We celebrate the Eucharist
Sunday Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Church
Sunday Church 7:00am, 8:45am, 10:15am, 11:45am, 5:00pm
Nolan Hall 9:30am
Nolan Hall 11:30am Misa Dominical Español

We celebrate the Sacraments
Baptism
Parents are requested to call the Parish Office at least two months before child’s birth to make arrangements. New Parents’ Instruction Class will be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 7:30pm to 8:30pm in Room 257. Baptism is celebrated every Sunday of the month at 1:30pm except during the Lenten Season.

RCLA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Anyone who wishes to join the Catholic Church should call the Parish Office.

Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturday 4:00 to 4:45pm in the Church or call the Parish Office for an appointment.

Marriage
Couples are requested to call at least six months before the wedding for an appointment with a Priest or Deacon to set the date and make arrangements. No arrangements can be made by phone.

Anointing of the Sick
Fourth Saturday of the month at the 9:00am Mass or call the Parish Office.

Welcome to all new parishioners. We invite you to register at the Parish Office.

Fourth Sunday of Easter + April 26, 2015
For Our Deceased

Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Anthony Mulder, Louis J. Cardona, Anna A. Conner, Josephine Kaczanowski, Terrence Michael McCullagh & Jerome F. Bonser, Jr.

Altar Rose

In memory of Arlene Sutton

For Our Sick


PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE

BANNS POSTED

FIRST TIME ~ NICHOLAS HARNETTE & ERIN JOYCE

REFLECTION FOR TODAY ~

Palm/Passion Sunday Cycle “B”

To be good stewards we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, “leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf.”

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

On Friday, May 1st, “Please Join Us for One Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9pm to 10pm in Church.”

**THE SACRAMENTS OF LIFE**

~FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED~

Nikko Anthony DiMaria, Gerlando Faldetta, Jr., Natalia Rose Figalora, Stella Nicole Horner, Brody Robert McKenna & Benjamin Jordan Thoman

**MASS SCHEDULE & READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

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*Deacons & Presbyters Preach at Weekend Masses*
Greetings to One and All,

Since April is National Poetry Month, I thought I’d take
This opportunity to share a poem with you, entitled

_EASTER COLLAGE LAUNCH_

Can you feel the waves between cross and resurrection days?
Like darkness yielding to light, or morning triumphing over night;
like dreary moods fading away, or long-time drudgery ceding to play,
visible in human eyes and well-worn faces, Resurrection displays God’s true graces:
like burdens surrendered at crosses, or victories triumphing over losses;
like old wounds finally healing, and some stony hearts’ reborn feeling.
Good Friday’s sadness cannot remain when confronted by Easter’s refrain:
like Alleluias! rescued from obscurity, or doubts replaced by surety;
like faith chasing away one’s fears and joy sponging up abundant tears.

How wondrous is our God’s paschal care, an earth-to-heaven divinity stair.

With love,

_Father Chris_

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**Save The Date**

**Sunday, June 14, 2015**

_Fr. Seth N. Awo Doku,_

Will be celebrating his _25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ._ Come celebrate a joyful
Mass of Thanksgiving with Fr. Seth and our Faith Community of St. Joseph on Sunday, June 14, 2015. Fr. Seth will preside at the 11:45am Mass in Church, and the Eucharist will be followed by a reception.

_All are welcome, and more details will follow._
Winners of the 2015 L.I. Coalition for Life Pro-Life Oratory Contest for high school age students will be first on the agenda to present their 5-7 minute speeches on Mon., April 27, at 7:45 PM at the L.I. Coalition for Life meeting to be held at Joseph Barry K of C Council Hall, 45 Heitz Place, Hicksville. All are welcome. For information call 631-243-1435.
About Our Honoree . . .

With the role of pastor of a parish on Long Island continuing to evolve, the Church of St. Joseph has been blessed to have had Msgr. Christopher Heller in that position for the past decade. During this span the parish has expanded participation in ministries, successfully completed a capital campaign, and managed to celebrate the 100th anniversary of our Church building. Fr. Chris, as he is affectionately known, has been the impetus for all of these major activities, but has also done much behind the scenes to make our parish one of the shining examples of Catholicism on the South Shore of Long Island.

