



ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF THE FIVE TOWNS

Saint Joseph † Our Lady of Good Counsel † Saint Joachim

Website: 5townsparishesny.com

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 25, 2026



The Miraculous
Draught of Fishes
Raphael (1515)

“The fishing of our Saviour is our salvation. He bade the nets to be lowered without saying in what direction; He simply ordered them to be lowered.

The disciples obeyed; there was no direction specifying to the right nor was there any direction specifying to the left. For the fish represented men. If, therefore, He had said to the right, only the good were going to be included; if He had said to the left, only the wicked would be taken. In fact, it was because both good and bad were going to be mixed together in the Church that the nets were lowered without any distinction, so that fish might be taken indiscriminately, signifying the mixture of the good and the bad.” -St. Augustine

from the PASTOR

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

There are a few voices that affect me in a very positive way, first of them being Dolly Parton; anytime I hear her voice I can feel the emotions coming up from within. Another one is Bob Ross, many a day that I felt like nothing could possibly go right in the world, turning on the Joy of Painting and listening to the words of wisdom, “There are no mistakes, just happy accidents” would make everything less dismal. Another voice, coming from a time when I would be at home sick, was Bob Barker, as he challenged people to guess the right price of items.

There was something about the calm of Bob Barker, as the excitement of the crowd and contestants would reach heights of frenzy. People calling out their opinions on what to bid, what to do, and there was Bob, just casually asking people what they decided. Like other game shows, people would sometimes rely on their own knowledge or judgments, other times they would listen to family, friends, or just the random opinions of other people in the audience. In the end, someone would win, others would lose, and we would not be affected one way or another.

I have begun to wonder if we are not part of a game show culture, where a few individuals rely on the knowledge which they have accumulated over time, and others listen to the shouts of the crowd, deciding that those yelling the loudest are correct. The internet has not helped us in this respect, as it provides platforms for people who have opinions and agendas to spout of nonsense without facts or proven theories. Even the traditional media outlets seem to have agendas, or follow the agendas of the companies’ owners and supporters, to the detriment of the truth and journalistic integrity.

In the Church, I often find this game show mentality among certain sections of the faithful. People who pick and choose what they want to believe, rejecting the Magisterium, which is the teaching authority of the Church, in favor of something they heard or read, possibly online. Many people find it easier to ignore or distort the teachings of the Church, rather than to ask why the Church teaches that doctrine and change their own behaviour accordingly. What was once known as being a “Cafeteria Catholic” has turned into a full-blown food fight. Things that are necessary for Salvation, non-negotiable doctrine, even Absolute Truths, become matters of interpretation or are dismissed as “not what the Church teaches.”

I often turn to the Vatican website (www.vatican.va) to find out what the Pope actually said, and not what was reported on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok or CNN. It is also a great resource to look into the Magisterium, as it has the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Code of Canon Law available at your fingertips. The problem with having these resources available, is that many people, including those baptized Catholic, do not want to discover the truth about what the Church teaches. It is easier to scream and yell about “the Church” as if it is some abstract institution in Rome, or in the diocesan offices, rather than the living Body of Christ here on earth. It is easier to join in the chaos, the shouting, the mob mentality than to sit quietly, bring our troubles and fears before the Altar, pray to understand the teachings of the Church, and to listen to the calming and strengthening voice of Jesus Christ.

Pax,

Fr. Henry

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

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Inwood, New York 11096
Phone: 516-239-0953
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Pastoral Assistant
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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

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614 Central Ave.
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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
8:00 AM to 4:00PM

**FIVE TOWNS
FAITH FORMATION**

Deacon Ivan Toro
Phone: 569-6080
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Maintenance Supervisor

Cris Reyes Ex.108

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 26

9:00 AM No Intention St Joachim

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

8:00 AM No Intention OLGC
8:30 AM Margaret and Patrick Costello St Joseph

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

8:30 AM Karen Kiskis St Joseph
9:00 AM P J O'Rourke St. Joachim

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

8:00 AM No Intention OLGC
8:30 AM Mekat Antony (10th Anniversary) St. Joseph

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

9:00 AM No Intention St. Joachim

Saturday, JANUARY 31

8:30 AM No Intention St Joseph
5:00 PM No Intention St Joseph

Sunday, FEBRUARY 1

9:00 AM For The Parishioners of the Five Towns OLGC
9:45 AM Parishioners of the Five Towns Parishes St Joachim
10:30 AM Edward Rizzo, Vincent and Serafina Iannelli, Edward and Ashley Combs (living) St Joseph
11:00 AM Elvira & Geraldo Russo, Raffaella & Francesco Contino, Maria & Francesco Castro OLGC

