



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 nuestro servicio amoroso 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.

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Dcn. James Altonji (retired)

Pastoral Associate

Mrs. Maryanne Trezza

Parish Trustees

Robert Koepper & Mark Crean

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



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December 10, 2017 — Second Sunday of Advent

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 631-869-1124

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!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, Dec. 10 (Second Sunday of Advent)

- 7:00** For the People of the Parish
9:00 Michelina Carlisle, Robert Duerr & Antonietta Partenope (Loving Family)
10:30 Joseph & Helen Onufrak (Loving Family), Catherine Kelleher (Loving Family), Robert Filce (Roseann Allen), Rosario Lopez (Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Pedra), Joseph Patrick Leader Sr. (Alfredo & Maria Viola), Michael Staufenberg (Patricia & Les Wagner)
12:00 For the People of the Parish
5:00 Theresa Prevete (Mr. & Mrs. Ciserano)
6:30 **Spanish Mass**

Monday, Dec. 11

- 7:00** Jacob Lamm (Judy & Martha)
9:00 Philip Lombardi (Loving Daughter)

Tuesday, Dec. 12

- 7:00** Nirka Vasile (Lorraine Sheil)
8:45 George J. Raab Jr. (Loving Family)

Wednesday, Dec. 13

- 7:00** For the People of the Parish
9:00 Betty Sanchez (Lorraine & Linda)

Thursday, Dec. 14

- 7:00** For the People of the Parish
9:00 James Gill (Loving Sister & Family)

Friday, Dec. 15

- 7:00** For the People of the Parish
9:00 Otto Sabatino (Loving Wife Rose)

Saturday, Dec. 16

- 8:00** For the People of the Parish
5:00 Katherine Merkle ((Tony & Cindy Prisco), Francis & Ann Bosack (Jane & Jim), Chris Vinci (The Hood Family),

Sunday, Dec. 17 (Third Sunday of Advent)

- 7:00** For the People of the Parish
9:00 Dec'd. Mbrs. of St. Regis K of C & Columbiettes
10:30 Seamus Carey (Eileen Miranda)
12:00 James J. Heiman (Loving Sister Helen), Ralph Rizzo (Ann Rizzo), Dennis Angevine (Kristina, Chris & Haylie) Samuel Robinson III (The Gil Family), Ted Gliwa ((Mary & Vinnie Morino), Robert John Spence (Faith Formation)
5:00 Ava Cervini (Grandpa & Grandma Buccellato)
6:30 **Spanish Mass**

Altar Bread & Wine

*In Memory of
 Michelina, Robert & Antonietta
 Requested by
 Loving Family*



—REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED—
*our deceased soldiers and all of our
 deceased relatives and friends.*

Bryan Amrhein, Eileen Donlon

*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*

Respect Life



Some Q and A

Is the unborn baby a human being?

The life of a baby begins long before birth. A new individual human being begins growing in the mother's uterus shortly after fertilization, and if that baby's life in the uterus is not interrupted, he or she will live to become a walking, talking, human person.

What happens at fertilization?

At fertilization, when the sperm and the ovum meet to form a single cell, a new human life is created. All characteristics of each person – sex- is it male or female?, eye color, shoe size, intelligence, etc. – are then determined. That single new cell needs nothing but nutrition and oxygen, and of course, shelter. Within one week of fertilization, a new human being implants in the mother's uterus and is nourished there.

What happens at 6 weeks? At 7?

The baby's heart has already begun to beat and pump blood (blood type often different from the mother's), brain waves that can be measured with an electroencephalogram. A 7 week old unborn baby swims freely in the amniotic fluid sac; the mother, however, does not feel those movements until about 4 1/2 months into her pregnancy.

How active is the baby at 9 or so weeks?

The answer is VERY; at 10-11 weeks the baby can 'breathe' amniotic fluid and urinate; all organ systems are functioning – the little feet are perfectly shaped. (You may be familiar with the "little feet" pin worn by many); the eyelids, nails and fingerprints are present. From this age on, there is only growth in size and maturation of the organs already present. The baby has a skeletal structure, nerves, and circulation.

Why is 14 weeks important?

