



## ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF THE FIVE TOWNS

Saint Joseph † Our Lady of Good Counsel † Saint Joachim

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### FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 4, 2026

“And they adored him.’ Do you think they would have adored a boy who did not understand the honor of their adoration unless they had believed that God was in him? Therefore they did not postpone their honoring of him, as to one childishly lacking understanding. They treated him as one whose divinity is aware of everything. Even the very

nature of the gifts they offered gave witness that they had a certain intimation of the infant divinity.”

- Anonymous (from a 5th century Homily on Matthew)



# *from the* PASTOR

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In 614, before the Islamic invasion of the Holy Land, an army from the Persian Empire swept through Bethlehem, leveling buildings, including churches. However, the church that they spared was the Church of the Nativity, which was built over the site where Jesus Christ was born, because of the depiction of the three Magi on the wall. These figures were depicted in Persian attire, as Zoroastrian scholars, which is part of the tradition that surrounds them. The truth is, we really do not have documented evidence of who they were or where they came from, or even how many there were; we always say three because of the three gifts attributed to them. Some traditions have them coming from three different places, including India, China, Ethiopia, and even Ireland. What is known about them is they were not Jewish, but from the Nations.

This great feast day of Epiphany, which we celebrate as the visitation of the Magi (the wisemen, the kings), is the celebration of the Revelation of Christ to the world. Everything that was described in Hebrew scriptures, about the coming of the Messiah, the one who was coming from David's line, was exceeded in the actual birth of Jesus. Hebrew scripture scholars, Scribes and Pharisees, Zealots, Essenes, and Nazarenes (not people from Nazareth) all anticipated the coming of the Messiah, who would restore the power and glory that Israel enjoyed under King David and his son King Solomon. There were various interpretations, but for the most part, they agreed on the basics. The problem they encountered was that Jesus was not basic.

The belief in the Messiah for the remnant of Israel was based purely on earthly and political ideas, and even though the Nations (those people who were not Jewish, i.e.: the rest of the world) would see the Messiah revealed, it was more of a belief that they would pay homage to the restored Davidic kingdom. What really happened?

God, who is perfect and complete within the Godhead, but is three Divine persons: the Father, the Word / Logos, and the Holy Spirit, willed to reveal Himself most perfectly through the Word. The Word became Flesh. Four of the most powerful words that could be uttered. Through this Incarnation, Jesus Christ came into the world, fully human and fully Divine, a baby dependent upon creatures that He had brought into being. Everything that was expected was exceeded; where the children of Israel expected a human king, the source of everything took on flesh to raise up the dignity of flesh. To redeem mankind, not just a small portion of the human race, but to offer what was promised to the chosen people to everybody.

So, whether it was three wisemen from Persia, or many from different lands, the Revelation of God made Man, and the Good News that the Incarnation brings would be proclaimed to all men and women, throughout the world. It is the truth which we base our Faith and our Salvation upon, that Christ came down to us, revealed the face of the Father to us, established His Church on earth for us upon the Apostles, offered up Himself for our redemption, conquered death through His Resurrection, ascended in His Resurrected form, and will return the same way.

The Epiphany was only the beginning of Revelation to the Nations and Israel.

Pax,

Fr. Henry

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

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### **RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**

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### **RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**

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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 5**

9:00 AM Johnny Zarro St Joachim

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 6**

8:00 AM No Intention OLGC

8:30 AM Sister Evelyn Kelly PBVM St Joseph

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7**

8:30 AM Henry and Peggy Wingler St Joseph

9:00 AM No Mass Intention St. Joachim

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 8**

8:00 AM No Intention OLGC

8:30 AM Isla Grist (living) St. Joseph

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 9**

9:00 AM No Mass Intention St. Joachim

**Saturday, JANUARY 10**

8:30 AM No Intention St Joseph

5:00 PM Hector Correa Sanchez (1 ST Anniversary) St Joseph

**Sunday, JANUARY 11**

9:00 AM Ricardo Moran OLGC

9:00AM PJ O'Rourke, Bruno Panuccio, John Vicaro,  
Bridget Geraghty St Joachim

10:30 AM Anthony Venezia, Ann Gallagher, Domenica-  
Giuseppina and Lina Rombola, Marino Grillo. St Joseph

