

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 December 3, 2012

Monday, December 3

7:00 Frances Lule

8:45 Kathryn Doheny on Her 1st Anniversary
- Winnie and Family

Tuesday, December 4

7:00 Beatrice Munder - Edna Mae Bryan

8:45 Lenard Shears - Margaret Schneider

Wednesday, December 5

7:00 John Opman - His Family

8:45 Carmel Casey - Margaret Schneider

Thursday, December 6

7:00 Dora Manna - Joe and Diane Nappi

8:45 Geoffrey Boyle - With Love, Rosemary
and Family

Friday, December 7

7:00 Carolyn Hinson - Jean Sans

8:45 Yvette O'Brien - The Simeone Family

5:00 Deceased Members of the Norris and
Cotter Families

Saturday, December 8

8:45 Nellie Mikalauskas

12:00 Gabriel C. Jaen, III - Mom, Dad and
Family

5PM Marion and Armand LaRedo and Olga
Favale - Cherie Grossmann

6:15 Mary Raleigh - Her Family

Sunday, December 9

7:30 Warren Davis - Margaret Schneider

9:00 Catherine Geraldine Mullady - Anne
and George Baron

9:30 Purgatorial Mass

10:30 For Mass Guild Members

11:00 Krystyna Tomala - The Lynch Family

12:00 For All Our Parishioners

5PM Gerald Hart, III - Nick Albanese



From the Desk of Fr. Seán

Still stuffed from Thanksgiving, the Church begins its New Liturgical Year with our celebration of the First Sunday of Advent! The oft-quoted saying “The older you get the faster time flies...” has got to have the ring of truth for any number of us this year. Perhaps we ask the question “where has this year gone?” Or we muse on how quickly time passes, as a way of convincing ourselves of this inevitable reality.

I hope all of you enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and that you had the opportunity to reflect on the blessings in your life for which you are grateful to God... something especially true this year! The week began for me with our Annual Community Thanksgiving Service. What a blessing to be united in prayer with our brothers and sisters from Lucien Memorial Methodist and Abiding Presence Lutheran Churches. The combined choirs of our three congregations just about lifted the roof off of the church and sounded exquisite ~ thank you Deanna Muro and the choir members from St. Joseph's! My thanks go to Cathy Jones who handles our parish's responsibilities for this annual celebration and makes it a wonderful ecumenical occasion. It's the perfect way to begin the holiday week. Thanksgiving Day dawned with our Parish Eucharistic Celebration... the best way to begin the day! What joy it gave me to see so many of our parish family gathered around the Table of the Lord... a full church... how inspiring to see the gifts of food offered to benefit those who struggle or might otherwise go without... it was especially nice to see so many of our young people home from college and joining us! I'm really happy that they make a point of staying connected with our parish family even though they've moved on to the next chapter of their lives. Of course, ever present in our hearts and prayers are the members of our Armed Forces who are far from home and their loved ones ~ let us never forget to be thankful for their sacrifice and dedication.

Following Mass we enjoyed hospitality together... and our Annual Fall Raffle was held. Needless to say, there were some VERY happy people who had just one more thing to be grateful for! My thanks to all of you who participated and whether you won or not ~ you're all winners to me for the way you help support our parish! Again, thanks to the “Capable Cathy's” (Cotter and Jones) who organize both the hospitality and the details of the Fall Raffle ~ I don't know how they found the energy to cook Thanksgiving dinner for their families! A hearty thanks to the ever-dependable Knights of Columbus for all their help and assistance with our Thanksgiving Hospitality.

While I'm busy thanking people... many thanks to all who supported our JCDA and purchased an Advent Wreath last weekend from our Junior Catholic Daughters. Congratulations on a very successful accomplishment by our young ladies!

The days preceding the holiday found our St. Vincent de Paul Society members totally immersed in distributing the Thanksgiving Food Baskets to our brothers and sisters in the Kings Park community... no small task! They do so with an energy, efficiency, and cheerfulness that is remarkable. They are the visible face of the care and compassion of our parish community... God Bless them for all they did to make Thanksgiving possible for so many... and what they will do to bring a happier Christmas to others...