At this age, the heart pumps several quarts of blood through the body every day. A 12 week old unborn baby has developed the body parts required to experience pain, including all of the nerves, spinal cord and thalamus. At 18 weeks the unborn baby is perfectly formed. Inside the mother, this baby could have been legally killed. However, outside of the mother the baby would be fully protected by law.

What is viability?

Viability is the time when the baby is able to survive outside the mother. Not long ago, viability was 30 weeks; then it was 25 weeks. Now viability is even earlier. What will it be tomorrow? Science is constantly making progress in this area.

Adapted from When Does Life Begin? Abortion and Human Rights, NRL Trust Fund

Weekly Offering



Dec. 3, 2017 Offering **\$18,996**
 (Includes Electronic Giving of (\$3,058))

Last Year Offering **\$18,177**

Poor Box **\$463**

We are actively working with the Diocese on plans for balancing our budget and addressing our other accumulated debt to the Diocese. If you have questions on this or other financial matters, please feel free to call our business manager, Ed Grieb.

We have changed our monthly special collection from "Debt Repayment" to a "Repair & Renovations" collection so we can make some needed improvements to our buildings and grounds. Thank you for your generous support.

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

IF YOU MISSED LAST WEEK, PLEASE TRY TO MAKE IT UP THIS WEEK. THANK YOU.



OUR LITURGY

In the first reading from Isaiah. We hear a voice that cries out: *In the desert prepare the way of the Lord.* In the second reading, we are reminded that we will not know the day or the hour of Jesus' return, so we must be ready. Today's Gospel talks of John the Baptist proclaiming a *baptism of repentance.*

THE MESSIAH IS AMONGST YOU

A monastery had fallen on hard times. It was once part of a great order which, as a result of religious persecution lost all its branches. It was decimated to the extent that there were only five monks left in the mother house: The Abbot and four others, all of whom were over seventy. Clearly it was a dying order.

Deep in the woods surrounding the monastery was a little hut that the Rabbi from a nearby town occasionally used for a hermitage. One day, it occurred to the Abbot to visit the hermitage to see if the Rabbi could offer any advice that might save the monastery. The Rabbi welcomed the Abbot and commiserated. *"I know how it is"* he said, *"the spirit has gone out of people. Almost no one comes to the synagogue anymore."* So, the old Rabbi and the old Abbot wept together, and spoke quietly of deep things.

The time came when the Abbot had to leave. They embraced. *"It has been wonderful being with you,"* said the Abbot, *"but I have failed in my purpose for coming. Have you no piece of advice that might save the monastery?"* *"No, I am sorry,"* the Rabbi responded, ***"I have no advice to give. The only thing I can tell you is that the Messiah is one of you."***

When the other monks heard the Rabbi's words, they wondered what possible significance they might have. *"The Messiah is one of us? One of us, here, at the monastery? Do you suppose he meant the Abbot? Of course – it must be the Abbot, who has been our leader for so long. On the other hand, he might have meant Brother Thomas, who is undoubtedly a holy man. Certainly, he couldn't have meant Brother Elrod – he's so crotchety. But then Elrod is very wise. Surely, he could not have meant Brother Phillip – he's too passive. But then, magically, he's always there when you need him. Of course, he didn't mean me – yet supposing he did? Oh Lord, not me! I couldn't mean that much to you, could I?"*

As they contemplated in this manner, the old monks began to treat each other with extraordinary respect, on the off chance that one of them might be the Messiah. And on the off, off chance that each monk himself might be the Messiah, they began to treat themselves with extraordinary respect.

Because the forest in which the monastery was situated was beautiful, people occasionally came to visit the monastery, to picnic or to wander along the old paths, most of which led to the dilapidated chapel. They sensed the aura of extraordinary respect that surrounded the five old monks, permeating the atmosphere. They began to come more frequently, bringing their friends, and their friends brought friends. Some of the younger men who came to visit began to engage in conversation with the monks. After a while, one asked if he might join. Then another, and another. Within a few years, the monastery became once again a thriving order, and – thanks to the Rabbi's gift – a vibrant community of light and love.

Thank You!

Last Sunday was Share Mercy Sunday. Two works of mercy were done. People brought in gift cards to McDonald's and Dunkin' Donuts so our guests at the Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen could go out for a cup of coffee. We received over 70 gift cards! We also asked for warm socks and we got a whole lot of them - Thank you all!

