



# 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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website at

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**December 15, 2019 — Third 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](http://www.responsehotline.org)

**Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk - VIBS**  
Domestic violence, rape, sexual assault, elder abuse:  
[www.vibs.org](http://www.vibs.org)      [www.inforatvibs.org](http://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](http://www.sccadv.org)

**The Retreat (Domestic Violence) Shelter**  
631-329-2200 (24/7 hotline)      [www.theretreat.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.childcaresuffolk.org)

**Family Services 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)

**Catholic Charities DRVC Talbot House**  
**Chemical Dependency Crisis Center**  
631-589-4144  
[www.catholiccharities.cc](http://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](mailto: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. 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**

**Monday, Dec. 16**

- 7:00 Abilio Laureco (Loving Wife & Family)
- 9:00 Erwin Kramer (Loving Family)

**Tuesday, Dec. 17**

- 7:00 John Raia (Nancy & Joette)
- 9:00 Ralph Rizzo (Ann Rizzo)

**Wednesday, Dec. 18**

- 7:00 For the People of the Parish
- 9:00 Kerry Anne Saunders (Patricia McQuade)

**Thursday, Dec. 19**

- 7:00 Elizabeth Ross (Loving Family)
- 9:00 Evelyn Musich (Jennifer Brown & Joseph Ceralli)

**Friday, Dec. 20**

- 7:00 Matthew Schifano (Loving Family)
- 9:00 Robert Filce (Loving Mother)

**Saturday, Dec. 21**

- 8:00 James J. Heiman (Loving Sister Helen)
- 5:00 Marge Gunn (Rosemary & Gerry), Daniel Martone (Virginia Buccellato), Patricia Alvanos (Rosemary & Gerry McMernamin), For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, Dec. 22 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)**

- 7:00 Michael Timo Jr. (Loving Family)
- 9:00 Michelina Carlisle, Robert C. Duerr & Antoinette Partenope (Loving Family)
- 10:30 Vinney Gessner (Loving Family), Joseph Phelan (The Butzbach Family), Eileen Mulvey (Mr. & Mrs. Romanoff), Milagros Collazo (LIVING) (Richard & Dawn Santiago), Daniel DeMaio (Louis & Janie DeMaio) Larry Spierto (Carl & Michele Nappi)
- 12:00 Dominador Sa,son (The Pastorin Family)
- 5:00 Ronald V. Berscak (Loving 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**

*Judith Cubillos, Gioachino Vero*

***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**

In the first reading, Isaiah speaks of a day when the glory and splendor of God will be apparent to all. God will come to save. James encourages the community to be patient as they await Christ's return. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples of John the Baptist to go and tell John of miracles that have occurred. He then tells the crowd of John the Baptist's greatness.

## **Here Are Some Interesting Ways We Can Prepare The Way Of The Lord Right Here At St Joseph Parish**

About two months ago a parishioner came up to me after mass asking if there is a way we can be more aware of meeting and serving Jesus in the elderly and handicapped in our community. She pointed out that there are often people at weekend masses who are driven here and picked up by a special bus. She then mentioned that at times it is difficult for the bus to get near the front of the church to pick them up. She made a suggestion and we followed up on it. Now we need some help from everyone:

We have a new, large sign that reserves a spot for the bus to pick up and drop off those who need assistance. We have decided the best place to put it is at one end of the parking area in front of the church. You may have noticed it near the driveway between the church and school. This gives handicapped people access to a ramp in front of the church and gives the bus an easy place to park (at the front of the line).

Now we really need the cooperation of everyone. Please do not park next to that driveway - leave about 1 1/2 spaces for the bus to park. Sometimes the sign blows down. We ask you to honor this space even when you don't see the sign.

When speaking to people about appropriate dress at mass, the rule of thumb is, if my mode of dress might be a distraction to someone (whether by being too provocative or too sloppy) then maybe I should change what I am wearing. It has been brought to my attention that at times, it is not the mode of dress that is distracting, but the amount of perfume or cologne that some parishioners are wearing. I have been told it is not only distracting, but sometimes it even makes it difficult to breathe.