Not limited to administration, Fr. Chris has long been deeply involved in both liturgy and liturgical music, and he is also regular on Telecare with a show on which he introduces a priest or deacon reading the coming Sunday’s Gospel, and a homily based on it. A dedicated and engaging family member, Fr. Chris also shares his passion for cooking with the lucky bidders who gain his services for a gourmet dinner for ten which is auctioned at different parish social activities. Not only do guests enjoy his culinary expertise, but they learn the warmth and commitment of his pastor.

Having a golf outing as the a parish’s major fund raiser to support the Outreach Ministry was Fr. Chris’ brainchild, and its increasing financial success has enabled the parish to continue its much needed ministries at a time when weekly collections have not kept up with the rising costs of the parish. It seems only fitting that honoring Msgr. Christopher Heller recognizes his decade of service to the parishioners of St. Joseph and hopefully allows him to see how much he means to all of us.

50/50 Raffle Tickets will be sold in advance outside of the Church following each Mass on the following dates
April 25th & 26th, May 2nd & 3rd and 16th & 17th. Cash or Checks accepted. Checks made out to St. Joseph Parish.
Fourth Sunday of Easter - Cycle B

Parish News...

JOIN THE CELEBRATION

Sunday, April 26, 2015

Fr. Joseph Arevalo

is celebrating his 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ.

Come celebrate a joyful Bilingual Mass of Thanksgiving with Fr. Joe and the whole Faith Community of St. Joseph On Sunday, April 26th, 2015 at 11:45am in Msgr. Nolan Hall

The Eucharist will be followed by a reception in Fr. Joe’s honor, and all are welcome!

If anyone has any photos of Father Joe from previous years and would like to donate them for our gallery and gift album, please drop them in the Parish Office Attn: Kathy Knott
Elizabeth McCaul

Elizabeth is a parishioner at St. Dominic’s in Oyster Bay, a mother of seven children and grandmother. Elizabeth joined Promontory after serving as the Superintendent of Banks of the State of New York, where she was responsible for the supervision of some of the world’s largest institutions and most of the foreign banks operating in the United States, as well as community banks, mortgage companies, and the overseas banking activites of investment banks and insurance companies. She is currently the Chief Executive Officer at Promontory Europe Partner-in-Charge, New York Office. She is former Board Member of Futures in Education, which helps families send children to parochial school in Queens and Brooklyn.

Gail F. Sullivan

Gail is a Parishioner of St. Joseph in Babylon, a wife, mother, and grandmother. Currently a Trustee at Catholic Charities of Long Island, Board Member of Mission & Ministry at Catholic Health Services of Long Island and Chair of Mission & Ministry at Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center. She is a Past President of Babylon Rotary Club and a Past President of the Guilds of Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center.

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2015: Loving Others as Christ Would

Catholic Ministries

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Strengths Workshop

Strengths “Reunion”
Coming in May!
Save the date:
Wed., May 27 at 7pm

A fun night for:
Anyone who has attended a Strengths Express Workshop, small group support sessions
or if you’ve completed the Strengths finder and know your “Top Five”
then this night is for you!

More details to follow
In the meantime, keep using your God-given strengths!

And if you haven’t yet discovered your “Top Five” Strengths,
then call Jane at (631) 669-0068 x159 ASAP
or e-mail her at stewardship@stjosephsbabylon.org
She’ll tell you how you, Too, you can attend the “Reunion”!
Elder Care Workshops

at St. Joseph Parish in May!

Save these dates!

Tuesday, May 5 at 9:45am
Frederick J. Kramer, Esq.
Elder Law Attorney
will speak about
these important issues:
  • Creating a Last Will & Testament
  • Steps you can take to Protect your Assets
    • Powers of Attorney
    and other elder care matters

Tuesday, May 12 -
9:45am or 7:00pm
Steven Kaufman
Financial Advisor, Allstate Insurance
will speak about final expense options
“Honest answers to one of
the toughest questions in life”.
Join us for a frank discussion about
this sensitive subject

Parish Center in Room 257
Fourth Sunday of Easter - Cycle B

Membership Organizations

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

St. Joseph the Carpenter Council #14771
is a Membership Organization of St. Joseph Parish.
Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age and older.

Meetings are normally held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month
at 8PM in the O'Connell Room.

For membership information contact: Larry Dell’Erba at 539-8565.
For additional information about the Knights of Columbus and
St. Joseph the Carpenter Council:
Just Google “Knights of Columbus St Josephs”

JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF
THE AMERICAS

Join us for the
Mother/Daughter
Breakfast

“Dress for Success” is our
theme. All are welcome to bring used
but in good condition business clothing placed in crisp shopping bags, to
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McCormack, Campus Minister for the
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ALL MEN, WOMEN AND
CHILDREN OF THE PARISH
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This traditional presentation of prayer and
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days of worship.

