

Office Hours

Parish Phone – 269-6635

Parish Website – www.saintjosephskingspark.com

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon,
1:00 to 4:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon,
1:00 to 5:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon

Saturday: 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon,
1:00 to 5:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Emergency calls may be made at any time.

Parish Regional School – Holy Family Regional School is located at 2 Indian Head Road, Commack, NY. It offers a Catholic Education for Nursery School through Eighth Grade. For more information contact Constance Jenkins, Principal at:

Phone – 543-0202

Website – www.holyfamilyregional.com

To schedule a tour of the School please contact parents@holyfamilyregional.com.

We Celebrate the Sacraments

The Sacrament of Baptism

Registration: Parents are asked to register at the Parish Center at least a month before the date of Baptism.

Preparation: The Pre-Baptism program is held in the school at 7:30 PM on the third Tuesday of every month.

Ceremony: Baptism is celebrated on the first, second and fourth Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM.

The Sacrament of Matrimony

Arrangements for weddings should be made at least eight months prior to the date of marriage.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

In the Nazareth Chapel in the Parish Center on:

Saturday: 4:00 to 4:45 PM

Eve of Holy Days and of First Fridays: 4:00 to 4:45 PM

The Sacrament of the Sick

Arrangements for sacraments and visitation of the sick in the home or hospital are arranged through the Parish Center.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The RCIA is the current form of instruction for those who wish to join the Catholic Church. If you have never been baptized, confirmed or received First Holy Communion, or are a member of another Christian Church and wish to become a member of the Catholic Church, contact the Parish Center at 269-6635.

Mass Intentions

Week of January 7, 2013

Monday, January 7

7:00 Teresa Averso - Donna Cariddi

8:45 Margaret Gerardi - Her Children and Grandchildren

Tuesday, January 8

7:00 Patrick Lane - Lily and Mike Quinlivan

8:45 Rosann Pipolo Suspenski - The Ruggiero Family

Wednesday, January 9

7:00 Jean Casa - George Sucich

8:45 Anna Yench - Amie, Gabe and Eric Jaen

Thursday, January 10

7:00 Jenny Mirabella - Donna Cariddi

8:45 Robert Rupp - Margaret Stajk

Friday, January 11

7:00 Frances Lule

8:45 George Vattakudiyil - Marion Olson

Saturday, January 12

8:45 Henry Parisi - Mr. and Mrs. Orlando

5PM Marion and Armand LaRedo and Olga Favale - Cherie

6:15 Nicholas Hein - The Orlando Family

Sunday, January 13

7:30 Frank Saggio - Brenda and Nicholas Yocca

9:00 Helen Freitag - The Cravotta's

9:30 Purgatorial Mass

10:30 For Mass Guild Members

11:00 Anna Yench - A & B Prayer Group

12:00 For All Our Parishioners

5PM Cody Orlando - Mr. and Mrs. Ettore

Orlando



From the Desk of Fr. Seán

We celebrate today another great feast of the Christmas season – The Epiphany. There are other names by which this feast is known: Three Kings Day, Little Christmas, and we recall again those mysterious figures of the Wise Men or Three Kings of Orient Far who traveled to Bethlehem in search of a new and brilliant star's revelation.

This is what we celebrate on Epiphany Sunday... that Jesus was made known to the world – the entire world as represented by these Three Kings – that He had come as a light for all peoples. They brought with them three gifts which spoke symbolically of the destiny of this child. Gold – as a symbol of kingship on earth; frankincense – as a symbol of his priestly ministry; and myrrh – as a symbol of suffering and death. The gifts help to explain further the destiny of the child who was born in such a hidden and humble way.

As the Church gently brings her celebration of the Christmas season to a conclusion next Sunday, with the Feast of Jesus' Baptism, these days are a great opportunity for reflection on the gifts we bring to the manger. There are many ways that each of us can help to make the Lord Jesus better known – many gifts by which we can help others come to know Him. The ways in which we minister to others becomes a light that further reveals Jesus to our world.

You may never think of yourself as “ministering”... you may never imagine that the things you do for others are your “giftedness” which comes from God. But indeed, they are! When you put those gifts to use for the good of another – you lift the darkness of this world and help others to see God. When you minister to another – to do something that helps another feel the loving presence of God – you help to reveal God's presence among us. In all sincerity, this has always been one of the great virtues of parish life at St. Joseph's... Day in and day out, there are countless acts of charity, kindness, and Christ-like love taking place. How heart-warming it is to hear from parishioners who are going through tough times; of fellow parishioners and neighbors from around town who have gone out of their way to help care for them! You might never imagine it but the hot meals that you bring to others... the little touches that remind them you're thinking about them... the masses you have said or the prayers that you offer... in so many different ways, YOU help to make the Light of Christ shine brighter for others.

There is an old poem by the author Edmund Cooke, which I've shared with you before, which says:

Tis not the weight of jewel or plate
Or the fondle of silk or fur
Tis the spirit in which the gift is rich
As the gifts of the Wise Men were
And we are not told whose gift was gold
And whose was the gift of myrrh.

