

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

Christmas and New Year's Day Masses Sign-up in the Minister's Room

There are still a few Christmas Masses which need Ministers ~ Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors. You can volunteer to minister on sign-up sheets in the Minister's Room in the rear of the Church.

Mass Intentions

Week of December 17, 2012

Monday, December 17

7:00 Roseann Pipolo Suspenski - Mom and Family

8:45 Paul Beneventine

Tuesday, December 18

7:00 Frank Toto - His Loving Family

8:45 Roseann Suspenski - Brenda and Nick Yocca and Family

Wednesday, December 19

7:00 Joseph Baliunas - His Wife, Daughters and Families

8:45 Ralph Irenze - Ann

Thursday, December 20

7:00 Joseph Caracausi - His Wife and Children

8:45 Eileen McCarthy - Bob and Children

Friday, December 21

7:00 Msgr. Alex Manly's 55th Anniversary

8:45 Roseann Suspenski - John Piedimonte and Family

Saturday, December 22

8:45 Anthony Lofaro - The Panepinto Family

5PM Jean Memole - Alexander Memole

6:15 Angelo and Gertrude Cassella - Alfred and Lorraine Leone

Sunday, December 23

7:30 Emilie L. Mullan - Margaret Schneider

9:00 Ann Schlam - Mildred and Jack

9:30 Purgatorial Mass

10:30 For Mass Guild Members

11:00 Hans Richter - The Preisler Family

12:00 For All Our Parishioners

5PM Anne Gebhardt - Her Family

Please Note

The Parish Center and School of Religion
will be closing
at 12:00 Noon on
Tuesday, December 18th.

From the Desk of Fr. Seán

Gaudete!!! Rejoice!!!

Here we are at the Third Sunday of Advent... traditionally called "Gaudete Sunday" because the first word of the antiphon used for the Introit this Sunday translates as "Rejoice!"... "Gaudete" in Latin. It's meant to remind us of the joyful expectation we have for Christmas and the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus. The tone of the liturgy for this Sunday shifts from the sober and penitential (purple candles... purple vestments) to the lighter and joyful shade of rose-colored vestments and the lighting of the rose-colored candle of our Advent wreath.

Time is flying by... no surprise there... and soon Christmas will be upon us! The past week has been a frenzy of activity as we draw closer to the celebration of the Feast of Christ's birth...and it's going to get busier in the remaining two weeks. Just as you know from your own preparations at home, there is a great deal to do and only so much time to accomplish it... however, in spite of occasional anxiousness we do find those wonderful satisfying moments when that familiar warmth of the season lifts our spirits!

On Friday of the past week, an army of volunteers assembled to help our staff get the parish Christmas mailing together and a monumental task was done in no time at all. A big thank you to all those who came down to lend a hand ~ it is very much appreciated!

This weekend ~ December 15th and 16th... the Sisters of the Good Shepherd will again present their Handcrafting Justice ~ Fair Trade Project... we welcome them back to St. Joseph's for this annual event and please make a point of stopping by the Centennial Room and supporting their efforts... as a parish, it helps us promote the economic justice and fair trade principles which are part of our Catholic Social Teaching. This annual visit from the Sisters is something we all look forward to and gives us the opportunity to get some of our shopping done while also living out the challenge of Jesus found in the Gospels.

In addition, at all our Masses this weekend we will again have a special blessing for the Infant Jesus figure that you use in your Family Nativity scene... please remember to bring your "Baby Jesus" from home (maybe encourage your children to be "in charge" of this task) and we will bless your Infant Jesus at the conclusion of Mass.

Speaking of Nativity scenes... By now many of you have seen the magnificent new Crèche which is displayed on the Parish Center lawn. This beautiful gift to our Parish Family is the handiwork of Peter Biggane, (supervised by his father), his neighbor Larry Glenn, (assisted by his son Lawrence), and our own Smithtown Town Councilman Kevin Malloy! When you have a moment, stop by and take a look at what a splendid job they did. On behalf of the entire parish, I want to thank them for their generosity, talent and goodness! What a beautiful Christmas gift they gave to all of us.

Our Music Ministry has been keeping some VERY late hours in church... busy preparing for their annual concert which will be this Sunday evening. They don't know it but I've been sneaking in to listen to them rehearse... it's a great way to dispel stress and to reflect on what Advent prepares us for. TRUST ME; you will miss a unique opportunity if you miss this concert... It's their gift to us and your presence will be a gift to yourself ~ and a gift to someone else if you invite someone to come with you!

