



ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF THE FIVE TOWNS

Saint Joseph + Our Lady of Good Counsel + Saint Joachim

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026

“ So someone says, ‘What’s the use of the Church, if you can confess, and be brought back to life by the voice of the Lord and come out immediately?’ ‘What use is the Church to you as you confess’ — the Church to which the Lord said, ‘What you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven?’ Look at Lazarus’ case. He came out, all tied up. He was already alive, by confessing, but he was not yet walking around freely, being still entangled with the bandages. So what does the Church do, told as it has been, ‘Whatever you loose shall be loosed’ The Church does what the Lord went on at once to tell the disciples, of course: ‘Unbind him and let him go.’”

-St. Augustine of Hippo



The raising of Lazarus , by Peter Paul Rubens (1625) Savoy Gallery , Turin

from the PASTOR

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

While in the seminary, I was made aware of the movement by the United States bishops, asking those who could and were inclined to do so, to abstain from meat on Fridays, in solidarity with the Unborn. This was something I remember from childhood, fish, pasta without meat sauce, pizza (Which is why Friday is “Pizza Day” so no meat toppings on it.), or whatever other foods did not include meat. Somehow, we got away from that, and Fridays became like any other day, and in a way, we became like any other people.

Where we are, we are well aware of Jewish dietary restrictions, a.k.a. “Keeping Kosher.” This was a wonderful way for the children of Abraham to preserve their identity; amongst all the people they found themselves among. Dietary restrictions, various ethnic foods, even the way we share food around tables distinguishes people into various groups and presents an identity to themselves and outsiders. As Catholics, we are called to abstain from warm blooded flesh on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent (and all Fridays if we decide to sacrifice in solidarity with the Unborn), as part of a sacrifice, but also to recollect what it means. What does it mean though?

Contrary to popular belief, and internet idiocy, refraining from warm blooded flesh on Fridays has nothing to do with bribes paid by fishermen, it has to do with Good Friday. It is a reminder that the warm-blooded flesh of Jesus Christ hung on the Cross. It is a reminder of the sacrifice Jesus made for each of us, in taking our sins upon himself and bringing them to the Cross, our sins have been forgiven. Of course, those of us reading this need no reminder of the sacrifice of Christ, as it is always before us. Although, a little reminder never hurt, nor did a little sacrifice.

As People of the Cross, we have these reminders in our homes, whether it is Crucifixes or plain crosses, images of the Sacred Heart, or other devotional objects hung around the house. We wear crosses and crucifixes around our necks, not because of fashion, but for what they symbolize. In our churches, we display the Crucifix because it is the symbol of our redemption, because it is the sacrifice of Christ. Possibly one of my favorite depictions is the Romanesque Crucifix, which has a very stiff and straight Christ, looking straight ahead, rather than the Gothic, which is more realistic, with a body collapsing under not only its own weight and exhaustion, but under the weight of our sins. The rigidity of the Romanesque Crucifix was not a result of lack of artistic skill, but triumph; Christ as depicted had already triumphed over death.

While we are not required to abstain from meat on Fridays outside of Lent, it is a good reminder. While we are not required to wear Crosses or Crucifixes to identify ourselves to the outside world as Christians, it is a good reminder to ourselves. While our Lenten journey may be coming to a close with the approaching of Easter, the Church is still here to celebrate the Sacrifice of Christ on the Cross, every time we celebrate the Mass, because it is the same Sacrifice. The Eucharist we share is the same as the warm-blooded flesh of Christ which hung upon the Cross on Good Friday.

Pax,

Fr. Henry

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Pastor**

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Ofori
Curate**

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

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

The Parish of Saint Joachim

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Cedarhurst, New York 11516
All Parish Business contact St.
Joseph's Rectory

**FIVE TOWNS
FAITH FORMATION**

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Phone: 569-6080
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Dcn. Dean Dobbins
Business Manager for the
Five Towns Parishes
Extension 104

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**

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**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, MARCH 23

9:00 AM No Intention St Joachim

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

8:00 AM No Intention OLGC

8:30 AM Martin McNicholas St Joseph

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

8:30 AM No Intention St Joseph

9:00 AM No Intention St. Joachim

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

8:00 AM Debra Masselle Miller OLGC

8:30 AM Calogero Armandini (Birthday) St. Joseph

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

9:00 AM P J O'Rourke St. Joachim

Saturday, MARCH 28

8:30 AM No Intention St Joseph

5:00 PM Parishioners of the Five Towns St Joseph

Sunday, MARCH 29

9:00 AM Miguel Rodriguez OLGC

9:45 AM Rosario Maiorano (1st Anniversary),
Cristina Maiorano, Vito Tullo, Suzy Gatehouse St Joachim

10:30 AM Attilio Giannotti, Hector Correa Sanchez,
Jennie Calabro, Frank Frustaci, Antonietta and
Vincenzo Lijoi St Joseph

