



## 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.

### Our Vision (Cub Scout Pack 272)

*Our vision is to utilize the program of the Boy Scouts of America to minister to the youth of our parish. The Scout Oath and Law call our Cub Scouts to live in service and love to others.*

### Our Vision (Boy Scout Troop 272)

*We develop Leaders whose core values are loving God and loving each other.*

### Priests

Rev. Michael J Rieder, Pastor  
 Rev. Gil Lap  
 Rev. Belevendiram Rathinam (Fr Bala)  
 Rev. Juniper J. Thomas (retired)

### Deacons

Dcn. James Altonji  
 Dcn. Michael DeBellis      Dcn. Frank Dell'Aglio  
 Dcn. Michael Devenney      Dcn. William Dobbins  
 Dcn. Joseph Dougherty (retired)  
 Dcn. Joseph Califano (retired)

### Come pray with us!

#### Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 10:30, Noon, & 5:00 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 Mass

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

### St Joseph Rectory Office

45 Church Street Ronkonkoma NY 11779  
 588-8456 Fax 471-2569

### Religious Education

35 Church Street 981-1805  
 Director: Mrs. Maryanne Trezza

### Parish Outreach

2855 Pond Rd 981-6888  
 Director: Mrs. Anne Kelly

### St Joseph School

25 Church Street 588-4760  
 Principal: Mr. Richard Kuntzler

**December 20, 2015 - Fourth Sunday of Advent**

## **Serving Your Sacramental Needs**

### **The Sacrament of Baptism**

The Sacrament is celebrated on Sundays at 1:30 PM. Parents, please call the parish office to arrange a meeting with one of our priests or deacons to begin to make arrangements.

### **The Sacrament of Eucharist**

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

### **The Sacrament of Confirmation**

School aged children can prepare for this Sacrament by contacting our religious Education office. Adults or older teens who have yet to be Confirmed should contact the Parish Office

### **The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

As listed on front cover or call rectory for an appointment with one of our priests.

### **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 arrange a visit from 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**

Anyone who is feeling called to service in the church as a priest deacon or in consecrated religious life should contact the parish office to speak to one of the priests or deacons for guidance.

### **Interested in possibly becoming Catholic?**

Please contact the rectory to arrange a meeting to discuss your questions. We have regular classes to help people learn about the faith and decide if becoming Catholic is what you and God want for you right now. 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!**

## **Prayer and Devotion Opportunities**

### **Our Lady of Fatima Devotion**

Our Lady came to Fatima with a message from God to every man, woman and child. She 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, the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and fellowship in Carew hall at 9:00 AM.

All are welcome at this devotion.

### **Spend Some Time in Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament**

Our church opens at 6:30 AM and remains open throughout the 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.

**We have times set aside when Our Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar for your prayer.**

### **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 to join in this quiet, reflective prayer time.

Make an appointment to spend time with Jesus!

### **First Friday Holy Hour**

Every First Friday of the month we have a Holy Hour before the exposed Blessed Sacrament. This communal prayer begins at 7:30 PM and run 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!

**See you Tuesday!**

**Additional Parish and School Contact Information**

Parish Website: stjoronk.org  
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**Parish Trustees**

Robert Koepper                      Walter Poggi

**Business Manager**

Deacon Michael DeBellis

**Music Ministry**

Michael Keller, Director  
 Ann DeBellis, 9:00 Choir

**Rectory Hours**

**Monday thru Friday 9:00 - 5:00** (closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:15)  
**Saturday 10:00 - 4:00** (closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:15)  
**Sunday Closed**

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Sunday, Dec. 20 (4th Sunday in Advent)**

- 7:00** Cornelius J. Dunleavy (Loving Wife Anne), Matthew Schifano (Loving Fam.)
- 9:00** Joseph Onufrak (Loving Wife & Fam.), Joseph J. Onufrak (Loving Mother & Fam.)
- 10:30** William & Catherine Kelleher (Loving Fam.), Pray to End Abortion (Right to Life)
- 12:00** Victor Rodowicz (Cathy & Tim Gage & Fam.), Joy Ann Tkverk (The Romano Family)
- 5:00** Eduardo Cifuentes, John Mantineo (The Butzbach Fam.)