Amid all the "busy-ness" and the occasional headaches of parish administration, I've found that a great way to stay focused and peaceful is to sit unnoticed and listen in to our children's choir rehearsing their Christmas hymns or to watch the characters in our Nativity Play practice their lines... and I'm reminded Who and What it's all about... and Who's in Charge. Rejoice!

Fr. Seán

Stewardship Is Our Way Of Life

Second Collection

This Sunday's second collection will be for Facility Maintenance. Thank you for your support.



Parish Stewardship

12/9/12

General Collection

\$14,992.14

Human Needs

\$2,518.65

Parish Events

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS



CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

Church: 4:00 PM, 6:00 PM and
12:00 Midnight

Travis Hall: 4:00 PM (*Family Mass*)



CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

Church: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM,
10:30 AM and 12:00 Noon

Travis Hall: 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Please Note
There will be no 5:00 PM Mass
on Christmas Day

CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR

THE FEAST OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD



NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS MONDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

Church: 5:00 PM

Parish Center Closing at 12:00 Noon

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES TUESDAY, JANUARY 1ST

Church: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM
10:30 AM and 12:00 Noon

*Parish Center
and
School of Religion
Closed*

Please Note
There will be no 5:00 PM Mass
on New Year's Day

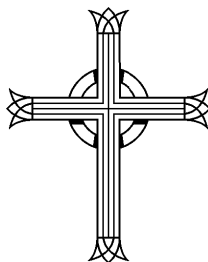
Celebrate Reconciliation

In the Church:

Monday, December 17th:
7:30 to 9:00 PM

In the Nazareth Chapel:

Saturday, December 22nd:
3:30 to 4:45 PM



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.

Blessing of Infant Jesus

This Weekend ~ December 15th and 16th

Each family seems to have its own traditions concerning the placing of the Infant Jesus Figure in our Family Nativity scenes. Some will have either the oldest or youngest family member perform this time-honored task... some will do so on Christmas Eve while telling the Nativity story found in Scripture... others lovingly place Him in the Crèche when we return from Midnight Mass.

At the end of each of our parish Masses this Weekend ~ the 15th and 16th, the priest will ask all those who have brought their figure of the Infant Jesus to hold Him aloft and will pray God's special blessing on your Infant and your families.

This year, we would like to invite everyone to participate in an old, but beautiful tradition! Whether you live on your own or share your house with a lively brood, every parishioner is being asked to bring the figure of the Infant Jesus from your own Nativity Scene at home and have it blessed at Mass.



A very simple and beautiful way to remember the REAL reason for Christmas!

A poignant way to teach our youngsters the REAL meaning of Christmas!

An addition to your family tradition OR the beginning of a new one!

HANDCRAFTING

JUSTICE

Give the gift of hope



FAIR TRADE HANDCRAFT SALE



DATE: December 15th – 16th

TIMES: Sat. 5pm & Sun 7:30, 9, 10:30, and 12:00 pm

LOCATION: 59 Church St., Kings Park, NY 11754

100% FAIR TRADE

Products from Africa, Asia, & Latin America

Toys · Home Decor · Pottery · Cards & Gifts ·

Religious · Bags & Purses · Indigenous Art

Cash, Checks, Visa, MasterCard, & Discover Accepted
For more information contact:

www.handcraftingjustice.org

A project of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd

*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*

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. The 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
\$1,072.00**

**Please Join Us!
for the
Gospel Drama Players
Presentation of:
St. Joseph's Annual
Nativity Play**

**Christmas Eve, December 24th
During the 4:00 PM Mass
In Travis Hall**



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:

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| 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.

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.

Parish Events

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.

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| 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.

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.



**This Weekend
December 15th and 16th**

This fair trade economic justice project of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd will be selling fair trade handcrafts made by women in 20 countries throughout the developing world. Your support of HCJ's partners makes a tremendous difference in their lives, supporting their efforts to live a dignified life and provide food, education and shelter to their families. Please join us in promoting fair trade at this sale, following all masses.

HandCrafting Justice Inc. is a fair trade project partnering with women in 20 developing countries. The mission of HandCrafting Justice is to market women's handcrafts and raise awareness about the root causes of poverty, gender inequality, and social issues. To learn more and to shop online, please visit www.handcraftingjustice.org.