They're now busy with the “Adopt-A-Family” Christmas Program and I urge you, if your means allow, please give them your support. The needs of others are perhaps greater this year than ever before and together we can help to alleviate their struggles and bring a bit of holiday cheer where there might otherwise have been only sadness and want.

And so, the season of joyful expectation and preparation has begun. As you can tell from the preparations you see taking place around our parish and those found in our bulletin, the next few weeks will be VERY busy ones for us. Please make time for yourself in the midst of the hustle and bustle to ponder again the ancient message we celebrate at this time of year ~ EMMANUEL ~ God is with us!

Fr. Seán

Stewardship Is Our Way Of Life

Second Collection

Next Sunday's second collection will be for Human Needs. Thank you for your support.



Parish Stewardship

11/25/12

General Collection

\$13,880.59

Facility Maintenance

\$4,513.15

Parish Events

St. Joseph's Lucky Bucks



St. Joseph's Lucky Bucks tickets are being sold in the Parish Center during normal business hours. Team Members will be selling tickets this Sunday after the 9:00, 9:30, 10:30, 11:00 and 12:00 Noon Masses.

Tickets cost \$1.00 each. A winner will be chosen every three months and will win half the amount that is collected. The next drawing will take place on:

Monday, December 17th at 11:00 AM
in the Atrium of the Parish Center. New tickets will be sold on January 3rd, April 1st, July 1st, and October 1, 2013.

The Lucky Bucks total is now
\$460.00

Parish Fall 2012 Raffle Winners

Grand Prize (\$10,000)
Diane Nappi

Second Prize (\$2,500)
Patricia Neenan

Third Prize (\$1,000)
Russell Thompson

Fourth Prize (\$500)
Michael Logrieco

Five (5) Fifth Prizes (\$200)
The Creighton Family
G&J and Family
Philip and Marie Piscatella
The Cassar's and Cheplic's
The Giuliano Family

Rosary Society

Rosary Society will meet for Mass and Rosary on **Monday, December 3rd** at 1:00 PM in the Nazareth Chapel. New members are welcome. No obligations except prayer support to each other.



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.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Saturday, December 8th



Masses for the Holy Day are as follows. All Masses are in the Church.

Friday, December 7th: 5:00 PM
Saturday, December 8th: 8:45 AM and 12:00 Noon

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place on Thursday, December 6th which is the eve of First Friday from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m. in the Nazareth Chapel. This will also be an opportunity for those who wish to go to confession in preparation of the Holy Day.

CYO "Toys for Christmas"

St. Joseph's CYO will be participating in the Nassau/Suffolk CYO "Toys for Christmas" program for the children in our local areas affected by Hurricane Sandy. They will be collecting unwrapped toys, puzzles, books and gift cards of any denomination. Gifts can be dropped off at the Parish Center from Sunday, December 2nd through Friday, December 7th. Please support this effort to make Christmas a happy time for the children and families whose lives have been severely challenged by the damage to their homes caused by the Hurricane.

Parish Events

St. Vincent de Paul 'Adopt-A-Family' Christmas Program



The St. Vincent de Paul Society is asking for your help in the coming Christmas season. There are many families, singles and individuals who, but for your generosity, would not receive any gifts for Christmas. If you would like to participate in our "Adopt-A-Family" program, please sign up at the Parish Center. A case worker will then contact you. We would like all gifts to be collected by December 15th. Thank you again for your continued support and generosity.



The St. Vincent de Paul Society offers thanks to our parishioners who have so greatly supported us. From donations of a few items, to whole van loads of food, to joining the Adopt-A-Family Program, to monetary offerings, your generous contributions have enabled us to brighten the holidays for many local households.

Your generosity proves your love and care for all those in our community who are struggling. We thank you!

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.

Andy Cooney's "Classic Irish Christmas Show" to benefit Hope House Ministries

Sunday, December 15th
2:00 PM

St. Joseph's College, Patchogue

Andy and his band will be joined by "America's Irish Colleen" Deirdre Reilly, the Darrah Carr Dance Troupe and Emcee Mike McCormack. Reserved Seat Admission Tickets are \$35.00 per person and may be purchased through Hope House Ministries (928-2377 ext. 22).



