

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

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.

OUR LITURGY

Isaiah tells that from the line of David God will raise up a mighty savior to bring peace and salvation to the world. In the second reading, Paul declares that this salvation is now open to the Gentiles. The Gospel tells of John the Baptist heralding Christ's coming and calling for true repentance, for the Kingdom of heaven was at hand.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Dec. 5 (Second Sunday of Advent)

- 7:00 Cornelius J. Dunleavy req. by Loving Wife Anne
- 7:00 Antonio Leggio req. by Loving Family
- 9:00 John W. Biglin Jr. req. by Loving Wife & Family
- 9:00 Antoniette Partenope, Robert Duerr, Michelina Carlisle req. By Loving Family
- 10:30 Mario Cosentino req. by Loving Children
- 10:30 Joseph Cosentino req. by Loving Parents
- 12:00 Rose Ventola req. by Joseph & Carina Ventola
- 12:00 Pasquale Lucivero req. by Cathy & Norm West
- 5:00 Julia Ysordia req. by Francisco & Maria Sanchez & Family
- 5:00 Alice Sheehan req. by Antoinette & Dan Ventola

Monday, Dec. 6

- 7:00 Susan DeCristofaro req. by The O'Shaughnessy Family
- 7:00 Intentions of the Celebrant
- 9:00 Dympna Lenny req. by Anne & Joe Dinero & Family
- 9:00 Chester Kwiecinski req. by Annette Mullaney

Tuesday, Dec. 7

- 7:00 Thomas Ryan req. by Loving Family
- 8:45 William Barry req. by Loving Family & Gavin
- 8:45 For the People of the Parish
- 7:30 For the People of the Parish

Wednesday, Dec. 8 (Immaculate Conception)

- 7:00 For the People of the Parish
- 9:00 For the People of the Parish
- 12:10 For the People of the Parish
- 5:00 For the People of the Parish
- 7:30 For the People of the Parish

Thursday, Dec. 9

- 7:00 Intentions of the Celebrant
- 9:00 John H. Burnett req. by Loving Family
- 9:00 Eileen Daly Schroeder req. by The Boado Family

Friday, Dec. 10

- 7:00 For the People of the Parish
- 9:00 Ava Cervini (LIVING) req. by Grandma & Grandpa Buccellato
- 9:00 Ernest Boeke Jr. req. by Janive & Bob Smith

Saturday, Dec. 11

- 8:00 Diane Bergamino req. by Loving Family
- 8:00 John Andruzkiwicz req. by Loving Family

Anticipated Mass for Sunday

- 5:00 Danny Caggiano Sr. req. by John & Mary Bakke
- 5:00 Antonio Mancini req. by the Gagliardi Family

Sunday, Dec. 12

- 7:00 William Dunphy req. by Fred & MaryAnn Drew
- 7:00 Michael Kinsella req. by Martin DeBobs
- 9:00 Joseph J. Onufrak req. by Loving Mom & Family
- 9:00 George Ennis req. by Loving Wife
- 10:30 George J. Rabb Jr. req. by Loving Family
- 10:30 Daniel Caggiano req. by The Schulz Family
- 12:00 Gladys Meyers req. by Anne Bannon
- 12:00 Brian McGee & Mary & Jack D'Agostino req. by Loving Family & Friends
- 5:00 James Amend req. by The O'Leary Family
- 5:00 Frank Orobello req. by Ean & Tina Price

Altar Bread & Wine

*In Loving Memory of
Joseph Keck
requested by
Ann Festa*



OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

Priest Schedule Subject to Change

This Week

Next Week

Fr. Leuthardt	5:00 PM	Fr. Thomas
Fr. Leuthardt	7:00 AM	Fr. Thomas
Fr. Thomas	9:00 AM	Fr. Maffeo
Fr. Maffeo	10:30 AM	Fr. Boyle
Fr. Boyle	12:00 PM	Fr. Leuthardt
Fr. Maffeo	5:00 PM	Fr. Boyle

Are You A Registered Parishioner?

