



# 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.

## 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

### Eucharistic Adoration

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

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

**Rosary:** After Daily Masses

**Reconciliation:** Mon, Wed, Fri: after morning masses

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

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April 8, 2019 — Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

# 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  
1-800-522-5006(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. 8 (Second Sunday of Advent)**

- 7:00 John Dias (Joann Toomey)
- 9:00 Pietro Partenope (Robert & Valerie Kniesser)
- 10:30 Stanislaw Lajewski (Loving Daughter & Family)
- 12:00 The Torres Family (Ana Torres), Frances Falcone (John & Chris Carallo), Robert Holding (Maureen & Selina Alfonso & Family), Chris Zupka (The Rainone Family), For the People of the Parish, In Thanksgiving for Immaculate Mary (Marie Jose Souffrant)
- 5:00 Ryan Blair (Loving Parents)
- 6:30 **Spanish Mass**

**Monday, Dec. 9 (Immaculate Conception)**

- 7:00 For the People of the Parish
- 9:00 For the People of the Parish

**7:00 Right to Life Holy Hour**

**Tuesday, Dec. 10**

- 7:00 Catherine Kelleher (Loving Family)
- 9:00 AnnMarie Lore (Jean & Norm Kalish)

**Wednesday, Dec. 11**

- 7:00 Jennifer Waitkus (Loving Family)
- 9:00 Vincent O'Neil Jr. (The Johnson Family)

**Thursday, Dec. 12**

- 7:00 John T. Martn (Sisie, Nancy & Joette)
- 9:00 Salvatore Loggia (Eleanor Silano & Connie Silano)

**Friday, Dec. 13**

- 7:00 Lucy Mallardi (The Binger Family)
- 9:00 Bertty Sanchez (Lorraine & Linda)

**Saturday, Dec. 14**

- 8:00 Joseph Hervan (The Munz Family)
- 5:00 Lori Barrett (Jerry Barrett), Kate Marie Lawrence (Dorothy & Tom Schiavone), For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, Dec. 15 (Third Sunday of Advent)**

- 7:00 Natalia Melo (The Dias Family)
- 9:00 Dec'd. Mbrs. Of St. Regis K of C & Columbiettes, Nina Makowicz, , Daralyn Marnick (Clare & Lou Antonucci), Bernard Fucci (St. Joseph Soup Kitchen), Raymond Grieb (Nancy & Joette Stursberg), Gil Balkam (The Vane & Dongherty Families), Anthony Glavan (The Ramos Family)
- 10:30 Felix & Luis Llanes
- 12:00 Jose Rodriguez (Edward & Victoria Burns)
- 5:00 Gertrude Cullen (Michael, Marietta & Family)
- 6:30 **Spanish Mass**

**Altar Bread & Wine**

*In Memory of  
Ryan Blair & Frank & Frances  
Gaeta  
Requested by  
Rhonda Blair*



**REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

**Anna Bennetti, Alexandra Monahan, Concetta Bozzi  
Patricia Alvanos**

*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*

**OUR LITURGY**

Isaiah tells of the justice and peace that shall reign in the kingdom of God. Saint Paul prays that God will give the community the ability to be in harmony and united with Christ. In the Gospel, John the Baptist exhorts his listeners to turn away from their sins and be baptized, for the one who is coming after him is even mightier.

## **Joy To The World!**

I just double checked the lyrics of this Christmas Carol. It says, "Joy the world, the Lord is come." That is an echo of what I wrote last week - Emmanuel means God is with us. Knowing that God is with us should give us joy! Joy is different than happiness. Happiness comes and goes because of external stimuli. But joy is a decision - a stance on life. Living in joy means living in the knowledge that our salvation is here and that the kingdom of heaven is at hand - your hands and mine.

I have a new favorite thing to do - it is greet our Faith Formation Students as they come in and go home as often as I can (sorry kids, my schedule doesn't allow me to be able to see you every time!) At the beginning of the year I asked them, "Do you know the password?" None of them knew it but they all smiled. As soon as they did, I told them, "That is the password - a smile! That is what gets you in and what gets you out! If you don't smile you have to spend the night here!" We've been greeting each other for a couple of months now and all I have to do is smile at them and they give it right back. Or sometimes I have to ask, "Are you smiling?" and they light up right away! They know that a smile is the password - or in their culture, the pass emoji!

