

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church

Parish Office Hours

Thurs. & Friday (effective August 1, 2011)

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

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9am to Noon; 1:15 to 5:00 PM

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

Sunday - 9:00 AM to 12:00 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

Today's first reading tells of God's Servant who humbly speaks God's words, despite persecution. The second reading reveals Christ as the perfect model for all Christians. His attitude and actions call us to live lives of humility and obedience. The Gospel recounts the Passion and death of Jesus Christ.

Altar Bread & Wine

In Loving Memory of

Paul Liguori

Requested by

Loving Mom, Brother & Family



OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

Priest Schedule Subject to Change

This Week

Next Week

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

See Below



2012 Easter 2012

<u>Easter Vigil</u>	7:30 PM	Fr. Maffeo
<u>Easter Day</u>	7:00 AM	Fr. Thomas
	9:00 AM	Fr. Leuthardt
	10:30 AM	Fr. Boyle
Carew Hall	11:00 AM	Fr. Thomas
	12:00 Noon	Fr. Leuthardt
Carew Hall	12:30 PM	Fr. Maffeo

MASS INTENTIONS



Sunday, April 1 (Palm Sunday)

7:00 Cornelius J. Dunleavy req. by Loving Wife
 9:00 John W. Biglin req. by Loving Wife & Family
 9:00 Living & Dec'd. Mbrs. of the Onufrak Family req. by Helen Onufrak
 9:00 Kerry Migliaro req. by The Prego Family
 10:30 Jose Martins req. by Loving Family
 10:30 Emma Bonila req. by Loving Family
 12:00 James J. Heiman req. by Helen Onufrak
 12:00 Peter Pagano req. by Jovanna Motto
 5:00 Blanche McCabe (**LIVING**) req. by Frank Dell'Aglio
 5:00 Frank Salemi req. by Joan & Bill Diercks

Monday, April 2

7:00 Intentions of the Celebrant
 9:00 George J. Raab Jr. req. by Loving Family
 9:00 In Thanksgiving for St. Joseph's req. by The Simon & Bernard Families
 12:10 Mary Dougherty req. by Loving Husband

Tuesday, April 3

7:00 Thomas A. Gellman req. by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Brown
 8:45 Marc Jaycee Butiu req. by Loving Mom, Dad & Family
 12:10 Robert J. Cecchini Sr. Req. by Bill & Roseann & Family

Wednesday, April 4

7:00 Torey Broncatello req. by Dennis & Jennifer Ferreri & Family
 9:00 Michalina Copetto req. by Dcn. & Mrs. Michael Devenney
 9:00 Emanuele Quarantino req. by Loving Family
 12:10 Paul Liguori req. by Loving Mom & Family

Thursday, April 5 (Holy Thursday)

9:00 Morning Prayer
 7:30 Mass of the Lords Supper

Friday, April 6 (Good Friday)

9:00 Morning Prayer
 12:00 7 Last Words
 3:00 Liturgy of the Passion
 7:30 Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 7 (Holy Saturday)

9:00 Morning Prayer
 Blessing of the Food

Anticipated Mass for Sunday

7:30 Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 8 (Easter Sunday)

7:00
 9:00 *For the People*
 10:30 *of the*
 11:00 *Parish*
 12:00
 12:30

There will be NO 5 PM Mass on Easter Sunday

The Mass Book is now open for 2013

From the Pastor's Desk

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest." We begin today's celebration with the people crying out Hosannas praising Jesus as the Messiah, and yet we will leave today not singing praises but in utter, solemn silence. Silence as we contemplate the Passover of the Lord and as we enter into this truly Holy Week.

On the first Palm Sunday, the people were shouting out for Jesus because they believed that He was the one sent by God to save them. The word Hosanna comes from the Jewish word hoshia and na, and it is a joyful exclamation of praise meaning; please save or save now. This word was especially proclaimed at the major feasts of Passover and Sukkoth or The Feasts of Booths or Tabernacles. As its meaning implies it was originally, a word used to appeal for deliverance, but liturgically it was converted to serve as an expression of joy in the great anticipation of the deliverance, which will be granted to us by the coming of the Messiah. We as Christians use the word as an expression of great joy for we have experienced the great joy of the coming of the Messiah and of course, we anticipate more joy in the Second Coming of Christ and the coming of the Kingdom of God in its fullest. Yes, the people shouted Hosannas, but as we see in the Passion Accounts, they lost their faith in Jesus because they were caught up in the false words of their Leaders, and the uncaring practices of the Romans, who saw Jesus as a troublemaker that should be silenced! The Jerusalem crowd was superficial in its faith because they were looking only at the surface meaning of the events that Jesus accomplished in His preaching and Public Ministry.