**Monday, Dec. 21**

- 7:00** Richard Brown Sr. (Sharon Marchany & Fam.), Malcom Brown Sr. (Sharon Marchany & Fam.)
- 9:00** Mr. Thomas Mccoy Sr. (The Marchany Fam.), Connie Chiaino (Arthur & Florence Leone)

**Tuesday, Dec. 22**

- 7:00** Elias Arthur Brown Jr. (Sharon Marchany & Fam.), Anthony Regan Brown (Sharon Marchany & Fam.)
- 8:45** Alois Hoffman (Loving Fam.), Jay Seymour (The O'Brien Fam.)

**Wednesday, Dec. 23**

- 7:00** Johanna Proctor McCoy (Sharon Marchany & Fam.), Lorita Mccoy-James (Sharon Marchany & Fam.)
- 9:00** Harry Bartik (Loving Fam.), Vincent Petitto (Theresa Ferci)

**Thursday, Dec. 24**

- 7:00** Mr. Elias Arthur Brown Sr. (Sharon Marchany & Fam.), Mrs. Lucille Mccoy Brown (The Marchany Fam.)
- 9:00** William & Rosemary Hughes (Loving Family), Mauric Farley (Farley Family), Caleb DiLallo (Loving Family)
- 4:00, 6:00, 10:30 Christmas Mass Intentions**

**Friday, Dec. 25 Christmas**

**7:00, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00 Christmas Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, Dec. 26**

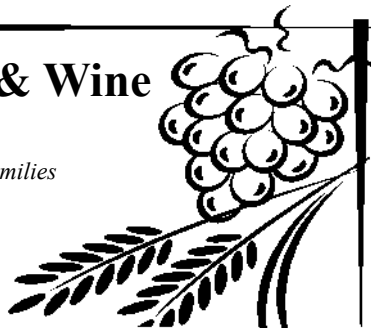
- 8:00** Ruth Palmeri (Maureen & George Harkins), Holy Souls in Purgatory (Frank Dell'Aglio)
- 5:00** Ann Treservo (Jim & Cathy Foy), Lucille Fanning (Sal & Debbie Maddaluno), Anna Marra (John & Marie Hoffman)

**Sunday, Dec. 27 (The Holy Family)**

- 7:00** John Hoffman (McGarrity Fam.), Frank Dell'Aglio IV (LIVING) Frank Dell'Aglio
- 9:00** Michelina Carlisle, Robert C. Duerr, Antoinetta Partenope (Loving Fam.), Dec'd. Mbrs. Of St. Regis K of C & Columbiettes
- 10:30** Francesca Gallo (The Prieter Fam.), Marie Mawn (Rosanne Jordon)
- 12:00** Mary & Jack D'Agostino (Loving Fam.), Julia Patenella (Loving Friends)
- 5:00** Eduardo Cifuentes, John Martineo (The Butzbach Fam.)

**Altar Bread & Wine**

*In memory of  
 The Mickelson & Williams Families  
 Requested by  
 Barbara Mickelson*



**OUR LITURGY**

In the first reading, Micah prophesies that the *one is to be the ruler* in Israel will come from the lowly clan of Bethlehem-Ephrathah. The Letter to the Hebrews recounts that through the sacrifice of Christ's body, we have been consecrated. In the Gospel, Mary, who is pregnant with Jesus, goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Elizabeth tells Mary she is blessed among women.



## Advent Lessons in the Emergency Room

I learned a lot about Advent last week - while waiting in the Emergency Room at Stony Brook Hospital. At about 6:30 AM on Thursday I fell. Legs up in the air like a cartoon banana peel routine. I landed on my right hand and heard a crack. I broke my Radius right at the wrist. I was at the hospital by a little after 7:00 and spent the rest of the day there...waiting and watching. Waiting to be seen. It was a quiet morning so that was quick. The very nice attending physician came in and did a preliminary exam. Then waiting for x-rays. A nice but very young x-ray tech came in with a machine with him. Wow, they deliver x-rays these days.