Each person has a gift to bring to the stable in Bethlehem... to bring Jesus to someone else in this time and place in history... Did you know that at St. Joseph's we have 400+ parishioners who minister in the name of our parish and make the Light of Christ shine more brightly for others? Each gift has a value all its own... one is not more precious than another in the sight of God. What matters most is that the gift is given with the spirit of love. And when the gift is given... and received... then the manifestation of God becomes clearer for us. The light that came for all peoples shines more brilliantly.

As you contemplate Bethlehem this Christmastide, what gift of yourself will you offer to God... to others, in the New Year that lies ahead? How is it that you will make God known to others in the wonderful opportunity of 365 fresh new days? It may prove to be the best gift another receives this year – and the best gift you could give to yourself!

Fr. Seán

Stewardship Is Our Way Of Life

Second Collection

Next week's second collection will be for Facility Maintenance. Thank you for your support.



Parish Stewardship

12/30/12

General Collection

\$11,751.02

Facility Maintenance

\$4,538.71

Parish Events

Rosary Society

Rosary Society will meet for Mass and Rosary on Monday, January 7th at 1:00 PM in the Nazareth Chapel. New members are welcome. No obligations except prayer support to each other.



HandCrafting Justice and the Sisters of the Good Shepherd offer their deepest thanks to you for your generous response to our mission. The receipts of the sale, which amounted to \$2,920 and donations of \$106 will enable us to continue our support for the women and their families in Asia, Africa and Latin America. We know from our visits with the women themselves that this support makes a great difference in their lives and the lives of their families. We thank you on their behalf, and invite you to read more about them on our website (www.Handcraftingjustice.org) where you can also shop for more of their amazing work. Thank you again for your support!

Celebrate New Life



Parents, grandparents, godparents, families and friends are invited to attend a Special Mass and Blessing of Babies at 12:30 PM in Travis Hall on Sunday, January 13, 2013. The blessing is for babies baptized during 2012. There will be hospitality following the Mass.

Scripture Reflection

The Epiphany Of The Lord



All nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises for they have been called to hear the good news and worship the long awaited Messiah and King with the gift of their lives.

Epiphany gets its name right here, in the story of the three astrologers from the East. They saw a sign in the heavens, correctly understood it and chose to follow it no matter the personal costs. These three are fearless pilgrims, walking in the tiny light of a star, traveling by faith. They are called wise because they search the heavens and their dreams for direction from a source they cannot name. And in their zeal, they find the One they are looking for.

The astrologers were the first Gentile followers of Jesus. Without the benefit of Scripture or the stories of salvation, without religion and its rituals, they made their way into the presence of Christ. Many have since followed in their winding footsteps, through many places and years, searching for the light that they do not entirely understand but are willing to risk everything for. Mainstream religion tends to scorn them, banish them to the New Age, ridicule their search. But some of them will find their way to the light, with or without our encouragement.

We are challenged to locate the doorway to the new Jerusalem in your life - in those who gather in worship, in a place, or a circumstance - and work to keep that door wide open. Commit yourself to being open to the sacred, and give encouragement to those who are struggling to find their way to the light.

**Eucharistic Minister and Lector
Schedules
for
January~February~March 2013
are ready to be
picked up
at the Parish Center.**

Parish Events

St. Joseph's Lucky Bucks



St. Joseph's Lucky Bucks tickets are being sold in the Parish Center during normal business hours.

Tickets cost \$1.00 each. A winner will be chosen every three months and will win half the amount that is collected. New tickets will be sold on January 3rd, April 1st, July 1st, and October 1, 2013.

Bereavement Support Group



When we lose someone we love we feel that we have been robbed of a relationship that was life itself. We grieve and look for help. We want to speak of our loved one in a safe environment. St. Joseph's Bereavement Support Group is here to help you through this difficult time, and help to acquaint you with the various stages of grief so that you can begin to heal. A new group will be forming and begin meeting on Wednesday, January 23rd in the Centennial Room at 1:30 PM. There will be eight sessions that will meet for two hours. It is suggested that at least eight weeks have passed since the loss of your loved one before enrolling. For information and registration, call Dr. Gerri Lehr at 269-6635 ext. 465.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas are Going Green This Christmas



In an effort to help protect the environment, and raise funds for our many worthy charities, the CDA is asking all parishioners to donate their old, worn out, unusable Christmas lights for recycling. A collection bin is set up in the Parish Center and you can just stop by and drop them off. Your support of all our projects is greatly appreciated.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Education Contest

Open to all Students
in Grades 4 - 12 and CDA Members

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Ave Maria invites all students in grades 4 to 12 to participate in the 2013 Education Contest. The themes of the contest are: (Choose One)

"Jesus Is Reflected In Me"
and
"My Life Is A Reflection Of Good"

It is a wonderful opportunity to share your talents and your faith through original work in the following categories:

Grades 4-5: Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art
Grades 6-7-8: Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art, Music, Photography
Grades 9-10-11-12: Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art, Music, Photography
CDA Members: Poetry, Art, Computer Art, Photography

You may contact Judy Mullarkey at 368-3780 or Marie Pacinello at 580-0184 for contest rules and all necessary forms. The deadline for all submissions is February 14, 2013. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place winners at local, state and national levels, along with certificates of participation and certificates of winning entries.

