



# ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF THE FIVE TOWNS

Saint Joseph + Our Lady of Good Counsel + Saint Joachim

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Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026

“See how the woman is led step by step to a higher understanding. First, she thought Jesus was some lax Jew who was transgressing the law.... Then, when she heard about living water, she thought it meant material water. Afterwards, she understands it as spoken spiritually and believes that it can take away thirst. However, she does not yet know what it is, only understanding that it was superior to material things... The woman says to him, ‘Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst nor come here to draw.’



Observe how she prefers him to the patriarch Jacob for whom she previously had had such veneration.”

-St. John Chrysostom

# *from the* PASTOR

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Last Monday night, as I was teaching the high school students, the opportunity presented itself to speak about Venerable Francis-Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuận, the former co-adjudging Archbishop of Saigon. Because of his faith and family connections, he was imprisoned in a communist re-education camp for thirteen years, nine of them in solitary confinement.

The reason why I brought up Venerable Francis-Xavier, was because of the Mass. For those fortunate enough to have heard him speak, or even to have read his book, [The Road of Hope: A Gospel from Prison](#), know about his incredible life. In prison, the Archbishop would celebrate the Mass daily, with a fragment of bread and a drop of wine in his hand, even though it would mean his life if he were caught. The question I posed to my students, what would cause a man to defy death in such a way? The only answer we arrive at when faced with this question, is that he was embracing the totality of Life.

Maybe there are times when we do not fully understand what it is that we are receiving in the Eucharist, or times when we are distracted during Mass, or even avoid it altogether. What we encounter in the Mass, specifically in the Liturgy of the Eucharistic, is the Eternal Word of the Father, through whom all things came into being and receive life, having become one of us, in all things but sin, offering Himself at the Last Supper and on the Cross, to the Apostles, under the appearance of Bread and Wine. When the priest speaks the words of Christ over the bread and the wine, we are united with the offering of the Cross and the Last Supper. It is all One Mass. Whether we are in St. Joseph, St. Joachim, Our Lady of Good Counsel, or any other Catholic or Orthodox church throughout the world, or throughout time, when we come together at the Altar of God, the Mass is One. It is Christ offering His Body and Blood for us to consume.

There is nothing else as Holy or as important in the world than what we receive under the appearance of bread and wine. This is why Cardinal Francis-Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuận defied death to celebrate it in his prison cell. It is why Irish priests and lay people risked execution to celebrate the Mass during the Penal Laws. Why our ancestors in the Faith risked slavery, torture and death in the Roman Empire, in India, and throughout the ancient world. It is the reason Christians profess the Faith and desire the Eucharist at the risk of death at the hands of Islamic fanatics and communist governments in our current age. We defy Death, because what is offered to us is the fullest reality of Life.

Over the next several weeks, we continue to prepare ourselves, through Lenten sacrifice and prayer, for the celebration of our Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. During the time of the Triduum, we will celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, which is the commemoration we are called to participate in every Sunday, and every time the Mass is celebrated. Let's ask for the grace to remember what we are receiving.

Pax,

Fr. Henry

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Pastor**

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Ofori  
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**RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**

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

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Our Lady of Good Counsel**

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

**The Parish of Saint Joachim**

614 Central Ave.  
Cedarhurst, New York 11516  
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**FIVE TOWNS  
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Business Manager for the  
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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**

**+ + +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, MARCH 9

9:00 AM Special Intention Carlo Jean-Louis (living) St Joachim

### TUESDAY, MARCH 10

8:00 AM No Intention OLGC

8:30 AM No Intention St Joseph

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

8:30 AM No Intention St Joseph

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

### THURSDAY, MARCH 12

8:00 AM No Intention OLGC

8:30 AM No Intention St. Joseph

### FRIDAY, MARCH 13

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

### Saturday, MARCH 14

8:30 AM Steven L. Smith St Joseph

5:00 PM Joseph Musso, Michael Saurino St Joseph

### Sunday, MARCH 15

9:00 AM Jose Alfredo Tolentino OLGC

9:45 AM Hannah, Dennis and Kevin O'Rourke, Cristina & Rosario Maiorano, P J O'Rourke, Angela Vella St Joachim

10:30 AM The Parishioners of the Five Towns Parishes St Joseph

11:00 AM Jenny, Jerry & Ralph Raiola, Salvatore & Angelina Sarro, Salvatore Castro OLGC