11:00 AM Salvatore Castro, Tony, Henry & Josephine
Fabrizio OLGC

Celebrants for Next Sunday

Saturday March 28

8:30am - Fr. Jijo

5pm - Fr. Henry

Sunday March 29

9:00am– Fr. Gustavo

9:45am– Fr. Jim

10:30– Fr. Prince

11:00am– Fr. Jijo

MASS ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS MARCH 14 & MARCH 15

SAINT JOSEPH

5:00pm - vigil mass 138

10:30am - 243

TOTAL - 381

Collection – \$5,368

SAINT JOACHIM

9:45 - 71

Collection - \$1,582

GOOD COUNSEL

9:00 - 380

11:00 - 102

TOTAL - 482

Collection – \$4,941

TOTAL ATTENDANCE

934

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amount of your
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the envelope.
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***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, Robert Chimenti, Winifred Valcancick, Anthony Frustaci, Andrew Frustaci, Vanna Maxwell, Mary DiBiase, Roger Arrigali, Frank Whaley, Maryann Ingardia, Catherine Morgan, Michael Cassidy, Vincent Moran, Christina Jones, Karagrosis Family, Joe Boccia, Lawrence Cohen, Carol Rizzo, Krista Newman, Bill Vincent, Fran Iadanza, Phyllis Cavalerie, Michael DiBiase, Margherita Zanghi, Nicholas Vessio, Larry Franco, Rodolfo Yacaza, Cindy Whittaker, Maryann Guiliano, Linda Bassalay, Bonnie Birkeland, Tommy Farrell, Baby Lily Grace McMillan, Anthony Bailey, James Pousont, Jill Albanese, Linda Amato, Vincent Chiaiese, Jr.

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



Carol Bernard
Patricia O'Brien

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

Are available for reserving mass intentions for relatives & friends January through June. Please come during daytime office hours to make arrangements.

FOR THOSE BAPTIZED IN CHRIST



Annaliese Regina Gomez
Adelee Lydia Gomez

EASTER PLANT MEMORIALS 2026

Once again we are offering Easter Plant Memorials for your living and deceased relatives and friends. Please make your donation of \$25, \$30, or \$40 and we will place a plant on the altar for Easter in memory of your loved one.

Mark your envelope "Easter Plant."

Lenten Devotion – Stations of the Cross


The Lenten Season 2026 is upon us, and hopefully we'll all prepare spiritually for Easter. An excellent opportunity for that is joining together to pray the Stations of the Cross, when we follow the Savior, carrying with him the cross on the way to Golgotha.

Please mark your calendars & try to join us each Friday during Lent. The schedule for each parish is as follows:

St. Joseph: Fridays at 7:30

St. Joachim: Fridays before Mass at 8:30am

Our Lady of Good Counsel: Fridays at 7:00pm
(in SPANISH)

Saint Joseph	Saint Joachim	Our Lady of Good Counsel
<u>Sanctuary Light</u>		<u>Sanctuary Light</u>
<i>In memory of:</i> Anna M. Tedesco Garone		<i>In Memory of:</i> Salvatore Castro
<i>Requested by:</i> Vincent Garone & Lucia Tedesco		<i>Requested by:</i> Franco Castro
		<u>Blessed Mother Light</u>
		<i>In Memory of:</i> Salvatore Castro
		<i>Requested by:</i> Franco Castro

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United for Life Walk
Saturday, April 11, 2026
Divine Mercy Weekend

11 am arrival at
St Agnes Church NYC
12:10 pm Mass, 1:00 pm walk



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After the walk

Celebrating Life Luncheon
At Connolly's 47th street NYC
2pm - 5pm
Buffet Style:

- Salad with Rolls and Butter
- Burgundy Sirloin Tips
- Chicken & Broccoli over Pasta
- Lemon Pepper Sole Fish
- Fettuccine Alfredo Pasta
- Potatoes / Rice
- Cake for dessert
- Soda and coffee
- Cash Bar

\$70 for General Admission
\$50 for Young Adults 18-30 & Seniors 70+

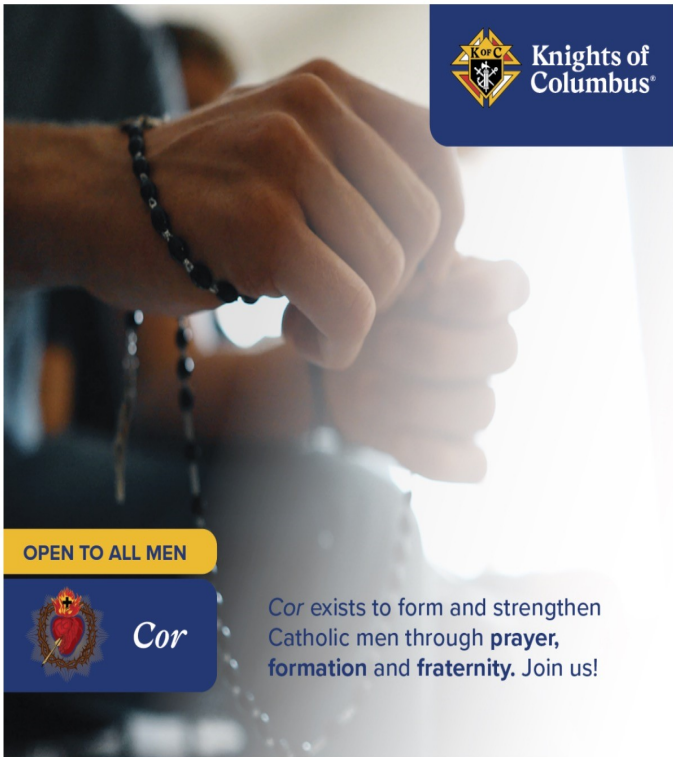
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Email: joachimrcc@yahoo.com

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.

Easter Egg & Roll

at St. Joseph Church

March 29, 2026

after 10:30 Mass



Rain Date April 4, 2026 at 10:00 am