Scouting News

SAVE THE DATES:

Boy Scout Sunday
5:00PM Mass Saturday, February 3, 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

Guild Mass Intentions

The following members will be included in the Mass Guild Intentions at the 10:30 Mass beginning December 23rd, December 30th, January 6th and January 13, 2013. (**indicates Mass is for the living*)

For:

George Meher
Louis Capezza
Helen Kehoe *
Dan Matarazzo *
Lauren Lenardi *
Marie Keane
Anthony Parrino

From:

The Browne Family
The Goutink Family
A & B Prayer Group
A & B Prayer Group
The Foley Family
Marion Preisler
The Cappellino Family
The Ross Family
Noel and Ann Carey
Ann Savino and new

Grandson, Craig Nicholas * Mary and Chris
Catherine Mulvaney (Mom)* Mary and Chris

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: _____

Poinsettia Memorials

Poinsettias will be placed on the Altars to remember the following family and friends, living and deceased, this Christmas season:



Genevieve Cappetta
Ed Stern and Vitina Alivino
Chester Zalewski
Ryan Caulfield and Watson Families
Kim Cahill and O'Brien Families
John and Louise Ren
Wallace Nessler
Girvan and Falls Families
Jeff Schubert
Stanley, Sr. and Charlotte Jaworski
Arnold and Eleanor Scheer
Petersen and Evers Families ~ Living and Deceased
Deceased Members of the DeCongilio Family
Moran Family and Mayberry Family
Ann Piedimonte
LoRusso and Vella Families
Palma and Chester Valenti
Adele and Robert Tirotta
Faustina and Luigi Zangrilli
Marie Murphy
Robert S. Townsend
Tyler
Bradley
Joseph and Anne Schiavone
The Forgotten Souls
Robert Louis Lapento
Roseann Pipolo-Suspenski
Frank Pipolo
Lee and McDermott Families
Thomas Grogan
Thomas Grogan
Louis Grabowski
Ronald Olson
Edward Helldorfer
Grace Reynolds
Members of the Lynch and O'Neill Families
Arlene Smith
Marie Sause
Keith Knipschild
William Smith, III
Michael G. Lee
John and Margaret Minogue
Michael Flannery
Elizabeth and Gerald Dooley
Helen and Joseph Ross
The Reddy Family
The Jarvis Family
Mary Winterfield
Nicholas and Laura Tallarico
ILM of Eva and Charles Breslin
ILM Loretta and Fabian Normandin
Thomas Galante and Josephine Kelly Goldstein
James S. Hart, Sr.
John Kiernan
Baby Jennifer Amber Black
Simon Wong
Paul and Lucy Man
Walter Lynch, John and Josephine Coughan
Joseph Blydenburg
Stan Rucinski
Nicholas and Nancy Bonelli
Geoffrey Boyle
Victor Giancola
James C. Waite
Rita and Billy Attanacio
Miller and Pulese Families
Nick Marrone
Joseph and Mary Ierano
Russ Clark
Margaret Lloyd

Robert (Poppy) Broderick
Thomas Lunney
Crawley and Herbst Families
Joseph Bajada
Rosaria Tabone
Marie Lagomarsino
Joseph O. and Blanche Kistner
Joseph F. and Dorothy Kistner
Patrice and Maura Jordan
Mancella and Joseph Mish
Olga and Paul Thoms
Deceased Members of the Goutink Family
Deceased Members of the Keenan and Fitzsimmons Families
Hoffmann, Johnson, Hughes and Walsh Families
Mary and Joe Lunney
Eleanor and Lawrence Lennon
Tom Ricker
Adriane DeMaso
Lillian Conklin Farley
Ann and Tom Cross
Laura Sheekey
Michael Sheekey
Terri Nally-Dratch
Walter and Agnes Haller
Edward, Grace and Edward, Jr. Hughes
Tess and Tony Molloy
Dot and Ed Pedersen
Betty Hasson
William Witzak
Caroline and Alexander Karman
Victoria Modzelewski
John and Margaret Hynes
Richard and Nora Garland
Preisler Family
Loretta Boyce and John MacDougall
William Siegel
Isaura Siegel
Muriel Collins
Henry Armstrong
Salvatore and Josephine Armetta
Rose and Vito Adragna
Carlos Fermo
Joseph Pisano
Raymond Cuiffo
Lorraine Parrino
Prainito and Iannetta Families
Frank and Julia Palmento
Eugene Rissier
The Pilock Family
Dorothy and Charles Caputo
Katherine Hartell
Katherine Bravo, Peter J. Bravo, John T. Bravo
Mary P. Rogers
Fred Tiriolo
Benjamin J. Snyder, Catherine and Arthur Brannigan
Calvin Jonaitis
George and Deceased Members of the Marx Family
Deceased Members of the Moloney Family
Raymond Rinaldi and Pasquale Rinaldi
Nora and John Keegan
Donal P. Hughes
Melvin Geant
The Ritzman Family
Frank and Marie DeMaria and Catherine Scotto
Joseph Donnelly
The Neenan Family
The Sgroi Family
Joseph Giannadeo
Nicholas DiNoto

Scripture Reflection

3rd Sunday Of Advent



Rejoice always in the Lord. Great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel, a mighty savior. It is he whom John foretold; it is he who will baptize in the Holy Spirit.