Parish Events

Inclement Weather

Now that winter is approaching and inclement weather may cause an emergency closing, please keep in mind that as a general rule when the Kings Park schools are closed the Parish Center will be closed. All meetings that are to be held in the School of Religion building will be cancelled. This includes Religious Education classes. We will endeavor to leave a message on our phone system and announcements will be posted on the WALK-FM (97.5), WBAB-FM (102) and WBLI-FM (106) radio stations' websites and announced on the News 12 Long Island storm center website. Please remember to never place yourself in harm's way. It is best to be safe in bad weather. If a storm hits on the weekend, please try and call the Parish Center to see if the office is closed.



Scouting News

SAVE THE DATES:

Boy Scout Sunday

5:00 PM 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

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 'Sharing Our Gifts'. Don't forget to tune in!

Christmas Novena of Masses

In order to allow everyone to have their special intentions remembered at Christmastime, we are now making our Christmas Novena the intention of all the Masses celebrated at St. Joseph's this Christmas Day.

Most of you will have received an envelope at home entitled *Christmas Novena* and there are others available in church today. While there is limited room on the front for listing your intention, please feel free to list others on the reverse side as well.



Join

Rev. Peter F. Kaczmarek
Pastor of the St. Francis of Assisi

on a
Rome, Montecassino, Pietrelcina,
San Giovanni Rotondo (Padre Pio),

**Pilgrimage to
Rome, Padre Pio, Assisi
and more!**

Monte Sant'Angel (St. Michael),
Loreto (Holy House),
Lanciano (Eucharistic Miracle)
and Assisi (St. Francis)

February 18 – 27, 2013

\$2,899 (from New York)

Our price is based out of New York, you may depart from your local airport
Call Fr. Peter at 757-7435 for details or:
www.206tours.com/airports
www.pilgrimages.com/revpeter

St. Joseph's Parish Outdoor Christmas Memorials

Christmas Poinsettias

As is our custom at St. Joseph's, each year poinsettia plants are available for remembering a loved one, living and deceased. These traditional Christmas flowers decorate our Altar and Sanctuary for the entire Christmas Season. The offering for each plant is \$20.00; arrangements can be made with the parish receptionist. A listing of all those remembered will be placed in our parish bulletin.



This year we are offering an additional and unique opportunity for remembering special people and intentions. Our parish buildings and grounds will be decorated with a wide array of wreaths and evergreens for the Christmas Season. If you like, you may remember your special intentions by participating in this memorial opportunity. There is no pre-set offering amount. The offering is your own personal decision ~ whatever your means will allow. As with the flowers for church, a listing of all those remembered will appear in the parish bulletin. To participate, simply fill out the tear-off form below and either return it in the collection basket with your offering or stop by the Parish Center and the receptionist will be happy to assist you.

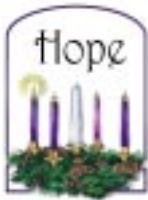
Name: _____ Phone#: _____

Address: _____

Person or Intention To Be Remembered: _____

Scripture Reflection

1st Sunday Of Advent



Water is the most precious natural resource any country can have. Valuable though oil, gold, uranium, forests may be, there is a growing realization worldwide that water is a key element in all life and that the world's water resources are limited and being depleted. A few strengthening voices try to awaken public opinion to what is at stake.

On other planets where there is no water, there is no life. On this planet, this blessed resource is recklessly endangered through deforestation, radioactive waste and many other pollutants. In Africa, it is forecast that future political battles will not be about oil but about adequate supplies of plain water to sustain life.

The familiar is so often taken for granted. It often takes a crisis to alert us to the fragility of life's treasures. Sometimes we ignore the warning signs and only appreciate a blessing when it has been taken from us through death or destruction, through carelessness or cowardice, through apathy or arrogance, through timidity or temerity.

Faith and family are two resource treasures that are endangered today. In a rapidly changing world, many of the civil laws and other conventions that supported both are disappearing. Destructive pollutants permeate every aspect of social living. We contribute to them ourselves through unprecedented self-centeredness and irresponsible individualism.