Celebrants for Next Sunday

Saturday January 31

8:30– Fr. Jijo

5pm - Fr. Henry

Sunday February 1

9:00am– Fr. Gustavo

9:45am– Fr. Henry

10:30– Fr. Prince

11:00am– Fr. Jijo

MASS ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION JANUARY 17 & 18

SAINT JOSEPH

5:00pm – 108

10:30am—230

TOTAL— 338

Collection— \$2,753

SAINT JOACHIM

9:45— 70

Collection- \$1,173

GOOD COUNSEL

9:00 – 335

11:00 – 85

TOTAL— 420

Collection— \$3,301

TOTAL ATTENDANCE

828

**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, Maryann Guiliano, Linda Bassalay

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




Anneliese Regina Gomez
Adelee Lydia Gomez
John Rhys Ebanks

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><i>Altar Bread and Wine:</i></p> <p><i>In Memory of:</i> Warren Pascuma</p> <p><i>Requested by:</i> Linda & Michael Bassalay</p>	<p></p> <p>Rose For Life</p> <p>Lucas, Isabella, Jason, Alexis and Santino</p>	<p><i>Altar Bread and Wine:</i></p> <p><i>In Memory of:</i> In Thanksgiving</p> <p><i>Requested by:</i> Cama Family</p>



"Love for others, and in the first place love for the poor, in whom the Church sees Christ himself, is made concrete in the promotion of justice."
- St. John Paul II

Knights of Columbus



ICE SKATE NIGHT

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

17 Sunday, January 25, 2026
6:30 - 8:30 PM

Grant Park Outdoor Ice Rink, Hewlett


Free Admission (courtesy of the Knights of Columbus)

Skate Rental: \$5

Light refreshments served

50/50 Raffle & Silent Auction

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult




3rd Annual Card Shark Game

Tuesday, February 17th at 7pm
Admission is \$25.00 per person

Elks #1 Lodge
57 Hempstead Avenue Lynbrook, NY

It's a fun game with 4 people on a team sharing the prize money
We will also have a Share The Wealth drawing, coffee and cake will be served at intermission
To purchase tickets before February 10th, or additional information please contact Diane Langella, (516) 777-0607



NARCAN TRAINING

TOGETHER WE CAN SAVE LIVES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20TH - 6:00 p.m.
VFW Post 1790
65 East Merrick Road, Valley Stream

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH - 6:00 p.m.
St. Joseph's Church
1346 Broadway, Hewlett

TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH - 6:00 p.m.
Atlantic Beach Village Hall
65 The Plaza, Atlantic Beach



Training includes:

- How to identify an overdose victim, administer the Narcan Kit, and contact emergency officials.
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Councilwoman Melissa Miller



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Laura A. Ryder

Dennis Dunne, Sr.
Melissa Miller
Christopher R. Schneider

Kate Murray
Town Clerk
Jeanine C. Driscoll
Receiver of Taxes



John Ferretti
Supervisor



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.

Record-Breaking Attendance at Our Family Mass!

This month's **Family Mass** at St. Joseph's was a moment of joy for our entire parish. Our ushers reported **record-breaking attendance** — **the highest we've seen in a long time**, a beautiful sign of families returning, reconnecting, and growing in faith together.

During his homily, **Father Henry invited the children to participate**, and their thoughtful, confident answers filled me with gratitude and pride.

Their engagement is a living expression of our program's motto: Faith in action. Hearts in formation. Growing in grace together.

When we gather as one community to worship and praise God, **we draw closer to Our Lord and to one another.**

Thank you to all our families for your presence, your witness, and your commitment to forming hearts rooted in Christ. ✦ Deacon Ivan Toro



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Website: <https://lifecenterli.org/> **Address:** 474 Fulton Avenue, 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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E-Mail: foodpantryhewlett@gmail.com
Hours: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Every Other Wednesday

Our Lady of Good Counsel

516-239-0953
Hours - 2nd and 4th Thursday
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Saint Joachim Parish Outreach

1st & 3rd Wednesday 9:30-11:30am
516-536-1845
Email: joachimrcc@yahoo.com

St. Vincent de Paul Society 516-822-3132

Pantry needs.....

Hot & Cold Cereal, Spaghetti, Macaroni, Tomato Sauce, Canned Tuna or Chicken, Canned Green Beans, Canned Beans (Black, Pinto, Kidney), Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, White Rice, Peanut Butter/Jelly, Mac & Cheese, Soup, Salad Dressing, Tissues, Toilet Tissue, Paper Towels, Supermarket Gift Cards, Bags with handles.



The comic strip shows a priest in a black robe. In the first panel, he says "AMEN!" while holding a football. In the second panel, he is shown running with the football. In the third panel, he is shown running with a large crescent moon behind him. In the fourth panel, he says "HAIL MARY PASS!"