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Mrs. Maryanne Trezza

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Come pray with us!

Masses

Saturday: 5:00 PM

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

Misa en Español 6:30 PM

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

*During School year, Tuesday mass is at 8:45AM

Eucharistic Adoration:

Mondays 2:00 - 7:00 PM (except holidays)

First Friday 7:30 - 8:30 PM Holy Hour

Rosary: Daily after 9:00 Mass

Reconciliation: Mon, Wed, Fri: after morning masses

Sat: after 8:00 AM mass and 4:00 - 4:45 PM

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

Let us build the City of God!

Our Mission:

By our loving service and works of mercy, we invite every person to know Jesus Christ, present in the Word and the breaking of the Bread, so that all may accept his gift of salvation.

Nuestra Misión

Por amor a nuestro servicio y las obras de misericordia, invitamos a cada persona a conocer a Jesucristo, presente en la Palabra y en la fracción del Pan, para que todos puedan aceptar su don de salvación.

St Joseph Rectory Office

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Faith Formation

Located in Rectory 631-981-1805

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March 10, 2019 — First Sunday of Lent

St. Joseph Outreach Resources

Emergency Resources

Response of Suffolk County Crisis Hotline (24/7)
631-751-7620 or 631-751-7500
www.responsehotline.org

Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk - VIBS
Domestic violence, rape, sexual assault, elder abuse:
www.vibs.org www.inforatvibs.org
631-360-3730 or 631-360-3606 24hr for rape
& domestic violence

Suffolk County Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Hotline: 631-666-8833 www.sccadv.org

The Retreat (Domestic Violence) Shelter
631-329-2200 (24/7 hotline) www.theretreat.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 hour)

HIV and AIDS Teen Hotline
1-800-440-TEEN (Fri/Sat 6:30PM—midnight)

Pregnancy Care

Birthright of Nassau/Suffolk 631-785-4070

Life Center of LI Pregnancy Care 631-243-0066

Prayer and Devotion Opportunities

Our Lady of Fatima Devotion

Our Lady came to Fatima and promised that the whole world would be at peace, and that many souls would go to heaven if her requests were listened to and obeyed. In response to her requests, the First Saturday of each month is devoted to Our Lady of Fatima. This devotion includes 8:00 AM mass, a novena to Our Lady of Fatima, the Rosary, and the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All are welcome.

Monday Exposition and Benediction

Every Monday afternoon the Blessed Sacrament is exposed from 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM. This opportunity for prayer ends with Benediction beginning at about 6:45 PM and ending at 7:00 PM.
You can come at any time for any length of time.
Make a weekly appointment to spend time with Jesus!

Family Resources

Child Health Plus Information and Referral
1-800-522-50060(24 hour)

Child Care Council of Suffolk 631-362-0303
www.childcaresuffolk.org

Family Services 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

Catholic Charities DRVC Talbot House
Chemical Dependency Crisis Center
631-589-4144
www.catholiccharities.cc

Support Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous 631-669-1124

Gamblers Anonymous 631-586-7171

Narcotics Anonymous 631-689-6262

Overeaters Anonymous 631-260-6615

Al-anon Suffolk County 631-669-2827
info@AL-Anon-Suffolk-NY.org

First Friday Holy Hour

Every First Friday of the month we have a Holy Hour before the exposed Blessed Sacrament. This prayer runs from 7:30 PM until 8:30 PM, closing with Benediction.

St Joseph Men's Prayer Group

We meet every Tuesday evening at 7:30 PM in the Church where we pray the Rosary. Afterward we move to the main vestibule for coffee, donuts and fellowship. This is a great opportunity to be strengthened in your commitment as a Catholic man just by spending time with others like you!

Come Pray Anytime During the Day

Our church opens at 6:30 AM and remains open all day for anyone who wants to make a prayerful visit. Please come and have some quiet time with God in the midst of our busy (and sometimes loud) world.

