Help Wanted** - Clerical Office, part time—20 hrs. a week. If interested please call 631-979-0060.

**Town of Islip** - will be co-sponsoring a free Rabies Vaccination Clinic for dogs and cats on Sept. 25, 2010 from 9-3. Islip Town Hall, 655 Main St. Islip, NY

**Smithtown Central School District** - is offering FREE morning, afternoon, and evening classes at NYA Annex Joseph M. Barton District Building, 26 New York Ave, Smithtown, NY 11787. English as a Second Language, High School Equivalency, Citizenship, Senior Citizen Basic Computer classes, Computer Assisted Literacy classes & Career Counseling. All students must register!!! Monday & Tuesday, Sept 13 & 14 9am-12pm Days & 7pm - 10pm Evenings. Smithtown residency is not required. Please call at 382-2181 for further information. ALL WELCOME!!

**Cleary School for the Deaf** - is offering Adult Education classes in American Sign Language, levels 1,2,3, & Intermediate/Advanced. Fall Session, Sept 15 - Dec. 8, 2010 (age 12 & up). Call Carolyn Kelly at (631)588-0530 or e-mail [ClearyASL@hotmail.com](mailto:ClearyASL@hotmail.com) for more info.

**Chinese Auction** - sponsored by CDA Court St. Gerard 1920 Centereach, NY on Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2010. Doors open at 6PM at Assumption Parish Center, Crown Acres Rd., Centereach. Admission \$6.00, coffee and cake included, frank and soda will be sold. ALL NEW PRIZES. Raffles, Super-Raffles and 50/50. Call (631) 738-1028.

**Faith & Light Mass** - Sunday, September 12th at 3pm. Parish of the Holy Cross, 95 Old Nichols Rd, Nesconset. Call Marcia at 631-439-9724 for more information.

**L.I. Coalition for Life** - Concern for the Marginalized in our Society topic when the inspirational speaker Al Barbarino speaks at 7:45PM, Monday, September 27th at St. Regis K of C Hall, Pond Rd, Ronkonkoma, sponsored by the L. I. Coalition for Life. Light refreshments. All are welcome. For further info call 631-243-1435.

