



# 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

### Faith Formation

Located in Rectory 631-981-1805

**Director of Faith Formation**

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**Director of New Evangelization**

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Facebook, Instagram, or our  
website at

stjosephronkonkoma.org



# 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. 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**

**Monday, Dec. 23**

- 7:00 Mr. & Mrs. Elias Brown (The Marchany Family)
- 9:00 Harry Bartik (Loving Family)

**Tuesday, Dec. 24**

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

4:00  
6:30 Christmas Mass Intentions

**Wednesday, Dec. 25 (The Nativity of the Lord)**

- 7:00
- 9:00 Christmas Mass Intentions
- 10:30

- 12:00
- 1:30 Spanish Mass

**Thursday, Dec. 26**

- 7:00 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas McCoy (The Marchany Family)
- 9:00 Matthew Gay (Loving Family)

**Friday, Dec. 27**

- 7:00 Mrs. Lorita McCoy James (The Marchany Family)
- 9:00 Howard Ferry (Loving Family)

**Saturday, Dec. 28**

- 8:00 Ross, O'Halloran & Waitkus Families (Loving Family)
- 5:00 The McMenamin & McFarlane Families (Loving Family), Patricia Alvanos (The Mottola Family), Philip Tedeschi (The Clahane Family)

**Sunday, Dec. 29 (The Holy Family)**

- 7:00 Elias Arthur Brown Jr. (The Marchany Family)
- 9:00 Irene Oliver (Dcn. Mike & Ann DeBellis)
- 10:30 Raymond Griffin Jr. (The Miller Family)
- 12:00 Walter John Rochford (Loving Family), Kate Lawrence (Ciara & Ivy Chapman), Gianna Traina (Luis & Carmen Ramos)
- 5:00 Anthony Regan Brown (The Marchany Family)
- 6:30 Spanish Mass

**Altar Bread & Wine**

*In Memory of  
Mickelson & Williams Families &  
Msgr. Francis Midura  
Requested by  
Barbara Mickelson*



**REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED  
Rose Cuva**

***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 prophesies a sign for Israel: The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son who will embody God's redemptive presence with his people. Paul, recalling his own apostolic calling, writes that the Gentiles are also called to belong to Jesus Christ. In the Gospel, the Lord's angel comes to Joseph in a dream and reveals the circumstances of Mary's pregnancy, and what this means. Joseph obeys the angel's commands.

## **It Sure Is Challenging To Try To Be A Holy Family These Days!**

*Next Sunday is the Feast of the Holy Family - Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. We look at them and can say to ourselves, I can never be like them. They are perfect! Well, they did face some challenges that some of us can possibly relate to:*

- *A surprise pregnancy*
- *Serious travel problems*
- *Circumstances beyond their control forcing them to move*
- *The intense anxiety of a missing child*

*Knowing that they faced these kinds of problems may help us to relate to them. But there are challenges in our world that they never dealt with.*

**Here is an abbreviated version of a story by Beth Whitehouse reported in Newsday on November 19, 2019**

In a freshman seminar at Adelphi University called "Life Unplugged", professor Donna Freitas required her students to surrender their phones for a week. The point was for the students to reflect on the question: "What does it mean to live constantly interrupted?"

Some immediate reactions: hands shaking and getting really sweaty.

Things they learned:

**How annoying it is when others use smartphones.** One felt completely out of touch with friends at a meal while they constantly texted. Eventually, they realized she was phoneless and put theirs away. This led to a nice conversation. Another got very annoyed while playing a video game and his friend paused the game for every alert his phone gave him. One came to the conclusion, maybe I need to leave my phone at home or put it away while I am out with friends.

**How much their phones disturb their sleep.** They found themselves going to sleep at a more sensible hour and not having their sleep interrupted by buzzing alerts. One said she hopes to keep her phone in another room at night from now on, but she is not sure she will be able to keep to this promise.