Serving Your Sacramental Needs

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament is celebrated on Sundays at 1:30 PM and on the first Saturday of each month. Parents, please call the parish office to arrange a meeting with a priest.

The Sacrament of Eucharist

See front cover for mass times. If you are sick for an extended period of time or are homebound, contact the parish office to have someone bring Communion to you.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

School aged children can prepare for this Sacrament by contacting our Faith Formation Office. Adults who have yet to be Confirmed should contact the Parish Office

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

As listed on front cover or call the office to see a priest.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

This Sacrament is for the living. We celebrate this Sacrament each Spring and Fall for those who are chronically ill, advanced in age, or who are about to undergo surgery or hospitalization. We can arrange the Sacrament at other times by calling the Parish Office.

Emergencies: Call the office to speak to a priest.

Nighttime emergencies (631) 538-7219

The Sacrament of Matrimony

Bride or Groom please call the office at least six months before your desired wedding date to begin preparations for marriage. Please make contact with the parish **before** making other wedding day plans!

The Sacrament of Holy Orders

If you feel called to serve in the church as a priest deacon or in consecrated religious life, call the office to speak to one of the priests or deacons for guidance.

Interested in possibly becoming Catholic?

Contact the rectory to arrange a meeting to discuss your questions. We have classes to help people learn about our faith and decide if becoming Catholic is best for you. This whole process of inquiry and potential conversion is called RCIA—The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

We will respect your personal journey with God!

Altar Bread & Wine

*In Memory of
Mary Ryan
Requested by
William Ryan*



Baptism

Jhett Reiner Herrschaft

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, March 10 (First Sunday of Lent)

- 7:00** For the People of the Parish
- 9:00** Terrence Eiermann (The Eiermann Family), Marie Costa-Martinez, Ryan Kemp (The Bunicci Family)
- 10:30** Emma Rivera (Terri Cronin)
- 12:00** Kathleen O'Loughlin & Sr. Eilish White (Barbara & John Cronin)
- 5:00** Maria Mercedes Sada (The DeMauro Family)

Monday, March 11

- 7:00** For the People of the Parish
- 9:00** James Perrella (Lou & Mary Scotti)

Tuesday, March 12

- 7:00** Joseph J. Onufrak (Loving Family)
- 8:45** William Corey Houston (The Sheldrick Family)

Wednesday, March 13

- 7:00** For the People of the Parish
- 9:00** Angelo Santopadre (Sally & Giulio Ferrante)

Thursday, March 14

- 7:00** Christopher O'Halloran (Loving Family)
- 9:00** James J. Heiman (Loving Sister Helen)

Friday, March 15

- 7:00** Thomas P. O'Neill (Kathleen Cillo)
- 9:00** Thomas Barrett (Ann Festa)

Saturday, March 16

- 8:00** For the People of the Parish
- 5:00** Kathleen Schwartz (Carol Ann Bowker), George Rabethsky (Loving Friend), Mr. Pasani (The Schropfer Family), Luminosa Sauviso (Tom & Carol Gillin)

Sunday, March 17 (Second Sunday of Lent)

- 7:00** For the People of the Parish
- 9:00** Dec'd. Mbrs. Of St. Regis K of C & Columbiettes
- 10:30** Thomas Patrick Zalud (Mr. & Mrs Louis DeQuatro), Gerard Johnson (Loving Family), Michael Lawlor (Loving Family), Eleanor Roode (The Donohue Family), Lois Long (Joe & Regina Recupero), Lisa Masone (RoseMarie Uzun)
- 12:00** Richard Fahey (Loving Family)
- 5:00** Angel Louis Llanes (Fran Llanes & Family)
- 6:30** Spanish Mass

OUR LITURGY

In the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses instructs the people to offer gifts to the Lord for their freedom from slavery in Egypt, and for God's never-ending care. In his Letter to the Romans, Paul reminds his readers that without any distinction of nationality, all who call on the name of the Lord will be saved. Luke's Gospel tells how Jesus withstood the temptations of the devil.

REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

*Salvatore Sciara, Julia Anne Stanek, John Clahane
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*

THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who participated in this month's Share Mercy Sunday. Our first "Shavee" for St Baldrick's Head Shaving was a 10 year old girl - AWESOME!

As of this writing I don't have the final count for how much we raised, but we did pass our fundraising goal of \$10,000!

When you see someone with a bald head, say a prayer for everyone who is fighting cancer - especially children.

This year we had an added way to participate - A barber school came to help us and there were lots of barbers waiting to help. So we announced at the later masses that anyone could come down and get a haircut and make a donation. This led to a lot more participation. We hope we will have this same service available in the future.

When he was first elected, my good friend, Pope Francis said, "I envision a church that is poor and for the poor." When I see the works of mercy that we have done in our parish I see the vision of Pope Francis coming to life in us! We have our financial struggles but our hearts are beating with love for God and it shows in the loving service we offer to those in need. In all of these works of mercy we become more and more the Body of Christ.

Another Work Of Mercy Coming To Fruition!

Sometimes life moves very quickly and we move from activity to activity so quickly that we can almost forget the good we have done in the past.

Last year our entire parish did a great work of mercy that was led by our children. We sponsored the training of a Guide Dog Puppy and named it Gil. When I brought our donation to The Guide Dog Foundation, they told me they would contact me when it is time to pick a puppy. A lot of time has gone by since then but they just called and they have a litter!

It turns out that there have been many sponsors so there has been a waiting list. The puppies have just been born so the time to pick them is Easter Monday. What a great way to celebrate the resurrection!

This kind of gives a new flavor of hope to the season of Lent. I ask you all to add some special prayers to your Lenten prayers:

- ♥ Pray for Gil the puppy.
- ♥ Pray for the family that will care for Gil for about a year.
- ♥ Pray for the person who will be helped by Gil.

Thank you to everyone who helped us in this work of mercy! Pictures of Gil will be posted on our social media on Easter Monday and they will be in the bulletin on the following Sunday.

-Fr Mike

How Do We Respond?

Last Monday our school, and many schools in town had to have a "Lock Out" for the safety of all in the school. A Lock out happens when there is a crime in the area and the criminal is still at large. Business goes on as usual in the school but no one is allowed in or out until we are given the "all clear" from the police. This Lock Out happened because of a shooting at IHOP on Portion Rd.

After all was clear and the students were dismissed I spoke to a member of our school staff about our strange and frightening world. "What do we do in light of this kind of criminal activity in our world" was the question that permeated our conversation.

The answer to this challenging question is present on the front cover of our bulletin and we read it together before every Sunday mass:

By our loving service and works of mercy, we invite every person to know Jesus Christ, present in the Word and the breaking of the Bread, so that all may accept his gift of Salvation.

St Paul tells us, "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." (Romans 12:21)

By rising from the dead, Jesus won the battle against evil once and for all. The difficulty is that the devil doesn't realize that he lost, so the battle continues in our world.

We have amazing weapons in our battle. Beginning with the strength that comes to us in listening to God's Word and in receiving the Body of Christ in Communion. Then we hear our commission, "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life" and we get to work! With every work of mercy, no matter how big or small, we are winning the battle and we are inviting others to join the winning side.

Pray that Jesus' light will shine through our works of mercy and we will overcome evil with good.

-Fr Mike

Almsgiving in Lent

During the Lenten Season we are asked to pray, fast and give alms. Lent is a perfect time for us to pray for those in need - whether it is for their material, emotional or spiritual needs.

When you practice fasting and abstinence during these forty days, please remember our neighbors who are hungry and consider sharing your gifts with them.

One good way to do this is by making a gift to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)**, which supports programs that help feed people in our community each year through both Catholic Charities and our Parish Outreach Centers.

Note: All CMA donations are specified donations and go to diocesan works of mercy. Payments for settlements from abuse cases are paid through insurance and from income from investments. Your offerings to the parish and to the CMA always help the work of the church - service and spreading the Good News!