Today's gospel challenges us to be more aware of the signs of the times, to realize how faith and family are being undermined. But it also reassures us that God will give us the strength to confidently survive all that is going to happen. Advent is a clarion call to protect and to nurture in our own lives and in society at large; the most precious gift God has given us. It is a call we ignore at our peril.

Music Ministry

Messiah at Midnight



An open invitation is extended to all interested singers to take part in singing portions of Handel's beloved masterpiece, "Messiah", and other favorites at the Midnight Mass on December 24th starting at 11:15 PM. Rehearsals will be held on Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 PM.

If you would like to be a part of the Choir for this event, please register by calling Deanna Muro, Director of Music at 269-6635, ext. 218.



Christ the King Church and the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting Advent Lessons and Carols and International Peace Light Ceremony

**Sunday, December 9th at 7:00 PM
Christ the King Church, Commack**

In the evening, as winter darkness begins, we gather in the quiet church, with candles lit from the Peace Light originating from the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, to hear the prophecies and great music of Advent. Based on the traditional service from Kings College, Cambridge, Christ the King parish adds its own touch, with readers of all ages and music led by the adult choir and junior schola, cantors, handbell ringers and instrumentalists. The assembly is as much a part of this service as the choirs and joins in singing the great hymns of Advent. Join us as we share the Peace Light, a symbol of the meaning of Christmas and the wish for peace and forgiveness among all human beings. A free will offering will be taken up.

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

The Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) provides free genetic testing during pregnancy for conditions that cannot be treated prenatally. This provision will expose more unborn children to abortion as government-funded genetic testing provides an increasing number of parents the opportunity to abort children with disabilities.

~ Pro-Life Reporter, Spring 2012

First Friday Holy Hour

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed every Friday in the Nazareth Chapel from 9:30 to 10:30 AM, except on every First Friday of each month (*December 7th*) the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 9:30 until 12:00 noon. The adoration ends with Benediction.

Guild Mass Intentions

The following members will be included in the Mass Guild Intentions at the 10:30 Mass beginning December 9th, December 16th, December 23rd and December 30, 2012. (*indicates Mass is for the living)

<i>For:</i>	<i>From:</i>
Lynn Gallagher*	Pat Magnan
Herb Wolf	His Wife, Lorraine
Marie Sclafani	Mr. and Mrs. E. Orlando
Paul Sidora	Pat Marx and Family
James Garry	Pat Marx
Santa Matarazzo *	A&B Prayer Group
Marie Sclafani	Marion Olson
Peter Tuminello	Mr. and Mrs. Louis Frontario
Peter Tuminello	St. Joseph's Chamber Choir
Ed Brierton	Pat and Charles
Eileen Marie Green	Barbara Matthews
Stanley, Sr. and Charlotte Yaworski	Stan and Elise Yaworski, Jr. and Family
Arnold & Eleanor Scheer	Stan and Elise Yaworski, Jr. and Family

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)

Advent Prayer

(Purple Candle)
FIRST WEEK



*O Jesus Christ,
 Emmanuel, come and dwell with us.
 Desire of all nations;
 Gift to every generation,
 Come, make your home with us.
 All nations are waiting for you,
 Jesus, come to us. Amen*

Please Note

The School of Religion will be closed on Saturday, December 8th in observance of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Winter Session Classes will resume on Saturday, December 15th.

Life Center of Long Island

OUR MISSION

To promote, encourage and foster public sentiment and respect for the dignity of human life.

(516) 798-9100 or (631) 243-2373
www.lifecenterli.org

Faith and Light Meeting

Friday, December 7th ~ 7:00 PM
Parish of the Holy Cross
95 Old Nichols Road, Nesconset

For information about this Faith-sharing group for people with handicaps and their families and caregivers, call Marcia Gaudet at 439-9724.

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



Respect Life Rose

This week's Respect Life Rose is In Loving Memory of Charles Wiegmann ~ Love, His Daughter, Lori.