2013 March For Life



Come and Join us for the
40th Annual March For Life
Monday, January 25, 2013
Washington, DC

Transportation will be provided from St. Joseph's Church in Kings Park. To help pay for transportation, we are asking for voluntary donations of \$5.00 per person. Please contact Pat Ziegler at 724-0413 for more information and to reserve your seat on the bus. Please bring donations on the day of the trip.



DIocese OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

December 2012
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Dear Faithful Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

*Christ is born, sing glory! Christ has descended from heaven, go out to meet Him! Christ is on earth;
lift yourselves up! Sing to the Lord, all the Earth for He Who belongs to heaven is now on earth!
Christ has become flesh, so tremble and rejoice; tremble because of sin and rejoice because of hope:
Christ is born of the Virgin!*

These beautiful words of the great Saint Gregory Nazianzen (329-389) can be heard across our world and around the globe this Christmas. Christ is born again this year in our hearts as He was born in the flesh of the Virgin Mary two thousand years ago in Bethlehem. Like the shepherds, we welcome Him into our hearts and into our lives. We know His coming changes all of humanity. We pray that His love will constantly increase in us so that we might belong more deeply to Him and to His Church and thus to one another. *Bethlehem has reopened Eden and in the grotto of Bethlehem we regain the goods of Paradise.* (Romanos the Melodist c. 540)

In this Year of Faith, Christmas is the great feast when we can renew our faith in God's love made manifest in the birth of His Son, Jesus the Christ. This is the feast that opens our eyes to the concrete expression of divine love now become an intimate part of the life of every man and woman who *believes in the heart and professes with one's lips that Jesus, this Child, Jesus, is the Son of God. He is Lord and Savior.*

In this Year of Faith, we all recently have been tried through the devastation caused by Hurricane Sandy. So many have lost homes. So many have had to struggle. So many need help. And so many of you have been generous, giving, caring and loving toward our brothers and sisters in need. I love those words of Blessed John Paul II: *we do not know why God allows suffering but we do know that suffering releases love.*

Love, God's love, was released in superabundance in a stable in Bethlehem. That love has never ceased to flood our hearts, strengthen our families, encourage the young and give consolation to the elderly. And the more we adore the Son of God born of the Virgin Mary, the more we too are cooperators in spreading God's love from that stable into our parishes, our communities and all the world.

With you I pray that this Christmas will bring us joy and happiness. Even more I pray Christmas will bring peace especially to the Middle East. And I pray that you and I who welcome Jesus into our hearts may be His instruments to offer His love and His gift of peace to all the world.

Joyful and blessed Christmas to one and all!

+William Murphy

Bishop of Rockville Centre

Options

for Community Living, Inc.

December 19, 2012

Father Sean Gann & Parishioners
St. Joseph's Church
59 Church St.
Kings Park, NY 11754

Dear Father Gann & Parishioners:

I am writing to extend the gratitude of Options for Community Living, Inc., our Board of Directors, staff and program participants for the generosity of the parishioners at St. Joseph's Church and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Through the kindness of volunteers affiliated with your church and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, six of our families were adopted this holiday season. As you probably know, our residents have very low incomes and are struggling with serious illness and disability. Many would not receive gifts this holiday season if not for the generosity of others. We are especially grateful for the hard work and commitment of Adele Fiorentine. Her time and energy devoted to this effort makes a real difference to the families we serve.

While so many Long Islanders are struggling to recover from the recent superstorm or stretch their income to meet their own daily needs, giving to others less fortunate during the holidays is even more meaningful. We are grateful for the kindness of your parishioners. Thank you and best wishes for a very happy and healthy 2013.

Sincerely,



Diana Antos Arens, Ph.D.
Executive Director



Pastoral Care

Minister to the Sick and Homebound

If you have a family member who is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the Parish Center at 269-6635 to make arrangements.



If you or a loved one are in one of our local hospitals, please call the Parish Center so that a Pastoral visit can be made.

Social Concerns

Each new year seems to offer us a blank slate, a challenge to make a positive contribution. A new year can be compared to a new life, each child conceived is God's opinion that the world should go on. As each of us begins this new year, let us pledge ourselves anew to seeing that abortion does not thwart God's plan.

Holy Hour

Holy Hour will be Friday, January 11th, from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in the Nazareth Chapel.



Scouting News

SAVE THE DATES:

Boy Scout Sunday
5:00PM Mass Saturday, February 2, 2013

Girl Scout Sunday
9:00 AM Mass March 10, 2013

All are invited to participate. Cubs, Webelos and Brownies may receive Catholic medals at the Masses. Older scouts will receive completed medals at ceremonies in St. Agnes Cathedral at later dates.