Respect Life



The United States Senate Blocks Vote on the Born Alive Bill

In reaction to New York State's new abortion bill (reported on over the last few weeks in this column), and efforts by other states to pass similar legislation, and the Governor of Virginia, Ralph Northam's, comment defending the proposition of letting disabled or non-viable babies die after failed abortion attempts, Senator Ben Sasse (R-NE) re-introduced the 2002 Born-Alive Infants Protection Act. This bill would require medical care for abortion survivors. The bill was filibustered, and required a cloture vote requiring 60 yes votes to move it to an actual floor vote. Then the bill would have only needed a simple majority to pass the Senate. The bill was blocked on February 25th, 2019 in a 53-44 vote, despite 77% of the population being in favor of it (McLaughlin & Associates Poll). As a point of information, according to the Center for Disease Control, approximately one abortion survivor is allowed to die from lack of medical care per month, based on statistics from 2003 through 2014. The CDC acknowledges that this number is probably higher, as three states do not participate in their statistical study, including California. Unfortunately 44 Senators of the United States of America felt that they should not vote yes to bring the bill to a floor vote. Below is a list of the 44 Senators that did not deem it necessary to protect these children.

Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)	Michael Bennet (D-CO)
Richard Blumenthal (D-CT)	Cory Booker (D-NJ)
Sherrod Brown (D-OH)	Maria Cantwell (D-WA)
Ben Cardin (D-MD)	Tom Carper (D-DE)
Chris Coons (D-DE)	Catherine Cortez-Masto (D-NV)
Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)	Dick Durbin (D-IL)
Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)	Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)
Kamala Harris (D-CA)	Maggie Hassan (D-NH)
Martin Heinrich (D-NM)	Mazie Hirono (D-HI)
Tim Kaine (D-VA)	Angus King (I-ME)
Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)	Patrick Leahy (D-VT)
Ed Markey (D-MA)	Bob Menendez (D-NJ)
Jeff Merkley (D-OR)	Chris Murphy (D-CT)
Patty Murray (D-WA)	Gary Peters (D-MI)
Jack Reed (D-RI)	Jacky Rosen (D-NV)
Bernie Sanders (I-VT)	Brian Schatz (D-HI)
Chuck Schumer (D-NY)	Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)
Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ)	Tina Smith (D-MT)
Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)	Jon Tester (D-MT)
Tom Udall (D-NM)	Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)
Mark Warner (D-VA)	Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)
Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)	Ron Wyden (D-OR)

Three Senators abstained: Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Kevin Cramer (R-ND), and Tim Scott (R-SC).

Please note that both of our New York State Senators are on the list above. In addition, this list includes six 2020 presidential candidates. The list includes Cory Booker (D-NJ), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Kamala Harris (D-CA), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Bernie Sanders (I-VT), and Elizabeth Warren (D-MA). Lastly, and most tragically, ten of the Senators who voted against the bill are Catholic.

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you..." Jeremiah 1:5

Our Prayer and Action In Building the City of God



Our Prayer for Financial Well Being is \$23,700 in our Sunday Offerings

Sunday March 3rd Collections:	\$19,132
Same Week Last Year:	\$17,588
This Year Weekly Average ((to-date)	\$17,315
Last Year Weekly Average Was:	\$18,210

Our Prayer for Evangelization is an increase of 500 new people at Mass this year

Mass Attendance on Sun. March 3rd	1,494
This Year Avg. Mass Attendance	1,443
Last Year Avg. Mass Attendance:	1,535



LECTORS WANTED!

To parishioners of Confirmation age or older:

Are you reasonably comfortable addressing large groups?

Do you speak and read clearly – with confidence, strength, passion, and certain knowledge of what you speak or say?

Do you feel a calling – yes, a vocation – to become God's instrument to proclaim His Word to His people?

Do you believe you can truly bring Scripture *alive* to the listener; and are you willing to spend a half-hour or more of practice (*before each assignment*) to assure a smooth, effective, and vibrant proclamation?