We also invited people to be part of an Advent work of mercy - Advent Calendars invited us to collect things to replenish our Outreach after the holidays. Thank you to all who are participating in this.

I look at the works of mercy happening in our parish and I see a vibrant community of light and love. It seems that we all have heard the message from the story above - the Messiah is amongst you! We are serving Him in so many ways:

We have had three special collections for those in need since September, Our Middle School Students are supporting Alex's Lemonade Stand, Island Harvest, Ongoing Hurricane Relief, and Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Foundation. Our Elementary Students and Faith Formation Students are leading us in sponsoring a Guide Dog.

Your loving service and works of mercy are inviting me to know his presence more clearly! *-Fr Mike*

Doing Works of Mercy With Limitations

At Kmart the other day the cashier asked, "Would you like to donate to St Jude's Children's Hospital?" "Not today, thank you," I responded.

St Jude's is a very good charity. They do great work and save a lot of lives. But I know my limits. I support my parish, sponsor 4 children and support a couple of other charities.

I can't do it all. No one can. The requests will keep coming from your parish and from many charities. We are called to be people of mercy - recognizing the presence of Jesus in those in need and responding in love. But we all have limitations: bills to pay, families to support - responsibilities.

Our Parish has begun growing in different ways - inviting parishioners to join in works of mercy. We know that whatever we do for the least of His brothers and sisters we do for Him (Mt 25:40). So we are trying to expose people (especially our young) to different ways of doing mercy so you can find your favorites and commit to them.

There comes a time to say, "No thank you," without guilt. If you are committed to one or two charities and the work of your parish, then you can say, "No thank you" to the rest if you so choose.

Mature Christians choose - guilt free! *-Fr Mike*

Pray for Our Troops

If you have a loved one who is serving in the military and you want them included on this list, please contact the rectory (631) 588-8456). Otherwise, just write their name on a page in this book to have them included in our prayer.

PFC Eric Lange, USMC	LTCOL Gregory Mueller, USM	E4 Joshua Babitz
SGT Deborah Alfieri	LCPL Thomas Napolitano	Russell Flanagan USN
SGT Matthew Altonji	LCPL Michael Napolitano	LCPL Jim A. Mock
SPC Andrew Altonji	LCPL James Neubauer	SGT Maj. John A. Krumholz
CPL Matthew Balestrieri, USMC	SGT Brian Pacell	LCPL Joseph R. DeGroot,
TSGT Louis Barletta	MAJ Stephen Bartoszak	RCT Dustin A. Whitton, USMC
LT Michael-Jon Bonacorsa	PFC Matthew Pandolfi	SPC Peter Reilly
LCPL John Brown	SFC James Munro Army	SMAN T.J. Waldhauser, USN
PFC Justin Browne	CPT Michael Parisi	LCPL Brian Kolarik, USMC
LTCOL James Cersosimo	2LT Anthony Parisi	PVT Chris Dorn, Army
CPL Glenn Clacher	MAJ Paul E Pinaud	SSGT Ray C. Sigman II
SPC Thomas E. Corcoran	CTR2 Matthew Pistrutto	SGT Sean Rainone, USMC
SPC Jason Crawford	LT David A Rewkowski	SGT Thomas Lupo
CPT Edward Cuevas	SGT Edwin Rivera, II	SSGT Mike Hengerle, USMC
PFC John B Cuneo	SGT Anthony M Sbrocco USMC	Kelly R. Denimarck ENS Navy
CPT Ryan Delaney	SSGT Jason Schiavo	SFC James Munro Army
TSGT Timothy Dermody	LCPL W. Mason Shehan	CPL Kristen M. Saporito USMC
SGT Stephen DiGirolamo	TSGT Timothy McGoyne AF	Captain Sean Lavigne USAF
SSGT Tony Elliott	SPC James Stanek	SGT Daniel Pfeifer USMC
LT Kelly Fletcher	EO3 Taylor Taranto	MSGT Thomas J. Valentine
SPC Adam Franciosa	MM3 Gregory Taranto	PFC Thomas Conran US Army
CPT Mark Gillman	PFC Greg Terrish	SRA Matthew Maisano USAF
CPL RJ Hartmann	SGT Jason Tulowitzki	SP Jonathan G. Romano USANG
MAJ Sean P Kilkenny	SGT John Thomas Vogt	PFC Daniel R. Hayes USMC
CW2 Steven Knight	CPL Brandon Waldon	PFC Allecia N. Ahearn USMC
LCPL William Langdon	SGT Randolph Weaver	Lt. James Ciccarello US ARMY
SPC Christopher Leone	MSTR Robert Casey	Sal Evangelista, US ARMY
MAJ Kevin McCue	ILT Richard Lutz	Nick Vicale SFC ARMY
PVT Thomas B McGinn	SPC Darian L. Clark/Army	LCPL Michael A. Davison
SGT Patrick McNally	SAMN Bill Ried	CAPT. Glenn Miller
PFC William Meyer	CPL Michael Casonova	Joseph Scotti E3
CPL Brian G Meyer	SPEC4 David Cooper	Eli Matthew Berg US ARMY
CPO Gregory Migliore	Michael Cristiano LTJG	LT. Bryan C. Koch USCG
CPT Heather Miras	SGT Brian P. O'Leary	ENSIGN Megan P. Koch USCG
SPC4 George Monica	PFC Gregory Caplan	PVT. Kyle Santos
SPC4 John Monica	MPS Timothy Caplan	ARMY SPEC. James Lombardo
SGT Daniel Montville	E6PO1 Gerard McGarrity	CADET Chris V. Hacket
GYSGT Brian Moran, USM	PFC Nicholas Barbieri	
Daniel Walsh USM	Major Joseph Minning	
	PFC Joseph Evola Jr.	