Be sure all emblem participants are registered with parish scouting coordinators before beginning emblem work and upon completion. As per the Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting, age requirements and deadlines will apply.

St Joseph's Scouting Coordinators:

Carolyn Flynn 269-1145
carolynflynn@optonline.net

Michelle Stein 663-3009

Religious Education



Office Hours:

Tuesday: 9:00AM-4:00PM
Wednesday: 10:00AM-5:00PM
Thursday: 1:00PM-5:00PM
Friday: 9:00AM-12:00Noon
(when program is in session)

Grade 1

Lesson drop off for Chapters 5 - 8 are now due.

Grade 2

All Second Grade students and their Families are invited to a Special Grade Two Mass on Sunday, January 13th at 10:30 AM in the Church.

Catechists Needed



"Let the children come to me." Mt. 19:14

Won't you consider taking this journey with a child? Volunteer teachers are needed on every grade level. For further information on how to become a catechist call the School of Religion.

DAYTIME BINGO -

Wednesday mornings at 10:30 AM in Travis Hall. \$3,000 in prizes given away each week. Door opens at 9:00 AM.

B I N G O				
14	19	32	51	74
6	21	39	52	61
11	29	FREE	55	68
7	16	42	60	69
9	27	37	48	72

For more information, please call 269-6635 ext. 248 during Bingo Hours Only.

Religion and Rock



Tune into "Religion and Rock" with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7:00 to 8:00 AM on WBAB 102.3 FM. Next Sunday's theme is 'Life's Struggles'. Don't forget to tune in!

Memorials

Remembering Loved Ones

Many parishioners have expressed an interest in making a monetary donation to cover the cost of flowers or the cost of bread and wine or Sanctuary Lamp for a period of one week, usually in memory of a loved one, living or deceased. If at any time you are interested in making such a donation, please call the Receptionist at the Parish Center (269-6635) or stop in to make arrangements. An acknowledgement of your offering will appear in the bulletin.

- Main Altar Flowers\$75.00 each
or two pieces for \$125.00
- Blessed Mother's Altar Flowers \$75.00
- St. Joseph's Altar Flowers \$40.00
- Bread and Wine \$25.00
- Sanctuary Lamp \$25.00
- Respect Life Rose \$10.00

Those Who Were Baptized

This past weekend the following child was welcomed into the Church:



Ashleigh Leteri

Respect Life Rose



This week's Respect Life Rose is In Loving Memory of Catherine G. Lawler from Her Family.

Sanctuary Lamp Memorial

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week In Loving Memory of Marie Keane from the Parish Center Office Staff.

Bread and Wine Memorial

The *Eucharistic Bread and Wine* for this week are In Honor of My Beautiful Wife, Jo Cheplic, on the Happy Occasion of our 50th Wedding Anniversary ~ Love Forever, Jimmy.



Please Remember In Your Prayers

Those Who Are Sick

Mary Ellen Trodden, John DiSalvo, Fr. Manly, Eric Kobus, Laura Woodfield, Jean DiPippo, Howie Meyer, Winn McGurty, Kathleen Casey, Anna Sexton, Donna Genna, Roseann Prizzi, George Fox, Maryanne Parisi, Michael Irenze, Paulette Ravenell, Susan Graham, Peggy Cullen, Pat Caputo, Francis Donnelly, Loretta Parente-Prague, John Ferreyra, Silvestri Triplets, Christine Peters, Margaret Garland, Baby Morgan West, Theresa DiFrancisco, Sr. Joanne Walters, OP, Douglas Schook, Greg Litorello, Brother John Lawrence, OSF, Anthony Ferrara, Sandra Ferrara, Michael Ferrara, Theresa Ferrara, Brianna Ferrara, Bernadette Cicero, Gabriella Richter, Sylvester Cicero, Edward Blom, Sr., Joan Blom, Ramon Torres, Tony Poldino, Rose Scauso, Marguerite Patti, Lorraine Hart, Frank Genna, Theresa Vlahos, Frank Daconta, Margaret Heimink, Josephine Ferrara, Michele Taylor, Homer Dellysse, Lauren Lenardi, Jane Foley, Irwin Schulman, Robert Ansbach, Millie Ingram, Joseph Norton, Jenny Bernal, Cathy Travis, Robert Sr. and Bob, Jr. Schayline, Rosemarie Carroll, Jean Desmond, Patricia Foley, Susan Bennardo, John Gargan, Anne and Russ Rotruck, Michael Szalay, Desi Brophy, Rosalba Olarte, Patrick Dugan, Helen Smith, Pat Marx, Carol Heffron, George Hagzan, Dan Matarazzo

Those Who Have Died

Mary Bodart, Bertha Morreale, Raymond Flynn, Saverio Grossi, Michael Levko, Ann Reilly