My good friend Francis helps in this task. Our life sized flat of him is currently present waiting to greet them with a big smile too. So now I tell them that I am the "Joy Police" on Joy Patrol. They know that they have to show their joy when they see me. Truth be told, they remind me to show my joy when I see them.

So we are sharing a great faith lesson - Christians are joy filled people. By living in joy we are letting God's light shine in our lives and through our lives. Let's all share this lesson with one another as often as we can. Please show your joy as often as possible. Remember, joy is a decision and a stance on life! You can be joyful even when you are not too happy!

By the way, I just got an email from our friend Fr. Joy who was here to help us last summer, He is happily (and joyfully) serving the people at his school in India. He wished us all a Happy Thanksgiving and a blessed Christmas! If you remember his lesson - Joy stands for *Jesus, Others, You* - in that order!

### **Joy is an Advent lesson this year!**

In the season of Advent we are preparing to meet our Lord, not only as a child at Christmas, but when he comes in his glory to bring us home to heaven. But this year as we read Matthew's gospel, we are reminded that he comes to us in one another (Whatever you do for the least of my brothers or sisters you do for me - Mt 25:40). So we are called to look for him in one another but also to bring him to one another. We can do that by sharing our joy with one another. Make a smile your password (or pass emoji) this year. - Fr Mike

## **Please Pray For Our Friends**

On November 20, the Cenacle Sisters sent out a letter with this message:

"After much prayer, dialogue and work with consultants, the Cenacle Sisters of the North American Province acknowledge with deep sorrow, that we do not have the sister personnel and energy to continue our ministry at the Ronkonkoma Cenacle. Consequently, we realize that we need to bring our ministry as we have known it, to a close."

They plan to do the best they can to honor things schedule in this apostolic year which ends in August 2020.

I ask you all to pray for the Cenacle Sisters who have been members of the Ronkonkoma community for many years. If you have taken advantage of the spiritual services offered at the Cenacle, I suggest you write a note of thanks to the sisters for how they touched your life and promise them your ongoing prayers.

We are living in interesting times in our church. But we need to remember that Jesus promised to be with us and protect us even until the end of time. So as another part of the church we love goes through the pain of transition, let's continue to pray for one another.

-Fr Mike

## **Singing Brings Joy!**

It is time to get ready for a St Joseph Christmas Tradition - Caroling to greet people as they come to Christmas mass.

### **Everyone is Invited!**

We will be gathering outside the church on the front steps before every mass for Christmas. We will begin at about 1/2 hour before every mass. That means the first group is welcome to start singing at about 3:30 on Christmas Eve. Just ask a family member to save you a seat inside!

It really is a great way to get in the mood for our celebration inside. I am amazed at how many people who are not regulars join in the festivities and I am also thrilled by how many come back year after year to make this part of their Christmas celebration.

We even get people at church at about 6:30 AM to sing in our community who prays at 7:00 AM. Kids, if you are opening presents and can't make it that early, we understand!

I am so pleased to be part of a community who chooses to be welcoming to all who join us for our holiday celebrations. It is a sign that we are all living our parish mission. So if you want to do the loving service of welcoming this Christmas, come and join the joy at the front doors!

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Fr Mike

## Respect Life



By Calvin Freiburger (excerpts from article reprinted from Live Action News)

Pro-lifers and honest pro-abortion legal scholars agree that *Roe v. Wade* was wrongly decided. But just how wrong is it? Is it bad law solely because it declares a right to something the Constitution is silent about, or does its judicial malpractice run deeper? The Stream reports that the “Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy” has published an article written by Harvard law student (and former Live Action contributor) Josh Craddock that lays out the case in perhaps the most depth it’s ever Article in Harvard Law Journal concludes: The preborn child is a constitutional person received.

The first key point of Craddock’s work, critiquing the late, great Justice Antonin Scalia *from the right*, is an audacious undertaking, but here it’s warranted. You see, while Scalia was a committed originalist and clear opponent of *Roe*, he was also of the opinion that the Constitution is neutral toward abortion – that its use of the word “persons” “clearly means walking-around persons,” and therefore, states should be left free to set whatever abortion laws they want. Craddock notes several other pro-life judicial originalists who hold (or held) this view, though Scalia is the most recent and most revered modernly.

Craddock concedes that there is some basis for this thinking because “natural rights were not exhaustively enshrined in the federal Constitution” and “states have traditionally decided the question of personhood.” However, he rightfully maintains that a truly originalist answer to the question has to consider what the word “persons” was understood to mean when the Fourteenth Amendment was written and ratified.