Many parishioners support St Joseph's in the weekly collection and we do not have them listed in our census. We would like to make sure you are given proper credit for your donations. *If you do not receive mail from us then you are not on our census.*

Please fill in the bottom of this page and we will send you a registration form.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____

City & Zip: _____

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT THE GIFTS AT MASS ON SATURDAY OR SUNDAY, PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE USHERS WHEN YOU ARRIVE FOR MASS.



FROM THE DESK OF FR. MIKE

On January 9th, we will end the **Christmas Season with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**. As we read in the Gospel for that day, we are told of a dialogue between John and Jesus: "John tried to prevent him, saying 'I need to be baptized by you and yet you are coming to me?' Jesus said to him in reply, 'Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness'" Jesus is basically telling John that He wishes to be baptized by him because He (Jesus) wishes to share everything with us in order to be totally one with us and win our salvation.

It appears in today's Gospel, that the *Pharisees and the Sadducees* are coming to John for the same reason, to show that they too are one with the people. John's popularity had grown and his message of repentance was very charismatic. The people were searching for deliverance and forgiveness for their sins. They wanted a better relationship with God and they were not finding it from their religious leaders: who had stopped serving them and were serving only themselves. So, in an attempt to show their solidarity they also came to the *Jordon*. But we are lead to understand that they did not truly intend to change their lives, nor did they wish to be united with the people they were called to shepherd. In fact the meaning to the word Pharisee is **separated one**, and they did separate themselves from others, so they could pursue the study of the faith and law. This at first was holy and pure, but as the Pharisees followed the law, they place extreme burdens on the people so they believed that they could never be close to God.

That is why the people were seeking John out, and of course hoping that he was the **Messiah**. But as John tells them, he is not, that he is merely the voice crying out in the wilderness to prepare the way of the Lord. Now let us look at the contrast between John and the Pharisees. The Pharisees were pretending to be humble and seeking repentance, whereas John (who could have claimed the limelight) totally admits he is not the Messiah. John goes out of his way to tell the people that those who have a lack of humility and true repentance will not be accepted into the Kingdom that the Messiah will announce. As John tells us, "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand...He will clear

his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Let all of us who have been baptized in the name of **the Father, Son and Holy Spirit**, and those who desire to be baptized, freely receive all of the gifts and graces from Baptism and do our part to build the Kingdom of God and be ready to welcome Our Lord when He comes in His full glory.

This afternoon from, 3-4PM we will have our Annual Advent Lessons and Carols. Please join us for this wonderful prayer service where there are Readings (the Lessons) and Advent/Christmas Carols.

Remember that Wednesday December 8, 2010 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mother and it is a Holy Day of Obligation our Masses will be Vigil Mass (December 7th) at 7:30 PM and on the day 7, and 9 AM, 12:10 PM, 5 PM and 7:30 PM. Following the 7:30 PM Mass on the 8th, we will have our Annual Holy Hour for Life to pray for the end of Abortion and the taking of all Innocent Human Life. It will take place from 8:30- 9:30 before the exposed Blessed Sacrament. All are invited!

Our schedule of Masses for Christmas Eve and Day is as follows: Christmas Eve 4 PM Upper and Lower Church, 6 PM and 10:30 PM (remember there is no 12 Midnight Mass). Christmas Day 7, 9, 10:30, and 12 NOON (there is no 5 PM Mass on Christmas Day).