Guild Mass Intentions

The following members will be included in the Mass Guild Intentions at the 10:30 Mass beginning January 13th, January 20th, January 27th and February 3, 2013. (*indicates Mass is for the living)

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| <i>For:</i> | <i>From:</i> |
| Michael Szalay* | Patricia and Donald Quigley |
| Jimmy Cawley | Jim Fallon |
| Amy Eberhart | Della and Joe Weissenberger |
| Eddie and Eileen Donnelly * | Mary |

Poinsettia Memorials

The following names were not included in last weekend's bulletin. Poinsettias have been placed on the Altars to remember the following family and friends, living and deceased, this Christmas season:

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| Castiglione Family | Paul and Mary Como |
| Susan Carigliano | Loretta Commins |
| Mena McGill | Philip Parlato and |
| Rose Cocsini | Kathy Weiner-Parlato |

Please Remember In Your Prayers

Those In The Service

PV2 David Ahrens, Jr., *US Army*
PFC Russell Andersen, *USMC*
Specialist Michael J. Bang, *US Army*
CPO Louis Barani, *US Navy*
Lt. Timothy Barnikel, *US Navy*
Airman James Tyler Bartram, *US Airforce*
Ensign Barbara K. Beal, *US Navy*
A1C Byron S. Beal, *US Airforce*
Sgt. William Beisler, *US Army*
Cpl. Ken Boss, *USMC*
LCpl. Ronnie Brandafino, *USMC*
Airman Nicholas Buttgereit, *106th Air Rescue, Air Guard*
1st Lt. James Byler, *USMC*
LCpl. Jesse Callahan, *USMC*
PFC Ryan Canedo, *USMC*
Sgt.. Paul Canedo, *USMC*
Pvt. 1st Class Frank Capozzoli, III, *USMC*
PFC David Caulfield, *US Army*
Staff Sgt. Michael Cavezza, *82nd Airborne*
1st Lt. Adam Cecil, *82nd Airborne*
Cadet Robert Cilla, *US Airforce*
Cpl. Robert Conaghan, *US Army*
IT3, CS Michael G. DeDonato, *US Navy*
CPO Jose Delgado, *US Navy*
Specialist Jason Dennington, *US Army*
Sgt. Mark Dennington, *US Army*
Sgt. Patrick Doherty, *US Army*
PFC Chris Digangi, *USMC*
Staff Sgt. James T. Drew, *US Army*
LCpl. Peter Dudek, *USMC*
PFC Robert Elsmore, *US Army*
PFC Patrick. Fagan, *USMC*
2nd Lt. Michael Farrell, *USMC*
CPO Lauren O'Neill Fleming, *US Navy*
Commander Edward Galvin, *US Navy*
Captain Peter Gerboth, *US Army*
Pvt. John Giacalone, *US Army*
Spc. Anthony Giordano, Jr, *US Army*
Staff Sgt. Laura Ann Hagmeyer, *US Airforce*
Sgt. Major William C. Hagzan, Jr., *US Army*
Captain Emily Harris, *US Airforce*
PFC Cory Holdorf, *USMC*
1st Lt. Brian Holleran, *US Army*



Major Sean Hood, *US Army*
Lt. J.G. Michael Hyne, *US Coast Guard*
LCpl. Michael Johanidesz, *USMC*
Pvt. Brendan Johnston, *US Navy*
Cadet Brian K. Johnston, *US Airforce*
Lt. Kevin W.F. Johnston, *US Army*
Pvt. 1st Class Christopher Kerstiens, *USMC*
Specialist Robert Kerstiens, *US Army*
SPC Brad Korin, *US Army*
Sgt. William Krumholz, *USMC*
Lt. Keith M. Laffman, *US Navy*
2nd Lt. Mark Lucas, *US Army*
Airman John Macaluso, *US Airforce*
Spc. Scott Michael Molloy, *US Army*
CPO Frank Marano, III, *US Navy*
T. Sgt. Michael R. Marotta, *US Airforce*
Ranger Brian McGuire, *US Army*
2nd Lt. Matthew F. Moore, *US Army*
Sgt. Donald Norton, *US Army National Guard*
Cpl. Robert A. O'Connell, *USMC*
Lt. Patrick O'Reilly, *US Navy*
Lt. Timothy O'Reilly, *US Navy*
LCpl. August R. Oetting, III, *USMC*
FM Henry J. Perez, *US Navy*
Commander Carl Petersen, *US Navy*
Airman Dylan Revere, *Airforce*
Pvt. Joey Rinaldo, *USMC*
2nd Lt. Michael Rosenberg, *USMC*
LCpl. Edward F. Salmon, IV, *USMC*
Captain Shaun Salmon, *US Army*
Lt. Col. John Schulz, *106th Air Rescue, Air Guard*
PFC Rick Silecchio, *US Army*
1st Lt. Douglas M. Sparacio, *US Airforce*
LTC Jeffrey Starke, *US Army*
Airman Michael Strombelline, *US Airforce*
Commander Edward J. Sullivan, *US Navy*
Staff Sgt. John Swailes, *Special Forces*
Pvt. 1st Class Michael Richard Theiss, *US Army*
Major John Tresler, *NYANG*
LCpl. Brian Weiyler, *USMC*
ET, SS Thomas Wiese, *US Navy*
Sr. Airman Matthew Winkeleer, *US Airforce*
Spc. Daniel Wiwczar, *National Guard*
Cpl. Charles Wojcik, *USMC*

Please Note:

We are currently updating this list. Reviewing it would be appreciated. If you know anyone who no longer needs to be on this list, please notify the Parish Center (269-6635) so that our list can remain current. Thank you.