The reality is, it is easy to become "nose blind". When this happens, we need more and more of our favorite scent in order to be able to smell it ourselves. Unfortunately, the more and more is what really becomes a challenge for some people at mass (some of whom have respiratory problems).

Can I please ask that we all think about this as we prepare for mass? Maybe hold off on the perfume or cologne until after mass for the sake of our brothers and sisters.

One last thing. We have spaces designated for handicapped people and our Ministers do the best they can to stop to give them Communion while they are on their way to their assigned station. Unless designated, the first row (without a kneeler) is the only handicapped row. If you are in the next row, it is expected that you will process to Communion like the rest of the community. The second row is not there to take the place of a Communion rail. Please keep the handicapped rows for those who need them and their families, and if you are able bodied, processing to Communion is expected and it is also a way of giving thanks to God for the gift of being able bodied. Thank you all for your cooperation in these simple matters:

- Leaving the parking space free for the handicapped bus
- Limiting the amount of cologne or perfume at mass
- Leaving the handicapped rows for those in need

Are all works of mercy. Whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me (Mt 25:40).

*-Fr Mike*

### **Hospitality At Christmas**

Often at Christmas or other big holidays I hear a parishioner or two say something negative about the people who join us at the holidays. Those people are our brothers and sisters and they too are children of God. We have no idea why we don't see them at other times during the year, but one reason could be that they hear derogatory things from people they think should have a more Christian attitude. Maybe we can all do better to welcome Christ in our guests.

My mom struggled at Holidays at mass - not too much with anything negative. She just didn't do well with big crowds. She worked it out by finding a mass that was a little less crowded - it meant making some minor changes in how our family celebrated but it helped us all to really celebrate!

If you don't like crowds, 4:00 on Christmas Eve is not a good mass for you! Whether we change our schedule or not, we should all welcome Jesus present in all at mass this Christmas. *-Fr Mike*

### **Hospitality At Other Celebrations**

One of the challenges faced more and more in every parish is that fewer and fewer people are willing (or more likely able) to make a commitment to be part of many of the parish celebrations we have. The result of this is that much of the work of the community (that helps to build up the body of Christ) often falls upon the pastoral staff of the parish. This can get in the way of the pastoral staff doing their appropriate responsibilities.

As the calendar turns, we will be looking to create a hospitality ministry. This is a group of people who will help with some of our gatherings. Our hope is to get enough people so that no one person or group becomes burdened by multiple tasks throughout the year.

We will definitely need help with our Potluck Lunch and re-gift Raffle on January 19. Please keep an eye out for an invitation to join this ministry. And invite a friend or two to help!

*Fr Mike*

# Respect Life



## Supreme Court allows Kentucky abortion ultrasound law to take effect

by Kimberly Leonard

| December 09, 2019 09:58 AM (Reprinted from the Washington Examiner website)

The Supreme Court won't hear an appeal over a Kentucky law that forces health providers to show pregnant women ultrasounds of their fetuses before having abortions.

The decision, issued Monday, means that the Supreme Court leaves intact a 2-1 [ruling](#) from the 6th Circuit that the law does not violate doctors' First Amendment rights to free speech, writing that the information gleaned from an ultrasound was "pertinent" to a woman's decision-making.

At least four justices must agree to hear a case for it to be taken up by the Supreme Court. Court observers have been closely watching the court, which now includes Republican-confirmed Justices Brett Kavanaugh and Neil Gorsuch, to see whether they'll take up cases [challenging Roe v. Wade](#), the 1973 decision that legalized abortion nationwide. Next year, the justices [will hear arguments](#) about a Louisiana law that requires doctors to have admitting privileges at a local hospital.

The law in Kentucky, known as the Ultrasound Informed Consent Act, requires doctors who perform the ultrasound also to describe the images and to play the sound of the heartbeat. It allows women to look away from the ultrasound screen and to ask the doctor to turn off the sounds. Doctors who don't comply can be fined and referred to Kentucky's medical licensing board.

Proponents of the law, signed by Gov. Matt Bevin, a Republican, cite women's right to informed consent about the procedure.