If your answer to all of the above is "Yes," then your parish needs you!

On an evening in mid-March, a two-hour Lector Training session will be held in the rectory.

Interested? Call Greg Walsh at 585-4524.



WE'RE LOOKING FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS

We will meet **in the Church at 5:30pm for each weekday session, and on Saturday we will meet at 2:30pm** and will cover the "what" and "why" of an altar server's role, and how it all fits into the whole Mass

Here are the dates:

Thursday, March 14, Saturday, March 16 &
Tuesday, March 19

Please call the Rectory and leave your name, phone number and/or an email address. Then just come down and join us!

Show Your Support for Life!

All Pro-Lifers invited to march-
Ronkonkoma St. Patrick's Parade
Sunday, March 24 - 1:30 p.m.

Line up location-Patchogue-Holbrook Rd. & Portion Rd., Ronkonkoma, NY.
March behind the Families For Life Pro-Life banner and float.

Pro-Life organizations may carry their own banner.
No individual signs please.

Parade Sponsor: St. Regis Knights of Columbus.
For information: 631-428-6427



ST. REGIS COLUMBIETTES
BIRTHRIGHT SHOWER / VICTORIAN LUNCHEON / TEA



SUNDAY, APRIL 16

ST REGIS COUNCIL Upstairs Hall

at 12:00 pm

\$27.00 PER PERSON

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE SPRING HAT AND BRING YOUR FAVORITE TEA / COFFEE CUP

ENJOY A COMPLETE LUNCHEON WITH APPETIZERS, SALAD, BREAD, HOT ENTREE, DESSERT AND OF COURSE COFFEE/TEA!!!

BABY SHOWER BINGO WITH PRIZES AND WE WILL ALSO BE SELLING RAFFLES.

IF YOU CAN BRING AN UNWRAPPED BABY GIFT TO DONATE TO BIRTHRIGHT, THAT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. A CHECK OR CASH DONATION WILL ALSO BE ACCEPTABLE. A REPRESENTATIVE FROM BIRTHRIGHT WILL BE THERE.

FOR TICKETS: CARMELA SAFINA 631-942-1702 OR EMILY HARRIS 631-285-3249



Court St. Josephs #975
Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Annual Family Fun at Sayville Bowling
5660 Sunrise Hwy, Sayville, NY
Sunday, March 31st at 1PM
Donation \$20.00

For more information, please call Emily Harris @
631-285-3249

JOURNEY, CROSS AND CRUCIFIXION



On Friday, March 15th, our church is sponsoring "The Journey, Cross and Crucifixion", a dramatic presentation of the Stations of the Cross. The service is being offered by Creative Ministries, a troupe of Christian actors, musicians, and dancers. All are invited to relive the Passion of our Lord as we follow the Stations of the Cross throughout St. Joseph's. The service will be at 8:00 pm. For more information please visit the website at www.cmpac.com or info@cmpac.com.

A Lent to Remember

A Lenten Encounter with Mercy

FORMED
THE CATHOLIC FAITH,
ON DEMAND.

Join us for a 4-week video-based study on **formed.org** featuring the Augustine Institute original productions *Symbolon* and *Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession*. A Lent to Remember is a beautiful presentation of the transforming power of mercy in the Sacrament of Confession. No matter what you have done, no matter how long you have been away, Jesus is waiting for you with open arms this Lent!

- ▶ Week One: Wednesday, March 13 at 7:30 PM in Carew Hall
Forgiven: Where Are You?
- ▶ Week Two: Wednesday, March 20 at 7:30 PM in Carew Hall
Forgiven: An Encounter with Mercy
- ▶ Week Three: Wednesday, March 27 at 7:30 PM in Carew Hall
Forgiven: Embraced in Mercy: The Rite Explained
- ▶ Week Four: Wednesday April, 3 at 7:30 PM in Carew Hall
Symbolon: The Paschal Mystery
- ▶ Bonus Episode: For Children
For Children: How to Make a Good Confession

NOT ON FORMED YET? IT'S EASY AND FREE TO REGISTER!

