

OUR LITURGY

The theme of personal identity runs through today's scripture readings. Isaiah appoints Eliakim to be leader of the Israelites and defines his authority over the people. Paul speaks eloquently of several of God's attributes— His riches, wisdom, judgments and ways. In the Gospel reading, Peter correctly identifies Jesus as *the Christ, the Son of God*.

ALTAR BREAD & WINE

No arrangements were made for this week. If you would like to have your loved one remembered in this way please contact the rectory.



REMEMBER OUR DEAD

Emanuele Ombrellino, Kevin J Kelsey, Robert H Lippencott, our deceased soldiers and all of our deceased relatives and friends.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

For this week, please pray for the sick, especially:

Michael Ambrosio	Maureen Borden	Oliver Bouchard
Mary Ellen Bowers	Mr. Michael Boyle Sr	Elsie Bratisax
Joseph Cardino	Emmanuel Coby	Fr James Costello
Robert Daly	Angelina DeSimone	Olivia Marie Devine
Anna Dorney	Kristine Duschenchuk	Maggie Errico
Robert Filce	Maria Goncalves	Catherine Gracey
Raymond Harold	Jack Kelleher	Joseph Kelly
Keith Konig	Helen Kwiathouski	Georgiana Lopez
Dominick Mariano	Elizabeth Mauro	Allison McAteer
Michele McGee	Ann McGnagle	Howard Meeks
Sam Monte Leone	Timothy M Nigro	Vincent Palladino
Edward Percesepe	Grace C Peshkur	Arthur Plouffe
Joseph Poirot	Richard Rigney	Barbara Rooney
Rose Russo	Joyce Ryan	Lorraine Schaffer
Sharon Schneider	Marie Schwind	Lorraine Stiefel
Antonina Sturiano	Stacie Tizzard	Patrick Woods

PLEASE NOTE: To keep our prayer list current, we will keep names on the sick list for **two months**. We ask families to return the bulletin cut-out to include names of those who are ill for another two months.

OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

This Week End	Mass	Next Week End
Fr Liu	5:00 pm	Fr Thomas
Fr Boyle	7:00 am	Fr Liu
Fr Maffeo	9:00 am	Fr Thomas
Fr Thomas	10:30 am	Fr Maffeo
Fr Maffeo	12:00 pm	Fr Boyle
Fr Thomas	5:00 pm	Fr Maffeo

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 21, Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 William J Schaudel requested by Loving Wife & Family
 7:00 Shirley Murray requested by Patti & Joe
 9:00 For An End to Abortion requested by
 Respect Life Committee
 9:00 John Biglin Jr requested by The Michael Jozwiak Family
 10:30 Rose Pranzo requested by Anita Verbeeck
 10:30 Rev Raymond Nugent requested by Wimpleberg Family
 12:00 For the People of the Parish
 12:00 Manuela A Sanchez requested by Betty Reddington
 12:00 Mrs Costello requested by Maureen & Walter Aebly
 5:00 Msgr Achille D'Anca requested by Ventola Family
 5:00 Jessie Lerro requested by Joe & Joyce Ando

Monday, August 22, Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 7:00 Soudade Pedra requested by Iberico & Fernanda
 9:00 Florence Parry requested by Frank Mangiacapre
 9:00 Joseph Bartolotto requested by Georgann & Tom

Tuesday, August 23, St Rose of Lima

- 7:00 William Reed requested by Norma Reed
 9:00 Robert Izzo requested by Loving Mother & Father
 9:00 Harry Ballard requested by Loving Wife & Family

Wednesday, August 24, St Bartholomew

- 7:00 Arnold Ascione requested by Jeffrey Fey
 9:00 Bea Fioriglio requested by Adriane Toscano & Family
 9:00 Sal Florio requested by Marge Buechner

Thursday, August 25, St Louis of France

- 7:00 For the Intentions of the Celebrant
 9:00 Soudade Pedra requested by Amarino & Maria
 9:00 For the Catholic Daughters 80th Anniversary