**How much faster they work without the distractions.** One student got an entire research paper done in just over two days. Another plans to hand her phone to someone while studying.

**How freeing it can be not to have constant access to social media.** Snapchat keeps records of "streaks" of daily communication. One student had a streak of 1,400 days – more than three years. Notifications from apps like these tempt you to constantly look at your phone. After a week off, some phones took more than five minutes to upload all the notifications they missed. Some students decided to turn off their notifications.

**How much they count on phones for things that have nothing to do with phones.** One almost missed out on selfies with wax statues of famous people at Madame Tusaud's in NYC. Luckily friends had phones to take her picture. Another, without GPS, finally had to pay attention to figure out how to get to school on her own. But one, who didn't trust his ability to set an ordinary alarm clock, had anxious, interrupted sleep.

**How much their parents also rely on the students' phones.** One dad gave his daughter an old phone for the week that could only dial 911, so he could continue to use his app to keep track of her. One mom who texted her son throughout the day learned to email him once a day – he found it much better this way.

**How dependent their social lives are on their phones.** Most felt very disconnected – they missed out on some social engagements because friends use phones and social media to connect.

**How addicted they really are.** One baby-sat for cousins at a park and actually played with them instead of sitting on the swing texting. Another plans to leave it in her car when out with friends. She says, "I didn't think I as addicted, but this made me realize I really am. If it is in front of me, I am going to use it."

*Maybe as the calendar turns to 2020, families could look at their use of smartphones and social media - just to see where it may be getting in the way of one of the greatest gifts we can give each other - our presence!*

***Hey, looking for some fun, unplugged time together? Come to our Electronics Free Game Day, Sunday, December 29 after the noon mass!***

*-Fr Mike*

## **Giving Out Of Love, Not Guilt**

This time of year we all get bombarded with requests for assistance. Many requests are based on guilt, not on love: the request at the register in the store; the many mailings with free gifts or stamped return envelopes enticing you to not waste a stamp; even pictures of people in need, hoping to tug at our heart strings.

All of these organizations that beg do good work, but no one person can help them all. I have two **very strong suggestions** regarding these requests:

Make a decision about which charity (or charities) you will support for the year. Commit to them and politely say, "I'm sorry" to the others - no guilt because you are helping someone else.

Choose a charity that helps to make changes in the situations of those in need. The ideal gift is the one that will help lift a person out of chronic need. Helping others should be a response to the goodness we have experienced from God, not in order to assuage our guilt or make us feel good for a few minutes. *-Fr Mike*

## Respect Life



The St. Joseph Respect Life Committee wishes all the members of our Parish community a very Blessed Christmas, and a Joyous New Year!

Please keep the families who have been the victims of abortion or euthanasia in your prayers. Also, please pray to restore a genuine respect for life in our country, and the whole world. And lastly, please pray for those who work tirelessly to bring about positive change in our world.

To mark the 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops will be conducting "Nine Days for Life" on January 21st through the 29th. This will be an on-line multi faceted novena for the respect and protection of every human life. Each day, a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested action, and related information. Go to <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/nine-days-of-prayer-penance-and-pilgrimage.cfm>

"May the Lord bless you and keep you! May the Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! May the Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!"

Num 6:24-26

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

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

Figures for the weekend of Dec. 8th & 15th will be published in next weeks bulletin.



# MARCH FOR LIFE

### Participate in body and/or spirit!

Join St. Joseph's, Ronkonkoma for a Vigil Mass  
on

Thursday, January 23 at 7pm

to pray for a change of heart in our country, an  
end to abortion, respect for all life, and safe travel  
for participants.



¡Participa en cuerpo y / o espíritu!

Únase a St. Joseph's, Ronkonkoma para una misa de  
vigilia

**el jueves 23 de enero a las 7pm**

para orar por un cambio de corazón en nues-  
tro país, el fin del aborto, el respeto por toda la  
vida y un viaje seguro para los participantes.