He proceeds to explain that layman’s dictionaries treated the concepts of humanity and personhood interchangeably, and so did legal terminology – more explicitly so, in fact. As we’ve discussed in the past, Craddock notes that Blackstone expressly recognized that personhood and the right to life existed before birth with a simple and clear legal standard: “where life *can be shown* to exist, legal personhood exists” (emphasis added). This also perfectly explains why it’s irrelevant that past laws didn’t protect the preborn prior to quickening.

Craddock next shows that many of the states that voted to ratify the Fourteenth Amendment had also criminalized abortion, meaning they understood personhood then in much the same way that pro-lifers understand it now:

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## Our Prayer in Action In Building the City of God

Sunday Dec. 1st Collections:	\$15,526
Same week last year	\$15,590
Last Year Weekly Average Was	\$17,858

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Mass Attendance - Sun. Dec. 1st	1,388
Last Year Avg. Mass Attendance	1,385



From there, Craddock explains how the quickening standard was little more than a practical evidentiary standard, not a meaningful commentary on prenatal life (or lack thereof). But interestingly, he points out that even by the mid-nineteenth century, courts and states alike were increasingly rejecting it as scientifically obsolete, and replacing it with – surprise! – fertilization.

Next, and perhaps most importantly, Craddock examines the thinking of the Fourteenth Amendment’s drafters. There’s an understandable assumption that because the amendment’s primary purpose was extending citizenship to freed blacks after the Civil War, its effects shouldn’t be construed to extend beyond that purpose. But under the originalist principle of authorial intent, the first word is often the last word in resolving such confusion:

In light of this evidence and reasoning (as well as rebuttals to possible objections I have skipped, but which you should take the time to read), Craddock concludes that there is only one proper constitutional approach to abortion: protection!

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



All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the states, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women about their reproductive choices. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose even led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in.

Until the day she saw something that changed everything, leading Abby Johnson to join her former enemies at 40 Days For Life, & become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers ever.

You are invited to view this movie, one many in the film industry tried to stop from being produced, distributed and shown in theaters!

Find out why and educate yourself further on this Life Issue.

Join us Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 7PM in Carew Hall (church basement).

St. Joseph's Church, Ronkonkoma

Pro-Life is Pro-Woman, and this film will show you why. Sponsored by St. Joseph's Respect Life Ministry

Free admission

\*\* Rated R: Not suitable for children under 17 without a parent\*\*

### Respetar la vida

El artículo en Harvard Law Journal concluye: El niño no nacido es una persona constitucional  
 Por Calvin Freiburger ( extractos del artículo reimpresso de Live Action News)

Los estudiosos legales pro-vida y honestos pro-aborto están de acuerdo en que *Roe v. Wade* se decidió erróneamente. Pero, ¿qué tan equivocado es? ¿Es una ley mala únicamente porque declara el derecho a algo sobre lo que la Constitución no dice nada, o su negligencia judicial es más profunda? The Stream informa que el "Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy" ha publicado un artículo escrito por el estudiante de derecho de Harvard (y antiguo colaborador de Live Action) Josh Craddock que expone el caso tal vez con la mayor profundidad que jamás haya recibido.

El primer punto clave del trabajo de Craddock, crítica *desde la derecha* al gran juez Antonin Scalia, es una empresa audaz, pero aquí está justificado. Verá, mientras Scalia era un originalista comprometido y un claro opositor de *Roe*, también opinaba que la Constitución es neutral con respecto al aborto, que su uso de la palabra "personas" "claramente significa caminar por las personas", y por lo tanto, los estados deberían ser libres de establecer las leyes de aborto que quieran. Craddock señala varios otros originalistas judiciales pro-vida que sostienen (o sostienen) este punto de vista, aunque Scalia es la más reciente y venerada en la actualidad.

Craddock admite que hay alguna base para este pensamiento porque "los derechos naturales no estaban consagrados exhaustivamente en la Constitución federal" y "los estados han decidido tradicionalmente la cuestión de la personalidad". Sin embargo, él sostiene con razón que una respuesta verdaderamente original a la pregunta tiene que considerarse lo que se entendió que significaba la palabra "personas" cuando se escribió y ratificó la Decimocuarta Enmienda.