Sanctuary Lamp Memorial

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week For A Friend from Charlie and Bridie.

Bread and Wine Memorial

The *Eucharistic Bread and Wine* for this week are In Loving Memory of Mary Ryan from The Tabone Family.

Those Who Were Baptized

This past weekend the following children were welcomed into the Church:



Caitlin Barattini
Connor Barattini
Emilia Ennis
Maria Ennis
Julianna Lipinsky
Jayden Jeudy
Gianna LaFranca
Hudson Sihler

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, Robert Ansbach, Anna Sexton, Donna Genna, Roseann Prizzi, George Fox, Maryanne Parisi, Michael Irenze, Anna Mastronardi, Paulette Ravenell, Kathleen Bryan, Patricia Foley, Susan Graham, Peggy Cullen, Pat Caputo, Francis Donnelly, Loretta Parente-Prague, John Ferreyra, Silvestri Triplets, Christine Peters, Margaret Garland, Baby Morgan West, Theresa DiFrancisco, Carol Heffron, Sr. Joanne Walters, OP, Douglas Schook, Patrick Dugan, Helen Smith, Pat Marx, Greg Litorello, Brother John Lawrence, OSF, Susan Bennardo, 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, James McCroskey, Rose Scauso, Marguerite Patti, Lorraine Hart, Robert Lemire, Frank Genna, Theresa Vlahos, Frank Daconta, James Hammargen, Margaret Heimink, Josephine Ferrara, Michele Taylor, Homer Dellysse, Lauren Lenardi, Jane Foley

Those Who Have Died

Marie Sclafani
Peter Tumminello, Jr.
Walter Roell, Florence Cancellieri

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*
Medical Corp. Preston Fisher, *US Navy*
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 Hagemeyer, *US Airforce*
Sgt. Major William C. Hagzan, Jr., *US Army*
Captain Emily Harris, *US Airforce*
Spc. Sean Harvey, *US Army*
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 Swales, *Special Forces*
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 114 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 #: _____

Advent Wreath Prayer

First Sunday of Advent

The season of Advent is a time of watching and waiting for the coming of the Lord. The Advent wreath reminds us of our yearning for God. Its circular shape tells us of God's everlasting love and faithfulness. Its evergreen branches tell us of eternal life and God's desire for us to live with Him forever. The four candles remind us of the passing of time, our human history into which God has entered through his Son, Jesus. This is a time of grace, a time for a new advent of Jesus into our lives.

During the First Week of Advent, we focus on the Lord's second coming. As we light the first candle on the Advent wreath, may its flame bid us to be always ready for the coming of the Lord. Let us heed the Gospel of Jesus "be vigilant at all times" and pray that we be prepared. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen



First Sunday of Advent

Second Sunday of Advent

This week this candle reminds us of John the Baptist. John calls us out to the desert, proclaiming a time of prayer and penance in the midst of the world's hectic holiday frenzy. Light the first and second candles of the wreath. Let us pray, Lord Jesus, may we open a way for you to come into our hearts and into our lives during the Advent Season. Keep us aware of the things that matter and of your love in coming to us. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen



Second Sunday of Advent

Third Sunday of Advent

This week we are happy for the Lord is near. In anticipation of the joy of Christmas, we light three candles on our Advent Wreath, recalling that joy is one of the surest signs of God's presence among us. Let us pray, Lord Jesus, may we share our anticipation of Christmas Joy with others in our family and in our community in good deeds and sharing. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen



Third Sunday of Advent

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dear friends in Christ, on this Fourth and final Sunday of Advent, we recall the fullness of time, when the Son of God became human, conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. We remember Joseph's trust and faith in God, taking Mary into his home. We remember Mary's joyful acceptance of God's plan. In her "yes" to God, the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. Amen



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Advent Candle Lighting In Memory Of Recently Deceased



First Sunday of Advent

First Sunday of Advent

As we light these candles in honor of N.,
We light them for our grief, our courage, our memories and for our love. This First Candle represents our grief. The pain of losing you is intense. It reminds us of the depth of our love, and Christ's love, for you.

We thank God for the gift of your life. We thank you for sharing it with us.