Unfortunately, many people today also get lost on the surface when it comes to following Jesus, they are not able to dig deeper into how Christ wishes to be a part of their lives. To help us dig deeper and not forget all that Jesus has gained for us, we relive the events that brought about our salvation. That is what we will do today as we read the Passion (according to Mark this year) as we will also do on Good Friday (using John's Account). As you may notice, we divide the parts up when we read the account, to remind us that this is not an event happening in the past, but that the Passion is an event that is happening here and now. That this is not just something we read about, but that it is something we are participating in everyday. We shall do that today, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, with the Mass of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the Great Vigil of Easter. Please do your best to try not to make this week like any other week of the year. Try to do your best to concentrate and mediate on these saving events, that we will live out during this week.

The Schedule for the week is as follows: Holy Thursday Morning Prayer at 9 AM, and Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 PM, followed by the Procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the School Gym.; Good Friday Morning Prayer at 9 AM, the Seven Last Words at 12 Noon, Passion of the Lord at 3 PM, and Living Stations of the Cross at 7:30 PM; Holy Saturday Morning Prayer and Blessing of the Easter Food at 9 AM, and the Great Vigil of Easter starting at 7:30 PM. Please note that there is no 5 PM Mass on Holy Saturday Night or on Easter Sunday Night, but we will have two additional Masses on Easter Sunday Morning in Carew Hall to accommodate all who come. Please check the bulletin for the times of each of these services and Masses.

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday and Wednesday following the 7 and 9 AM Masses, and tomorrow afternoon into night from 3-9 PM. We will also celebrate the Sacrament on Holy Saturday Morning from 10 AM to 12 Noon.

Let us pray, Father, you invite us to be a part of the drama of your redeeming love, in the dying and rising of Jesus your Son. May His Cross heal our weaknesses and help purify us in our hearts and minds that we may have a true faith and share it with others. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us now enter into this Most Holy Week

Fr. Mike



Fr. Mike's Weekly Letters are available online in a "blog" format at 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...**



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PastorsDesk.StJoRonk.org
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USING SCRIP MAKES DOLLARS AND SENSE!

What Is Scrip?

Scrip gift cards are available in the Rectory Office during regular office hours and in the Church vestibule after most Sunday Masses.

Scrip is a term that means, "Substitute Money".

When you purchase scrip, you're purchasing negotiable gift cards that are used just like cash. The scrip is issued by national and local retailers where you probably already shop. These merchants want to support non-profit organizations, and in return ask you to support them by shopping with scrip at their stores. You can use scrip to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, and other essentials, and with every purchase, you earn revenue for our parish.

How scrip generates revenue for the parish

A Scrip clearance center acts on behalf of many churches, schools and other non-profit organizations to purchase large amounts of scrip from grocery stores, department stores, and other retailers. Because the scrip is purchased with cash-up-front, the participating retailers offer a substantial discount. We buy the scrip from a scrip clearance center at a discount, and re-sell the cards to you for full face value. The bulk of the discount - from two to fifteen percent or more - is retained by our parish as revenue.

Scrip is "shopping cart fundraising".

The reason for the effectiveness of scrip is simple: families generate revenue through purchases they would make anyway. Groceries, clothing, toys, gifts; even gasoline can be purchased with scrip. It is estimated that a group of 150 families will spend between one and two million dollars per year on food, clothing and other essentials. If these families use scrip for these purchases, they can raise as much as \$40,000 to \$80,000 per year for the parish -- without spending an additional penny.

Retailers like Scrip, too.

Families who purchase scrip cards actively support the retailers who participate in this program. The reason is simple... they know that buying from a scrip participating retailer provides a steady source of revenue for their parish community.

Can I use the scrip cards anywhere?

Yes, the cards are accepted at all participating retailer locations.

Does it cost a family anything to participate? Do I have to sell anything?

There are no membership fees or application fees. You simply pay face value for the cards you purchase through the parish. The beauty of the scrip concept lies in the fact that you raise money for your parish by using your existing household shopping budget. Some families may enlist relatives, friends and neighbors to buy scrip. But, unlike other fundraising programs, scrip families do not have to "sell" anything to help our parish raise money.



