# Holy Name of Jesus Church


## Parish Office

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Rev. Michael T. Maffeo, Pastor
Rev. Msgr. Richard Bauhoff, P.E.
Deacon Chris Sisinni


**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

## Mass Schedule

### The Lord's Day

Saturday
5:15 p.m.
Sunday
10:15 a.m.
Korean Mass
9:15a.m. Children's Mass
12:00 p.m.

### Weekdays

Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m.
Rosary Follows Mass

### Holy Days

As Announced

### Confessions

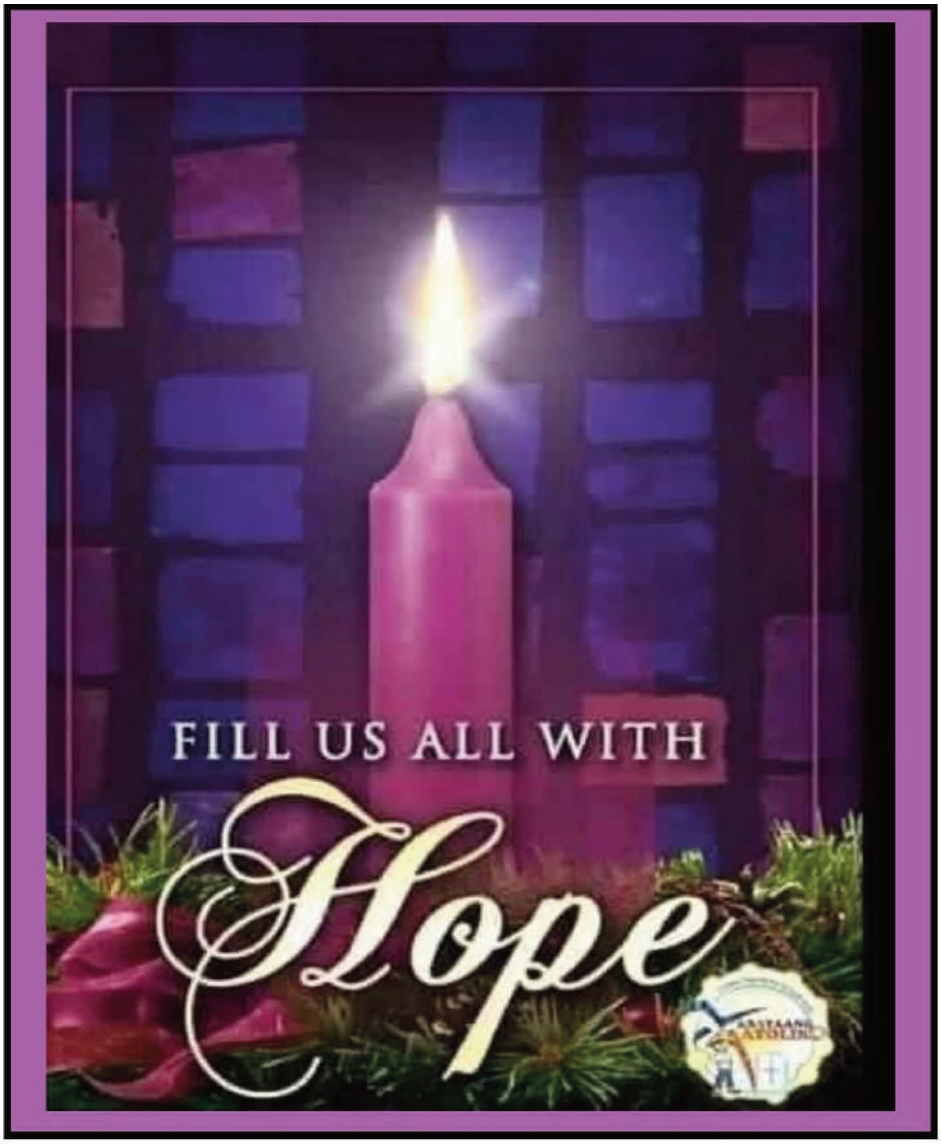
Saturday
4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### St. Padre Pio Devotions