More waiting interrupted by a very nice woman from admitting. They needed my insurance information and co-pay. Pretty cool - they started taking care of me before they got the co-pay! More waiting...for X-ray results. That nice doctor came in again offering me pain medication. I turned it down. There was a lot of pain and I am no hero but I drove myself and wanted to be able to drive myself home. He explained my injury - verifying what I knew - it is broken. But because of the impact it is also somewhat displaced. We'll call the orthopedic surgeon to see you. Surgeon? Don't worry. He's just the specialist. Okay more waiting...I had a feeling this would be a while so I just settled my mind into waiting. A young RN came by to check on me and he offered pain medication - it still hurt but I was still holding out so I could drive home.

By about 9:30 it was getting busier and they needed my room so I went out into the hall "no room at the Inn". No problem. It's waiting no matter where. Five minutes later the nice attending physician told them I need a room because when the orthopedic guy comes he will have to do some procedures. So I got another room - better. Right next to the main desk. So I waited and watched the action in the main part of the ER. I also thought that since they got me right back into a room my specialist's arrival was immanent...not really.

By now there were many people waiting and many of them much less patiently than I. Full disclosure - I am not a patient man. But I just knew that I had no control over this and I wasn't bleeding and they did come to examine me pretty much right away so I just waited.

At about 11:00 the attending asked if I was seen by the orthopedic guy yet. Nope. I'll call him again.

About 11:30 he came - very young. He wanted more X-rays - this time I got a trip to radiology. X-rays of hand wrist and arm - in many positions that were very painful. Actually this all happened over the course of two trips - but hey each trip was progress.

Then I got a shot in the wrist with something like Novocain - then more waiting for it to take effect. Around 12:15 they were ready to pull my arm back into place but the boss of this doctor (a resident) wanted to come...more waiting. About 12:45 they started the painful process of pulling on my arm to get it back in place. Even with the shot I got I could feel it!

They set it in a splint and then more x-rays. Then I just waited...this time I volunteered to leave my room because they were stacked in the hall and at this point I was just waiting to be discharged right? Not really.

I found a wheelchair and relaxed as best I could. At about 2:30 someone came and took me for a cat scan. I guess they needed a better view. Then my young resident came back and told me about follow up and said I would get all of this with my discharge papers. There was an ER resident right there so I thought I was home free. Nope - he got called away on another case or two. And once he finished my paperwork, the attending physician had to sign off on it but he was very busy with many cases and with many people who were not patient at all. I was very impressed with this man. His demeanor was just as kind at 3:30 PM as it was at 7:15 AM. He was just a very nice man who was there to serve. He signed me out at about 3:30 and offered any follow up assistance I might need.

- Waiting...sometimes with patience and often without. It is part of our lives.
- Surprises...all the doctors were so young - not at all what I expected. But I don't think Jesus was the kind of Savior many people expected either.
- Meeting him...in every person you meet. There was an intern who brought me into the ER. He told me that he is a cancer patient. He just had a treatment the day before but was at work first thing in the morning serving others in need. I promised I would pray for him and found myself doing so every time he brought in another patient.
- Slowing down...the woman from admitting who took all my information came by to check on me a few times. She told me this is just God's way of telling you to slow down. She broke her leg last spring. Perfect time to slow down for her - they were rolling out a new computer system and her break got her out of work during the chaos of the roll out. She told me it was a gift from God and that somehow my break is a gift from God too.