The American Civil Liberties Union challenged the law on behalf of Kentucky's lone abortion clinic, EMW Women's Surgical Center in Louisville. Opponents of ultrasound laws say they get in the way of doctor's free speech protections and that they impose psychological harm on women who have abortions.

The Supreme Court has declined to take up other cases challenging ultrasound laws, and lower courts have struck down ultrasound laws challenged in other states.

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



**Our Parish Offices will close at noon on Wednesday, December 18 so that our staff can gather for reflection and celebration for Christmas.**

**We will reopen on Thursday at 9:00.**

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

**FIGURES FOR DEC. 8TH WILL BE PUBLISHED IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN**



**Thanks to everyone who donated fast food gift cards and socks during Share Mercy Sunday. The guests at our Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen Christmas dinner will enjoy their gifts thanks to your generosity!**

### Respeta la vida

#### **La Corte Suprema permite que la ley de ultrasonido del aborto de Kentucky entre en vigencia**

por Kimberly Leonard

El | 09 de diciembre de 2019 09:58 AM (Reimpreso del sitio web de Washington Examiner)

La Corte Suprema no escuchará una apelación sobre una ley de Kentucky que obliga a los proveedores de salud a mostrar a las mujeres embarazadas ecografías de sus fetos antes de abortar.

La decisión, emitida el lunes, significa que la Corte Suprema deja intacta una [decisión](#) 2-1 del Sexto Circuito de que la ley no viola los derechos de la Primera Enmienda de los médicos a la libertad de expresión, escribiendo que la información obtenida de un ultrasonido era "pertinente" para la toma de decisiones de una mujer.

Al menos cuatro jueces deben acordar escuchar un caso para que el Tribunal Supremo lo aborde. Los observadores de la corte han estado observando de cerca a la corte, que ahora incluye a los jueces confirmados por los republicanos Brett Kavanaugh y Neil Gorsuch, para ver si se ocuparán de los casos que [desafían a Roe v. Wade](#), la decisión de 1973 que legalizó el aborto en todo el país. El próximo año, los jueces [escucharán argumentos](#) sobre una ley de Louisiana que exige que los médicos tengan privilegios de admisión en un hospital local.

La ley de Kentucky, conocida como la Ley de consentimiento informado por ultrasonido, exige que los médicos que realizan el ultrasonido también describan las imágenes y reproduzcan el sonido de los latidos del corazón. Permite a las mujeres apartar la vista de la pantalla de ultrasonido y pedirle al médico que apague los sonidos. Los médicos que no cumplan pueden ser multados y remitidos a la junta de licencias médicas de Kentucky.

Los defensores de la ley, firmados por el gobernador Matt Bevin, un republicano, citan el derecho de las mujeres al consentimiento informado sobre el procedimiento.

La American Civil Liberties Union desafió la ley en nombre de la única clínica de abortos de Kentucky, EMW Women's Surgical Center en Louisville. Los opositores a las leyes de ultrasonido dicen que interfieren con la protección de la libertad de expresión del médico y que imponen daño psicológico a las mujeres que tienen abortos.

La Corte Suprema se ha negado a abordar otros casos que desafían las leyes de ultrasonido, y los tribunales inferiores han revocado las leyes de ultrasonido impugnadas en otros estados.

**" Antes de formarte en el útero, te conocía ... " Jeremías 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\*\***



## *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 20th to the Outreach office or the Rectory.



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

## 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 & CONFIRMACION) en español. Necesita los siguientes documentos:  
\* Partida de nacimiento o Partida de Bautizo.

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# Ministerio Hispano



## III Domingo de Adviento



**LECTURAS:** III Domingo de Adviento- Ciclo A  
1ra. Lectura: Is 35, 1-6a. 10  
2da. Lectura: Sant 5, 7-10  
Evangelio: Mt 11, 2-11



## 3ra Semana de Adviento

El *testimonio*, que María, la Madre del Señor, vive, sirviendo y ayudando al prójimo. La liturgia de Adviento nos invita a recordar la figura de María, que se prepara para ser la Madre de Jesús y que además está dispuesta a ayudar y servir a quien la necesita. El evangelio nos relata la visita de la Virgen a su prima Isabel y nos invita a repetir como ella: "¿Quién soy yo para que la madre de mi Señor venga a verme?".