## *Celebrants for Next Sunday*

### **Saturday March 14**

8:30am - Fr. Henry

5pm - Fr. Prince

### **Sunday March 15**

9:00am– Fr. Gustavo

9:45am– Fr. Henry

10:30– Fr. Jijo

11:00am– Fr. Jim

## **MASS ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION FEBRUARY 28 & MARCH 1**

### **SAINT JOSEPH**

5:00pm - 157

10:30am - 237

TOTAL - 394

Collection – \$3,811

### **SAINT JOACHIM**

9:45 - 87

Collection - \$1,343

### **GOOD COUNSEL**

9:00 - 345

11:00 - 96

TOTAL - 441

Collection – \$2,717

TOTAL ATTENDANCE

922

**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, 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, Elizabeth Lukasik, 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

**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**



Terry Halloway  
Carmelo Galluzzo  
Adriana Vardaro  
Noemi Roa

**FOR THOSE BAPTIZED IN CHRIST**




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

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

**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."**

Saint Joseph	Saint Joachim	Our Lady of Good Counsel
Altar Bread & Wine:	 <p><b>Rose For Life</b> <b>Loving Mom</b> <b>"Theresa Mancini"</b></p>	Altar Bread & Wine:

*Easter Egg & Roll*  
*at St. Joseph Church*  
*March 29, 2026*  
*after 10:30 Mass*



Rain Date April 4, 2026 at 10:00 am

## Lenten Devotion – Stations of the Cross

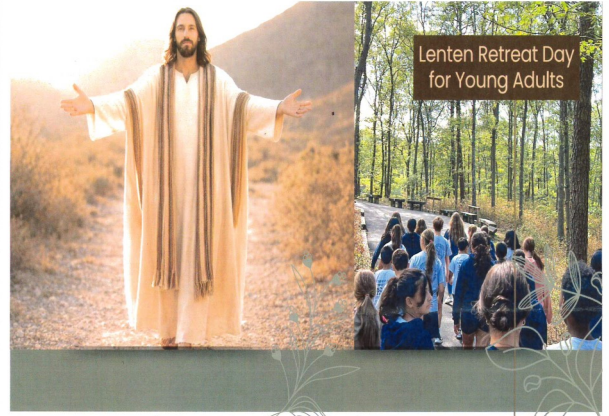


The Lenten Season 2026 is upon us, and hopefully we'll all prepare spiritually for Easter. An excellent opportunity for that is joining together to pray the Stations of the Cross, when we follow the Savior, carrying with him the cross on the way to Golgotha.

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

St Joseph	St Joachim	Our Lady of Good Counsel
Fridays at 7:30pm	Fridays before Mass at 8:30am	Fridays at 7:00pm (In SPANISH)

Join us!



Lenten Retreat Day for Young Adults

# "I am the way, the truth and the life"

John 14:6

A Retreat for Young Adults  
(age 20s & 30s)

### Retreat Highlights

- Spiritual Formation
- Stations of the Cross
- Adoration & Confession
- Fellowship & Music
- Mass

**SATURDAY**  
**MARCH 14**  
**10am to 4pm**



Fr. Bernard, SMM

Bring Your Own Lunch

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**Shrine of Our Lady of the Island**

631-325-0661  
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*The Mothers club*



Come join us March 13 and/or April 3  
for the 2026 Lenten



And/or



**At St. Joseph church in the Cafeteria**

Starting at 6:00 - 7:30 to be followed by the stations of the cross.

Price PP \$20.00 includes:

Fish, French fries, Coleslaw, Pizza, Water, Soda, Juice.

Please let us know your preferred Dates and if you want fish and/or

pizza for accountability, please contact:

Rocco: 516 316 7702 or rsm629@gmail.com

James: 516 526 3142 or austin2733@aol.com

Paul: 516 859 3843 or prdoud@gmail.com

Dates: 13th \_\_, 3rd \_\_, Fish \_\_, and/or Pizza \_\_.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ how many in party \_\_\_\_\_?

Pre-payments preferred walk-ins welcome!