John the Baptist must have been a powerful preacher. In today's gospel we find "all the people", including tax collectors and soldiers, coming to ask him what they should do in order to be saved, to share in God's friendship. Of course, it was not his words that attracted people. From his frugal and committed lifestyle, they sensed that God was with him and they wanted to share in whatever it was that he had.

Things have not changed. People still hunger for God. They seek him here. They seek him there. Perhaps they lose heart. They do not see his influence at work in anybody's life. Where will they find him? How will they know the real thing? Through the lives of true disciples. "By this will all people know that you are my disciples if you have love one for another. Let the one who has two coats give to him who has none and the one with something to eat must do the same."

Money talks. Genuine charity opens many a heart. Certainly its absence crushes the poor. Preaching alone never converts anybody. Making God's kingdom present on earth is every baptized person's privilege and responsibility. Advent is a reminder of our destiny.

Music Ministry

Messiah at Midnight



An open invitation is extended to all interested singers and choir alumni 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.



Our New Crèche



Pictured with Fr. Seán from left to right are Jimmy Biggane, Larry Glenn, Peter Biggane, Smithtown Councilman Kevin Molloy and Lawrence Glenn (Larry's son).

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

A recent article in the Journal of Medical Ethics (March, 2012) argues for euthanasia for newborns with disabilities based on the Italian and Australian scientists' belief that these children would have been killed before birth had the genetic disorder been identified. Citing these children as burdens to their families and society, they conclude, "Therefore, we claim that killing a newborn could be ethically permissible in all the circumstances where abortion would be."

Holy Hour

Holy Hour will be Friday, December 21st, from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in the Nazareth Chapel.

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

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 'Christmas Special'. Don't forget to tune in!

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

(Pink Candle)
THIRD WEEK



*O Jesus Christ,
come and set your people free.
Open the gates of heaven for us;
come, deliver us from evil.
Amen*

Grade One Parents

Chapters 5-8 Review Sheets are due this week. Please hand in your child's work and pick up the Christmas Lesson during our Office Hours.

Grade Three Winter Session Parents

Grade Three Winter Session Parents are invited to a Presentation by their children on the Rosary.



Saturday, December 22nd
10:30 AM
Travis Hall

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

Sanctuary Lamp Memorial

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week In Loving Memory of Baby Jennifer Amber Black from Her Family.

Bread and Wine Memorial

The *Eucharistic Bread and Wine* for this week are In Loving Memory of Camillo Silvestro from His Daughters and Grandchildren.

Flower Memorial

The Flowers on St. Joseph's Altar are In Loving Memory of Genevieve Cappetta on Her 2nd Anniversary in Heaven from Jeananne.

The Flowers on the Blessed Mother's Altar are In Loving Memory of My Beloved Husband, Wallace Nessler, from His Loving Wife, Eileen.

Respect Life Rose



This week's Respect Life Rose is In Celebration of Ann and Brian Trent's 50th Wedding Anniversary. Love, Pat and Cathy Magdalen.

Those Who Were Baptized

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



Michael Moyer

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, Carol Heffron, Sr. Joanne Walters, OP, Douglas Schook, Patrick Dugan, Helen Smith, Pat Marx, 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, James McCroskey, Rose Scauso, Marguerite Patti, Lorraine Hart, Frank Genna, Theresa Vlahos, Frank Daconta, Margaret Heimink, Josephine Ferrara, Michele Taylor, Homer Dellysse, Lauren Lenardi, Jane Foley, Susan Bennardo, Irwin Schulman, Robert Ansbach, Millie Ingram, Joseph Norton, Jenny Bernal, Cathy Travis, Robert Sr. and Bob, Jr. Schayline, Dan Matarazzo, Rosemarie Carroll, Jean Desmond, Patricia Foley

Those Who Have Died

James Hammargren, James Guilfoil, Rita Walshe, Mary Giacomini

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 Buttgerreit, *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*
Major John Tresler, *NYANG*
LCpl. Brian Weiyler, *USMC*
ET, SS Thomas Wiese, *US Navy*
Sr. Airman Matthew Winkleer, *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 #: _____



Christmas Cards

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**

This is an opportunity for you to promote your faith and support our Church.