1st Friday of each month
7pm Holy Hour with confessions following 8pm Mass

### Wednesday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

after 9:00am Mass
till 10:30am




**November 30, 2025 First Sunday of Advent**

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*"All powerful God increase our strength of will for doing good, that Christ may find an eager welcome at His Second Coming, and call us to His side in the Kingdom of Heaven. Father in Heaven; our hearts desire the warmth of your love, and our minds are seeking the light of your word. Increase our longing for Christ, so that at the dawn of His coming He may find rejoicing. Amen"*

This prayer tells us what our focus should be as we begin our new Liturgical Year. The Church begins its year, a month or so, before the secular new year, so we can prepare ourselves for the great gift of Christmas. However, the Church is not focusing on the celebration of Christ's Birth the way the secular world does. While we all love some of the images, let's face it who does not love Santa and Rudolph, and do not forget the Christmas Specials, while they are entertaining and full of cheer, they for the most part forget Jesus. The Church calls us to a better focus, The Advent Season reminds us that Christ is coming again, and we must be ready. While it seems strange that we begin the season with its ending, we are really reminding us why God sent His only Son to be one of us in the first place.

Our readings, especially the Gospel readings, again tell us to stay awake, because we do not know when Christ will come again and that would mean that the world has come to its completion. In today's reading, Jesus comments on how people were acting just before the days of Noah. They were living their lives with no regard to God or others. They refused to listen to Noah, and by the time they took notice it was already too late. Jesus is telling us that we must be attentive to God's voice and live out the Gospel teachings. If we stay awake, allow ourselves to be prepared, and make Christ the total focus of your life you are closer, however there is one more thing. To fully get ready, we must be open to receiving the power and the Grace of God the Holy Spirit. By doing this we are not only ready to celebrate His Second coming, but we are also truly preparing ourselves to celebrate the first coming.

When we see the Son of God as an infant, we see His innocence, humility, love and holiness. Remember on Christmas we celebrate the incarnation of God as one of us. As I often say, at Christmas humanity became better than before.

***Happy First Week of Advent***
***Fr. Mike***

# WEEKLY MASSES

**Sunday November 30th, 2025**
**First Sunday of Advent**

**The Focus**- *Stay awake, for you do not know when the Lord will come.* In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah describes a vision of an ideal time of peace when all nations will come to the mountain of the Lord. Saint Paul urges the faithful of Rome to be ready, for the time of salvation is nearer now than when they first believed. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples that they must stay awake, for they do not know when the Son of Man will come. He gives examples throughout history of people not being prepared.

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**Saturday, 11/29/25-Weekday**
5:15pm Ida Montuori
Michael & Violet Sardo
Scalise & Sardo Family
Blaine Family
Christopher John Santanelli

**Sunday, 11/30/25-First Sunday of Advent**
10:15am People of the Parish
James Barry
Virginia Ammirati
Stephen Michael Calascione
Milovan Uckar
Thomas Marston