**Viernes, el 24 de enero de 2020**

**Vengan con nosotros a Washington D.C.  
por La**

El autobús sale de St. Joseph's a las 5 a.m. y  
regresa aproximadamente a las 10:30 p.m.  
Para obtener información / registro del auto-  
bús, comuníquese con Jerry Egan por  
631-988-5507.

**Marcha por La Vida**

March for Life 2020,  
January 24, 2020 | Washington, D.C.



**Friday, January 24, 2020**

Bus leaves St. Joseph's at 5am and returns  
approximately 10:30pm.

For bus information/registration contact  
Jerry Egan at 631-988-5507

Seating is on a first come first serve basis so  
don't wait to call!





Tis the Season to  
**Give Hope**

Be a Holiday Hero to Patients

**BLOOD DRIVE**

**WIN A TRIP TO CANCUN**

Donate in **January 2020**,  
and you will be entered to win a trip  
for two to **Cancun, Mexico**



***RONKONKOMA'S FIRST BLOOD DRIVE OF 2020***

***SPONSORED BY MINISTRY FOR THE COMMON GOOD***

***ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH***

**Sunday January 5<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00am – 2:00pm**

**Basement - Carew Hall – 45 Church Street - Ronkonkoma**

**URGENT NEED! Save up to 3 lives!**



**Eligibility Criteria**

- Bring **Donor Card** or ID.
- Minimum Weight: 110lbs. Age 16 – 75(76 or over with doctors note)
- No New Tattoos for past 12 months.



For more information & to make an appointment contact: **Michele Nappi @ [michele@stjorok.org](mailto:michele@stjorok.org)**



Or 631- 981-1805

#nybloodcenter

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

1.800.933.BLOOD

**New York Blood Center**



### 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.

Sandra Chacón  
(516) 320-4144  
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## Ministerio Hispano



**LECTURAS: IV Domingo de Adviento - Ciclo A**  
1ra. Lectura: Is 7, 10-14  
2da. Lectura: Rom 1, 1-7  
Evangelio: Mt 1, 18-24



### 4to Adviento

*Derrama, Señor, tu gracia sobre nosotros, que hemos conocido por el anuncio del ángel la encarnación de tu Hijo, para que lleguemos, por su pasión y su cruz, a la gloria de la resurrección. Amén*

El anuncio del nacimiento de Jesús hecho a José y a María. Las lecturas bíblicas y la predicación, dirigen su mirada a la disposición de la Virgen María, ante el anuncio del nacimiento de su Hijo y nos invitan a "Aprender de María y aceptar a Cristo que es la Luz del Mundo". Como ya está tan próxima la Navidad, nos hemos reconciliado con Dios y con nuestros hermanos; ahora nos queda solamente esperar la gran fiesta. Como familia debemos vivir la armonía, la fraternidad y la alegría que esta cercana celebración representa. Todos los preparativos para la fiesta debieran vivirse en este ambiente, con el firme propósito de aceptar a Jesús en los corazones, las familias y las comunidades. Encendemos la cuarta vela color morada, de la Corona de Adviento.



## Feliz Navidad

*Les desea el Ministerio Hispano de St Joseph*





# 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!**



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 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\*\***

¡Estás invitado a ver esta película, una que muchos en la industria cinematográfica intentaron evitar que se produjera, distribuyera y mostrara en los cines!

Descubre por qué y aprende más sobre este tema de la vida.

Únase a nosotros el sábado 11 de enero de 2020 a las 7PM en Carew Hall (sótano de la iglesia).

Iglesia de San José, Ronkonkoma

Pro-Life es Pro-Woman, y esta película le mostrará por qué.

Patrocinado por St. Joseph's Respect Life Ministry

Entrada gratuita

**\*\* Calificación R: No apto para niños menores de 17 años sin un padre \*\***





**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 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.**



## 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

*Knox Jason Attard*



## 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. 22, 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.