Friday, August 26

- 7:00 For the Intentions of the Celebrant
 9:00 Lt Col James Cersosimo (living) requested by
 Louise & Bill
 9:00 Anna Daddio requested by Anna & Calogero DiMaria

Saturday, August 27, St Monica

- 8:00 James J Reilly requested by Loving Family
 8:00 Elizabeth Platt requested by Loving Family

Anticipated Mass for Sunday

- 5:00 Anthony Croce Jr requested by Loving Family
 5:00 Donald Timpone requested by Loving Family

Sunday, August 28, Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 For the Intentions of the Celebrant
 9:00 For the Deceased Members of the St Regis
 Knights of Columbus & Columbiettes
 10:30 Anthony Saccullo requested by
 Mr & Mrs Richard Mongiello
 10:30 Susan Brown requested by Lori & Tom Nicosia
 12:00 Tom McGrann requested by Loving Family
 12:00 Rose Russo requested by Phylis & Tony Moschella
 5:00 For the People of the Parish
 5:00 Vincent Marco requested by Harry Milburn

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



FROM THE DESK OF FR. MIKE *communally.*

"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." We are all very familiar with this dialogue that takes place between Jesus and the Disciples at *Caesarea Philippi*, as Jesus wants to know what the Apostles have heard others saying about Him. Now the answers given are indeed high praise for Jesus, and many did believe that He was John the Baptist raised from the dead -that's how powerful John's ministry was for the people and how highly they regarded John. So, they see Jesus as an extension of John's ministry and that was saying a lot about Jesus. When Jesus was identified as being one of the prophets of old, especially Elijah or Jeremiah, the people were reacting to an age-old tradition that the Prophet Elijah (in for some groups Jeremiah) would be the forerunner of the coming of the Messiah. Again, the people gave Jesus high praise indeed, but their praise fell short of the true mark, for He was not the forerunner, He was the one they were waiting for. And as we can see, these answers were not enough for Jesus, so He challenges the Apostles to say who they think He is! One can just imagine that there was an awkward silence, as they themselves could not come up with their own answers until Peter shouts out- *"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."*

Peter seems to know what the other 11 do not, or at least afraid to say. Jesus' answer to Peter tells us His feelings, that at least one person, and probably others realized that Jesus is indeed the Christ! That is why Jesus blesses Peter for his answer, and tells him that God the Father told him this, and because of this Peter will be the rock on which Christ will build His Church, which nothing will be able to destroy. Peter has truly accepted Jesus as the Savior of the world, and so must we! For just as Jesus asks His Disciples who do people say that I am, so does He ask us. So who do you say Jesus is? In order to answer that question we must understand that the answer does not come from the head, but from the heart. Peter can only answer this question when he is open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and listening with his heart and soul. We see this at work in other places in the Gospel when Jesus is before Pilate. Pilate calls Jesus the King of the Jews, but he does not say it out of faith, but only what the people said about Jesus. Again only when we know Jesus in our hearts can we answer who He is for ourselves, individually and

Notice the progression that Jesus takes after Peter's soul filled Confession; *"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church."* The above-mentioned community is none other than the Church, and we the Church are all those who have accepted Jesus as the Messiah. Christ is the one foundation on which the Church is build upon, but Peter is the first rock that will help support the other rocks that will be placed on the foundation.

With these questions and His promises to Peter, Jesus tells the Apostles more and more about who He is, who they are, and what the Messiah's mission is in the world-salvation for all. Jesus gives Peter the keys to the Kingdom so that he can follow Jesus and lead others through the gates of heaven. We the Church have been carrying out that same mission for the past 2000 years, and we will continue to do it until Christ comes again and the Kingdom of God is fully established. Therefore, it is up to us to do our part. It is up to us to bring others to Christ and the new life of the Resurrection. So get busy, time is short.

Let us pray:

Lord, you are infinitely mysterious, my rock and foundation!

Thank you for inviting me into the adventure of this life;

may I trust you in the darkness.

Amen.

God bless you always.