Care Packages For Our Soldiers

Thanks to the generosity of the parishioners of St. Joseph's and VFW Post 395 in Saint James, the Catholic Daughters have shipped 120 boxes overseas to our very worthy servicemen and women. Your continued kindness and support will be greatly appreciated as we strive to ship two (2) boxes a month.

If you have a friend or a loved one that might like to receive one of these care packages we'd love to hear from you! Please drop off the name and address of the recipient at the Parish Center during office hours or you can contact Patrice at 662-8399 or Gloria at 656-8802. Let us know of any address changes.

Please send a Care Package to the following military personnel:

Name: _____
Address: _____
Referred By: _____ Phone #: _____

One Voice... Many Hearts



The Men's Forum

at
Saints Philip &
James Church

In Affiliation with the OFFICE of NEW EVANGELIZATION of the Diocese of Rockville Centre



January 7, 2013 7:30 P.M.

JEFF FIELD

*Director of Communications
The Catholic League, NYC*

February 4, 2013 7:30 P.M.

MEN'S FORUM ROUNDTABLE

Small Group Discussions, Sharing Multiple Perspectives on a Chosen Topic. This format encourages sharing and learning from each other as an important part of our spiritual journey as disciples of Jesus Christ



January 21, 2013 7:30 P.M.

FATHER ROY TVRDIK, S.M.M.

*Director, Shrine of Our Lady of
the Island, Manorville, NY*



February 18, 2013 7:30 P.M.

DEACON FRANK BICE

*Inspirational Pariplegic Speaker
St. Mary's Church, Manhasset*



March 11, 2013 7:30 P.M.

DEACON FRANK GARIBALDI

*Former Director of Development -
Life Center of L.I.
Team Member of Rachel's Vineyard
Retreats - Ministry of the Priests of Life*

The Mission and the Vision of the Men's Forum @ SSPJ continues to be one of the venues where the growing role of men in our Church and their desire to explore their personal spiritual journeys is activated. We invite and encourage men of all ages to consider attending one or two sessions before making a commitment.

For more information about our MEN'S FORUM, please visit us at www.sspj.org or contact us at mensforum@sspj.org or call Father James @ 631-584-5454 - Ext. 225 You are welcome to arrange a pastoral appointment to discuss this ministry.


CHAPEL (Old Church) 7:30 P.M. REGISTER EARLY - 631-584-5454 or mensforum@sspj.org

Exposition of the BLESSED SACRAMENT - 6:30 P.M. to 7:25 P.M.



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NEW!!! Jan. 13 Sunday, 2:30-5pm. Hurricane Sandy: Act of Nature or Act of God? Come to share your experience of Hurricane Sandy. How has it been a crisis with both danger and opportunity? The afternoon will include a healing prayer process to bring new life wherever the crisis has challenged your life. **Free Will Donation.** Please register. Fr. Matthew Linn, SJ.

Jan. 13 Sunday, 1:30-4pm. Grief Workshop at Maude Adams. We will touch on all losses - aging, finances, death, retirement, job loss, and will explore Christian coping skills. Group process. \$35pp. Sr. Margaret Rohde, r.c.

Jan. 19 Saturday, 9:30-4pm at Maude Adams. What Size is Your Soul? A Day of Spiritual Renewal. Come and share how to nurture soul growth. \$50pp includes lunch. Sr. Barbara Regan, r.c.

Jan. 20 Sunday, 1:30-4pm at Maude Adams. Finding Christ's Light in Darkness. An invitation to wait, listen and go deeper for the One who is waiting to gift you with unconditional Love and Inner Light. \$35pp. Sr. Dorothy Mennis, r.c.

Jan. 25-27 Weekend Silent Retreat. Where Have You Hidden, Beloved? Silent Contemplative on St. John of the Cross and praying the stanzas one to twelve of The Spiritual Cantic. \$210pp. Sr. Joan Kellenberg, r.c.

Jan. 27 Sunday, 1:30-4pm at Maude Adams. We Are Disciples as We Discover Jesus Through the Gospel of John. Will use part's of John Vanier's book, Drawn into the Mystery of Jesus through the Gospel of St. John. \$35pp. Jack Gaudet, Cenacle Staff Associate.