Segundo Domingo de Adviento



Ministerio Hispano



Hoy Celebramos el segundo domingo de Adviento. Las lecturas que hoy escucharemos nos ayudan a descubrir los obstáculos con que vamos tropezando en nuestro diario caminar hacia el Padre y, a la vez, nos ofrecen la esperanza de

convertir a El nuestros corazones y encontrar así el camino hacia la justicia y la paz. El profeta Isaías nos anima con un mensaje de consuelo y alegría.

LECTURAS: Segundo Domingo de Adviento - Ciclo B

Primera lectura: Is 40, 1-5; 9-11 (Prepárenle un camino al Señor)

Segunda lectura: 2 Pe 3, 8-14 (Esperamos un cielo nueva y una tierra nueva)

Tercera lectura: Mc 1, 1-8 (Preparen el camino al Señor)



SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO - ¿Estás preparado para escuchar su Voz?

El Adviento es un tiempo de escucha de la Palabra de Dios y para eso vamos a proponernos durante este tiempo: **profundizar en la Palabra de Dios**, la que la liturgia nos ofrece estos días, para encontrar en ella la fuerza necesaria para mover los pilares de la tierra y

de nuestra propia vida.

La Voz de Dios en este tiempo nos llama a la conversión, nos habla de ternura, de apertura, de sinceridad y verdad, de reconciliación, de misericordia, de compasión... ¿no te parece que son suficientes motivos para remover la conciencia dormida de nuestra sociedad?. A veces a ciegas, sin ver de quién viene la voz, **escuchas atentamente. Su voz te cautiva**, te llama la atención y en ti nace la curiosidad de descubrir quién se encuentra detrás de esas notas que hacen latir tu corazón de manera diferente. Por eso, con fuerza, decides girarte... y sorprenderte, **escuchando "La Voz" de Dios**.

Muchas veces nosotros ponemos otras prioridades, qué es lo primero en mi vida, qué es lo segundo, qué es lo tercero...

Pensar que para todo católico lo más importante debiera ser, vivir de manera que logre llegar al cielo, a vivir toda la eternidad, infinitamente feliz con Dios.

Recordar las palabras de Jesús cuando le preguntaron cuál era el mandamiento más grande: "Amarás a Dios con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma, con todas tus fuerzas, y amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo".

Me sorprende al reflexionar, en cuántas cosas invierto mi tiempo, mi esfuerzo, mi vida, que nada tienen que ver con lo anterior, y cuan poco tiempo invierto en cultivar mi oración, los sacramentos, las virtudes, el amor, las obras de caridad, el perdón...