Fr. Mike



SAY A PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS

Please continue to remember them in your prayers.

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| CPL Deborah Alfieri | PFC Justin Browne |
| PC Michael Dean Cantley | SPC Thomas E. Corcoran |
| SGT Ryan Delaney | LTCOL Kurt Diehl |
| SGT Stephen Gene DiGirolamo | CPL Keith Flick |
| SP4 Thomas Flood | RCT Michael Gabriellini |
| SPC Daniel Heuman | SGT John W Keohane |
| SGT Steven Knight | 1SGT John Krumholz |
| SSG Stephen LeGrady | PFC Edward McGinn |
| SGT Patrick McNally | PFC William Meyer |
| Andy Mezador | SGT Glenn Miller |
| SGT Daniel Montville | SSGT Brian Moran |
| SGT James Munro | LCPL Thomas Napolitano |
| LCPL Michael Napolitano | LCPL James Neubauer |
| LCPL Anthony Notaroberta | N/Seal Paul Padro |
| ENS3 Lucy Padro | MAJ Paul E Pinaud |
| SGT Edwin Rivera, II | SSGT Jason Schiavo |
| RCT Brian Schildt | SPC James Stanek |
| SSG Nick Vicale | SGT John Thomas Vogt |

(If you would like to include a soldier from your family who is serving, place their name and rank on a piece of paper and put it in the collection basket)

Religious Education

Our religious Education Office is now open.

Our hours are:

Monday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesday and Wed 10:00 am. to 4 p.m.

If you need registration forms please call our office and we will gladly send them out to you.

New Catechists are always needed. We are especially looking for volunteers for our Grade Levels 3,4 and 5. If you love your faith and want to share your time and talent, please call us. It would be our pleasure to have you join our program.

Registration forms are available on line at :

StJoRonk.org

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The summer inquiry schedule is as follows:

Meetings on 2nd & 4th Thursdays of August and September from 7:30 - 8:30 in the Rectory basement meeting room.

Stewardship

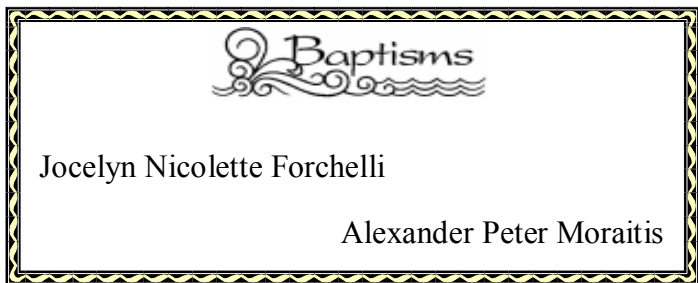
In today's readings, St Paul reminds the Romans and us that all things come from God: "For from Him and through Him and for Him all things are." Good stewards understand that all is gift and share generously the gifts of time, talent, and treasure with which they have been blessed.

Weekly Offering

608 Envelopes	\$ 11,855	
Loose collection	3,141	
Total Last Sunday		\$14,996
Weekly Operating Expenses		21,250
Weekly Excess/(Debt)	-(6,254)	
Same Sunday last year		13,793
Latin American Mission Collection	\$693	
Same collection last year	799	
Poor Box last weekend	\$431	

Parish Outreach

PREGNANCY CRISIS HOTLINE - We are here to help you. Please call 981-6888.



Banns of Marriage

(Third Time)



- Michele Monks of Our Lady of Lourdes and Robert Hoin of St Joseph's
 Stephanie Virag of Greenlawn and James Ihriskey of St Joseph's
 Christine Wakefield of St Joseph's and Gregory Peante of St John's Bohemia
 Alison Lorigan of St Joseph's and Colby J Rowe of Mt Sinai
 Jhoanne Yu Chong of St Joseph, Hartford, Ct and Robert Dubinsky Jr of St Joseph's
 Jennifer Bakke of St Joseph's and Vincent Boscaino of Infant Jesus

RESPECT LIFE

The following statements are true:

1. The United States Supreme Court decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* both legalized abortion through all 9 months of pregnancy for any reason.
2. Up to 60% of abortions are coerced, or forced.
3. In New York State, a minor does not need a parent's permission or knowledge to have an abortion. She does need a parent's ok to get body piercing, a tattoo, or to get even an aspirin from the school nurse.
4. Among women who had been pregnant at least once, the risk of breast cancer in those who had experienced an induced abortion was 50% higher than among other women. (Nat'l. Cancer Inst., 1994)
5. There were approximately 8,500 induced abortions committed in Nassau and Suffolk counties in 2003. (NYS Department of Health)

LIFE BEFORE BIRTH

- Day 1 Fertilization, my life begins. I have unique DNA and am called a zygote.
- Week 1 I'm an embryo seeking nourishment in my mother's womb.
- Week 3 My heart begins to beat
- Week 6 My liver makes blood cells
- Week 7 My brain waves can be detected
- Week 8 I now have fingerprints
- Week 10 I'm sensitive to touch; I swallow
- Week 11 Now 3 inches long, I do somersaults
- Week 12 All my systems are working
- Month 4 My heart pumps 6 gallons of blood a day
- Month 5 I react to outside noise
- Month 6 Fine hair is on my head
- Month 7 I recognize Mom's voice
- Month 8 My weight increases 2 more pounds
- Month 9 Ready for birth, I trigger labor.



Long Island Coalition for Life, Inc. 7/2005

Please join us on August 27th for the folding of the September LIFE NEWS. We feature good works (the folding & mailing), good company (our wonderful regulars) and good food (complimentary lunch). Come down to the Old School Gym anytime from 8:30 am onward, and stay for as long as you can. Thanks.

St Joseph's School



We still have some openings in our Nursery School and Pre-K programs. Please call the school for more information.

Summer hours for the school are 10AM to 3PM.

Please consider having your child participate in the School Band. Instrumental Music is an important part of education. Students will bring home information sheets in September. Band is available to all St Joseph School students grades 3-8. Thank you.



CAR WASH

Girl Scout Troop 1644 is having a Car Wash today, Sunday, August 21st from 9AM to 1:30PM. Please support our girls as they are working toward their Gold Award.



Plant Sale



We'll be holding our annual fall plant sale the weekend of Sept 17th. All mums will be \$5. We know how beautiful they are every year - so plan to get yours early!

Mark Your Calendars

- August 21 Girl Scout Troop 1644 Car Wash 9-1:30
- August 22 Rosary (on the lawn) 7PM
- August 27 Right to Life Newsletter Folding 8AM-1PM
- August 29 Rosary (on the lawn) 7PM
- Sept 5 Labor Day
- Sept 7 School Opens
- Sept 17 Plant Sale



Catholic Ministries Appeal

St. Joseph's by the Numbers



Goal
\$74,800.

Pledged
53,298.

*Percentage
of Goal*
71.3 %

Rebate Received
\$1,842.40

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2005

St Joseph, Ronkonkoma, NY

Diocese of Rockville Centre

PO Box 4000,

Rockville Centre, NY 11571-4000

516 379-5210 ext 2 Fax 516 379-5043

Pledge: \$ _____ Initial Payment: \$ _____

Balance: \$ _____

Thank you for your support.

Please make checks payable to:

Catholic Ministries Appeal

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State _____ Zip _____

This form can be returned to St Joseph Rectory or put in an envelope and placed in the Sunday collection. We thank you for your support.

Remember.....



Please help us to recognize those who have served and those who are serving our country by contributing their pictures to our Wall of Honor.

We will need the name, rank, branch of service and years of enlistment for each picture submitted. If you can lend us the pictures we will scan and return them to you.