Feb. 1-3 Weekend - Silent Retreat on Our Chapel Windows. Painting With Glass - Breathing With the Spirit. An opportunity to delve into the Paschal Mystery. Will consider how the chapel windows bring to life the Four Wks of Exercises. \$210pp. Commuters \$160pp. Sr. Pamela Falkowski, r.c.

Feb. 9-10. The Many Faces of Jesus Overnight. This program will help us look at who we really are by discovering the good that leads us to God and what takes us away from God. \$105pp. Commuters \$85pp. Dot Horstmann.

Feb. 14 6pm-10pm Valentine Evening for Married Couples. The evening begins with a festive dinner and closes with Eucharist and Renewal of Marriage Vows. \$80 per couple. Valerie and Michael Dunne

Feb. 15-17 God Gives Us Songs In Our Sleep. This program invites us to explore new ways of unlocking the symbols and messages buried within our dreams. \$210pp, Commuters \$160pp. Jean Lynch, M.A. Theology.

Feb. 16 Saturday, 10am-4pm. Leaning on the Heart of God in Times of Pain and Turmoil. A retreat day for women and men who would like to believe in a loving God and need comfort of a loving God. \$50pp includes lunch. Sr. Barbara Regan, r.c.

Feb. 22-24 Weekend. Thresholds to Amazing Grace! Lenten Silent Retreat. Practices and Attitudes that bring us to the "thresholds of grace". \$210pp. Commuters \$160. Fr. Martin Iott, O.P.

For more information or to register, please call the Cenacle Retreat Office at 631-588-8366 or view brochure/registration online at www.cenaclesisters.org, or email: cbergman@cenaclesisters.org

The 40th March for Life will be on January 25, 2013



Katie's Way

Katie Farrell was a beloved daughter, sister, and friend, as well as a devoted mother. Her father is from Kings Park and was a parishioner of St. Joseph Church and her grandmother still resides here.

Last March, she was taken from this world at the age of 23 by an act of senseless violence, leaving her thirteen month old son an orphan.

Katie became unexpectedly pregnant amid trauma induced mental illness. Her doctors told her abortion was her best option considering her circumstances. Katie was determined to keep her son, and rather than take the easy way out, she turned her life around and became healthy. Her son Tyler was born on January 22, 2011, on the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision, and Katie loved and cared for him unconditionally.

In a hopeless situation, Katie found the courage to save her son from certain abortion. In turn, her son saved her by giving her the purpose she needed to turn her life around. Katie's legacy is the simple message that a pregnancy may be unplanned and inconvenient, but a child is not a mistake.

Tragically, the father of Katie's son, who suffered from mental illness, took her life and his own. A month before she left us, Katie wrote an essay for a college class explaining why she chose to keep her son and why she believed in the pro-life cause. You can read this essay by clicking the "Katie's Message" link @ katiesway.org. She also pledged in this essay to take her son to the March for Life in Washington DC for his second birthday, to "show everyone the beautiful outcome from not choosing abortion."

We intend to keep this promise. Katie's mother, Katie's son, her family, friends, and any others who see the unborn as innocent and beautiful children are welcome to join us at the March for Life on January 25, 2012. Together, we will bring Katie's spirit and message of love and life to this event. For details, please click the "March for Life" link.

Join us in Washington DC for the 40th annual March for Life in support of the pro-life cause.

Katie Farrell wanted to take her son to this event to "show everyone the beautiful outcome from not choosing abortion". With your help, her spirit and message will be present and vibrant.

The March will take place on January 25, 2013. Katie's family and friends are organizing a trip to the March, including transportation to and from DC. Buses will be leaving from Katie's parish church, Sts. Philip and James in St. James, New York and from St. Joseph's Church in Kings Park, New York.

To help pay for transportation, we are asking for voluntary donations of \$5.00 per person. Please contact Pat Ziegler @ 631-724-0413 for more information and to reserve your seat on the Kings Park bus. Please bring donations on the day of the trip.



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The word Virtus derives from Latin – it means valor, moral strength and excellence. The Protecting God's Children program is the Virtus Program for protecting children from child sexual abuse. From time to time we will run articles that will highlight issues surrounding protecting our children from sexual abuse.

Epiphany—The Gentle Touch of Light

By Paul Ashton, Psy.D., D.Min.
Consultant to the VIRTUS® Programs

O God, who on this day revealed your only begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we who know you now by faith may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory.

Collect - Epiphany

It is a great blessing that our life journeys are frequent and eventually lead to God. No matter the course or destination, it is difficult to avoid seeing the light, being drawn to it, and following it in some fashion. The light draws us near if not only by fear of the darkness, but in the manner it beckons us closer to the warmth it radiates. We may not always take the easiest path or follow the most direct route, but we get there. The light leads us onward.