Others will be refreshed as we pray the rosary and
offer our colorful Spring flowers in procession to
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 13th, 7:30PM
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What the Bible Says About
"The Rapture"

You may have seen movies about “the Rapture.” Or, maybe you have seen the bumper sticker: "Warning! In case of Rapture this car will be abandoned!” And, you might have come across or read the Left Behind series of books.

Christians of all times have lived in faith-filled hope and expectation of Jesus’ return. Today, many Catholics have been caught up in the popular hype that all "true" Christians will soon disappear from earth in a "Rapture".

We invite you to join us in a thought provoking, open discussion on "The Rapture" as we examine the biblical interpretations behind this curious doctrine.

Thursday, May 21st, 2015
7:00 – 9:00 PM
O’Connell Room

Please register so materials can be prepared for you.

Contact Carol Pellegrino at 631-587-3511 or jcjmpell@optonline.net

Brought to you by St. Joseph Parish
Adult Enrichment Ministry
Visit us at www.stjosephsbabylon.org under the Ministries menu
**Coming in June!**

**Our Second! Appetizer & Dessert Party**
*(A night of food, fun and fabulous music)*

**Friday June 5, 7pm-11pm**

**O’Connell Room**

**At St. Joseph Parish, Babylon NY**

There’ll be a variety of appetizers, desserts, wine, and soda plus musical entertainment by **Dave Anthony Class Act**

**Admission:** One donated appetizer or dessert  
Per person/couple **PLUS** $15 each  
**Adults only please**

Watch the website and bulletin for ticket sale info coming soon!
Pilgrimage to Lourdes of Litchfield, CT
SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015—$35 per person
Bus leaves the Parish promptly at 7 AM
Approximate return to Parish at 8 PM

Fee includes bus ride, gratuity and a donation to the Shrine
Meals not included, café on premises or bag lunch options
Non-refundable check due by April 16th payable to Church of St. Joseph (brought to Parish Office)

Highlights include:
Group Mass, Way of the Cross, Grotto & Benediction

For more information contact Joan Graham at (631)422-9288 or babylonjj@aol.com

Brought to you by St. Joseph Adult Enrichment Ministry
My Good Deed for the week was: Georgia donated clothes to the Thrift Shop, Julian helped at the Good Friday service, Evelyn, Thomas, Quinten and Nick helped their brothers, Owen walked with someone who was lonely, Emmett played a game that someone brought him that he thought he didn’t like, Carisaa was nice to her brothers, Dillan helped with the laundry, Tristan cleaned his room, Hannah helped her dad, Kristen set the table, Joseph took care of the dog and Hannah, Maggie, Baron & Timothy washed the dishes, James, Susamma, Marta & Ava helped their moms, Joseph helped his gym teacher, Alexander honored his parents, Nicholas helped a neighbor, Brendan, Julia & Grace fed the birds, Cameron took out the trash, Julia helped prepare for Easter, Jade helped her grandpa, Paul helped clean, CJ made lunch for his family, Nick helped pack, Elizabeth helped with the groceries & Liam carried his injured friend to class.

Brooke & Richard prayed, Sarah, Madeline, Reese, Sarah, Courtney, Kaitlynn & Gia cleaned, Timothy fed the pets, Michael, Madison, Erika, Kate, Megan, Kaitlyn & Michelle helped around the house, Patryk helped his parents, Sophia was kind, Ryan & Ava helped set up for Easter, Sara, Katherine & Christopher cheered up a friend, Dean bought his sister a gift, Katherine & Connor prayed more and helped others, Anna read a book to her sister, Carli gave gifts to her family at Easter, Meghan supported a friend with difficulties, Kylie, Kayla & Alex helped others, Morgan made a cross for someone, Olivia helped with the baby, Richard & Jonathan helped their moms, Edward took out the trash, Ben spent time with his family and Felicia spent time with her friends.
Faith Formation

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry is open to all in Grades 6—12.

FAITH + FUN + FRIENDS + FOOD = YOUTH MINISTRY
Skating was a lot of fun. 175 Teens. 14 Parishes represented. And NO injuries. It is wonderful to get our teens together with faith-filled teens from other Parishes. We danced, laughed, and prayed as Catholic Youth Unite!
Check the website for more photos.

