



ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF THE FIVE TOWNS
Saint Joseph + Our Lady of Good Counsel + Saint Joachim
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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 18, 2026



“Scene of the
massacre of the
Innocents”
Léon Cogniet
(1824)

“In light of this profound vision of life as a gift to be cherished, and of the family as its responsible guardian, we categorically reject any practice that denies or exploits the origin of life and its development. Among these is abortion, which cuts short a growing life and refuses to welcome the gift of life. In this regard, the Holy See expresses deep concern about projects aimed at financing cross-border mobility for the purpose of accessing the so-called “right to safe abortion.” It also considers it deplorable that public resources are allocated to suppress life, rather than being invested to support mothers and families. The primary objective must remain the protection of every unborn child and the effective and concrete support of every woman so that she is able to welcome life. .” -Pope Leo XIV January 9, 2026

from the PASTOR

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Now that we have returned to Ordinary Time, you would think that we could take a little time to recover from the Christmas season, ease back into a more relaxed pace, but you would be wrong. In fact, this week is a very busy week for us, although it starts off with an extra day off for many of us. This Monday, January 19th, we observe a national holiday in honor of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King.

While many people may ask why this day is such an important one for a priest, especially since Dr. King was not a Catholic, the answer is that I grew up on the speeches and the writings of this great man. As a historian, I can point to the photos of Catholic nuns, religious brothers, priests and lay people who marched beside Dr. King. Part of the reason was to establish equal rights in the United States for persons of color, but there was also the fact that as Catholics, we faced prejudice from many of the same people who opposed the Civil Rights movement.

While we look back to the 1950's and 1960's celebrating Martin Luther King Jr., on Wednesday, we will look back even further to the early Fourth Century as we celebrate the Feast of St. Agnes. Why do we celebrate St. Agnes? First of all, she is the patron saint of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, and therefore our patroness. Then there is the extraordinary witness which she gives for all time. Having been born into a noble Roman family, she had many high-ranking men who sought to marry her, or at least go to bed with her, but she refused them all, as she valued her commitment to Christ above all. At the age of thirteen, she was denounced as a Christian, during the reign of Emperor Diocletian, which experienced the highest level of Christian persecution in the Roman Empire. As a sentence, she was stripped naked, rushed through the streets to a brothel, beheaded and her body burned. In an age where the Christian virtue of chastity is not overly valued, as it should be, St. Agnes reminds us of the value even a young girl can place on her body.

Speaking of the value of human bodies, Thursday brings us to the National Day of Prayer for the Unborn, which is held on the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision. The following day many of us will return to Washington D.C. to continue the March for Life, even though the Supreme Court overturned that decision. Why? Because we value Human Life, from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death. It is increasingly necessary to stand up for these principles, these values, which the Catholic Church holds out as fundamental human rights and necessary for human dignity. Unfortunately, there are those who continue to advocate for abortion on demand, even through the third trimester, and our state has joined the few others who permit assisted suicide. As followers of Christ, our first obligation is to stand up for Life, and to pressure those politicians who do not value it, to listen to our voices.

This is a week which calls us to recognize the rights and dignity of each human person, even those we may not agree with politically, because we are called to recognize something incredibly special about them: that they share the same nature that Jesus Christ took upon himself when he became man. Even though we have finished our Christmas season, we continue to keep the Incarnation of Christ in our minds and hearts.

Pax,

Fr. Henry

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
9:00 AM - Noon, 1:00 PM -3:00

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Mon. Wed. 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Thurs. 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM

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Monday through Thursday
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**FIVE TOWNS
FAITH FORMATION**

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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

**Saint Joseph
Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 10:30AM**

**Our Lady of Good Counsel
9:00 AM (en Espanol)
11:00 AM**

**Saint Joachim
Sunday - 9:45 AM**

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

**Saint Joseph - 8:30 AM
Tuesday - Wednesday
Thursday - Saturday**

**Our Lady of Good Counsel
8:00 AM
Tuesday & Thursday**

**Saint Joachim - 9:00 AM
Monday - Wednesday - Friday**

**+ + +CONFESSIONS+ + +
Saint Joachim
Friday - 9:30 AM
Saint Joseph
Saturday - 9:00 AM & 4:00 PM**

**+ + +HOLY DAYS+ + +
Check Bulletin**

+ + +DEVOTIONS+ + +

**Saint Joseph
Miraculous Medal Novena
Saturday following
8:30 AM Mass**

**Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesdays -
9:00 AM - 9:00 PM**

**Our Lady of Good Counsel
Confesión y Adoración
En Espanol
Miercoles 7:00 PM**

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

9:00 AM No Intention St Joachim

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

8:00 AM No Intention OLGC
8:30 AM Carmela Imperio St Joseph

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

8:30 AM No Intention St Joseph
9:00 AM P J O'Rourke St. Joachim

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

8:00 AM No Intention OLGC
8:30 AM For the protection of the unborn St. Joseph

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

9:00 AM Maddalena, Gaetano & Raffaele Capone, Mary St. Joachim
Castelino

Saturday, JANUARY 24

8:30 AM Cresenciano Legaspi St Joseph
5:00 PM Mary Behan St Joseph

Sunday, JANUARY 25

9:00 AM For The Parishioners of the Five Towns OLGC
9:45 AM P J O'Rourke, Mary Driscoll, Alice Bono, Bridget St Joachim
Geraghty, Cristina & Rosario Maiorano, Angelo
Pugliese.
10:30 AM Guido Viti St Joseph
11:00 AM Palma, Rosina & Pellegrino Vacchio, Gloria J. OLGC
Shapiro, Florence Robinson, Milena & Patsy
Curra