Religious Christmas Card Fundraiser

THE SAVIOR IS BORN SERIES
THE HOLY FAMILY SERIES
THE NATIVITY SERIES





20 ASSORTED
4 X 6 1/4 CARDS
WITH ENVELOPES
PER BOX.

To order your Religious Christmas Cards, complete your order below
and place it in the collection basket or return it to the Parish Office at least one week before Thanksgiving.

Order Blank

Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____

Your order will be available for pickup at the Parish Office the Monday following Thanksgiving.

Based on supply and demand, substitutions may be applied to series selections.

SAVIOR IS BORN SERIES Number of boxes

HOLY FAMILY SERIES Number of boxes

NATIVITY SERIES Number of boxes

Total Box(es) _____ @ \$10 each

= TOTAL \$ _____



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!*



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA Ct832
INVITES ALL TO SUPPORT OUR NURSING
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

Square Dance

SAT, 1/12/13 7-11PM

DOORS OPEN 6:30PM

**ST. JOSEPH'S TRAVIS HALL
59 CHURCH ST., KINGS PARK**

**\$25pp ADVANCE INCLUDES
PROFESSIONAL CALLER
ANDERSON CATERING, 50/50, BYOB
REFRESHMENTS, RAFFLES.**

CALL 631-766-4837 979-0397

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.



Holy Family Regional School

2 Indian Head Road, Commack
www.holyfamilyregional.com



Schedule a tour of St. Joseph's Parish Catholic school!
Call: 631-543-0202

Catholic Education...raising the standards!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
March 27 - April 1, 2013



Nursery - 8th grade, NYS certified teachers, academic curriculum adhering to NYS learning standards, NYS testing program, state-of-the-art computer and science labs, smart boards, iPads for in-classroom use, newly renovated library complete with research laptops and video conferencing, state-of-the-art gym, student government, Junior National Honor Society, Sacrament preparation, extracurricular activities, enrichment program, Catholic high school entrance exam prep, CMSAA participating junior high sports program, school band and honor band, in-school lunch program, before and after-care, family partnership.



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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 16 – December 29, 2012

Parish Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| December 16 Handbell Choir Rehearsal 10AM CR Handcrafting Justice 7:30AM to 1:00 PM CR Family Mass Hospitality after 11:00 Mass in TH AA 2PM Rm 107 Christmas Concert and Tree Lighting 7PM CH and TH  | December 17 AA 10AM Rm 106 Gospel Drama Nativity Rehearsal 5:30PM TH NA 7PM Rm 106 Sacrament of Reconciliation 7:30 PM CH | December 18 Mother's Club 9AM Rms 101, 103, 108 Scripture Class for Advent 10AM CR Children's Choir 5PM CR Pre-Baptism 7PM Rm 106 Parish Center and School of Religion Closing at 12:00 Noon | December 19 AA 10AM Rm 106 Bingo 10:30AM TH St. Joseph's Ensemble 5:30PM TH Gospel Drama Nativity Rehearsal 5:30PM TH Folk Group 7PM CH LAOH Set Dancers 7PM Rm 208 Martha's Hands 7PM Rm 103 AA 7:30PM Rm 107 Scripture Class for Advent 10AM CR NA 8PM Rm 106 | December 20 Gr. 2 Religious Education 5:15 PM School Building Gr. 7 Religious Education 7PM School Building Teen Choir 7PM CH Chamber Choir 8PM CH | December 21 AA 10AM Rm 106 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Nazareth Chapel 9:30 to 10:30 AM | December 22 Religious Education Classes 8:30AM School Building Grade 5 Mass 8:45AM CH Grade 3 Confessions 9AM TH Gospel Drama Nativity Rehearsal 11:30AM TH |
| December 23 AA 2PM Rm 107 | December 24 AA 10AM Rm 106 Gospel Drama Nativity Dress Rehearsal 3PM Rm 101 NA 7PM Rm 106 Christmas Eve Parish Center Closing at 12:00 Noon | December 25 Parish Center and School of Religion Closed | December 26 AA 10AM Rm 106 St. Joseph's Ensemble 5:30PM TH Folk Group 7PM CH AA 7:30PM Rm 107 NA 8PM Rm 106 Parish Center and School of Religion Closed St. Stephen | December 27 Teen Choir 7PM CH Chamber Choir 8PM CH Parish Center and School of Religion Closing at 12:00 Noon St. John | December 28 AA 10AM Rm 106 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Nazareth Chapel 9:30 to 10:30 AM The Holy Innocents | December 29 |

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