Some two thousand years ago the wise men followed that Epiphany Star which led to the greatest discovery of all—Christ, King of the Universe, Ruler of the World. How surprised they must have been to have finally reached their destination and to find the Prince of Peace so vulnerable in such a humble environment. It was then, that first Epiphany, when God revealed His majesty to the world—simply, purely, and elegantly. Epiphany comes from the Greek word Epiphania, and means “to show, make known, or reveal” which is just what God did that day for all of us—reveal His divinity through His humanity.

The journey of life is not always easy. No matter how hazardous the journey, we know that our God is with us all along the way—knowing this is what gets us through. The light can best be appreciated in the darkest places and times.

My frequent travel finds me moving through and being among throngs of people. Ironically, moments of loneliness are most acute during these times. The fear of being lost is more than a metaphor in this regard; it is a reality. Trust is a major part of the journey. I have tried to make it a habit to always be cheerful and polite and to be open to those who ask the same questions I ask in my own head, “Is this the gate where I board the plane going to Houston?” Paying attention to the small details has gotten me through not only the present difficult moments, but they became poignant metaphors for the larger challenges in my life.

It seems that during the dark moments, glimmers of light always appear when least expected and in ways that you could never dream of them happening. Standing on a busy New York City sidewalk waiting for a light to change, I absent-mindedly stepped forward in the traffic when I felt an arm gently placed in front of me urging me back to safety. Not only did this gesture from a perfect stranger perhaps save my life, it made me feel cared for in ways that I am hard pressed to express. In the same way I recall being driven from a hotel to a train station by one of our VIRTUS coordinators whom I barely knew. When we unexpectedly had to stop because a car had pulled in front of us, she instinctively put her arm out in front of me to hold me back from lunging forward. Both of these small gestures were profound and brought to mind how God shows me love every day. The reaching out by others seemed instinctual, natural, and part of who they were. Their actions were not thought out or planned—just offered in a way that not only brought light to what could have been very dark situations, but illuminated the way for quite a long time.

The simple, pure and totally thoughtful gestures from those known and unknown to us are powerful reminders of that first great Epiphany Star which lead to the path to God. It is exactly these glimmers of light that we must look for and hold onto to get us through the journey. At the same time these kind gestures unite us closer to our Creator and urge us forward through difficulties.

Brother John, a friend of many years recently died after a courageous battle with brain tumors. His funeral was a beautiful celebration of his life and everyone there held warm memories of this great person. The presiding celebrant was a close friend from childhood and as we gathered to hear the final prayers his grief overtook him and he was unable to continue. The entire assembly stood helpless and united in grief—silent and praying for courage for the priest who was leading us in prayer. The deacon who stood at his side holding the heavy sacramentary with both hands gracefully reached out with his fingers and held tightly to the outstretched hand of the presiding priest who then gained the strength to continue with the prayer. This beautiful gesture summed up the feelings of the entire assembly. Our collective grief was deep, and this tender touch urged us forward.

How often has God been there for us through these ordinary gestures so profound as to be experienced as “Epiphanies?” How often have you been the one who reached out without a word or sound, but with the gentlest touch—pure, God-filled and loving? May this Epiphany be a reminder of the great need for all of us to be both the giver and receiver of these gentle touches of light often and always.

St. Joseph's Church, Kings Park

VOLUNTEER'S CODE OF CONDUCT

Our children are the most important gifts God has entrusted to us. As a volunteer, I promise to strictly follow the rules and guidelines in this Volunteer's Code of Conduct as a condition of my providing services to the children and youth of our parish.

As a volunteer, I will:

- Treat everyone with respect, loyalty, patience, integrity, courtesy, dignity, and consideration.
- Avoid situations where I am alone with children and/or youth at Parish activities.
- Use positive reinforcement rather than criticism, competition, or comparison when working with children and/or youth.
- Refuse to accept expensive gifts from children and/or youth or their parents without prior written approval from the pastor or administrator.
- Refrain from giving expensive gifts to children and/or youth without prior written approval from the parents or guardian and the pastor or administrator.
- Report suspected abuse to the pastor, administrator, or appropriate supervisor and the New York State Central Registry (1-800-342-3720). I understand that failure to report suspected abuse to civil authorities is, according to the law, a misdemeanor.
- Cooperate fully in any investigation of abuse of children and/or youth.

As a volunteer, I will not:

- Smoke or use tobacco products in the presence of children and/or youth.
- Use, possess, or be under the influence of alcohol at any time while volunteering.
- Use, possess, or be under the influence of illegal drugs at any time.
- Pose any health risk to children and/or youth (i.e., no fevers or other contagious situations).
- Strike, spank, shake, or slap children and/or youth.
- Humiliate, ridicule, threaten, or degrade children and/or youth.
- Touch a child and/or youth in a sexual or other inappropriate manner.
- Use any discipline that frightens or humiliates children and/or youth.
- Use profanity in the presence of children and/or youth.

I understand that as a volunteer working with children and/or youth, I am subject to a thorough background check including criminal history. I understand that any action inconsistent with this Code of Conduct or failure to take action mandated by the Code of Conduct may result in my removal as a volunteer with children and/or youth of St. Joseph's Church.