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Please always check the website for last minute changes:  www.stjosephsbabylon.org

Monday 4/27—YG Meeting Grades 8—12. 7pm in the Madonna Room. Enter thru Hospitality Center. Catholic Action Teens—don’t forget to have “Hobby Lobby” info ready! Video Teens—“Just because you can, doesn’t mean you should” working on skit & video Newcomers—please join us! There’s lots to do and we have fun doing it. 7:00—8:30pm.

Cruise to Nowhere—Wednesday, July 19th 6pm out of Freeport. Permission Slips are on the website. Tickets $30. If you are joining us $30 and Permission Slip must be in by May 1.

BAKE SALE IN MAY TO BENEFIT OUR TEENS GOING TO STEUBENVILLE NYC. Keep watch for details! If you are interested in baking for us, please let me know. Thanks!  MAY 23RD & 24TH

Our Teens have been busy—
Thursday we made 202 sandwiches for the Soup Kitchen!

Friday—we joined about 500 Teens at St Ignatius for Holy Hour.....Eucharistic Adoration followed by fellowship. Teens got to “sit with Jesus’ in Adoration, Listen to a great Seminarian Band, meet with Little Sisters of the Poor and socialize with one another — AWESOME NIGHT. Mark your calendars—Friday, May 15th next Holy Hour ! ! JOIN US.

Monday—some of our Teens attended the Catholics for Freedom of Religion Presentation. We learned a lot!
Outreach

Save The Date

St. Joseph Thrift Shop Tag Sale
June 13, 2015
9am ~ 3pm
Gymnasium

Please join us for a day of fun and community. Find great deals on household items, toys, books, jewelry, baby items and much more. All proceeds go to Parish outreach.

If you or anyone you might know would like to volunteer with our Tag Sale please call the Outreach office for more information at 631-669-4544.

Social Ministries

Thank you for your Food Pantry Donations!

Our Food Pantry is most in need of the following items: Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Rice, Coffee, Apple Juice, Fruit Cups, Grape Jelly, Cereal, Paper Towels, Shelf Stable Milk, Toilet Tissue, Shampoo, Soap, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes and Reusable Grocery Shopping Bags.

GIFT CERTIFICATES from supermarkets are in demand and would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your past and future donations.

Thrift Shop News

ALL Clothing: 1/2 price
ALL Vases: 1/2 price
All Kitchenware's: 1/2 Price
All Luggage: 1/2 Price

***JEWELRY NEEDED***

IMPORTANT NOTE:
Please DO NOT leave any donations on the outside steps when the Thrift Shop is closed.

St. Vincent de Paul

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul 669-4544.

Today, we celebrate “Good Shepherd Sunday” where we reflect on Jesus’ love and care for us. This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent DePaul was able to be “Good Shepherds” to the hearts of the poor, by assisting many families, providing food and help with utility, rent and other bills. God Bless You!

A woman in the parish is in need of a used car to get to and from her job. If you can donate a car, please call us at Outreach 631-669-4544. THANK YOU!!!

Our next meeting is Monday, May 4, 2015 at 9:35am in room 256 of the parish center. All are invited to attend.
**The Sociable Singles**

**St. Joseph Sociable Single Seniors**

Planning a day trip to the famous Greenwood Cemetery and the Brooklyn Navy Yard to view a WWII exhibit, on Thursday, September 17, 2015. The cost of the trip is $105.00/person, and includes: bus transportation, lunch at Junior's Restaurant in Brooklyn, and all taxes and tips, Including the Bus Driver's tip. This is an open invitation to all interested parishioners. If you would like to join us on this exciting day trip, please call Lorraine DeCanditis @631-553-0160 for further details and payment instructions.

**Bereavement Support Group**

**COPING WITH GRIEF ON MOTHER’S DAY WORKSHOP**

Mother’s Day can be a particularly difficult time for someone who has lost a loved one. Please join the Bereavement Specialists of Good Shepherd Hospice for a free workshop offering encouragement, education, coping strategies and support. The Workshop will be held at Good Shepherd Hospice Administrative Office, 110 Bi-County Blvd., Suite 114, Farmingdale, NY on Thursday, May 7, 2015, from 7PM-8:30PM.

Registration is required. Please call (631) 465-6262.