Second Sunday of Advent

As we light these candles in honor of N.,
We light them for our grief, our courage, our memories and for our love. This second candle represents our courage – to confront our sorrow, to comfort each other, to change our lives, in the strength of Christ's light and love.

We thank God for the gift of your life. We thank you for sharing it with us.



Second Sunday of Advent

Third Sunday of Advent



Third Sunday of Advent

As we light these candles in honor of N.,
We light them for our grief, our courage, our memories and for our love. This light is in your memory – the times we laughed, the times we cried, the times we were angry with each other. The silly things you did. The caring and joy you gave us. Nothing lost – but all enduring in Jesus's bright promise of new life.

We thank God for the gift of your life. We thank you for sharing it with us.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

As we light these candles in honor of N.,
We light them for our grief, our courage, our memories and for our love. This light is the light of our love for you. In our hearts we bring you with us to the heart of Jesus at Christmas – Jesus who taught us about the eternity of love and togetherness.

We thank God for the gift of your life. We thank you for sharing it with us.



Fourth Sunday of Advent



Dear Parishioners:

With Christmas fast approaching, I am sure you have begun to think about sending cards to your family and friends. Our parish is promoting a Religious Christmas Card Fundraiser to help us "Keep Christ in Christmas" and to help with our much needed financial support.

Each box available to you for purchase contains 20 full-color Religious cards and envelopes and the theme of "Keeping Christ in Christmas" is illustrated in three series:

*The Savior is Born,
The Holy Family,
The Nativity*

The cost is \$10.00 per box and, for your convenience, just complete the *Order Form* below, place it in the collection basket or return it to the Parish Office. Your order will be available for pickup at the Parish Office.

This program will offer you an opportunity to promote your faith and support our church.

Sincerely,

Fr. Seán



**Keep Christ in
Christmas**

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HOLY FAMILY SERIES Number of boxes

NATIVITY SERIES Number of boxes

Total Box(es) _____ @ \$10 each

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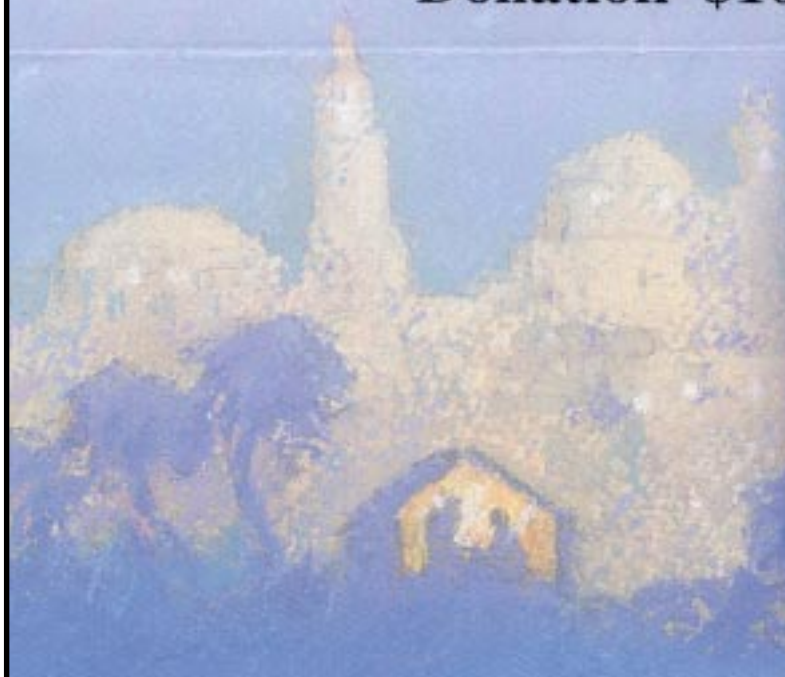


**Christmas Concert
of
Instrumental
and
Choral Music**

**FRIDAY
Dec 7**

**SATURDAY
Dec 8**

**AUDITORIUM 8:00 PM
Donation \$10.00**





History of Ireland through Music

Sunday, December 9th
3:00 PM
Travis Hall

A program of Irish history and songs will be presented by noted Journalist and Broadcaster, Mike McCormack, and by St. Joseph's parishioner, John Corr.