**Happy Advent
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

Thomas Altomare	Msgr. Ken McAteer
Maryann Anaya	Edna McGreevy
Ray Arnold	Janet Bonawandt
Gabrielle Aversano	Mark Mangiacapre
Anne Bannon	Mary McGee
Michael Barbieri	Sheila McGovern
John Bertone	Marge McKinnon
Mary Biglin	Martin McNeill
Pat Blinn	Kerry Migliaro
Maryann Bonitz	Lorraine Milano
Leslie Brown	Anthony Morena
Marie Califano	Anne Murtha
Florence Castagna	3 year old Nathan
Christine Ryan Coffee	Frank Nostro
Regina Cohen	Lucas Oliver
Shaun Cohen	Anna Pepe
Eileen Coradine	Richard Pepe
Michael Costanza	Mason Plouffe
Victor Crema	Anthony Prestigiacomio
Susan Cronin	Gina Purcaro
Helen Crupi	Nicole Ramaglia
Kathy Cunningham	Toni Rand
Raffaella Daniele	Lisa Rapp
Richard DeGiovine	Ralph A. Redo
Rose DiGirolamo	Baby Emma Grace Riccio
Janice DeLalia	Emma Rivera
Michael DePinto	Andrew Rosa
Ann Doherty	Louis Russo
Sharon T. Eichler	Ann Sabourin
Lois Emma	Joseph Sabourin
Robert Filce	Dawn Saporito
Carolina Gaudio	Anna Schramm
James Gill	Krista Schramm
Brian Ginsberg	Marie V Scott
Katie Grace Hanson	Darlene Smith
Carolyn Hillenbrand	Darryll Smith
Jasper Indelicato	Robin Smith
Margaret Indelicato	Richard Stapleton
Luke James Infanzon	Cynthia M. Stewert
Thomas Jankay	Matthew Swenson (7yr. Old)
Jerry Kalish	Michael Supakoff
Jim Keebler	Pauline Sykora
Cecelia Keller	Cathy Szynaka
Arthur Keller Sr.	Michael Tenore
Frances Kern	Mary Thron
Kathleen Kern	Richard Troiano
George Labriola	Lloyd Turnier
Al LaRocca Jr.	Larry Walsh
Rosemary Larotonda	Norm West
Kevin Latini (7yr. Old)	Steven Wilmott
Nicole Laudadio	Diane Zimmerman
Mae Liebhaber	
Vito Lucivero	

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS



SGT Deborah Alfieri	ENS3 Lucy Padro
SPC Matthew Altonji	PFC Matthew Pandolfi
PRVT Andrew Altonji	CPT Michael Parisi
Paul Donato	2LT Anthony Parisi
TSGT Louis Barletta	MAJ Paul E Pinaud
LT Michael-Jon Bonacorsa	CTR2 Matthew Pistrutto
LCPL John Brown	LT David A Rewkowski
PFC Justin Browne	SGT Edwin Rivera, II
LTCOL James Cersosimo	LCPL William R Rodgers
CPL Glenn Clacher	LCPL Anthony M Sbrocco
SPC Thomas E. Corcoran	SSGT Jason Schiavo
SPC Jason Crawford	LCPL W. Mason Shehan
CPT Edward Cuevas	SGT Jennifer Tomaneng
PFC John B Cuneo	SSGT Timothy McGoyne
CPT Ryan Delaney	SPC James Stanek
TSGT Timothy Dermody	SPC Erica Sweeney
SGT Stephen DiGirolamo	EO3 Taylor Taranto
SSGT Tony Elliott	MM3 Gregory Taranto
LT Kelly Fletcher	PFC Greg Terrish
SPC Adam Franciosa	SGT Jason Tulowitzki
CPT Mark Gillman	SSGT Nick Vicalo
CPT Evan Gotkin	SGT John Thomas Vogt
CPL RJ Hartmann	CPL Brandon Waldon
SRA J.R. Kay	SGT Randolph Weaver
SSGT Jessica Kay	MSTR Robert Casey
SGT John W Keohane	MAJ Jennifer Kochman-Gotkin
MAJ Sean P Kilkenny	ILT Richard Lutz
CW2 Steven Knight	HN Frederick James Borsell
CPL Andrew Kochman	PFC Darian L. Clark
LCPL William Langdon	SAMN Bill Ried
SPC Christopher Leone	CPL Michael Casonova
RCT Tiffany LiCausi	SPEC4 David Cooper
SPC Thomas J Lupo	MIDN Michael Cristiano
SGT Wade Lynch	SGT Brian P. O'Leary
MAJ Kevin McCue	PFC Gregory Caplan
PVT Thomas B McGinn	MPS Timothy Caplan
SGT Patrick McNally	E6PO1 Gerard McGarrity
PFC William Meyer	LT John Cox II
CPL Brian G Meyer	PFC Nicholas Barbieri
CPO Gregory Migliore	LCPL Jim A. Mock
SGT Glenn Miller	SGT Maj. John A. Krumholz
LT Heather Miras	LCPL Joseph R. DeGroot USMC
SPC4 George Monica	RCT Dustin A. Whitton USMC
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	