**Monday 12/1/25-Advent Weekday**
Manuel Lema

**Tuesday, 12/2/25-Advent Weekday**
Cyrus & Marjory Rumore

**Wednesday 12/3/25-St. Francis Xavier**
Toni & Robert Uckar (Living)

**Thursday, 12/4/25-Advent Weekday-St. John Damascene, Priest**
Blanche Serena (Living)

**Friday 12/5/25-Advent Weekday**
Antonetta & Pasquale Casagrande

**Saturday, 11/29/25**
Daniel 7:15-27
Luke 21:34-36

**Sunday, 11/30/25**
Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:37-44

**Monday, 12/1/25**
Isaiah 4:2-6
Matthew 8:5-11

**Tuesday, 12/2/25**
Isaiah 11:1-10
Luke 10:21-24

**Wednesday, 12/3/25**
Isaiah 25:6-10a
Matthew 15:29-37

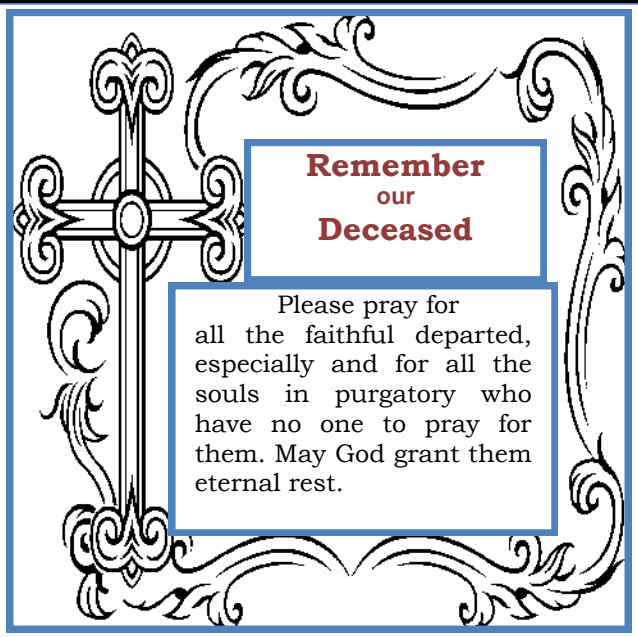
**Thursday, 12/4/25**
Isaiah 26:1-6
Matthew 7:21, 24-27

**Friday, 12/5/25**
Isaiah 29:17-24
Matthew 9:27-31

Christmas Flower Fund Envelopes

The Christmas Flower envelopes will be out for you to place the names of your loved ones that you would like Remembered and prayed for. Please return to the rectory or the collection baskets, thank you.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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The **9:15 am** & **12 noon Korean Masses** will be celebrated by Fr. Matthew

**11/29/2025**
**5:15pm Mass**

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| Celebrant | Msgr. Richard Bauhoff |
| EMHC | Russell/Johnston |
| Readers | P. Wentz |
| Sacristan | Herrera |
| Music & Cantor | Tom Stallone |

**11/30/2025**
**10:15am Mass**

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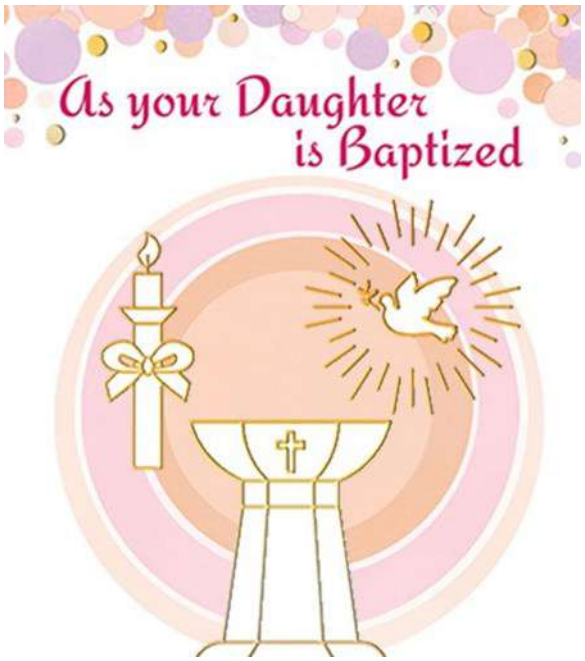
| Celebrant | Rev. Michael T. Maffeo, Pastor |
| EMHC | Pawliw/Santana |
| Readers | B. Onglengco |
| Sacristan | Onglengco |
| Music & Cantor | Tom Stallone |




## With Joyful Hearts, We Welcome Our Newly Baptized

*Sienna Charlotte Contorno*

**ST. MICHAEL'S PRAYER**

**Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do though, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.**

## FAMILY PRAYER

***Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love.***

***Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day.***

***Help us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love.***

***Amen***

## Hymnn Corner

**A hymn that first appeared in the Rippon hymnal is "How Firm a Foundation." No one knows who wrote it, but many scholars believe that it was Keene. In the United States, the hymn became part of "the history of our common Christianity." The theme of the hymn is expressed in the first verse:**

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled? The remaining verses are based on other promises made by God in Isaiah 43:2,2 Corinthians 12:9, Hebrews 13:5, and, verse 2 of the hymn, Isaiah 41:10:**

**Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, I will still give thee aid. I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**The initial title of the hymn was "Exceedingly Great and Precious Promises." Indeed they are! As with all of God's promises, they are comforting at a deep level. Why fear? God is with you. Why be dismayed?**

**The God of the universe is your God; a God who will strengthen you and help you; a God who will uphold you with a hand that can do anything.**

Holy Name of Jesus Church

Proudly invites you to join us as

we celebrate the Installation of

Our New Pastor

Fr. Michael T. Maffeo

By

Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski

On Sunday November 30, 2025

At our 10:15am Mass

Please join us for light refreshments downstairs.