The pictures can be dropped off at the rectory or placed in an envelope



St. Joseph's 2005 Football Benefit Fund

*It's A Parish Fund Raiser
It's Fun And Exciting
It's Only \$5*

Here's how it works:

You buy a ticket for \$5. It will have a 3-team code. It is good for all 17 weeks of the NFL regular Season. Each week the combined high score wins: \$100; Second: \$85; Third: \$70; Fourth: \$50 and the lowest score wins \$35. So for just \$5 you have a chance to win one of 5 cash prizes for each of the 17 weeks. At the end of the season, there will be a drawing for 10 \$50 prizes from the tickets that did not already win a prize. Buy more than one, get friends, family and coworkers to buy some. It's a great way to help support St. Joseph's Parish and enjoy the Football Season. Please note, once the season begins, any unsold tickets remain the property of the contest and any winning prizes of these tickets remain in the fund. These tickets remain open for purchase, but the holder is entitled only to those prizes awarded after the purchase date.



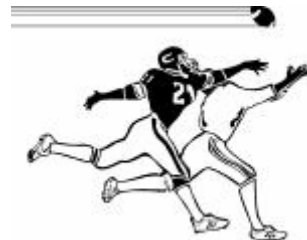
Name:

Address:

Phone:

Number of tickets:

Amount:



Mail tickets to: 45 Church St, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779 or come in to the Rectory office.

Around The Parish

School.StJoRonk.org

St. Joseph School

Visit teacher pages for summer reading lists, summer news, and back to school supply lists. *Shop early and take advantage of the sales.*



ReligEd.StJoRonk.org

Religious Education Center

2005/2006 Calendar

Late Registration- *info and forms*

Courtesy Announcements

Free Irish Classes begin 9/15/05 The Gerry Tobin Irish Language School's new semester of free, weekly Irish language classes begins Thursday, 9/15/05 in the AOH Hall at 27 Locust Avenue in Babylon, 100 yards west of the Babylon LIRR Station. The Mommy, Daddy & Me program begins at 7:15PM. Classes for adults begin at 7:45 PM. All interested in Irish are welcome to attend. For details call Jerry Kelly at 516-679-0465.

St Joseph's College Institute for the Study of Religion in Community Life presents "The Battle for God" with Karen Armstrong on September 21 at 7:30 PM in the D'Ecclesiis Auditorium. Ms Armstrong is one of today's most provocative, original and inclusive thinkers on the role of religion in today's world. For more information and registration, call 631-447-2739.

Andy Cooney will be appearing in Concert at the Church of the Most Precious Blood, Davis Park, Fire Island on August 27th at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$25 per person. For more information, please call 631-928-2377 ext 22 or 631-597-6163.

The Long Island 2005 Scottish Games will be held at Old Westbury Gardens in Nassau County on August 27th. All friends of Scotland, young and old, are invited to attend and enjoy a fun-filled day of Scottish fanfare and games. Please visit our website for information and directions at www.liscots.org.



Ronkonkoma Cenacle is looking for volunteer drivers for August 27-30th & September 7-10th to take groups to and from Islip MacArthur Airport. Interested volunteers please call 471-0024.

St Joseph the Worker is celebrating their 50th Jubilee Anniversary as a parish and are having a reunion of all students of the former St Joseph the Worker School on Saturday, October 1 at the 5:30 Mass with a reception to follow. If you or someone you know attended classes at the school please call 758-6061 or 654-0379.

Adult Education program at the Joseph M Barton District Building in Smithtown is providing English as a Second Language classes, High School Equivalency Preparation and a Senior Citizen class for adults during the day and evening. The courses are federally funded and free to all Suffolk residents. For more information please call 382-2181.

Family, Marriage and Individual Therapy is available at The Catholic Counseling Center. Professional therapy, provided by New York State licensed or certified therapists, is available to our parish. Most insurance policies are honored. Confidential information & appointments are available by calling Dr. Giuliani -243-2503.

Our Lady of Grace Center, Manhasset (www.olgcenter.com) offers days and evenings of prayer, weekend retreats, holistic spirituality and wellness services and workshops, space for groups to meet, and a hermitage for private days of prayer. For brochure call 516-627-9255.