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

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



On Monday, December 6th, the children in **Level 4** will celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation in church at beginning 7:15 P.M. Consult your child's folder for further details.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated on December 8th. It is a Holy Day of Obligation so there will be **no classes** on Tuesday, December 7th and Wednesday, December 8th to allow time for families to attend Mass.

Level 1 Parent/ Child Prayer Service will take place on Monday, December 12 in the Church at 7:15 PM.

**St Regis K of C Afternoon
 Christmas Party**

Sunday, December 5, 2010 from 1-5 PM at 2850 Pond Rd, Ronkonkoma. Tickets are \$10 which includes beer, wine, soda and dinner & Music. For tickets please contact Claire or Jim (631) 588-6345

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK 2011

Savings begin Nov. 1, 2010 and end Nov. 1, 2011. The books are \$25 (\$30 + tax in stores) and are also available for other cities. You will be able to save hundreds of dollars using these books and will be helping our Parish at the same time. For more information or to order, call Kathy at 981-2617 or leave a message with us at 981-1805.

St. Joseph School

e-mail: school@stjorok.org
 website: www.stjorokalem.org



Congratulations to all the winners of the Backward's Raffle. Thank you to all our school families for your 100% support to our parish.

Congratulations to our alumni at St. John the Baptist High School for your hard work and honor roll achievement: Michael Ramos, Jessica Scilingo, Anthony Cruz, Elizabeth Antonucci, Nicole Delfino, Caroline Grenier, Frank Gulotta, Richard Delfino, Kevin Grieb, Victoria Nicosia, Katelyn Vicente, Dominic Safina, Stephanie Szwec.

Kidstuff coupon books are on sale in the office for \$25. They are great Christmas gifts. The first two coupons in the book pay for the cost of the entire book. Retailers such as Payless, Sears, Friendly's, Subway, Checkers, Friday's, McDonalds and more.

Our Christmas Boutique begins this week on Dec. 1st. Students will be shopping for gifts for their families.

Congratulations to our new altar servers who were commissioned this week. Thomas Lum, Noelle Milillo, Elina McAteer, Jason McDonnell, James Pham, Junior Taylor, Raina Barbato, Andre Elbedawy, Alexis Grenier, Sarah Poccia, Allison Ramos, Christelle David, Eric-Michel David, Daisy Fagundes, Bailey Kitkowski.

Thank you to all who shared in our Family Advent Prayer Service. It was a beautiful way to begin the Advent season.

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

8:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Following the 7:30 PM Mass

St. Joseph R.C. Church, Ronkonkoma

This hour before the Blessed Sacrament includes Adoration, the Rosary, Readings and Benediction for an end to abortion, for all victims of abortion, and for the respect and sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. This event is part of the National Night of Prayer for Life to be held in churches across L.I. and the U. S.



*Angelo Mario Prestigiacomo
 Cloe Rae Ferreri*

Respect Life

Worldwide:

Pope Benedict Calls for Worldwide Prayer Against Abortion: Pope Benedict XVI has issued an unprecedented request for prayers against abortion. The Pope will begin Advent by celebrating a solemn "Vigil for all nascent human life" at St. Peter's Basilica on Sat. Nov. 27. The call is not limited to Catholics as the invitation to join him is extended to persons of all faiths.