New! WE NOW CARRY IN STOCK, TARGET, AÉROPOSTALE, AMERICAN EAGLE, WALGREENS, DAVE & BUSTERS (ALL \$25 DENOMINATIONS) *****WALDBAUMS GIFT CARDS CAN BE USED FOR PATHMARK

Respect Life

N.Y. S. Legislation - The NYS Reproductive Health Act (RHA) – was not voted out of Committee as of 3/18. Visit NYScatholic.org for updates.

Federal Legislation - A 3/1 vote on the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act, as Senate Amendment 1520 (sponsor: Sen. Blunt) to the Transportation Authorization bill failed 51-48.

Cardinal Dolan Voices Dismay at Handling by White House in Letter Updating Bishops on HHS Mandate Controversy. A 3/2/2012 Press Release begins: WASHINGTON—Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York voiced dismay in the Administration’s handling of the church as the White House and the church seek to work out religious freedom problems found in a mandate in the new health care reform bill. The mandate drew church ire when it required that all employers, including religious ones, pay for contraceptives – including abortifacients – and sterilization for employees despite church teaching *a g a i n s t t h e m*. He also promised to provide educational materials to parishes and to pursue legislative and judicial efforts to restore respect for religious freedom in the nation. Letter at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/upload/Dolan-to-all-bishops-HHS.pdf>.

Fri., April 6 – 10:30 a.m. – noon -- GOOD FRIDAY SILENT VIGIL FOR LIFE. A public pro-life witness in front of NUMC, East Meadow. Sponsor: L.I. Coalition for Life 631- 588-0168.

Sat., April 21 – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. LOBBY TRAINING DAY ON L.I. Techniques for presenting issues in Albany, or, locally. Non-political. Update on legislation. Presented by NYSRTL Committee. Lower Church Hall, Our Lady of Mercy R.C. Church, 500 S. Oyster Bay Road, Hicksville (2 mi. s of L.I.E. x43). Bring lunch. Beverages . Free will-offering. Adults and Students Welcome. To register leave name and phone number (by 4/20) at 631-758-2093 or e-mail to maryannedumas@yahoo.com

Tues., May 1 - NYSRTL LOBBY DAY, ALBANY. Guest Speakers. Current Legislation. All indoors. No registration fee. To reserve on bus, suggested donation \$15, leaving St. Joseph’s at 4:45 a.m. call 631-758-2093 or e-mail maryannedumas@yahoo.com.



Weekly Offering



Fiscal Year Beginning 9/1/2011

Sunday, March 25, 2012 Offerings **\$17,867**
Same collection last year 17,475

DRVC Catholic Relief Collection 2012 \$1,462
2011 \$2,151

Poor Box last weekend \$381

Fuel Collection YTD \$4,755
Same time last year 6,671
YTD Fuel Cost 10,893

Weekly Budget Amount \$17,900 Budget YTD \$588,810

Collection 17,867 Actual YTD 599,275

Shortage -33 Overage +\$10,465

***Pay Down Debt Donations**

This Month \$ 6,791
Total Funds 192,939

Less Payment made to RVC 137,000
Fund Balance \$55,939

RVC Loan 604,000
Less Payment 137,000
Balance \$467,000

***Includes Faith Direct Collections for March (50 Participating Households)**

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

Envelope users : Please enter the amount of your donation on the envelope in the space provided. This will be a big help to us when counting the collection. Also, it is not necessary to tape or staple the envelope closed. Your help is appreciated.

Thank you, Deacon Mike DeBellis

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

Religious Education

E-mail: RelEd@StJoRonk.org

Website: RelEd.StJoRonk.org

981-1805

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday

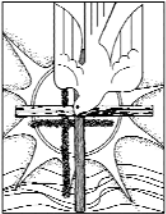
9:00 Am - 3:00 PM



Registration for religious education classes, which begin in October, will start this month. To register a child for the first time, you can find all the forms on line at reled@stjoronk.org or call us at 981-1805 to have them sent to you. All others please return the re-registration form your child brought home. Please register as soon as possible to be assured of the time and day that is the most convenient for you.



Confirmation Corner



Level 7 Parents if you missed the meeting to register for Confirmation, please call to schedule an appointment during the day to meet with Sr. Anne Marie.

Outreach Ministry

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

Dear Friend: My name is Alan Shawn Feinstein. For the past 12 years, I have been giving away \$1 million each year to anti-hunger agencies throughout the country.

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

Why am I doing this? Because I believe each of us was put here on earth to do what we can to help those in need. This letter is written because we feel that YOU believe that, too. This has become the greatest grass roots campaign ever to fight hunger in our country. Your donation makes you a partner in it with me! I'm only here to give you some support and to remind you of this: *That all that will matter to us someday is what we did while we were here to help those who needed us.*

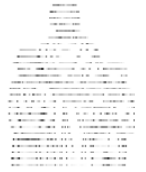
Please give whatever you can- I will gladly add some of my money to yours. Thank you for sharing my heart, and the hope that- someday-no one will ever go hungry.