This significant event marks the beginning of a new chapter in our parish and we are excited to gather for a worship service to formally welcome him.

# Pasta Night

Holy Name of Jesus invites you

to Pasta Night

Please join Fr. Mike, Msgr. Bauhoff and Deacon Chris
Monday, December 15th at 6:00pm

PLEASE RSVP WITH THE RECTORY BY
DECEMBER 10TH

**ANNIVERSARY MASS**

*Mark Your* **CALENDAR**

**Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the Annual Anniversary Mass in memory of Joseph Mario Reali, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Joseph Mario Reali Council #16261 on Saturday, January 31, 2026.**

**The Rosary will be prayed beginning at 4:30pm followed by the regular 5:15pm Mass.**

**Reception to Follow**

# Holy Name of Jesus Giving Tree

**On November 28th we will be setting up our annual Advent Giving Tree in the narthex of the Church. Once again, this tradition will provide us the opportunity to help the less fortunate. We hope to be providing gifts to the INN of Long Island for around 100 children and adults. As we did in 2024, we will be doing a combination of gifts and gift cards.**

**Your wonderful generosity in the past has been greatly appreciated. Everyone is invited to participate in this heartwarming Holy Name of Jesus family Advent project.**

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Take a tag from the tree. If children take a tag, please make sure it is signed for on the provided sheets.**
2. **Fill in the sign-up sheet with all necessary information. Please be clear and accurate about this.**
3. **When returning, place the cut off top portion of the tag with the number taped to the gift. If you are returning a gift card, please DO NOT leave it under the tree. Place it in the basket at Sat/Sun collection or bring it to the Rectory.**

**All gifts must be returned to the church by DECEMBER 16TH. It is very important that we receive all gifts by then. They will be picked up within the following week.**

**IF THERE ARE NO TAGS LEFT ON THE TREE AND YOU STILL WISH TO HELP, THE INN WOULD APPRECIATE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING GIFTS –blankets, T-shirts (men's), hats, scarves, gloves and toiletries.**

Holy Name of Jesus Church
Rev. Michael T. Maffeo, Pastor

# 2025 Advent Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 30 November<br>Light the first violet candle on the Advent wreath, symbolizing Hope. Reflect on the source of your hope in Christ and what it means in your life. | 1 December<br>Be intentional. As soon as your alarm goes off, rise and kneel before a crucifix. Offer your day—and this entire season—to God with purpose and reverence. | 2<br>Decide how you will draw closer to Christ this Advent—through intentional prayer, acts of penance, charitable giving, or participation in the Sacraments. | 3<br>Read Luke 1:26–38, where Mary's "Yes" made way for the coming of Christ. Ask for the grace to respond with your own "Yes" to God's will in your life. | 4<br>Set out your empty nativity scene as a sign of anticipation of the coming of the King. Gradually add the remaining figures throughout the Advent season. | 5<br>Attend First Friday Mass, in honor of Jesus' Sacred Heart. "O Sacred Heart of Jesus, make my heart like yours." And He will. | 6<br>St. Nicholas of Myra<br>Call or visit your parish office and ask who needs help this Christmas. Then do something about it — quietly, as St. Nicholas did. |
| 7<br>Light the second violet candle for Peace. Pray for the "peace which surpasses all understanding" (Philippians 4:7) for yourself and whoever needs it most. | 8 Immaculate Conception<br>God preserved Mary from sin so that she could be the mother of Jesus. Attend Mass and pray for our country. It is a holy day of obligation. | 9<br>Make a small sacrifice today, offered solely to God. It is even more meaningful if it's done in secret, as encouraged in Matthew 6:18. | 10<br>Prepare your heart and soul to welcome the King. Participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and encounter the mercy of God. | 11<br>Advent is a busy season for parishes. Consider calling or emailing your parish office to ask how you can offer your time and support. | 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe<br>Mary's miraculous image reveals a profound mystery of Christmas (John 1:14). Take time today to pray for expectant mothers and the gift of new life. | 13<br>"If you have two shirts in your closet, one belongs to you and the other to the man with no shirt" (St. Basil the Great). Donate gently used clothing you don't need. |
| 14<br>*Gaudete Sunday*<br>Light the rose candle for Joy to mark the halfway point to Christmas. | 15<br>Offer the slow of patience when you're irritated, a smile when you're weary, and a kind word in place of judgment. You will touch hearts in ways you'll never fully realize. | 16<br>Harboring unforgiveness burdens the heart and disrupts inner peace. Pray for the grace to let go, so you can move forward in freedom and healing. | 17<br>Only nine days remain until Christmas. Place a lamp or candle in a window as a sign of welcome for the Christ Child. | 18<br>Visit the Blessed Sacrament, where Jesus fulfills His promise to remain with us (Matthew 28:20). Take this time to renew your faith in His unwavering love. | 19<br>Today, refrain from recreational screen use between 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Offer this sacrifice for those who struggle with screen-related addictions. | 20<br>Share the joy of the Gospel—gather a group of friends and go caroling to bring the Good News to others through song. |
| 21<br>Light the final violet candle, symbolizing Love—awaiting the coming of Christ, the ultimate expression of the Father's love (John 3:16). | 22<br>The King is coming—prepare to welcome Him. Take time to ready your home as a reflection of the joy and reverence in your heart. | 23<br>Discern which Advent practices you feel called to carry beyond Christmas. Which ones deepened your relationship with God? Which ones strengthened your capacity for charity? | 24<br>*Rejoice!*<br>Tonight, place the Christ Child in the manger and rejoice! | *"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn"* (Luke 2:1-7). | | | |