Mary McClusky, of the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops stated: "At this moment in history, when societies are now endorsing the killing of humans as a perceived solution to social, economic, and environmental problems, the Holy Father is reminding us of the necessity and power of prayer to protect human life."

At St. Joseph's Parish:

The Wed. Dec. 8, Night of Prayer for Life, our Holy Hour of adoration and prayer, is similar to that requested by the Holy Father (read above). Please attend from 8:30 – 9:30 PM following the 7:30 PM Mass.

A Diocesan Advent Appeal:

The Respect Life Office's Act of Kindness campaign seeks to help young mothers at the four crisis pregnancy homes in the diocese: Regina Maternity Services, Mother of Good Counsel Home, Momma's House and Bethany House. Donations for the cause can be sent to the Respect Life Office at 200 West Centennial Ave., Ste. 204, Roosevelt, N.Y. 11575.

Federal Legislation:

This "Lame Duck" session of Congress bears watching. Contact both Senators Schumer and Gillibrand at www.senate.gov and your area Congressman at www.house.gov to oppose any effort by the Dept. of Health and Human Services to mandate contraception, chemical abortion and sterilization as "preventive services" in its "Interim Final Rules" governing PPACA (health care reform). Ask they withhold funding if necessary.

Mailing addresses:

Senators Charles Schumer & Kirsten Gillibrand, U S Senate, Wash., DC 20510

Congressmen Tim Bishop & Steve Israel, U S House of Representatives, Wash., D C 20515

New York State Legislation:

To encourage pro-life, pro-family legislators the L. I. Coalition for Life will sponsor a bus trip to Albany on opening day of the 2011 Session, Wed. Jan. 5. Call to say you will join with one of the teams visiting the 212 legislators that day. Call 631-758 2093 to reserve. No fee. Bus returns to Ronkonkoma approx. 5:30 PM.



Weekly Offering

Fiscal Year Begins 9/1/2010

*Sunday, Nov. 28, 2010, Offerings	\$17,925		
Same collection last year	18,918		
Poor Box last weekend	\$700		
Fuel Collection YTD	\$3,945		
Same time last year	5,509		
YTD Fuel Cost	\$3,385		
Weekly Budget Amount	\$18,500	YTD	\$240,500
Collection	<u>17,925</u>	YTD	<u>223,158</u>
Shortage	-575	Shortfall -	17,342

*Pay Down Debt Donations		
This Month	\$ 6,801	
Total Funds	\$ 81,619	

RVC Campaign for Human Development

2010	\$819
2009	987

*Includes Faith Direct Collections for Nov.

Average weekly shortage is \$4,202 based on last year's figures.

An increase of only \$5 a week in the Sunday Collection would cover this shortage.

If you missed last week, please make it up this week. Thank you.

Envelopes 524

Envelope users: Please enter the amount of your donation in the envelope on the space provided. This will be a big help to us when counting the collection.

*Thank you
Deacon Mike DeBellis*

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

Celebrating 100 Years of Service



The Mother Church of the Ronkonkomas

Advent Lessons and Carols

**Readings and Music to
*Prepare the Way of the Lord***

**Sunday, December 5th
3:00 PM in the Church**



Before the mania of shopping and the secular distractions to Christmas take their toll and threaten to poison your anticipation of December 25th, take time to hear the promise of the scriptures and sing the songs that remind us of what we really anticipate and await, the coming of the long-promised Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Join us in prayer, song and reflection to
Prepare the Way of the Lord in our hearts.**



THE GIVING TREE IS UP IN THE LOBBY OF THE CHURCH

Once again we are asking that you please donate gift cards rather than wrapped gifts. When we give our clients gift cards they are able to experience the same joy of selecting gifts for their family as we do in selecting gifts for ours. Many of our generous parishioners have told us how much they enjoy purchasing gifts for the Giving Tree.