Mike is presently the National Historian of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and he has an encyclopedic knowledge of the centuries of rebellions in Ireland leading up to Irish independence. John, who accompanies himself on guitar and banjo, sings the songs that reflect the aspirations of the Irish rebels.

The M.C. is AOH member and Irish History and Culture Lecturer at Joseph's, Tom O'Reilly.

The program is sponsored by the Kevin Barry Division (Division 3) of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. A donation of \$10.00 is requested.



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*St. Joseph's Music Ministry
Invites You to Our*

*Advent/Christmas Concert
Sunday, December 16, 2012
7:00 PM in the Church*



*A musical celebration featuring
our parish music groups
Children's, Teen, Folk, Chamber
and Handbell Choirs*



*Outdoor Tree Lighting and Reception
following in Travis Hall*



Musical Moments

*Invites One & All
to Caroling in the Park!*

Sunday, December 23, 2012

Savatt Park

(next to Ralph's Ices)

4:30 PM

*Bring your flashlights and
your joyful voices!*

*Come & enjoy an "Old Fashioned"
Sing-a-long of Holiday Favorites!*

VIRTUS Article

VIRTUS Articles

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.

Advent—Welcoming God's Voice

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

God turns our darkness into brightness, our ignorance into wisdom, and our despair into hope, through ordinary gestures, places, occasions, and people or stories. Since creation is in God and God is present in all creation, God can use anything or anybody to speak to us. Open your hearts and welcome God's voice.

Alexander Busch, M.Div.

Advent gives us an opportunity to look back and also look ahead. We look back to the first coming of Jesus at Bethlehem, and we ponder the future when Jesus the Christ will come again in power, might, and glory on the last day.

The Son of God became man for total love of us that He might show us more clearly how to live. His humanity allows us the opportunity to see that love as a uniquely carved out path to the end of time, when Christ will come again and be with us without end.

While we celebrate the beginning of God's Word among us and look forward to the end when time will depart and eternity will begin. Living in the "in-between" time is not always easy. The journey from beginning to end is often marked with joy, but as we all know, with every rose come the thorns.

Jesus' life was all about love—how we live and how we should live. Jesus gave us the road map for our life's journey in order to free us, not to bind us or weigh us down. He came to show us how to appreciate both the rose and thorns of life—as He did in His

own. The message was pure and simple, but from the very beginning, we have complicated it.

God is with us. We are not alone on this journey, and we are grateful for the persons, places, and things He sends our way when we are lost and adrift. God seeks us out in the confusion and calls us back to the path.

Opening our hearts to that still small voice and ever present love is our challenge. Pausing, to recognize God's power and presence in the big and small of our lives is, for many of us, an overwhelming task. We rush to complete all of our self-imposed responsibilities and wish we had "simpler times" to ponder, to celebrate, and to gather.

Advent comes every year as a reminder to stop and notice all of the gifts that come "in between." Pause for a few moments to listen to the small voice that comes into our lives if we listen carefully; it is God reminding us that He is always there.

God turns our darkness into brightness...

By allowing us to see our accomplishments, and even our failures, as efforts with meaning, value, and importance

God transforms our ignorance into wisdom...

By melting our scared, weary, and hardened hearts and opening them to new ideas, revisiting old wounds, and listening instead of talking

God invites us to reframe despair into hope...

By bringing us people who show a way that we would never have thought to take

Being mindful of our encounters, counting each as paramount to our journey, listening to what our environment is telling us, and celebrating the moments we happen upon are keys to welcoming God's voice into the "in-between" where we need it most.



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.