ORACION: María, Señora del Rosario, enséñanos cómo prepararnos para recordar agradecidos el Nacimiento histórico de Jesús en Belén por obra del Espíritu Santo. Con María, nos renovamos en la gracia del Bautismo como la mejor preparación para la Navidad y siempre, caminando alegres, apoyados por la esperanza, esperando la segunda venida del Señor con el estilo del Magnificat.



María *Segundo domingo de Adviento*
la joven de Nazaret nos dice
Escucha la Palabra de Dios
"he aquí la esclava del Señor"
y responde **SI**

January 7th Share Mercy Sunday

We recall the Magi bringing gifts to Jesus



Celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany- *Epiphany, Three Kings' Day, is a Christian feast day that celebrates the revelation of God incarnate as Jesus Christ. In Western Christianity, the feast commemorates principally the visit of the Magi to the Christ child, and thus Jesus' physical manifestation to the Gentiles.*

Some used to call it, "Little Christmas"

Therefore, in addition to bringing in your donations from the Advent Calendar Project for our Outreach Pantry, we are asking you to bring in any appreciated but unwanted gifts.

That's Right! We will accept the items and RE-GIFT them! If you received something for the holidays that isn't 'just right' and you aren't sure what you will do with, don't store it in the back of a drawer or on a closet shelf. Bring it in on January 7th & we'll RE-GIFT it.

All donated items will be used to enhance future events.

We will use them as door prizes or to make up raffle baskets.

So bring any new unwrapped gifts that weren't "*just what I always wanted*" and we'll make sure that they find a good home!



December Share Mercy Sunday was a huge success!

This wonderful Work of Mercy provided the opportunity for all and we want to thank those who came by and donated gift cards, socks and colored pictures to be distributed by our volunteers in the Soup Kitchen when they serve dinner later this month.

It's amazing to see the Works of Mercy come alive and the Joy that is being spread through

Our Loving Service and Works of Mercy.

One parishioner sitting with her family coloring and enjoying the refreshments commented, "*Thank you for this wonderful breakfast! We made some new friends and got to see some old friends. This was wonderful!*" They also inquired about volunteering at the soup kitchen! This shows how the Spirit is at work helping us to *Build the City of God here at St. Joseph Church.*

We hope you will continue to Share Mercy!

Next Month, January 7th, bring your Advent Parish Outreach Donations to restock the Pantry.

Parish Gift Shoppe

**For your convenience the
Parish Gift Shoppe will be
open after all Masses on**

Dec. 9/10, 16/17

**Stop in and see the
variety of items for all
occasions.**




DECEMBER 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
						CEREAL
				1	2	3
BREAKFAST BARS	SHELF MILK	COFFEE OR JUICE	SUGAR	PASTA AND SPAGHETTI SAUCE	SOUP	RICE
4	5	6	7		9	10
BEANS	TUNA FISH	SPAM OR CANNED MEAT	BEEF STEW	CEREAL	BREAKFAST BARS	SHELF MILK
11	12		14	15	16	17
COFFEE OR JUICE	SUGAR	PASTA AND SPAGHETTI SAUCE	RICE AND BEANS	TUNA FISH	SPAM OR CANNED MEAT	BEEF STEW
18	19		21	22		24
25	26	27	28	29		

Advent Box Calendar:
 Here are the items we are asking you to place in your advent box each day. The filled boxes should be brought to Share Mercy Sunday on January 7.





A wedding band was found in the church on November 19th and is in the rectory waiting for its owner.

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)



Celebrate a Journey from Bethlehem to Ronkonkoma to Bethlehem.
Light and Song Service - Sunday (Today) at 3:00 pm in the Church

Reception of the Bethlehem International Peace Light Lessons and Carols—Scripture Readings and Songs

An afternoon of Prayer with St. Joseph School Choir, St. Joseph Parish Choirs, our Boy Scout Troop, Cub Scout Pack, and Venturing Crew



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.



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



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.

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Come to our meeting and check it out.

Visit our next meeting:

Dec. 17th

e-mail: Crew272@StJoRonk.org

phone: Advisor Mike Keller (631) 872-7675

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