For those of you who would still like to purchase a gift rather than give a gift card, please know that a toy for children from ages 2-8 would be truly appreciated. Please take an angel from the tree and return you gifts by December 13th to the Outreach office or the Rectory.

**YOUR GENEROSITY ALLOWS OTHERS TO
SHARE IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON.**



Calendar Club 2010

THE WINNERS ARE!!!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
11/28 #128 John Donohue \$50	11/29 #171 Michael Lawlor \$25	11/30 #787 Linda Green \$25	12/01 #525 Thomas McManus \$25	12/02 #330 Vincent Festa \$25	12/03 #526 Thomas McManus \$25	12/04 #27 Catherine Anello \$25

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

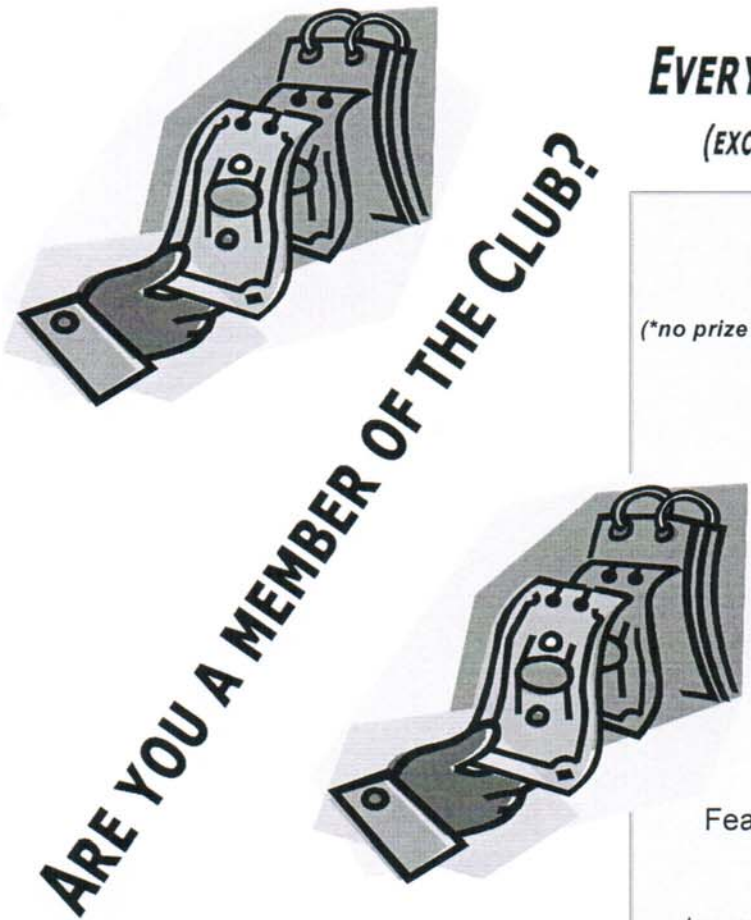
Attention all babies, toddlers and preschoolers:

Need to get your mom, dad, grandparent, or caregiver out of the house? Then join us on Friday mornings for an hour of fun and friends. St. Joseph's Playgroup is open to all children and their caregivers. We meet at 10 AM in Father Carew Hall (church basement) on all Fridays that school is in session. Our first session this year will be Friday, October 8th.. Come join us. No registration necessary. For information, call Sally Miller 737-5120. Hope to see you soon.