- 1 Go to stjosephronkonkoma.formed.org and click "Register"
- 2 Enter your name, email address, and desired password
- 3 Go to **Study**, then **A Lent to Remember**
- 4 Use the *Symbolon* and *Forgiven* Leader Guides for discussion



Use the *Symbolon* and *Forgiven* Leader Guides for discussion

Please drop *A Lent to Remember* slips off in the collection baskets, in the Rectory mail slot or at the Rectory.

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Lent 2019

Lent – A Call to Conversion

Lent is the period of 40 days which comes before Easter in the Christian calendar. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Lent is a season of reflection and **preparation** before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days.

Rules of Fast & Abstinence

During the season of Lent the Church calls us to fast and abstain. The days of fast are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fast means that those between the ages of 18 and 59 limit themselves to one full meal and eat nothing between meals. The other meals on a fast day are light meals. All the Fridays of Lent, as well as Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, are also days of abstinence, which means that those 14 years of age and older are to abstain from eating meat.

Daily Mass – A Lenten Tradition

Monday – Friday 7 and 9am; Saturday 8am

Sunday Masses – Sat 5pm; 7, 9 and 10:30 am, and Noon, 5pm and 6:30pm (Spanish)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

As we pray the "Our Father" we petition our God to "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." These simple words recall that each of us can encounter and experience God's forgiveness. As a faith community the Sacrament of Reconciliation has long served to seek forgiveness of God and to be reconciled with one another. Lent is an especially opportune time to experience God's mercy in this sacramental way. The parish offers weekly celebrations of the sacrament each Monday, Wednesday & Friday after the 7 & 9 AM Masses and on Saturday after the 8AM Mass and from 4-4:45PM.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be celebrated throughout the day on Monday, April 15th as part of the Diocesan Day of Reconciliation.

Reconciliation will be available from 3-9PM here at St. Joseph in addition to the morning hours listed above.



Stations of the Cross

Recalling the Passion of our Lord Jesus during the season of Lent has nourished Catholics from the earliest days of Christianity. One of the traditional ways in which we recall Jesus' *Way of the Cross* is the praying of the *Stations of the Cross*. Join us for the Stations on each Friday during Lent at 7:30 PM. On Friday, March 15th Creative Ministries will be here to present Journey Cross & Resurrection at 8 PM. On April 5th, at 7:30 PM Stations will be presented by our Faith Formation Program, On April 12th, Stations will be presented by the Spanish Ministry and on April 19th our Youth Ministry will present the Living Stations of the Cross.

Lenten Feast Days

Celebrate with us on the feast day of our patron saint, St. Joseph on March 19th. Fr. Carlos Martins will be here to display & discuss Saintly Relics. In addition, Ronkonkoma will be holding their St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 24th

Easter Retreat

Our Easter Retreat is a time for spiritual renewal and growth and will be held on May 6th, 7th & 8th @ 7:15 PM, with more information to come. We invite you to set aside this time, on your calendar for prayer.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday

Distribution of Palm at
all Masses

Saturday April 13

5:00

Sunday April 14

7,9,10:30 AM

12 Noon

5:00PM

6:30PM

Holy Thursday

April 18th

Morning Prayer

9:00

Mass of the Lords Supper

7:30PM

(followed by an opportunity for quiet prayer until 10:00PM)

Good Friday

April 19th

Morning Prayer

9:00

Lords' Passion

3:00

Lord's Passion (Spanish)