So maybe I need to learn more patience. Maybe I need to learn to serve with a better attitude no matter what time of day it is. Maybe I need to always be ready to meet our God of surprises no matter how or when He decides to show up. But for now I need to learn when to slow down and just accept God's unexpected gifts. So the wonder of Advent is going to last about 8 more weeks for me while I wait to heal. *Fr. Mike (AKA "Lefty")*

*AKA "Lefty"*



DIocese OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Christmas 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

***Christ is born: sing glory! Christ has descended from heaven: go out to meet Him!  
Christ is on earth: lift yourselves up! Sing to the Lord, all the earth; for He who  
belongs to heaven is now on earth!***

With these words, the fourth century theologian, St Gregory Nazianzen (+389) proclaimed the Christmas message that is as true today as it was from that first moment in Bethlehem when the Blessed Mother Mary brought her son Jesus into the world. Since that night we, like Gregory and all others who know Jesus, have exulted in the gift of the Son of God made man. His birth heralds the defeat of sin and death. His presence among us, like us in all things but sin, shines the bright promise of God's merciful love on our faces and into our hearts. Who does not rejoice to know that *God so loved the world that He sent His Son?* Which one of us would turn away from this blessed scene of the Virgin with Joseph in the Bethlehem stable offering the Child to us so that all humankind can be saved? How can we do anything but sing *Glory to God* with the angels and bend low in adoration with the shepherds. This night we all become free! This night we all are one. This night we see the salvation of our God.

My dear friends, this has not been an easy year for any of us, for our families, for our parishes, for our nation, for the world. The forces of darkness are strong and determined. Terrorism seems to be widening its sweep and too many of our leaders seem unsure of what must be done to protect society and care for the suffering. Too many families are struggling to make ends meet. Too many youth in our midst are led astray by the false gods of drugs, alcohol and momentary pleasures. Freedom is under attack at home and abroad. Many look in all the wrong places for answers that hurt rather than help.

We have the right answer. We all need Christmas. We all need Jesus. We all need Mary. God has given HIS answer to the world, an answer that overcomes all its tragedies and all its temptations. God's response to our cries is clear and unequivocal: His Son! Yes: Jesus Christ, His Son! He is God's answer to our cries. He is God's gift for our lives. He breaks down the barriers, for the name of peace is Jesus Christ. He is Our Peace! And He and He alone can calm our fears, renew our strength, lift up our hearts and give joy to our lives!

Yes, my friends, this Christmas go out to meet Him; lift up your hearts; Sing for joy. For all humankind has seen the salvation of our God! A blessed and Joyous Christmas to you all!

Bishop of Rockville Centre

### **Christmas in the Year of Mercy**

As we celebrate Christmas, we are celebrating God's incarnate love born in Jesus. That really is God's mercy born in Jesus. He was born for all of us out of mercy. He lived, died, and rose from the dead for all of us out of mercy. This mercy is total gift - it isn't prize or reward - it is gift! Pope Francis reminds us of this when he says, "Communion isn't a reward for a virtuous life. It is medicine for those who are sick." now that's mercy!

At Christmas we are graced with the presence of so many who we do not see with regularity - some are family members or friends who are visiting, some are college students who are home for the holidays, some are neighbors who we just don't see at mass during the year. All, like all of us, are in need of God's mercy.

We who experience and celebrate God's mercy on a regular basis have the responsibility of being signs of God's mercy for all who join us this year as we celebrate God' incarnate love and mercy.

I know it is a challenge when you can't find a parking space or adequate seats for your family, but we are all still called to live that mercy.

Let's pray this week for all of our guests and that we will all welcome them as we would welcome Jesus. Let's also pray that we can all get a little bit of an earlier start on Christmas so parking and seating don't become huge issues at mass!

# Respect Life



A few more ways to support a woman in an unexpected pregnancy...

Reassure her that it's okay and good to be happy, as it can be difficult to be happy about a pregnancy that many people see as unfortunate timing at best and totally irresponsible at worst. Even if she wants to be happy about her 'bundle of joy' she may not feel she deserves to show that happiness. Get excited about the new baby with her, as it is, after all, something to get excited about.

Show interest regarding the new child – ask questions about it, such as names she may be considering, what is she learning at her doctor appointments, what does she think of the fluttering, the kicking, even the somersaults her baby is doing now.