**Informational Forum...**

**VIRTUS TRAINING**

For all adults who volunteer or plan to volunteer at St. Joseph are required to attend one session/ all others welcome to enhance the safety and protection of our children. (Register on line or walk in early)

The next VIRTUS sessions at St. Joseph will be on **TUESDAY, April 28th.**

There will be 2 sessions: 9:30am and 7:00pm in the O’Connell Room. All new employees and volunteers are required to attend - all parents are welcome to attend - WALK-INS must arrive early to register.

***NO ONE ADMITTED LATE***

To register for one of the sessions, please sign up online at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org).
Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I can recall growing up my mom and dad taught my brother and me certain standards of conduct that we were to follow in the company of others. Many of these as I recall had to do with how we behaved in the presence of a woman. Perhaps with today’s standards these guidelines would be considered antiquated, passé, or maybe even sexist. We were taught when we spoke with a lady we were to remove our hat if we were wearing a hat; we were to look directly at the woman, or the man for that matter and speak in a civil tone; and we were NEVER to use an obscenity of any type in front of a woman. Not that we were allowed to use obscenities at any other time. If my mom overheard my brother or me using an obscenity we were promptly marched to the bathroom to have an encounter with a bar of soap. I always smile when I watch the Christmas movie with “little Ralphie” who speaks of the different piquant of bars of soap. How I knew those tastes, intimately! It is this last piece of using obscenities that I’d like to opine about.

Today not only does it seem acceptable to use obscenities in public but it seems much of today’s society embraces obscenities as if they were the preferred adjective to employ. It seems I cannot watch a movie without the most vulgar of language being used as if it was impossible to make the point without using vulgarity. Has our mastery of the English language experienced so much of a decline that we cannot converse with each other without using obscenities? My mom would refer to these words as “oral filth.” I must admit it makes me wince when I walk down the street and hear young people shouting obscenities at each other as if this is the acceptable way to converse. Is there anything we parents and grandparents can do to help our young people, to help people in general understand that we can communicate with each other utilizing far more intellectual and yet simple words.

I can’t state definitively whether or not my adult children use obscenities in their homes or among themselves and their friends. I can attest to the fact they do not use this type of language in my presence for I would not tolerate its use. And they are aware of this fact. Am I a Holy Roller, or old-fashion? Perhaps. And I’m okay with that.

Deacon Barry
Reflections

RETIRING NUMBER 2

As a parish we are blessed in many ways, one being the opportunity for family members or dear friends to share a thought or two about a departed loved one at the Mass of Christian Burial. Such is not the case in all Catholic churches on Long Island, and I was disheartened when I attended the funeral of the mother of a good friend and not a word was said on her behalf. It was not because no one could do it; after all, she did leave eight children, 19 grandchildren, and 19 great grandchildren. Add a few spouses to the mix, and the odds would indicate someone could have easily and readily approached the ambo, had such permission been given. So, Rita, this one’s for you…

Rita Hanifan lived the kind of life we all aspire to lead. A Catholic Daughter for 75 of her 92 wonderful years, Rita never left the church in which she was baptized and where her final farewell was held. I came along when her oldest was in high school and, coming from a family of four, marveled at how she and her husband John managed to keep things afloat. They instilled in their children a deep sense of commitment to each other, and as they grew older, each spouse was lovingly accepted by the other siblings. While most mothers did not work in those days, Rita became a school bus driver and found herself with even more children to fancy. This was good practice because soon the grandchildren arrived and she was able to make each one feel special…as demonstrated, for example, by her traveling to Chicago last May for a college graduation. Never one to miss an opportunity to be with her family, Rita made a point of traveling from Florida to Ohio to Maine and to New York to see her children and their families at least once each year.

All the while, however, Rita remained a woman of great faith. And with her extended family now numbering 72, she knew that life would present challenges along the way. Her love might not be able to solve every problem, but her prayers, she knew, would help more than perhaps any advice she could give. Prayer was a daily part of her life.

The Hanifan family long ago assigned numbers to family members, and Rita was number 2. I am sure she is now at peace with number 1, and that numbers 3 thru 72 (the latter having arrived in February) will be guided by the love she had for each and every one of them.

PRAYER

Gracious God and Loving Father, we know that the Saints in Heaven are prime examples of the way we should live our lives and that they are also intermediaries to act on our behalf. You also send contemporaries where we can see firsthand reflections of Your ever present love for us. Give us the Grace we need to recognize these people and to emulate their journey to eternal life. We ask that You loving welcome the soul of Rita Hanifan into Your kingdom and bring comfort to the many she leaves behind. This we ask in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Stewardship...