Sincerely Yours,
Alan Shawn Feinstein

St. Joseph School

e-mail: school@stjoronk.org

website: www.stjoeronkelem.org



.If you recall, on Sunday March 4, 2012 St. Joseph School students opened their Science Fair in Carew Hall to all parishioners so that everyone may see the projects our students presented this year. From those projects our science teachers selected 4 students to continue on to the Diocesan Science Fair at Chaminade High School. The Chaminade Science Fair was held on Saturday, March 24th in Mineola for 7th and 8th grade finalists from all the Diocesan Elementary Schools on Long Island. This year the students who attended were Vanessa Pham, Isabella Barsalona, Katrina Avilla and Austin Nguyen. Congratulations to those students for your hard work in attendance at the Chaminade Science Fair.

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO AUSTIN NGUYEN! His project was one of the projects selected to attend the fair. AUSTIN WON "BEST IN SHOW" at the Chaminade Science Fair. Among all the entries at the science fair Austin's project and presentation won him "Best in Show." We are all so proud of Austin and his hard work along with all the students whose projects were selected as finalists.

Holy Week is upon us. Our students will be remembering this special week with extra activities such as reconciliation, prayer services, stations of the cross, classroom seders, making pretzels and other activities to bring them closer to the meaning of this special season in our faith.

Share your
Easter Joy
by helping to
decorate our
Sanctuary and
Church for
Easter.



We will gather on April 7, 2011 at 10 AM.



Venturing Crew 777 Chinese Auction

(Sponsored by MacArthur Business Alliance)



Saturday, April 14, 2012

Fr. Carew Hall

6:00 - 9:00 PM

Dessert will be served and, as always, there will be plenty of fantastic items. Please come out to support the scouts. For tickets (\$5), or if you would like to make a donation, or have any questions, please call 631-981-1399.



Golden Wedding Jubilee



This spring, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at liturgies on Sunday, April 22 at the Church of Saint Lawrence the Martyr in Sayville and on Sunday, May 20th at the Church of Maria Regina in Seaford. Both liturgies will begin at 2:30 PM. Couples may register for ONE liturgy. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory. Registration must be received by the Office of Worship by April 5th for the April liturgy and by May 3rd for the May liturgy. There will be additional celebrations in the fall for

those who may find that more convenient. If you have any questions you may call 516-678-5800, extension 207.

St. Joseph Parish can earn a donation every time you search the Internet or shop online at your favorite stores!

GoodSearch & GoodShop



Search the web with Yahoo-powered **GoodSearch.com** and they'll donate about a penny to our parish each time you search! *There is no charge to the parish or to you for this service.*

Shop online at more than 2,400 **GoodShop.com** merchants including Best Buy, Toys-R-U's, and others, and a percentage of each purchase will go to St. Joseph's!

Our parish will benefit from purchases that you ordinarily make in the course of your everyday online gift shopping or personal shopping at no extra cost to you.

Many coupons and deals are available to you at stores you normally shop at.

F E A T U R E D I N

The New York Times

abc NEWS

O, THE OPRAH MAGAZINE

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

Visit our Parish Website for more information. <http://stjoronk.org>



**2012
CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
APPEAL**



ONE FAITH, ONE HOPE, MANY GIFTS

We need your help. Back in February we began the **2012 Catholic Ministries Appeal**. As you may recall when we spoke about the Appeal, we told you that last year we only reached 92 % of our goal which gave us a rebate of **\$11,706.20**. While that is a nice amount which we are happy to receive, it is **\$10,000 less** than our rebate of **\$20,775.20** from the previous year. This year, we are on track to reach the goal which is higher than last year's. Once we reach our goal we receive **20%** as the parish rebate portion. In addition, any money raised over our goal, we will receive **80%** of that total making the rebate even larger. So if we can raise enough in pledges this year, we could make up for the **\$10,000 shortfall** in last year's rebate. We have almost 6400 registered families. Last year, only **414** made pledges! That is less than 10% of the parish supporting the Appeal. We are hoping that this year more families will make a pledge. By making a pledge, you are helping to fulfill your mission as a Catholic Christian. So as **Lent** comes to a close, and we prepare to celebrate the **Resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ**, we look at our own journey, we reflect on our own lives, and we strive to put our faith into action. One way to do that is by giving to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**. Please take the time to prayerfully consider all that God has blessed you with in this life. We ask you to give as generously as your means will allow. You can choose a one time gift or make a pledge and pay it off monthly. You may use your credit card to make the payments. We offer a incentive for those who give \$200 or more; you will be entered in a special drawing. Ten names will be randomly selected to win dinner for two with the parish priests and deacons. It is not important how much you give ,(that is an individual sacrifice) yet it is important that you do give to help meet the needs of all those who are hungry or homeless, aged or ill, studying to grow in their faith and to help build the Kingdom of God right here on Long Island. Please complete the form below and return it to St. Joseph's 45 Church St. Ronkonkoma NY 11779. Thank you for your generous support.