Continúa explicando que los diccionarios legos trataban los conceptos de humanidad y personalidad de manera intercambiable, y también lo hizo la terminología legal, más explícitamente, de hecho. Como hemos discutido en el pasado, Craddock señala que Blackstone reconoció expresamente que la personalidad y el derecho a la vida existían antes del nacimiento con un estándar legal simple y claro: "donde *se puede demostrar* que la vida existe, existe la personalidad jurídica" (énfasis agregado). Esto también explica perfectamente por qué es irrelevante que las leyes pasadas no protegieran al recién nacido antes de la aceleración.

A continuación, Craddock muestra que muchos de los estados que votaron para ratificar la Decimocuarta Enmienda también habían criminalizado el aborto, lo que significa que entendieron la personalidad de la misma manera que los pro-vida lo entienden ahora:

A partir de ahí, Craddock explica cómo el estándar de aceleración fue poco más que un estándar probatorio práctico, no un comentario significativo sobre la vida prenatal (o la falta del mismo). Pero curiosamente, señala que incluso a mediados del siglo XIX, los tribunales y los estados por igual lo rechazaban cada vez más por ser científicamente obsoleto, y lo reemplazaban por ... ¡sorpresa! - fertilización.

A continuación, y quizás lo más importante, Craddock examina el pensamiento de los redactores de la Decimocuarta Enmienda. Hay una suposición comprensible de que debido a que el propósito principal de la enmienda era extender la ciudadanía a los negros liberados después de la Guerra Civil, sus efectos no deberían interpretarse para extenderse más allá de ese propósito. Pero bajo el principio originalista de la intención de autor, la primera palabra es a menudo la última palabra para resolver tal confusión:

A la luz de esta evidencia y razonamiento (así como las refutaciones a posibles objeciones que he omitido, pero que debería tomarse el tiempo de leer), Craddock concluye que solo hay un enfoque constitucional apropiado para el aborto: ¡protección!  
 " Antes de formarte en el útero, te conocía ... " Jeremías 1 : 5

### 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.

### RICA - Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos

Clases de formación religiosa para los adultos (mayores de 16 años) que necesiten algún sacramento de Iniciación (BAUTISMO, COMUNIÓN & CONFIRMACIÓN) en español. Necesita los siguientes documentos:  
\* Partida de nacimiento o Partida de Bautizo.

Sandra Chacón  
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## Ministerio Hispano



## II Domingo de Adviento

LECTURAS: II Domingo de Adviento- Ciclo A  
1ra. Lectura: Is 11, 1-10  
2da. Lectura: Rom. 15, 4-9  
Evangelio: Mt 3, 1-12

### 2da. Semana de Adviento

La conversión, nota predominante de la predicación de Juan Bautista. Durante la segunda semana, la liturgia nos invita a reflexionar con la exhortación del profeta Juan Bautista: "Preparen el camino, Jesús llega" y, ¿qué mejor manera de prepararlo que buscando ahora la reconciliación con Dios? En la semana anterior nos reconciamos con las personas que nos rodean; como siguiente paso, la Iglesia nos invita a acudir al Sacramento de la Reconciliación (Confesión) que nos devuelve la amistad con Dios que habíamos perdido por el pecado. Encenderemos la segunda vela morada de la Corona de Adviento, como signo del proceso de conversión que estamos viviendo.

Durante esta semana puedes buscar en los diferentes templos que tienes cerca, los horarios de confesiones disponibles, para que cuando llegue la Navidad, estés bien preparado interiormente, uniéndote a Jesús y a los hermanos en la Eucaristía.

### ¡María, Señora del Sí!

María, llena de Gracia, llena de Dios.  
María, Madre, mujer fuerte y buena,  
tú nos inspiras confianza.

Nos gustan muchas cosas de Tí.  
Nos gusta tu valentía para decir sí, sin condiciones...

Y tu humildad, tu pobreza y sencillez.  
Tú solo apareces para ayudar y servir,  
para cumplir tu misión de madre.

Tú creíste y te fiaste de Dios.  
Ayúdanos a tener un alma grande  
en la que quepan todos.

Queremos tener siempre el corazón limpio  
en el que no brote sino el bien.

Ayúdanos, Señor, a preparar la navidad,  
ayúdanos a convertirnos a Dios,  
a dar un Sí grande a la voluntad de Dios  
y a ser fuertes en la dificultad.

Ayúdanos a decir sí, como Tú, María.