Celebrants for Next Sunday

Saturday January 24

8:30– Fr. Prince

5pm - Fr. Prince

Sunday January 25

9:00am– Fr. Gustavo

9:45am– Fr. Jim

10:30– Fr. Jijo

11:00am– Fr. Henry

MASS ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION JANUARY 10 & 11

SAINT JOSEPH

5:00pm – 105

10:30am—364

TOTAL— 469

Collection— \$3,761

SAINT JOACHIM

9:45— 97

Collection- \$1,334

GOOD COUNSEL

9:00 – 358

11:00 – 115

TOTAL— 473

Collection— \$2,853

TOTAL ATTENDANCE

1,039

**Please print the
amount of your
donation clearly
on the front of the
envelope.
Thank you.**

***Eucharistic Adoration at
St. Joseph Church***

Every Wednesday
from 9:00 am—9:00 pm



We Pray for all of our families and members of our Communities

FOR THE ILL OF OUR PARISHES

Karen Kite, Marina Sorbara, Dolores Sperling, Mike McAuliffe, Margi Stamile, Arlene Hugues, Baby Cole Williams, Maryann Levy, Betty Ann Duncan, Lorraine Sciarrotta, Cecilia Balzer, Gloria Delgardio, Susan Sangirardi, Carol Bernard, Robert Chimenti, Winifred Valcancick, Mary Backer, Anthony Frustaci, Andrew Frustaci, Vanna Maxwell, Mary DiBiase, Roger Arrigali, Frank Whaley, Maryann Ingardia, Maryellen McDermott, Catherine Morgan, Michael Cassidy, Vincent Moran, Christina Jones, Karagrosis Family, Joe Boccia, Lawrence Cohen, Carol Rizzo, Terry Halloway, Krista Newman, Bill Vincent, Fran Iadanza, Phyllis Cavalerie, Elizabeth Lukasik, Michael DiBiase, Margherita Zanghi, Nicholas Vessio, Larry Franco, Rodolfo Yacaza, Cindy Whittaker,

MILITARY PRAYER LIST

PFC Mario Borriello Jr.
Cadet Nicholas Curra
SSGT Murphy Lorraine

Please provide us with names of those currently serving.



Prayer for Our Troops

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us.
Bless them and their families
For the selfless acts they perform
For us in our time of need.
And give us peace.
I ask this in the name of Jesus,
Our Lord and Savior. Amen.

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US
MARKED WITH THE SIGN OF FAITH**




FOR THOSE BAPTIZED IN CHRIST



ATTENTION:

**2026 DAILY MASS BOOK FOR PARISHES
OF THE 5 TOWNS**

The Daily Mass book for 2026 is now available for reserving mass intentions for relatives and friends January through June. Please come during daytime office hours to make arrangements.

Saint Joseph	Saint Joachim	Our Lady of Good Counsel
	 <p>Rose For Life</p> <p>Richard & Mireya Jacobs</p>	



“There are two victims in every abortion: a dead baby and a dead conscience.”
St. Mother Teresa

Knights of Columbus



ICE SKATE NIGHT

*Catholic Parishes of the Five Towns Family
Hosted by Father John Farrell Council #5962*




Sunday, January 25, 2026



6:30 - 8:30 PM

 **Grant Park Outdoor Ice Rink, Hewlett**

 **Free Admission (courtesy of the Knights of
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 **Skate Rental: \$5**

 **Light refreshments served**

 **50/50 Raffle & Silent Auction**

**Children under 16 must be accompanied by an
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St. Francis Hospital Outreach Bus

Free Health Screenings

Includes a brief cardiac history, blood pressure and a simple blood test for cholesterol and diabetes for adults 18 and older. We also provide patient education and referrals.

No appointment is required.

Free Flu Vaccines will be available

Our Lady of Good Council

68 Wanser Avenue, Inwood, NY 11096

Thursday, January 29, 2026

9:00am-1:00pm

(Last screening at 12:45pm)

St. Francis Hospital – Autobús de Alcance Comunitario

GRATIS Exámenes de Salud

Los exámenes incluyen:

Una breve historia cardiaca, presión arterial, análisis de sangre para el colesterol y la diabetes. Educación para el paciente y referencias apropiadas según sean necesarias para los adultos que tienen 18 años de edad o más.