Year-to-date Comparison:

2011 Goal \$96,236 2012 Goal \$100,500
2011 273 Pledges 2012 303 Pledges

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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Supporting the Community Around Us

TO PROVIDE FUNDS I/WE AGREE TO MAKE A GIFT OF:

PLEDGE \$ _____ INITIAL PAYMENT \$ _____ BALANCE \$ _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PARISH OF DONOR _____

SIGNATURE OF DONOR _____

A GUIDE TO GIVING	
PLEDGE	10 PAYMENTS
\$5,000	\$500
2,500	250
1,500	150
1,000	100
500	50
300	30
150	15
OTHER \$ _____	
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

Outreach Resources

Emergency Resources

Family Resources/Support Groups

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.)

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

Life Center of L.I. - Pregnancy Care

631-243-0066

Birthright of Nassau/Suffolk

516-785-4070

Al-Anon Suffolk County

631-669-2827

info@AL-Anon-Suffolk-NY.org



Cape Cod Trip



The Seniors are sponsoring a trip to Cap Cod July 3rd, 4th and 5th. Some highlights include Hyannis Harbor cruise,

fireworks, JFK museum, Cape Cod baseball hall of fame and much more. Call Arlene for details at 648-3582. Meals, gratuities and a stop at Mohegan Sun with casino bonus included. Must be 21 or older to participate.

St. Joseph Parish Outreach Center

e-mail — sjpo@verizon.net

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



Through your generosity we were able to help more than **151** people throughout the month of February. Financial assistance for the month of February was **\$1,886.78** 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."*



Calendar Club



The Winners Are

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3/4 #356 Bernadette Alvarez \$50	3/5 #571 W & M Poggi \$25	3/6 #447 Jude Wilken \$25	3/7 #980 Ann & Chuck Gonzalez \$25	3/8 #368 Janet Lamm & Roger Smith \$25	3/9 #704 Marie & George Hunt \$25	3/10 #230 Diana P Hinton \$25
3/11 #450 Joan Romolo \$50	3/12 #302 Cathy Foy \$25	3/13 #527 Janet & Bill Wroblewski \$25	3/14 #485 The Kolarik Family \$25	3/15 #396 Theresa Saunders \$25	3/16 #829 Cheryl Marchese \$25	3/17 #512 C Mullenforth & L Sampson \$25
3/18 #299 Kimberly McCann \$50	3/19 #707 Maurice Maloney \$50	3/20 #610 Reno J. Staffa \$25	3/21 #550 Matthew Kennedy \$25	3/22 #675 Mike & Cynthia Kelly \$25	3/23 #269 Linda & Peter Perniciaro \$25	3/24 #570 Rose Jauregui \$25

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



The Catholic Daughters of St. Joseph's Parish sincerely thank all who responded to our appeal for help in cleaning the bases of the pews on Sat. 3/24. The work could not have been accomplished without the 35 plus volunteers who responded. More than half of the problem areas were cleaned. This was not an easy task. Glitches occurred but were quickly solved by this multi-talented group. In addition, many including younger family members, cleaned kneelers and benches. In summary, a difficult task was made easier by this willing and very industrious group. Without being asked all expressed willingness to return to tackle the next phase of the project. God bless the great parishioners of St. Joseph's Parish.