Proceeds will be donated to CAF (Cooley's Anemia Foundation)



## Annual St. Joseph Dinner

March 19, 2026  
6:30-10pm

### LOCATION

The Inn at New Hyde Park

**\$80.00 per person**

Cocktail reception and full dinner, beer/wine and soda included. Cash bar, St Joseph Pastries



For further information, please contact  
Laura Roventini @ (516) 659-5772



**Special collection next weekend. Please be generous to this appeal.**

**Catholic Relief Services Collection – March 15, 2026**

**Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection.**

**Funds from this collection to provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).**

La próxima semana nuestra parroquia realizará The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Los fondos de esta colecta proporcionan alimento al hambriento, ayuda a los refugiados desplazados y llevan el amor y la misericordia de Cristo a los pueblos vulnerables aquí y en el extranjero. La próxima semana, por favor, contribuyan generosamente a la colecta y revelen el amor de Cristo a los más necesitados. Infórmense más acerca de la colecta en [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**GOOD FRIDAY PRO-LIFE PUBLIC OUTREACH EVENT**

**The Long Island Coalition for Life is holding a GOOD FRIDAY SILENT VIGIL ON BEHALF OF PREBORN CHILDREN**

**on APRIL 3, 2026, from 10:30AM to NOON,**

on the public sidewalk in front of Nassau University Medical Center (2201 Hempstead Tpke., East Meadow). Pro-life adults, teens and families are invited to take part in this peaceful Face the Truth event as a visible reminder that abortion is not healthcare. As thousands of preborn human babies' lives continue to be lost on Long Island through abortion, it is critical that this tragedy not be forgotten. Positive pro-life action can save lives! Your participation for even part of the time is important. Signs provided or bring your own (pro-life, no political signs). Information: 631-243-1435; [info@prolifeLI.org](mailto:info@prolifeLI.org).

**MISSION: TEEN ENGAGEMENT**

**Long Island Pro-Life Youth Club**

**Pro-Life Conversations**

**Thursday, March 12, 2026**

7:00pm - 8:00pm

Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library

999 Old Country Road, Plainview (Room D, front lobby)

Junior High & High School students invited.

The guest speaker will give his personal testimony of the loss of his child from abortion.

Fathers ache, too!

Please join us and help build a culture of life.

Info: [fortyDFLLI@gmail.com](mailto:fortyDFLLI@gmail.com) (Celeste)

The LIPLYC is a non-denominational independent club. Students in private or public school or home-schooled, and of any faith (or no faith) are welcome.

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## Life Center of Long Island—Hempstead

Since 1986 The Life Center has been empowering pregnant and parenting women by providing them with the resources and emotional support needed to take care of themselves and their children and enable them to make healthy decisions for their future. Skilled consultants are available to provide information, guidance, hope, and After Abortion, Counseling, Material Assistance, Maternity Clothes and Baby Items, Other Counseling Options, Other Support, Parenting Classes, Peer-to-Peer Support, Pregnancy Options, Support for Men

**Email:** [infoma@lifecenterli.org](mailto:infoma@lifecenterli.org) **Phone:** 516-408-6300

**Website:** <https://lifecenterli.org/> **Address:** 474 Fulton Avenue, Hempstead

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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

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**ST. JOSEPH'S FOOD PANTRY**  
516-569-0834

E-Mail: [foodpantryhewlett@gmail.com](mailto: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.  
Email: [olgcla@aol.com](mailto:olgcla@aol.com)

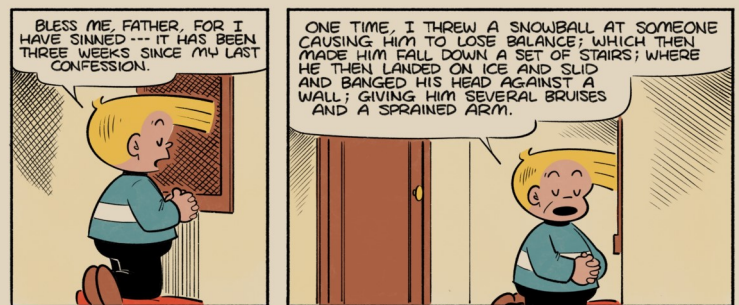
**Saint Joachim Parish Outreach**

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.....

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.



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Cor exists to form and strengthen Catholic men through prayer, formation and fraternity. Join us!

*A once a month mens prayer meeting at St. Joachim's church @ 7P.M. March 2<sup>nd</sup>, April 7<sup>th</sup>, future meetings will be held the first Monday of each month.*



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