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception

offers the following Graduate Degrees:



Master of Arts in Theology

Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies

The seminary is located at 440 West Neck Road in Huntington

For further information, contact : Academic Office at 631-423-0483
ext 147 or ext 112

Registration for the Fall semester closes August 26, 2005



Box Tops for Education

The students of St Joseph School would like to thank the parish family for helping us with our Box Tops for Education collection this past school year. We earned \$1963.02, of which the parish collected \$245.40. This was a great help to the school!

We are already collecting for the '05-'06 school year, so please keep those box tops coming. They can be left at the rectory or dropped in the Sunday collection basket. There are also other contests being held for chances to win bonus Box Tops for our school. Please visit www.boxtops4education.com for all the details and become a Booster Club member while you're at it. Each new Booster Club member will earn our school 5 bonus box tops.

Thank you for your support. In addition to the Box Tops please collect the General Mills "whole grain" logo found on all General Mills cereal boxes, from now until Dec. 31. Each logo will give us one entry into a



contest where 100 schools will win 10,000 bonus Box Tops or \$1,000!

**School begins on September 9th !!
Less than a month away.**

Outreach has begun to collect school supplies for the needy in our community.

Your generosity not only enables us to send the children to school with the supplies they need but also to remind them that they are not forgotten.

All donations can be left by the Blessed Mother statue in the church or brought to either the



School Supplies Needed

PARISHIONER REQUEST FORM

I/we would like to register as members of St. Joseph Parish.

NAME (s): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ - _____ *unlisted? (Yes) (No)*

I/we would like become members of the parish. () Yes

I/we would like to receive contribution envelopes. () Yes () No

We make our donations each Sunday () Weekly

We make our donations once a Month () Monthly

- () I would like to become an usher
- () I would like to become a lector.
- () I would like to become an altar server.
- () I would like to become a Eucharistic Minister.
- () I would like to become a choir member
- () I would like to become a Catechist
- () I would like to help maintain the parish plantings
- () I would like to offer my following talents to the parish

(Please return to the Church Office or place in Collection Basket)

REMEMBERING THE SICK

Please include the following in the bulletin sick list:

_____ Name of person who is ill:

Person making this request: _____ Relationship to ill person _____

Your Phone #: _____
(Please place in collection basket or return to Church Office)

PARISH RESTORATION FUND

I/we wish to pledge (or increase our pledge to)
 ___ \$5,000 ___ \$4,000 ___ \$3,000 ___ \$2,000 ___ \$1,000
 to St. Joseph's Parish Restoration Campaign.

I/we would like to make payments
 ___ Annually ___ Semi-Annually ___ Quarterly ___ Monthly
 spreading the payments over
 ___ One year ___ Two years ___ Three years ___ Four years

NAME (s): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ - _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED NOW: \$ _____
(Please return this form in the collection basket or to the Church Office)

We're Looking For...

BOX TOPS from cereals for Educational purposes are always welcomed. Please drop them in the collection.

DEPOSIT BOTTLES AND CANS—Please place them in the baskets that are located on the school side of the Church on weekends or behind the rectory during the week.

CELL PHONES—Please bring your no longer used or needed cell phones and deposit them at the Scrip table in the Church lobby.

Even Used Inkjet Cartridges, Have Their Uses

We have found a way to help St Joseph and keep those complicated pieces of plastic, metal and printed circuit boards out of the land fill. Drop them off (in a plastic baggie) when you come to mass. We will send them to a company who reuses them and gives the parish a bounty for each. One note, to clear confusion, if it is larger than a fist, it is not an inkjet cartridge!!!



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.



Sport for all Seasons

**ST JOSEPH
CYO**



Travel Soccer:

Gene ☎467-0541

Intramural Soccer:

Beth ☎737-6299

Track

Karen ☎588-8636

Chairman: Henry

Baseball:

Gene ☎588-1879

Girls Basketball:

Christine ☎737-3142

Boys Basketball:

Frank ☎585-6921

Melchiona ☎676-6347

Events are happening in towns and churches all over Long Island. Discover what's happening in our parish and our community.

Visit our parish pages at

MyChurchandTown.com