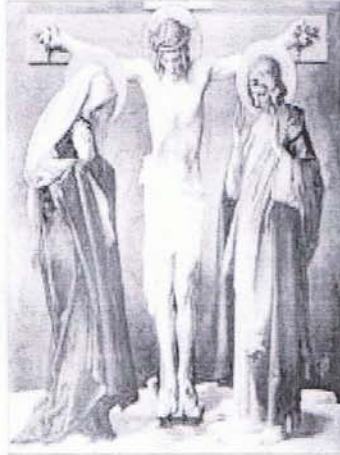


Christian Nicholas Buglione
Lucas Anthony Morreale
Alexia Hope Pasciucco
Sean Clark Sullivan

Legion of Mary

invites you to the

3rd Annual Women's Silent Retreat "BEHOLD THY SON"



HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE
MASS

REFLECTIONS

ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED
SACRAMENT

CONFESSION
AVAILABLE

Come ponder "Motherhood" in your heart after the example of Mary. Come pray with Mary for our children and our priests. Come and receive strength to become the "perfect women" we are called to be:

"Thus the 'perfect woman' (Prov 31:10) becomes an irreplaceable support and source of spiritual strength for other people, who perceive the great energies of her spirit. These 'perfect women' are owed much by their families, and sometimes by whole nations. "Mulieris Dignitatem

Friday, 11 May 2012 - Saturday, 12 May 2012

**Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY**

COST: \$100 per person (add \$10 if joining us for Friday dinner)
includes 3 meals on Saturday & private room w/shower

check in Friday between
1 - 6 p.m.
Ends Saturday 9 p.m.

SEND CHECK PAYABLE TO ST. PATRICK PARISH TO:

ST. PATRICK RC CHURCH, 284 E. MAIN STREET, SMITHTOWN, NY 11787 ATTN: LEGION OF MARY

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT CORINNE ADISS @ (631) 804-7222

NAME _____ Parish _____

ADDRESS _____ Phone # _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____ Approx. arrival time Friday: _____



He has risen! Alleluia!

The Easter Lamb

The paschal Lamb symbolizes the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

~ **The Lamb of God** ~ is the Christian symbol of the Passover Sacrifice of Jesus' Death to Life.

It is to be placed on the front window or storm door of the home, witnessing to what we believe as Catholic Christians:

“We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song.”

The symbol of the Lamb remains in a prominent place *from* Easter Sunday, *until* the Easter Season is completed ~ 50 days later ~ on Pentecost Sunday. It is taken down on this day.

Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday Schedule at St. Joseph's

Palm Sunday

Distribution of Palm
at all Masses

Saturday, March 31st
5:00 PM

Sunday, April 1st
7:00 AM,
9:00 AM,
10:30 AM,
12:00 Noon,
5:00 PM



Good Friday

April 6th

9:00 AM

Morning Prayer

12:00 Noon

Reflection on the Sev-
en Last Words

3:00 PM

Commemoration of the
Passion and Death of the
Lord Jesus

7:30 PM

Stations of the Cross



Holy Thursday

April 5th

9:00 AM

Morning Prayer

7:30 PM

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Followed by

Solemn Procession

With the

Blessed Sacrament

To the Repository

11:00 PM

Closing of Repository



Holy Saturday

April 7th

9:00 AM

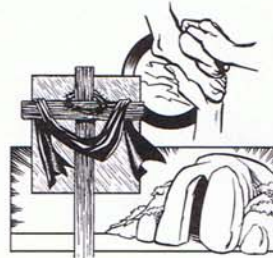
Morning Prayer and
Blessing of Easter food

10 AM - 12 Noon

Confessions for those
unable to attend other
services.

7:30 PM

Easter Vigil Liturgy



Easter Sunday

Saturday, April 7th- Easter Vigil
Mass at 7:30 PM

Sunday, April 8th

7:00 AM Mass in the Church

9:00 AM Mass in the Church

10:30 AM Mass in the Church

11:00 AM Mass in Carew Hall

12:00 PM Mass in the Church

12:30 PM Mass in Carew Hall

There will be no 5:00 PM Mass



FINAL REGISTRATION - ALL SPORTS STARTING THIS MONTH



ST. JOSEPH

P.O. Box 2755, Lake Ronkonkoma, New York 11779



2012 SPRING SOCCER



St. Joseph's CYO Soccer Club

Trainer
Joining Club

*Serving the Ronkonkoma and Surrounding
Communities with Intramural, Interleague,
Pre-Travel and Travel Soccer
Boys and Girls 3-13 • 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

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

SPRING 2012
\$40.00 NET
YOU PAY \$52.00.
 YOU WILL RECEIVE A \$12.00 CHANCE
 BOOK. YOU KEEP THE \$12.00.
 THE FINAL COST TO YOU IS \$40.00.
 + Uniform (\$25.00) If Needed

**FUNDRAISING: 1 Box of Candy
or \$25.00 Extra At Registration**

DIVISIONS: 3-4 YEAR CLINIC • 5-6 MICRO • 7-8-9 MIDDLE
10-11-12 UPPER • *GIRLS SUBDIVISION

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL BETH 737-6299 OR JOE 585-0748