Vacuna contra la gripe gratuita disponible

Our Lady of Good Council

68 Wanser Avenue, Inwood, NY 11096

jueves, 29 de enero de 2026

9:00am-1:00pm

(Last screening at 12:45pm)

CHURCH IN NEED COLLECTION

The Church in Need

On January 25, 2026 a collection will be taken for "The Church in Need." The monies collected at this time will be shared among three areas of the world where there is particular need for help:

Church in Central and Eastern Europe - this collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that struggle to recover from former communist rule. It also aids communities throughout the region that are affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region.

The Church in Latin America For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ.

The Church in Africa – The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa supports pastoral projects to build the capacity of the Church and foster lasting peace and reconciliation across a continent often marked by division and tension. Although the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care.

La Iglesia Necesitada

El 25 de Enero del 2026, se hará una colecta a favor de "La Iglesia Necesitada". El dinero colectado será compartido entre las tres áreas de mundo donde hay necesidades particulares:

La Iglesia en Europa Central y Oriental, donde aún hay grandes necesidades.

Esta colecta ayuda a la Iglesia en más de 25 países que luchan para recuperarse del antiguo régimen comunista. Así mismo, ayuda a las comunidades en toda la región que han sido afectadas por la guerra en Ucrania. Estos fondos financian el cuidado pastoral, la catequesis, las renovaciones y la formación de seminaristas. El apoyo de ustedes restaura la Iglesia y construye el futuro en esa región.

La Iglesia en América Latina Para muchos en América Latina y el Caribe, una creciente cultura secular, unos terrenos rurales difíciles y una escasez de ministros, son obstáculos para practicar la fe. Su apoyo a la colecta proporciona capacitación para el liderazgo laico, la catequesis, la formación para sacerdotes y religiosos y otros programas para compartir nuestra fe católica con aquellos que anhelan escuchar la Buena Nueva de Cristo.

La Iglesia en África – El Fondo de Solidaridad de la Iglesia en Africa financia proyectos pastorales para incrementar la capacidad de la Iglesia y fomentar una paz y reconciliación duraderas en un continente que a menudo está marcado por divisiones y tensiones. Aunque la Iglesia en África está creciendo, muchos aún carecen de acceso a los recursos básicos y a un cuidado pastoral.

Gracias por su generosidad.



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Roe v Wade Memorial Face the Truth Pro-Life Event

With so many distractions in our lives and revolving issues confronting us in daily news cycles, it can be easy to forget a tragic constant taking place right here on Long Island – the killing of innocent defenseless preborn babies through abortion. Because those children cannot speak up for themselves, pro-lifers must do so. The overturning of Roe v Wade has not ended abortion.

Pro-lifers are invited to call for the protection of preborn children by joining the Roe v. Wade Memorial Face the Truth pro-life event on Sunday, January 25, 2026, from 2:00pm to 3:30pm. This peaceful public outreach will be held on the sidewalk in front of Nassau University Medical Center (2201 Hempstead Tpke., E. Meadow). Signs provided (no political signs). Rain or shine. Sponsored by Long Island Coalition for Life: 631-243-1435, info@prolifeLI.org.

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Con tantas distracciones en nuestras vidas y problemas que nos afectan en los ciclos de noticias diarios, puede ser fácil olvidar una constante trágica que ocurre aquí, en Long Island: el asesinato de bebés inocentes e indefensos antes de nacer a través del aborto. Debido a que esos niños no pueden hablar por sí mismos, los defensores de la vida deben hacerlo. La anulación de Roe v. Wade no ha terminado con el aborto.

Se invita a los defensores de la vida a pedir la protección de los niños por nacer uniéndose al evento pro-vida Roe v. Wade Memorial Face the Truth el domingo 25 de enero de 2026, de 2:00 p.m. a 3:30 p.m. Esta pacífica actividad pública se llevará a cabo en la acera frente al Nassau University Medical Center (2201 Hempstead Tpke., E. Meadow). Se proporcionarán carteles (no se permiten carteles políticos). Llueva o haga sol estaremos allí. Sponsored by Long Island Coalition for Life: 631-243-1435, info@prolifeLI.org.

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Life Center of Long Island—Hempstead

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Stop Physician-Assisted Suicide in New York

New York is on the brink of legalizing physician-assisted suicide. Bill A136 has already passed the Senate and Assembly. **The only thing standing in its way is Governor Hochul's veto – and she needs to hear from you.**

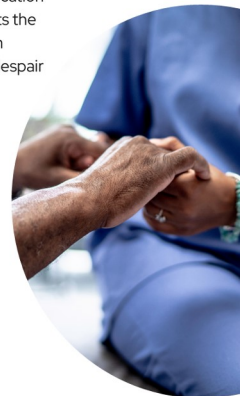
This bill would allow doctors to prescribe lethal medication with the sole purpose of ending a patient's life. It puts the most vulnerable among us – the elderly, people with disabilities, and those facing emotional or financial despair – at even greater risk. **Suicide is not healthcare.**

We must speak out to protect the dignity of every human life. Assisted suicide is a dangerous and deadly path – one we must not go down.

Take Action!



Contact the Governor's office now to oppose this deadly practice! Visit bit.ly/veto-pas or use the QR code.




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Hours - 2nd and 4th Thursday
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