Calendar Club 2011

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

(EXCEPT HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY AND HOLY SATURDAY)



Calendar Club 2011 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 2011

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



New Year's Eve Party

**Friday, December 31, 2010
8:00 pm - 1:00 am**

Advance Tickets:

\$60.00 per person / \$100.00 per couple

At-The-Door:

\$65.00 per person / \$110.00 per couple

**ONLY 90 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD
MUST RESERVE BY DECEMBER 15**

Includes:

- ~ Hot Buffet ~ Open Bar ~**
- ~ Champagne Toast at Midnight ~**
- ~ DJ ~ Dancing ~**
- ~ Hats ~ Noisemakers ~ Streamers ~ Raffles ~**

**Tickets available Nov. 1 at the Bar or call:
Frank Avvento (631) 428-4498
Gerry McMenamin GK (631) 648-3090**



Outreach Resources

Emergency Resources

Response of Suffolk County

Crisis Hotline

631-751-7620 or 631-751-7500 (hotline 24 hrs./7 days)

www.responsehotline.org

Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk—VIBS

Domestic/date violence, rape, sexual assault, & elder abuse
631-360-3730 or 631-360-3606 (24 hrs hotline for domestic violence and rape)

www.vibs.org or www.inforatvibs.org

Suffolk County Coalition Against Domestic Violence

631-666-8833 (hotline)

www.sccadv.org

The Retreat

Domestic Violence

631-329-2200 (hotline 24hrs/7 days shelter)

www.theretreatinc.org

Brighter Tomorrows

Domestic Violence

Hotline (631)395-1800

Islip Hotline

Crisis Hotline: 631-277-4700

Runaway Hotline

631-549-8700, 1-800-621-4000

American Red Cross, Suffolk County Chapter

631-924-6700

www.redcross.org/ny/suffolk

Child Abuse

1-800-342-3720 (24-Hr.)

HIV and Aids Teen Hotline

1-800-440-TEEN (fri./Sat. 6:30PM to Midnight)

Child Health Plus Information and Referral

1-800-522-5006 (24 Hr.)

Family Resources/Support Groups

Child Care Council of Suffolk

631-362-0303

www.childcaresuffolk.org

Family Service League of Suffolk County

631-427-3700

www.fsl.li.org

Hope House Ministries

631-928-2377

www.hhm.org

Islip Town Teen Parent Resource Center

631-224-9766

Suffolk County Department of Health Services

Project Hope Mothers' Group

631-853-3035 (call for locations)

www.co.suffolk.ny.us/health

Haven House/Bridges

631-231-3619

www.tsli-hhb.org

Alcoholics Anonymous


631-669-1124

Gamblers Anonymous

631-586-7171

Narcotics Anonymous

631-827-9500



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St. Joseph Parish Outreach Center

e-mail — sjpo@verizon.net

website — <http://outreach.stjoronk.org>

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Make the change today by picking up an enrollment form at the parish office or sign up online at www.FaithDirect.net, our Parish code is **NY252**.

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!

Why Go To Church?

A Churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now...In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are **DOWN TO NOTHING**...God is **UP** to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical **AND** our spiritual nourishment!

I think everyone should read this! "When Satan is knocking at your door, simply say, "Jesus, could you get that for me?"
(As seen in Our Place Newspaper)



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THERE WILL BE A \$30.00 SERVICE CHARGE (BANK FEE) FOR ALL RETURNED CHECKS

This group is not sponsored or insured by the Connetquot Central School District of Islip

NO REGISTRATION REFUNDS • St. Joseph's reserves the right to change age groups based on registration numbers and the athletes ability.

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The Backward Drawing was a **Big Success** and we could not have done it without you! Therefore we want to say Thank You to all the volunteers that helped to make the Backward Drawing a huge success! Perhaps you don't realize the hard work and dedication it takes to make a fundraiser like this happen. For the past two months volunteers have been selling tickets after the weekend masses. In addition, a volunteer went around to many local businesses to ask for donations for the Chinese Auction baskets. The day of the drawing, volunteers arrived early in the afternoon to help set up for the party. Throughout the night, they continued to help with set-ups, serving and cleaning up. We had additional volunteers selling raffles and 50/50 tickets during the event. Our hard working maintenance staff helped prepare the room by setting out the tables and chairs, ordering and stocking all the supplies and of course, the clean up afterwards. We thank each and every one of you for your love and devotion to the parish shown through your hard work and dedication. We could not have done it without you!!!