Stewardship Sound Byte

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who stand ready to assist their neighbors through attendance and support for community activities such as police, fire and rescue.
Catholic Charities Job Opening

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS – Residential Services
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News From Outside the Parish

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The Sisters of St. Dominic
Spring Event ~ “a Chorus Line”
Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at John Engeman Theater in Northport. Coffee/dessert at 6pm show starts at 8pm. Tickets are $100pp, for more information call Sisters of St. Dominic Development Office 631-842-6000 ext. 238.

Our Lady of Grace is
Looking for a Cook!
Do you like to keep others healthy and happy through a talent for cooking? Would you like a part-time job as a cook for the priests at Our Lady of Grace in West Babylon? We have an opening! The job is three evening meals a week (Mon-Tue-Fri) at 6pm for up to three priests (with very occasional guests). Simple, healthy meals are what we look for – nothing elaborate. The job also involves some shopping for fresh goods (major items come in through a delivery service), and packing of leftovers, cleanup, etc., for a total of twelve hours a week. Safe-environment training and background check are required, as for all parish / diocesan employment. If you’re interested, please e-mail Fr. Vin Rush with relevant experience at frvin@ourladyofgrace.net. The position is open immediately and will be held until a suitable candidate is found. Thank you.

Magnificat, a Ministry to Catholic Women
We cordially invite you to attend a dinner on Wednesday, May 20th at The Pompeii Restaurant in West Hempstead, from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Our speaker for the evening is Sister Marie Therese, a CFR Sister of the Renewal, who will be sharing her amazing story of conversion and God’s call to a religious vocation. The cost is $40 per person. Reservations must be received by May 13th and mailed to: Judy Murphy, 42 Pinehurst Street, Lido Beach, NY 11561. Please direct all inquiries to either Judy Murphy at (917) 453-5750, or Angela Rizzo at (516) 763-1739. Thank you!
INTERCESIONES POR LA VIDA

Que la alegría de Cristo resucitado, nos pueda dar todo el amor por el don de la vida;

Roguemos al Señor:
Señor, escucha nuestra oración.

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RECONCILIACIÓN: Sábado a las 4:00pm o llamar para una cita, al Tel. # 669-0068 ext. 104.

UNCION DE LOS ENFERMOS: Llamar a la oficina principal (631)669-0068 Ext. 100.

CURSILLO DE CRISTIANDAD: Los invita a vivir un fin de semana con Cristo. Tenemos Ultreya todos los domingos a las 12:30pm. en el Salón # 256. Mas información llame a María Giler @ 516-428-9449.

RENOVACION CARISMATICA: Tiempo de encuentro con Dios. Les invitamos a experimentar el amor de Dios de una manera diferente al escuchar un mensaje de buenas noticias y esperanza para su vida y la de su familia. Todos los viernes a 7:15 p.m. Para mas información llame a Ana Ramos. (631)617-2129.

COMUNIDAD DE MARIA: Siguiendo los mensajes de María Reina de la Paz y sobre temas de María en general) - Sábados de 7:00pm-9:00pm. Comunicarse con Adriana Mascari, al (631) 587-3072 - (631)681-0005.

COMITE: El primer sábado de cada mes a las 10:00am en el salón # 256. Para la agenda, llamar a Ana Ramos al Tel. 631-617-2129.

ROSARIO: Domingos a las 11:00am en la Capilla.

HERMANAS UNIDAS: Todos los segundos domingo de cada mes, en el salón # 259, después de la misa.

EL APOSTOLADO DE LA CRUZ: Todos los jueves de 9:00 - 11:00am en el Salón # 252A. Comunicarse con Adriana Mascari al Tel. (631) 587-3072 o Luz Marina López al (631)321-6861.

INTENCIONES PARA UNA MISA: Ver a Herminda y Ana Elia López después de la misa.

CORO: Ver a Mirella Flores después de la misa.

HORA SANTA: Cuarto domingo del mes, inmediatamente después de la misa de las 11:30am.
A mis queridísimos papá y mamá, ahora doy gracias al Señor que vuestros esfuerzos, oraciones, y buen ejemplo no se quedaron inútiles en mí. Con todo mi cariño y gratitud.

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