**20  
19** CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL  
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Supporting *Dramatic Missionary Growth* in Our Community



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*Did you know...*

*Saint Joseph Parish gets a rebate of \$16,000 once we hit our \$80,000 goal! Your pledge makes a difference.*

**Donate today: [www.drvc.org/CMA](http://www.drvc.org/CMA)**

**CMA Parish Goal: \$80,000**

**Pledges: - \$62,407**

**To Go: \$17,593**

As of: 11/26/19

**Join us this Advent on Thursday 12/12, 12/19  
at 10 am in the Lower School or 7:30 pm in Carew Hall**

Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually *the source and summit of the Christian life*. Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture to its profound role in the life of the Church and its members.

**The Eucharist is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.**

Following along at home? This week's questions....

1. In the celebration of the Mass, how do we participate in offering the perfect sacrifice of Christ?
2. Why do you receive the Eucharist? What do you hope for or expect this sacrament to accomplish in you?

New to Formed?

1. Visit [formed.org](http://formed.org)
2. Click Sign Up
3. Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization"
4. Find your parish by name, zip, or parish code
5. Enter your email - and you're in!

**Presence**  
THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Week Two — The Story of the Eucharist**  
The whole story of salvation history is a single narrative, culminating in the climactic gift of the Eucharist. The Eucharist was prefigured in the Old Testament and was fully revealed to us in Jesus' life, miracles, teaching, and sacrifice.

This week, login to [formed.org](http://formed.org) and watch Presence, Episode 2.

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Week Three — Bread for the Journey





**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

*(also called "Penance" or "Confession")*

**Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays**

**after Morning Masses;**

**Saturdays after 8:00 am Mass**

**Saturdays 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm**

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES**

**December 24, 2019**

4:00 pm in the Church

*(Musical Prelude starts at 3:30 pm)*

4:00 pm in the Church Lower Hall

6:30 pm in the Church

10:30 pm in the Church

*(Musical Prelude starts at 10:00 pm)*

**CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES**

**December 25, 2019**

7:00 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm

**SPANISH MASS 1:30 pm**

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY  
OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH**

**Saturday, December 28, 2019**

5:00 pm

**Sunday, December 29, 2019**

7:00 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am,

12:00 noon, and 5:00 pm

**SPANISH MASS 6:30 pm**

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
MOTHER OF GOD**

**New Year's Day, January 1, 2020**

7:00 am, 9:00 am, 12:00 noon

**FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**

*(also called "Little Christmas")*

**Saturday, January 4, 2020**

5:00 pm

**Sunday, January 5, 2020**

7:00 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am,

12:00 noon, and 5:00 pm

**SPANISH MASS 6:30 pm**

*The Giving Tree is up in the lobby of the church*



Once again we are asking that you please donate gift cards rather than wrapped gifts. When we give our clients gift cards they are able to experience the same joy of selecting gifts for their family as we do in selecting gifts for ours. Many of our generous parishioners have told us how much they enjoy purchasing gifts for the Giving Tree. For those of you who would still like to purchase a gift rather than give a gift card, please know that a toy for children from ages 2-8 would be truly appreciated.

Please take an angel from the tree and return your gifts by December 14th to the Outreach office or the Rectory.

your generosity allows others to share in the spirit of the season.



## CYO Sport Programs

<http://stjoecyosports.com>

### Baseball:

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

Travel \* (Boys) Vinny ☎ 521-5544

### Basketball:

Girls (nusig2002@yahoo.com) Brittney ☎ 445-9099

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

Boys Grades 3-12) Vinny ☎ 521-5544

Travel\* Vinny ☎ 521-5544

Track: (stjoesronktrack@gmail.com)

Boys & Girls Grades K-8 Tom/Jason 542-2134

### Soccer :

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

jcaiolahome@gmail.com

Travel (LIJSL): Jason ☎ 875-5209

ronkonkomarattlesnakes@gmail.com

Softball: Dennis ☎ 467-6174



## Baptism

Matthew Martin Coppeto

Scarlett Singer

Graham Emerson Ward

## 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 979-0060 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 to our meeting and check it out.*

**Visit our next meeting:**

**Dec. 8th, 2019 Tonight**

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

*phone:* Advisor Mike Keller (631) 872-7675

***What did you do this weekend?***

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

Saturday Afternoon @ 2:00 - 3:15 pm

"The Only Requirement for Membership

Is a desire to stop drinking."

## "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.