December 2 – December 15, 2012

Parish Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 2	December 3	December 4	December 5	December 6	December 7	December 8
<p>Handbell Choir Rehearsal 10AM CR</p> <p>Catholic Committee on Scouting 10AM Rms 101 & 104</p> <p>AA 2PM Rm 107</p> <p>AOH Mass and Christmas Dance 4PM TH</p>	<p>AA 10AM Rm 106</p> <p>Rosary Society 1PM NC</p> <p>AOH Irish History & Culture 3PM Rm 108</p> <p>CDA, Jr. 6PM CR</p> <p>NA 7PM Rm 106</p> <p>St. Francis Xavier</p>	<p>Mother's Club 9AM Rms 101, 103, 108</p> <p>Scripture Class for Advent 10AM CR</p> <p>Rosary Makers 10AM TH</p> <p>Children's Choir 5PM CR</p>	<p>AA 10AM Rm 106</p> <p>Bingo 10:30AM TH</p> <p>St. Joseph's Ensemble 5:30PM TH</p> <p>Gospel Drama Nativity Rehearsal 5:30PM TH</p> <p>Folk Group 7PM CH</p> <p>LAOH Set Dancers 7PM Rm 208</p> <p>Scripture Class for Advent 7:30PM CR</p> <p>AA 7:30PM Rm 107</p> <p>NA 8PM Rm 106</p>	<p>Gr. 2 Religious Education 5:15 PM School Building</p> <p>Gr. 7 Religious Education 7PM School Building</p> <p>Teen Choir 7PM CH</p> <p>Chamber Choir 8PM CH</p>	<p>AA 10AM Rm 106</p> <p>FIRST FRIDAY Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Nazareth Chapel 9:30 to 12:00 Noon</p> <p>St. Ambrose</p>	<p>Gospel Drama Nativity Rehearsal 11:30AM TH</p> <p>CDA, Jr. Rehearsal 12:30PM CR</p> <p>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p>School of Religion Closed</p>
December 9	December 10	December 11	December 12	December 13	December 14	December 15
<p>Handbell Choir Rehearsal 10AM CR</p> <p>Catholic Committee on Scouting 10AM Rms 101 & 104</p> <p>AA 2PM Rm 107</p> <p>AOH Irish History in Song 3PM TH</p> <p>Youth Group Mass & Combined Mtg. 5PM NC and LH</p>	<p>AA 10AM Rm 106</p> <p>AOH Irish History & Culture 3PM Rm 108</p> <p>Jr. Hibernians 6:30PM CR</p> <p>NA 7PM Rm 106</p>	<p>Mother's Club 9AM Rms 101, 103, 108</p> <p>Scripture Class for Advent 10AM CR</p> <p>Children's Choir 5PM CR</p> <p>SVDP Mtg. 7:30PM CR</p>	<p>AA 10AM Rm 106</p> <p>Bingo 10:30AM TH</p> <p>St. Joseph's Ensemble 5:30PM TH</p> <p>Gospel Drama Nativity Rehearsal 5:30PM TH</p> <p>Folk Group 7PM CH</p> <p>LAOH Set Dancers 7PM Rm 208</p> <p>Scripture Class for Advent 7:30PM CR</p> <p>CYO Mtg. 7:30PM Rm 104</p> <p>AOH (Men's) 7:30PM TH</p> <p>AA 7:30PM Rm 107</p> <p>NA 8PM Rm 106</p> <p>Our Lady of Guadalupe</p>	<p>Icon Painting Class 10AM Rm 101</p> <p>Gr. 2 Religious Education 5:15 PM School Building</p> <p>Gr. 7 Religious Education 7PM School Building</p> <p>Teen Choir 7PM CH</p> <p>Chamber Choir 8PM CH</p> <p>St. Lucy</p>	<p>AA 10AM Rm 106</p> <p>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Nazareth Chapel 9:30 to 10:30 AM</p> <p>St. John of the Cross</p>	<p>Religious Education Classes 8:30AM School Building</p> <p>Gr. 3 Mass 8:45AM CH</p> <p>Gospel Drama Nativity Rehearsal 11:30AM TH</p> <p>Handcrafting Justice 5PM CR</p>

Please call the Parish Center with schedule changes.

Key for location of activities: TH = Travis Hall, CH = Church, PC = Parish Center, NC = Nazareth Chapel, LH = Lighthouse
 SC = School Chapel, CR = Centennial Room and Room Numbers are for classrooms in the School of Religion Building