Point your relative or friend to some of the many websites, blogs, and social media accounts dedicated to supporting young mothers. And let's not forget Mary, whose 'yes' to bearing Jesus affected the course of history. Most of all, pray for her and her child, and for guidance through this most demanding but wonderful time of her life.

Adapted from [www.usccb.org/respect-life](http://www.usccb.org/respect-life)

## THE MATERNITY ADVENT PROJECT

From the Diocese Respect Life Office: "As we prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ this Advent season, we are reminded of the precious gift of the Holy Family. Many of today's young mothers face the same challenges as the Holy Family, and are in dire need of shelter, basic amenities, love and prayer. Their choice for life enables another child of God to be born. Please support these young mothers' choice for life."

Your donation will help Maternity Homes such as Regina Maternity Services, Mother of Good Counsel Home, Momma's House and Bethany House.

Suggested gifts are money, metro phone cards, gift cards. Respond to: Respect Life Office, 50 North Park Avenue, P.O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023



**Have a Blessed Christmas**



# Weekly Offering



Fiscal Year Beginning 9/1/2015 - 8/31/16

Sunday Dec. 13, 2015 Offering \$15,956  
(Includes Faith Direct (\$1828))

Last Year \$18,244  
Poor Box Last Week 502

Immaculate Conc. 2015 \$3,737  
2014 \$4,473

\*Debt reduction collection (this month) —

Total Parish Debt:  
Interest free loan (balance) \$ 120,000  
Addl. accumulated debt \$2,812,792  
\$2,932,792

We are currently paying \$7,500 a month toward our debt.

We are working with the Diocese on plans for balancing our budget and addressing our larger debt.

\*Includes Faith Direct Collections for September (64 Participating Households)

*If you missed last week, please try to 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

## Baptisms

*Scarlett Giovanna Katchuk*  
*Alexa Constance Knuth*  
*Aidan David Rostkowski*

## Pray for the Sick

Please note: To keep our prayer list current, we will keep name on list for 3 months.

Lynn Abe-Zaid  
Philip Ambrosio  
Ginny Amita  
Baby Rocco Caracciola  
Karen Balezos  
Janet Belz  
Jeff Berg  
Anthony Bernardo  
MaryAnn Bonitz  
Lucy Brancaccio  
Carrie Cabral  
Michael Carbuccia  
Moises Carbuccia  
Priscilla Castelano  
Virginia Catalano  
Antoinette Cichetti  
Louise Cipolla  
Martin Condit  
Cathy Connolly  
Eileen Cross  
Rick Crotta  
Joanne DeBellis  
Michael DePinto  
Barbara DiGirolomo  
Muriel DeQuatro  
Sean Patrick Dixon  
Colin Donohue  
Bobby Eck  
Sharon T. Eichler  
Lois & Michael Emma  
Donna Evers  
Louis Fava  
Mary Ferrigno  
Robert Filce  
John Finnegan  
George Fox  
Charles Anthony Fuchs  
Roseanne Gabriel  
Louise Gagliardi  
Patricia Geiser  
Nick Gerbino  
Loretta Gerstner  
Neil Holzmann  
Richard & Thomas Jankay  
Linda Keller  
Jimmy Kimberling  
Alfred LaRocco  
Rachel Laskowski  
Melissa Lipani  
Grace Loud  
Ida Lucivero  
Vito Lucivero  
Agnes Ludwigson  
Baby Dominic Madaris  
Andrea Maloney  
Sal & Serafina Maraviglia  
Carolyn Martins  
Christie Merkle