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# Help Us, Help Our New Mom's this Christmas Season!!! Gift Cards Greatly Appreciated!

We hope you might be able to assist us this year with a donation of various Gift Cards so that we can support our families in need with Christmas gifts and experience the Spirit of Christmas especially with their new babies.

In preparation for Christmas, we ask if you are able to donate Gift Cards or other items please contact your respective center for either drop-off or pick-up information to help with our families this Christmas Season.

**Please deliver Gift Card donations to any of our locations by Monday , December 8th.**

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**Thank you in advance, for making a new Mom's Christmas Special!**
**Merry Christmas from The Life Center**

# A Celebration of Mary

**Sunday December 7 2025**

**10 am to 2 pm**

Journey to the Heart of Mary through Theology, Spirituality and the Arts!

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| 9:30 am | Registration |
| 10:00 am | Holy Mass – Msgr. Steven R. Camp, Celebrant |
| 11:00 am | Theology & Spirituality of Mary<br>Msgr. Steven R. Camp, Seminary Rector and Pastor, Church of St. Patrick, Huntington |
| 12:00 Noon | Beauty of Mary, A Reflection on Marian Art<br>Erin McAtee |
| 1:15 pm | Lunch |

***Register on-line:*** ***www.icseminary.edu/events***

***R.s.v.p. by November 30***

**Tree of Lights Remembrance**

The Guild of St. Francis Hospital provides an annual Christmas opportunity to honor and remember living or deceased family members, friends, healthcare professionals and/or colleagues by including their name(s) on its *Tree of Lights*, displayed in the hospital lobby through Monday, Jan.5, 2026.

A Special *Tree of Lights* Honoree Mass will be celebrated in the St. Francis Hospital Chapel on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 5 PM. All are invited to attend. Donation *Acknowledgement Cards* will be supplied to donors to give to honoree(s) or their family to inform them of your donation.

*The donation is $10* per name. Order forms and a *sample Acknowledgement Card* are on display in the church vestibule.

**Mail-in deadline: December 20, 2025.**

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

# ADVENT REVIVAL NIGHT

with adoration, a talk, live music & candlelight procession

*at*

**Saint Joseph Church**
130 5th Street, Garden City, NY 11530

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025

**7:30pm Holy Hour**
*with* a reflection by
Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be available in the church until midnight.

**Upcoming Revival Nights**

**Monday, December 8** (en español)
Saint John of God Church, Central Islip

**Monday, December 15**
Saint Thérèse of Lisieux Church, Montauk

**Monday, December 22**
Saint Ignatius Loyola Church, Hicksville

# 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

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The Eucharistic Revival has enkindled a missionary fire in the hearts of the American faithful. Going out on Mission - for the life of the World is the most important phase, where we go out and share the love of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist to transform the world.

Faith is alive in our parishes and schools, soup kitchens and housing programs, on street corners and in churches. It is lived through people of all backgrounds, from every neighborhood. People everywhere come together to support one another.