11:00 AM Parishioners of the Five Towns OLGC

*Celebrants for Next Sunday*  
**Not available at time of print**

**Saturday January 3**

8:30– Fr. Jijo

5pm - Fr. Henry

**Sunday January 4**

9:00am– Fr. Gustavo

9:45am– Fr. Jijo

10:30– Fr. Prince

11:00am– Fr. Jim

*Eucharistic  
Adoration at  
St. Joseph Church*  
Every Wednesday from  
9:00 am—9:00 pm



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**MASS  
ATTENDANCE  
AND  
COLLECTION**

SAINT JOSEPH	5:00pm – 301 (Christmas Eve)
	10:00pm—187 (Christmas Eve)
	8:30am—53 (Christmas Day)
	10:30am—137 (Christmas Day)
	TOTAL— 678
	Collection— \$
SAINT JOACHIM	9:45—
	Collection- \$
GOOD COUNSEL	9:00 –
	11:00 –
	TOTAL—

*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, Roger Arrigali, Mary DiBiase, Frank Whaley, Maryann Ingardia, Maryellen McDermott, Catherine Morgan, Michael Cassidy, Vincent Moran, Christina Jones, Karagrosis Family, Carol Rizzo, Lawrence Cohen, Joe Boccia, Terry Halloway, Krista Newman, Bill Vincent, Fran Iadanza, Phyllis Cavalerie, Elizabeth Lukasik, Michael DiBiase, Margherita Zanghi, Nicholas Vessio

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



Annette Varani

**FOR THOSE BAPTIZED IN CHRIST**



Anneliese Regina Gomez  
Adelee Lydia Gomez

**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.**

**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><b>Sanctuary Candles</b></p> <p><b>In Memory of:</b></p> <p>Nicholas Barone</p> <p><b>Requested by:</b></p> <p>Nancy Barone</p>	<p></p> <p><b>Rose for Life:</b></p> <p><b>“Baby Angels”</b></p> <p>Kaci Rose Teramo, Dylan James Ferris &amp; Evan Anthony Teramo</p>	<p><b>Altar Bread &amp; Wine:</b></p> <p><b>In Memory of:</b></p> <p>Dominick Sciarrotta</p> <p><b>Requested by:</b></p> <p>Lorraine Sciarrotta</p> <p><b>Sanctuary Candles</b></p> <p><b>In Memory of:</b></p> <p>Dominick Sciarrotta</p> <p><b>Requested by:</b></p> <p>Lorraine Sciarrotta</p> <p><b>Blessed Mother Light</b></p> <p><b>In Memory of:</b></p> <p>Dominick Sciarrotta</p> <p><b>Requested by:</b></p> <p>Lorraine Sciarrotta</p>



The Church has always recognized in migrants a living presence of the Lord who, on the day of judgment, will say to those on his right: 'I was a stranger and you welcomed me.'

-St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

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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.**

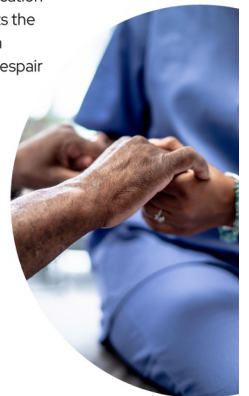
This bill would allow doctors to prescribe lethal medication with the sole purpose of ending a patient's life. It puts the most vulnerable among us – the elderly, people with disabilities, and those facing emotional or financial despair – at even greater risk. **Suicide is not healthcare.**

**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](http://bit.ly/veto-pas) or use the QR code.



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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](mailto:joachimrcc@yahoo.com)

**St. Vincent de Paul Society** 516-822-3132

### Pantry needs.....

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“Love is the epiphany  
of God in our  
poverty.”  
- Thomas Merton