John Merkle  
Carol Meyer  
Joseph Nicosia  
Maria O'Halloran  
Joseph Olivieri  
Helen Onufrak  
Anna Pepe  
Barbara Petersen  
William Pfister  
Dorothy Pistritto  
Joan Plouffe  
Nicole Ramaglia  
Josephine Ripp  
Ruby Rivera  
Michelle Robinson  
Maryann Rossi  
Angela Russo  
Mary Ann Russo  
Theresa Ryan  
Ann Sabourin  
Norma Salazar  
Dawn Saporito  
Denise Savage Harper  
Ben Scannella  
Krista & Nancy Schramm  
George Scotti  
Janet Shapiro  
Jamie Smith  
Michele Smith  
Abe Stegman  
Angela Stoner  
Matthew Swenson  
Orazio Troiano  
Theresa Troiano  
Olive & Richard Tizzard  
Analea Torborg  
Richard Troiano  
Regina & Lloyd Turnier  
William Vallar  
Margaret Villano  
Peter Wrins  
Joseph Yasso  
Richard Zwirblis

## Pray for Our Troops

PFC Eric Lange, USMC  
SGT Deborah Alfieri  
SGT Matthew Altonji  
SPC Andrew Altonji  
CPL Matthew Balestrieri, USMC  
TSGT Louis Barletta  
LT Michael-Jon Bonacorsa  
LCPL John Brown  
PFC Justin Browne  
LTCOL James Cersosimo  
CPL Glenn Clacher  
SPC Thomas E. Corcoran  
SPC Jason Crawford  
CPT Edward Cuevas  
PFC John B Cuneo  
CPT Ryan Delaney  
TSGT Timothy Dermody  
SGT Stephen DiGirolamo  
SSGT Tony Elliott  
LT Kelly Fletcher  
SPC Adam Franciosa  
CPT Mark Gillman  
CPL RJ Hartmann  
MAJ Sean P Kilkenny  
CW2 Steven Knight  
LCPL William Langdon  
SPC Christopher Leone  
MAJ Kevin McCue  
PVT Thomas B McGinn  
SGT Patrick McNally  
PFC William Meyer  
CPL Brian G Meyer  
CPO Gregory Migliore  
SGT Glenn Miller  
LT Heather Miras  
SPC4 George Monica  
SPC4 John Monica  
SGT Daniel Montville  
GYSGT Brian Moran, USMC  
LTCOL Gregory Mueller, USMC  
LCPL Thomas Napolitano  
LCPL Michael Napolitano  
LCPL James Neubauer  
SGT Brian Pacell  
CPT Stephen Bartoszak  
PFC Matthew Pandolfi  
SFC James Munro Army  
CPT Michael Parisi  
2LT Anthony Parisi  
MAJ Paul E Pinaud  
CTR2 Matthew Pistritto  
LT David A Rewkowski  
SGT Edwin Rivera, II  
SSGT Anthony M Sbrocco, USMC  
SSGT Jason Schiavo  
LCPL W. Mason Shehan  
SSGT Timothy McGoyne  
SPC James Stanek  
EO3 Taylor Taranto  
MM3 Gregory Taranto  
PFC Greg Terrish  
SGT Jason Tulowitzki  
SGT John Thomas Vogt

CPL Brandon Waldon  
SGT Randolph Weaver  
MSTR Robert Casey  
ILT Richard Lutz  
SPC Darian L. Clark/Army  
SAMN Bill Ried  
CPL Michael Casonova  
SPEC4 David Cooper  
Michael Cristiano LTJG  
SGT Brian P. O'Leary  
PFC Gregory Caplan  
MPS Timothy Caplan  
E6PO1 Gerard McGarrity  
PFC Nicholas Barbieri  
LCPL Jim A. Mock  
SGT Maj. John A. Krumholz  
LCPL Joseph R. DeGroot, USMC  
RCT Dustin A. Whitton, USMC  
SPC Peter Reilly  
SMAN T.J. Waldhauser, US Navy  
LCPL Brian Kolarik, USMC  
PVT Chris Dorn, Army  
SSGT Ray C. Sigman II  
SGT Sean Rainone, USMC  
SGT Thomas Lupo  
SSGT Mike Hengerle, USMC  
Kelly R. Denimarck ENS Navy  
SFC James Munro Army  
CPL Kristen M. Saporito USMC  
Captain Sean Lavigne USAF  
LCPL Daniel Pfeifer USMC  
MSGT Thomas J. Valentino USAF  
CSM Lawrence Dougherty, US Army  
PFC Thomas Conran US Army  
SRA Matthew Maisano USAF  
SPJonathan G. Romano USANG  
PFC Daniel R. Hayes USMC  
PFC Allecia N. Ahearn USMC  
Lt. James Ciccarello US ARMY  
Sal Evangelista, US ARMY  
Nick Vicale SFC ARMY  
LCPL Michael A. Davison USMC  
CAPT. Glenn Miller  
Joseph Scotti E2  
Eli Matthew Berg US ARMY  
Lt. Bryan C. Koch USCG  
Cadet Megan P. Koch  
PVT. Kyle Santos  
ARMY SPEC. James Lombardo  
CADET Christopher V. Hackett  
US ARMY



—REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED—

*Priscilla Nevin, Vito Salamone, Anthony Naglieri  
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*

*A special "Thank You" to the Level 5 Religious Education students participating in the Thanksgiving Mass choir and the Giving Doll New York Project.*



*The Level 7 Confirmation Candidates re-enacted the Nativity Story to the Level 1 classes*







**There are still some books available for Memorials.**



***Journeysongs is HERE!***

***This hardcover hymnal helps our parish in many ways:***

- It looks better than softcover books that got kind of crumpled looking after a few weeks.
- It helps us to care for our environment - we are no longer adding old booklets to the landfill four times a year.
- We will save money by not having to pay for new booklets every year.

***This book serves us in much the same way as before:***

- It comes from the same music publisher so the songs we know are in it with some new songs as well for our future growth in learning more music to praise God.
- We still have the Sunday readings in this book.

***Here's how you can help us in this transition:***

- We are asking parishioners to memorialize books by making a \$25 offering per memorial.
- A label noting the memorial will be placed in the inside cover of each book.
- This memorial will connect our celebration with the eternal celebration in heaven!

We will be inserting the Memorial Labels soon.  
Want to help? Ask Mike Keller or Fr. Mike.

**Please return this form in an envelope with your memorial donation to the Rectory, in the collection basket, or by mail.  
St. Joseph R.C. Church - HYMNAL, 45 Church Street, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779-3301  
A label indicating your memorial request will be placed on the front inside cover of a Journeysongs hymnal.**

Name of Donor: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the names of the remembered and select a memorial phrase for each hymnal you memorialize.

Memorial 'A' — **"In Loving Memory of [name]"**

Memorial 'B' — **"Sing Praise to God with [name] and All of the Saints in Heaven."**

*Please List Names of Remembered and Memorial Phrase Selected ('A' or 'B' — one phrase per hymnal)*

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*If you have more than 4 memorial requests, please write them on a separate sheet of paper.*

**Please, please, please print clearly.**

***Please remit your donation with this request.***

Number of Hymnals to be memorialized \_\_\_\_\_ X \$25 each = Donation Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

# Announcing!

## Joyful Noise Choir Club

## Attention Parents and Kids

First Grade  
Second Grade  
Third Grade

### What is Joyful Noise Choir Club?



We Pray  
We Sing  
We Play



**Joyful Noise is "fun with a purpose."**

**Joyful Noisy kids** pray and sing, do fun activities and crafts, and make friends. We meet special guests who share music with us and teach us about Jesus with songs. Sometimes, about every 4 to 6 weeks, we'll sing at Sunday Mass.

## Merry Christmas!!!

**Check the coming bulletins for the next meeting**

**Hey, Parents!**

**Joyful Noise is a great way to introduce your children to choir, ministry, and small group communities. They'll make new friends, learn some great songs, and learn to feel comfortable about praying and discussing their faith in a social setting. In a fun environment, they grow as Jesus' youngest disciples.**

**Our kids are not just the Church of the future, they are the Church of NOW!**



## 2015 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

SERVING GOD BY SERVING OTHERS

"...Be men and women who bring  
the light of hope to others."