6:00PM

Living Stations of the Cross

7:30PM

Holy Saturday

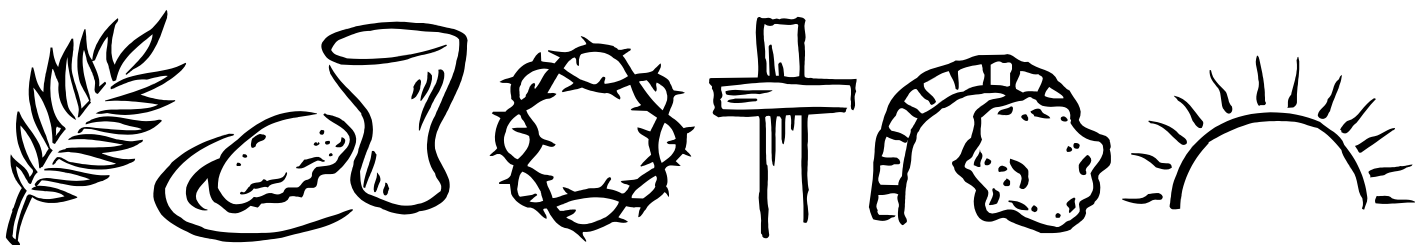
April 20th

Morning Prayer

9:00

Easter Vigil Liturgy

7:30PM



Nuestra Misión

Por amor a nuestro servicio y las obras de misericordia, invitamos a cada persona a conocer a Jesucristo, presente en la palabra y en la fracción del pan, para que todos puedan aceptar su don de salvación.

Celebraciones Sacramentales y otras informaciones para la Comunidad Hispana

El sacramento del bautismo
Padres, por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia para hacer una cita con el Padre Michael Rieder (en español)
(631) 588-8456

El Sacramento de la Eucaristía
Si estás enfermo por un prolongado tiempo en su hogar, llame a la rectoría para el servicio de Comunión en español o al correo ministeriohispano01@gmail
(516) 320-4144 Sandra Chacón

El Sacramento de la Confirmación
Los niños en edad escolar pueden prepararse para este Sacramento llame a la Oficina de Formación de Fe. (631) 588-8456

El sacramento de la reconciliación
Lunes, Miércoles y Viernes después de la misa de las 9:00 am ó llame a la rectoría para hacer una cita con el Padre Michael Rieder para las confesiones en español.
631-588-8456

El sacramento de la unción de los enfermos
Celebramos este Sacramento cada primavera y otoño, personas que están crónicamente enfermo, avanzado en edad o que está a punto de someterse una cirugía u hospitalización. Por favor llame a la Oficina Parroquial. **Emergencias nocturnas: para hablar con un sacerdote. Llame al (631) 538-7219**

El sacramento del matrimonio
Por favor llame a la oficina por lo menos seis meses, antes de la fecha de la boda deseada, antes de comenzar los preparativos para la boda.

El sacramento de orden sacerdotal
Si sientes el llamado a servir en la iglesia como un sacerdote diácono o en la vida religiosa consagrada, llame a la oficina para hablar uno de los sacerdotes o diáconos como guía.

Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (RICA)
Clases para aquellos adultos (mayores de 16 años) que desean recibir los sacramentos del BAUTISMO, COMUNIÓN & CONFIRMACIÓN en español. Necesitará los siguientes documentos:
1) Partida de nacimiento.

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PRIMER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

LECTURAS: I Domingo de Cuaresma- CICLO C

1ra. Lectura: Dt 26, 4-10
2da. Lectura: Rom 10, 8-13
Evangelio: San Lucas 4, 1-13

Comenzamos el tiempo litúrgico de la Cuaresma. Tiempo propicio para sentirnos hijos amados de Dios Padre. Este Padre que nos espera para quitarnos la ropa de la desconfianza y vestimos con el traje nuevo de la dignidad. En este primer domingo de Cuaresma. Dios Padre nos invita a confiar en su Palabra siguiendo el ejemplo de Jesús, su Hijo. En cuaresma somos llamados a la conversión. El lema: "Cuaresma: tiempo de conversión"



Significado de la Cuaresma

La Cuaresma es el tiempo litúrgico de conversión, que marca la Iglesia para prepararnos a la gran fiesta de la Pascua. Es tiempo para arrepentirnos de nuestros pecados y de cambiar algo de nosotros para ser mejores y poder vivir más cerca de Cristo.