GIRLS AND BOYS GRADES K-8

2012 SPRING TRACK



REGISTRATION FEE \$40.00

Plus \$10.00
jersey if needed

At St. Joseph's CYO We Give You A Choice

FUND RAISING: 1 BOX OF CANDY TO BE SOLD BY EACH ATHLETE **OR** NO FUND RAISING: ADD \$25.00 TO COST OF REGISTRATION

QUALIFIED COACHES • OVER 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE ALL MEETS LOCAL - ON LONG ISLAND • EVERY ATHLETE RECEIVES A TROPHY AT YEAR END AWARDS CEREMONY • MOST ATHLETES WILL RECEIVE 5-15 AWARDS DURING THE SEASON

COACHES NEEDED - BECOME A TEAM LEADER

**FAMILY
DISCOUNTS
3RD CHILD
FREE**
For All Sports

MAIL IN ASAP

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL JERRY AT 585-4048

FINAL MAIL IN REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 10th FINAL

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.

I DO NOT WANT TO DO ANY FUND RAISING I ADDED \$25.00 TO REG. COST

I WILL DO FUND RAISING CANDY CHECK ONE SOCCER TRACK

Please sign indicating you have read and understand the above statement

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Child's Name _____ Boy Girl Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Town _____ Zip _____

Home Phone # _____ School _____ Grade _____

Email _____

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. JOSEPH'S C.Y.O. • P.O. BOX 2755 • LAKE RONKONKOMA, NEW YORK 11779
ALL FAITHS WELCOME • \$30.00 BANK SERVICE FEE RETURNED CHECKS NO REGISTRATION REFUNDS • CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PREFERRED
St. Joseph's reserves the right to change age groups based on registration numbers and the athletes ability.

FINAL REGISTRATION - ALL SPORTS STARTING THIS MONTH



ST. JOSEPH'S CYO

P.O. Box 2755, Lake Ronkonkoma
New York 11779



2012 BOYS BASEBALL

CALL GENE 588-1879

NEW	TB Boys & Girls	FARM	MINORS	MAJORS	SENIORS
	5-6	7-8	9-10	11-12	13-16
	\$45.00	\$60.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$80.00

2012 GIRLS SOFTBALL

CALL DENNIS AVETA 467-6174

FARM	MINORS	MAJORS	SENIORS
7-8	9-10	11-12	13-14
\$45.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00

**ALL REGISTRATIONS
POSTMARKED BY APRIL 10TH
FOR BASEBALL OR SOFTBALL
WILL RECIEVE 10 FREE ROUNDS OF HITTING
AT MATT GUILIANO'S - PLAY LIKE A PRO**

**BAD ECONOMY!! WE CUT OUR COSTS TO
HELP YOU. LET YOUR CHILDREN PLAY BALL.
SIGN THEM UP NOW FOR EARLY DISCOUNT.**

COACHES NEEDED. BECOME A TEAM LEADER

**AT. ST. JOSEPH'S CYO
WE GIVE YOU A CHOICE**

FUND RAISING
1 Box of Candy
To Be Sold By
Each Athlete

OR

NO FUND RAISING
Add \$25.00 To Cost
of Registration

QUALIFIED COACHES • CERTIFIED UMPIRES
DUGOUT WITH BENCHES • GROOMED FIELDS
ALL GAMES PLAYED AT LOCAL RONKONKOMA BASEBALL COMPLEX
OVER 40 YEARS EXPERIENCE • T-BALL FOR YOUNG ATHLETES
EXPERIENCED ADULT UMPIRES • EVERYONE PLAYS EVERY GAME
EVERY ATHLETE RECEIVES A TROPHY AT YEAR END AWARDS
CEREMONY • NEW PITCHING MACHINES

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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 _____ Boy Girl Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Town _____ Zip _____

Home Phone # _____ School _____ Grade _____

Email _____ Baseball Softball

Make All Checks Payable to ST. Joseph's CYO Baseball

Mail Registrations to:

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

**** LITTLE LEAGUE RULES WIL APPLY (BATS, BALLS, PITCHING, ETC.) ****

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 CYO reserves the right to change age groups based on registration numbers and the athletes ability.

Easter Bunny Brunch

The Easter Bunny Brunch will be on Sunday April 1st from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at St. Regis Knight's of Columbus. There will be food, crafts, fun and a photo opt with our special guest "The Easter Bunny". Please bring your cameras to take your own pictures with the Easter Bunny. The cost is \$5.00 per person and children two and under are free. For more information or to make reservations please email Stephanie at stephs74@optonline.net Hope to see you there!