-Pope Francis



**Thank you for your generous support of the  
2015 Catholic Ministries Appeal.**

**Completing your 2015 pledge ensures that our Parish  
will benefit by receiving our full rebate.**

**If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please  
prayerfully consider making a donation to the Appeal.**

*Pledges can be accepted until December 31<sup>st</sup>  
and payments can be made through January 31<sup>st</sup>!*

**Extra envelopes are provided in the back of the church.**

**Join us as we *Serve God by Serving Others!***

**Thank You!**

### **Monthly Holy Hours for Vocations**

At St Ignatius Loyola Parish  
129 Broadway, Hicksville

January 15

February 19 March 18

April 15

**Adoration Confession**

**Food Youth Social**

**Entertainment**

Doors open at 7:00 PM

**Open to all ages 13+**

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



*The Miracle of Christmas*

# 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](http://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](http://www.vibs.org) or [www.inforatvibs.org](http://www.inforatvibs.org)

### Suffolk County Coalition Against Domestic Violence

631-666-8833 (hotline)

[www.sccadv.org](http://www.sccadv.org)

### The Retreat

Domestic Violence

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

[www.theretreatinc.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.childcaresuffolk.org)

### Family Service League of Suffolk County

631-427-3700

[www.fsl.li.org](http://www.fsl.li.org)

### Hope House Ministries

631-928-2377

[www.hhm.org](http://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](http://www.co.suffolk.ny.us/health)

### Haven House/Bridges

631-231-3619

[www.tsli-hhb.org](http://www.tsli-hhb.org)

### Alcoholics Anonymous

631-669-1124

### Gamblers Anonymous

631-586-7171

### Narcotics Anonymous

631-689-6262

### 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](mailto:info@AL-Anon-Suffolk-NY.org)


### Overeaters Anonymous

631-487-2291



## Parish Outreach


Parish Outreach is in dire need of donations of toiletries. Shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, tissues, combs, brushes, toothbrushes, soap, toilet paper. If you can help, please drop off to our Outreach Office or to the Rectory.



### Parish Outreach

### St. Joseph Parish Outreach Center

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



Through your generosity we were able to help more than 312 people throughout the month of November. 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."*



## 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  
 Travel (LIJSL): Rob ☎721-8831

### Softball:

Dennis 467-6174

# Scouting as Youth Ministry



**Cub Scout Pack 272**  
**Boy Scout Troop 272**



St. Joseph's Cub Scout Pack 272 and Boy Scout Troop 272 have fun, exciting, educational, character building programs for boys, age 7 through 17 (*first Grade and up*).

For more information or to enroll your child, contact Dr. Louis Scotti at 656-8428 or e-mail [JoinScouting@StJoRonk.org](mailto:JoinScouting@StJoRonk.org).

**Pack, Troop, and Crew 272 have a YEAR-ROUND scouting program.**



## Venturing Events

*In Carew Hall after 5:00 PM Mass*

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

*Come down to our meeting and check it out.*

**Visit our next meeting:**

**Dec. 20th Tonight**

**Dec. 27th**

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



**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.

**Professional Therapy** - provided by NYS licensed therapists, are available to our parish & 148 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>



## *Calendar Club 2015*



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11/22 #770 <b>The Jarymiszyn Family</b> \$50	11/23 #637 Robbie Duerr \$25	11/24 #243 Rachel Lupinacci \$25	11/25 #692 Marjorie Cecere \$25	11/26 #371 <b>Renee &amp; Jay Vodopija</b> \$75	11/27 #443 Mr. & Mrs. E. Gabriel \$25	11/28 #251 Mary Donohue \$25
11/29 #636 <b>Barbara Curry</b> \$50	11/30 #237 John & Maria Fausone \$25	12/1 #587 Anne Kelly \$25	12/2 #396 Mitchel Merida \$25	12/3 #448 Mary DiMenna \$25	12/4 #218 Margaret & Ed Forsyth \$25	12/5 #471 Barbara Mickelson \$25