La Cuaresma dura 40 días; comienza el Miércoles de Ceniza y termina antes de la Misa de la Cena del Señor del Jueves Santo. A lo largo de este tiempo, sobre todo en la liturgia del domingo, hacemos un esfuerzo por recuperar el ritmo y estilo de verdaderos creyentes que debemos vivir como hijos de Dios. El color litúrgico de este tiempo es el morado que significa luto y penitencia. Es un tiempo de reflexión, de penitencia, de conversión espiritual; tiempo de preparación al misterio pascual.

En la Cuaresma, Cristo nos invita a cambiar de vida. La Iglesia nos invita a vivir la Cuaresma como un camino hacia Jesucristo, escuchando la Palabra de Dios, orando, compartiendo con el prójimo y haciendo obras buenas. Nos invita a vivir una serie de actitudes cristianas que nos ayudan a parecer más a Jesucristo, ya que por acción de nuestro pecado, nos alejamos más de Dios.

Por ello, la Cuaresma es el tiempo del perdón y de la reconciliación fraterna. Cada día, durante toda la vida, hemos de arrojar de nuestros corazones el odio, el rencor, la envidia, los celos que se oponen a nuestro amor a Dios y a los hermanos. En Cuaresma, aprendemos a conocer y apreciar la Cruz de Jesús. Con esto aprendemos también a tomar nuestra cruz con alegría para alcanzar la gloria de la resurrección.

SIMBOLOS DE LA CUARESMA

1. 40 Dias
2. La Ceniza
3. Las Vestiduras Moradas
4. Las Palmas
5. El Oleo Santo
6. El Viacrucis
7. Los Escutrinios
8. La Penitencia: Ayuno, Oracion, y Caridad



Exposición de las Reliquias Sagradas de los tesoros de la Iglesia, Marzo 19 a las 7:00 pm vamos a tener 150 reliquias en exposición de diferentes santos y de la santa cruz, la entrada es gratis, inviten a sus familiares y amistades.



CYO Sport Programs

<http://stjoecyosports.com>

Baseball:

Intramural (Coed, ages 4-16): Gene ☎ 588-1879

Travel * (Boys) Vinny ☎ 543-4100

Basketball:

Girls (koolmom4d@msn.com) Debbie ☎ 467-6174

Clinic Division (Coed Grades K-2) Nick ☎ 585-7723

Boys Grades 3-12) Vinny ☎ 543-4100

Travel* Vinny ☎ 543-4100

Track:

Boys & Girls, Grades K-8 Jerry 585-4048

Soccer :

Intramural Boys & Girls(ages 3-13) Joe ☎ 585-0748

jcaiola@fast.net

Travel (LIJSL): Rob ☎ 721-8831

Softball: Dennis 467-6174



Faced with a Drinking Problem?

Perhaps

Alcoholics Anonymous Can Help.

"Heart of the Lake" - AA Group

Meets here at St. Josephs R.C. Church

In the basement of the Rectory (entrance in rear)

Wednesday Evening @ 7:30 - 8:45 pm

And

Saturday Afternoon @ 2:00 - 3:15 pm

"The Only Requirement for Membership

Is a desire to stop drinking."

Scouting as Youth Ministry



Cub Scout Pack 272

Scout Troop 272



St. Joseph's Cub Scout Pack 272 and Scout Troop 272 have fun, exciting, educational, character building programs for boys and girls, 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 to our meeting and check it out.

Visit our next meeting:

March 10, 2019 Tonight

e-mail: Crew272@StJoRonk.org

phone: Advisor Mike Keller (631) 872-7675

What did you do this weekend?

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Name of person who is ill

Person making this request:

Relationship to ill person

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

PRAY FOR 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)

"Al-Anon"



Al-Anon is an anonymous fellowship of families and friends of alcoholics. It is a support program which meets here at St. Joseph's Church on Thursdays 10AM -12 Noon in the basement of the rectory. (Entrance is in the rear)

For more information please call
631-669-2827.