It is in this spirit that the Catholic Ministries Appeal exists: to bring support and build strong communities through faith and your generosity. Every year, the annual Catholic Appeal provides us an opportunity to realize the difference we can make when we act together in God's love.

Please consider joining us again this year by making a gift to the 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

**100% of every dollar raised is restricted to fund the objectives, programs, and mission supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal.**

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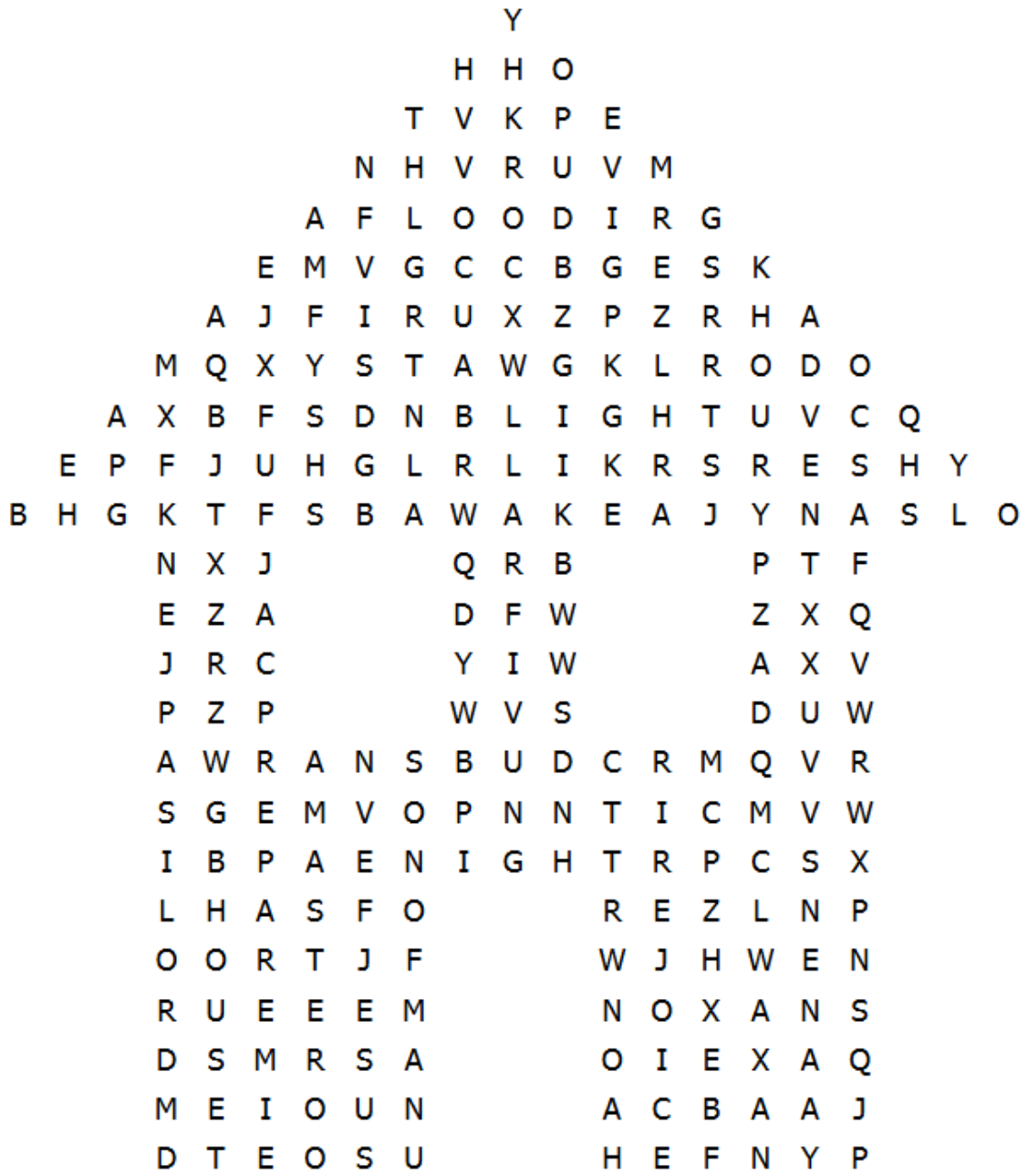

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# SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

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