Easter Bunny Brunch sponsored by the Squirrelettes

Paschal Candle Memorials

If you would like to memorialize the Paschal Candle for the upcoming year please fill out and return this form with your donation of \$100 to the Rectory.

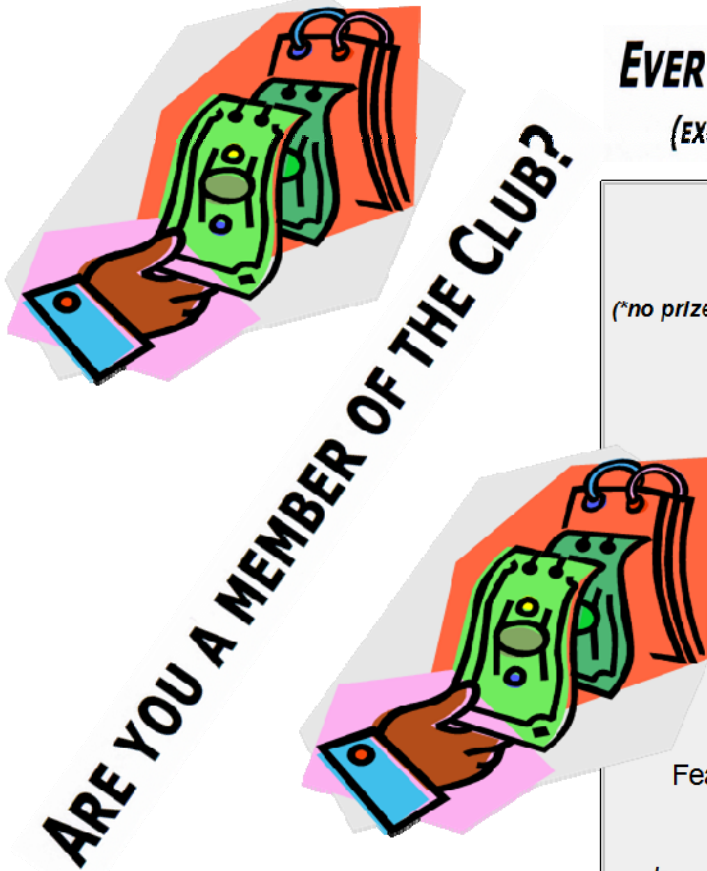
<i>Paschal Candle Memorial</i>	
Name:	
Address:	
Telephone:	Parishioner ID#
In Memory Of:	



Calendar Club 2012

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

(EXCEPT HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY AND HOLY SATURDAY)



Calendar Club 2012 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 2012

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



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 & Girls): 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

Interested in joining Venturing?
 Want to enroll your son in
 Cub Scouting or Boy Scouting?

Send an e-mail from your
 Smartphone or Blackberry
 while it's on your mind to
JoinScouting@StJoRonk.org

→ You can scan us! →



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, April 1st Tonight
Sunday, April 15th

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.*

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 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>.

St. Patrick's Single Fellowship - Sunday, April 15th at 10am to 12pm. St. Patrick's Parish, 280 E. Main St., Smithtown, NY. Coffee, tea, cake and conversation, and event planning. Come & join us and perhaps meet a new friend. For more information call the Outreach Dept. at 631-265-2668 (10-2 Weekdays).

Pro-Life Movement - Rev. Donald Havrilla, Pastor of Southampton Full Gospel Church will be the guest speaker on Mon., March 26th at 7:45 pm prior to the general meeting of the L.I. Coalition for Life. His talk will cover pro-life activities as well as the involvement of clergy and lay people. The meeting will be held at the St. Regis K of C Hall, Pond Rd. & Rosevale Ave., Ronkonkoma. Light refreshments and all are welcome. For further info call 631-243-1435.

Faith & Light Mass - Friday, April 13th at 7 PM. Parish of the Holy Cross, 95 Old Nichols Rd., Nesconset. (Faith and Light is an international faith-sharing organization for people with developmental challenges and their families and care-givers.)



Anointing of the Sick Mass

April 14, 2012 — 11:00 AM

This Mass is celebrated twice a year for those who are preparing to undergo surgery, those who are homebound, and those who are suffering from long term illness or the effects of old age. If this applies to you or someone you know, please plan to join us at this Mass. If you are unable to attend this Mass, please call the Rectory so that one of the priests can arrange to visit you at home.