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

<http://stjoecyosports.com>

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 Jerry 585-4048

Soccer :

Intramural Boys & Girls(ages 3-13) 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.

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, Dec. 5 (Tonight)

Sunday, Dec. 12th

e-mail: Crew272@StJoRonk.org

phone: Advisor Mike Keller (631) 467-6468

What did you do this weekend?



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 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 C.S.F.P. funded by USDA NYSDOH, and administered by Catholic Charities is offering free food for 6 to 12 months post partum women, children from the age of 5 up to their sixth birthday, and seniors age 60 and over, who are income-eligible. Gross monthly income for seniors: Single Senior \$1,174 or less or Senior Couple \$1,579 or less. For further information, and income guidelines for women & children in Nassau or Suffolk, please call 631-491-4166 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>.

Classic Irish Christmas Show - On Sunday, Dec. 5, 2010 at 2pm. Andy Cooney's "Classic Irish Christmas Show" to benefit Hope House Ministries will be held at St. Joseph's College, Patchogue, NY. Andy & his band will be joined by Irelands New King of Blarney, George Casey, Soprano Emma Kate Tobia, the Darrah Carr Dance Troupe & Emcee Mike McCormack. Reserved Seat Admission Tickets are \$20 per person, and may be purchased through Hope House Ministries 928-2377 ext 22. If for any further information is needed please call Janet Brennan, the event coordinator at Hope Ministries.

Host Families Needed - Rotary District 7260 is looking for 2 Host Families located in Connetquot School District to host a foreign exchange student attending 12th grade in Connetquot H.S. Hosting dates are January-April 2011 and April-July 2011. For more information please contact Arnie & Rose Quaranta at 631-467-8226 or Roseq40@aol.com

St. Patricks - In Bayshore will be hosting its 24th annual Christmas Concerts on Friday, Dec. 10th and Friday, Dec. 17th at 8pm. Featured artists will be Internationally Famous Tenor, Karl Scully, Eily Patterson & her Celtic Harpists and the Hibernian Festival Singers, under the direction of Christopher Bilella. Admission is \$35. For further information, please call 665-4911 ext. 0 or 665-1371.

Christmas Concert - Benefits the Inn Soup Kitchen in Wyandanch. Through the generosity of the Church of St. Joseph in Babylon, on Sunday, December 12th at 7pm St. Joseph's Choir and friends will present a **free** concert at St. Joseph's Church in Babylon Village. They will perform Handel's *MESSIAH* and Bach's *MAGNIFICAT* directed by Dr. Marie Drohan and accompanied by soloists, trumpeters, the Sophisticated Strings and will feature Ron Meixsell singing "The Trumpet Shall Sound," one of the most famous Bass arias. Immediately preceding the concert will be a candlelight procession lead by Msgr. Rev. Chris Heller.

College Scholarships - At Thomas More College, in Merrimack, NH, you will find an academic community dedicated to providing a comprehensive Liberal Arts education in the Catholic tradition. The students, faculty, and staff invite all high school seniors to join us through the 2011 **Faith & Reason Essay Contest** in pondering how the rich heritage of the Church's culture can offer hope to the world today. Over \$100,000 in scholarship money will be awarded this year to incoming freshmen. To learn more, visit us online at www.ThomasMoreCollege.edu or contact the Director of Admissions, Mark Schwerdt, at (800) 880-8308.

 *Thank You* 

MANY FAMILIES ENJOYED A FINE THANKSGIVING DINNER BECAUSE OF YOUR EXTRAORDINARY GENEROSITY. AS ALWAYS, THE PEOPLE OF ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH PUT THEIR FAITH INTO ACTION THROUGH THEIR LOVE AND SHARING OF THEIR HARD-EARNED RESOURCES TO HELP THOSE IN NEED. GOD BLESS YOU!