Sabemos que María está siempre acompañando a sus hijos en la Iglesia, por lo que nos disponemos a vivir esta tercer semana de Adviento, meditando acerca del papel que la Virgen María desempeñó. Te proponemos que fomentes la devoción a María, rezando el Rosario en familia, uno de los elementos de las tradicionales *posadas*. Encendemos como signo de espera gozosa, la tercer vela, color rosa, de la Corona de Adviento.

Mira Señor, a tu pueblo que espera con fe la fiesta del nacimiento de tu Hijo, concédele celebrar el gran misterio de nuestra salvación con un corazón nuevo y una inmensa alegría. Amén



# Welcome to the Hospitality Ministry

We are looking for energized people of all talents who can help make our events fabulous! We invite you to join us at our first meeting on Wednesday, January 8 at 7:30 PM in Carew Hall.

## Here are the important jobs we are looking to fill:

### Event Coordination and Hospitality

- Set-up and Break-down/Clean Up - Decorate for events, prepare tables for food (sternos), beverages and tableware, receive food before event, clean up
- Baking & Cooking - Bake & Cook foods (bringing food you bought is great, too), making coffee & tea
- Welcome staff - our frontline, smiles at the ready, helping guests with drop offs and where to sit, buy tickets, get drinks
- Shopping - sometimes we need people to go shopping for party supplies

### Entertainment and Activities

- MC - who is comfortable speaking in front of groups?
- Game Show Hosts - our very own Pat Sajak running games and raffles
- Runners - people needed to verify tickets and bring winners prizes (perfect for kids!)
- Raffles - people comfortable selling tickets and handling money
- Entertainment - DJs and musicians who love to get the party started (must have your own equipment)
- Crafts Coordinator - Who's good at can turning pipe cleaners and paper tower tubes into something wonderful?
- Photography & Videography - we always want to capture the fun



Don't see a job here but are still interested? Join us on *January 8th* and we'll find something for everyone. We need your help for the Pot Luck Luncheon!

## Join us this Advent on Thursday 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. How do we participate in the sacrifice of Jesus in the Eucharist? What are some practical ways to be intentional about participating in this way?
2. At the end of Mass, we are dismissed with a purpose. What is our mission when we leave Mass? What can we do to live out this mission?

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 Three — Bread for the Journey**  
*Bread for the Journey* focuses on the necessity of the Eucharist for our spiritual nourishment and explores the different parts of the Liturgy of the Mass. The Eucharist is our spiritual food; it truly nourishes and sustains our souls, just as physical food does for our body.

This week, login to [formed.org](http://formed.org) and watch *Presence*, Episode 3.

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### 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)

### 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)





**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**

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**Attention Families of All Sizes (even families of one)!**  
**The kids are off for 2 weeks this winter break...**  
**Celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Family with them at**

**Family Game Day**  
**Sunday, December 29th**  
**1 PM in Carew Hall**

**Bring your favorite card and board games!**

**We'll provide hot dogs for lunch,**  
**we just ask that you bring a dessert to share!**  
**Desserts can be dropped off before the 12PM Mass.**

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## Scouting as Youth Ministry



**Cub Scout Pack 272**  
**Scout Troops 272**



St. Joseph's Cub Scout Pack 272 and Scout Troops 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, Troops, 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 ☎ 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](mailto:jcaiolahome@gmail.com)

Travel (LIJSL): Jason ☎ 875-5209

[ronkonkomarattlesnakes@gmail.com](mailto:ronkonkomarattlesnakes@gmail.com)

Softball: Dennis ☎ 467-6174



## Baptism

*Colton Brian Ciappetta*

*James Edward Gaffney Jr.*



## 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. 15th, 2019 Tonight**

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

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

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

## "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.

## Soup Kitchen

Our Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen Christmas Dinner will be held on December 20th at 5:30pm in Father Carew Hall. Santa will be there to greet you!

