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office hours

parish office
Mon to Thurs. 9:00am to 4:00pm, 7:00 to 9:00pm
Fridays Closed
Sat 9:00am to 1:00pm

cemetery office
Monday to Friday 9:00am to 12:30pm
Please call in advance to make an appt. during these hours.

faith formation office
Mon to Thurs 9:00am to 4:00pm
Fri Closed

hispanic office
Fri 7:00 to 9:00pm

outreach office
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM
Other times by appt. (669-4544)

food pantry
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM
Other times by appt. (669-0068 x 128)

thrift shop
Mon, Wed, Fri 10:00am to 3:00pm

parish phone numbers [area code 631]
Parish Office............................. 669-0068
Cemetery Office....................... 699-0068 Ext.107
Faith Formation........................ 587.4717
Nursery School......................... 661.4559
Outreach................................. 669.4544
Hispanic Community................. 669.0068 x131
Thrift Shop.............................. 669.5574
Youth Ministry......................... 669-0068 x 108
Fax ...................................... 669.9175

E-mail:parishoffice@stjosephsbabylon.org
WebSite: www.stjosephsbabylon.org

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 11:30 am Misa Dominical Español

Weekday Mass Schedule
Mon to Fri 7:45, 9:00am Church
Saturday 9:00am Church
Holydays See Special Schedule the Sunday before each Holyday

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.

RCC (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.

matrimony
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.
Sixth Sunday of Easter + May 10, 2015
The Sacraments of Life

Newly Baptized
Madeline Liz Candiano, Caroline Shea Doran, Phoebe Simone Klein, Brianna Areis Ramirez & Cameron Joseph Oppito

Preventing for Marriage
Banns Posted
First Time ~ Brian Patrick McIntyre & Meredith and Reiner Fehrenback & Krista Brancato
Second Time ~ Russell Hurst & Meredith Moffett, James Buckes & Sallyanne Arsenicos and Salvatore Bonsignore & Nicole Spinelli
Third Time ~ Nicholas Harnette & Erin Joyce

For Our Sick

Altar Rose
In memory of Frances Vidonic

For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Alaide R. Goncalves, Harry C. Marcellus & Aida Colomba-Maldonado.

REFLECTION FOR TODAY
Jesus’ commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself - my skills and talents, my time and resources - will best demonstrate my love for God’s people?
Father Chris Wants You To Know...

**PRAYER FOR PEACE**

Are you aware of how many news items in the last year have been devoted to events that involve the violation of God’s shalom, God’s peace, in addition to the loss of life and liberty of so many of our Christian sisters and brothers?

Are you willing to join a growing group of people who will step out in faith to pray for peace on a daily basis, and for the restoration of civil dialogue that respects all parties and allows them to both speak and to be heard?

Will you take this prayer to your gatherings of friends, neighbors and colleagues, inviting them to join us in working and praying for peace, in ways that cast off prejudice and hurtful pride, so that we may all be one, as Jesus prayed so deliberately?

Please use the following prayer wherever and whenever you can, personally with our God and together with our friends, colleagues and faith community members, to allow the nurturing of peace in your own soul to become the seed of a new-found hope for all of us.

**Father Chris Heller**

Lord Jesus Christ,
you Who are called the Prince of Peace, who are yourself our peace and our reconciliation, who so often said “Peace be with you,” grant us true and lasting peace!

Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice and love, and banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace. Enlighten our rulers, that they may promote and defend the great gift of peace, and that we may all share the responsibility of protecting and nurturing that gift. May all peoples of the earth become as brothers and sisters, one to another, and may longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all. We pray in the unity of our saving God and Father, and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, both now and forever. AMEN.
Our Parish Mission Statement

The Parish of St. Joseph is a Roman Catholic Community of Christ’s Disciples: We Welcome. We Worship. We Witness.

Sacrificial Giving

Thank you for your generosity in returning to God and God’s work some of what God has given to you.

Actual Collection $21,365.00
Budgeted Collection $23,895.00
(-2,530.00)

God bless you!

Liturgy...

We Assemble for Prayer

The Eucharist
Each day and each weekend, we celebrate the Eucharist, the Summit & Source of Catholic Christian Spirituality.

Rosary
We pray the Rosary before the 9:00am Eucharist Mondays through Saturdays.

Benediction
We celebrate Benediction on the third Sunday of the month at 2:30pm in the Little Chapel.

Nocturnal Adoration
A Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament is offered on the First Friday of each month, from 9:00pm to 10:00pm in the Church.

Prayers for Our Service Men & Women

We continue to pray for the following military personnel and their families:

U.S. Navy:
PO3 Joshua D. Benoit
Lt. Michael Catalano
Romy Freeze
Lt. John T. Izzo
Lt. Caroline Mayer
PO2 Kristen Tice
PO1 Rasheen Tice

U.S.M.C.:
Sgt. Lauren Colantrpo
Sgt. Colin M. Leitch
Malik Rodriguez
Nelson Sanchez, Jr.
Sgt. Christopher Dragon

U.S. Army:
SPC Elliot Chodkowski
SSG Josuah Insull
LTC John Kallo
SSG David C. Ray
Eric Stein
LTC Jon J. Uebel
PVz Danny Bornschein
Pvt. Edwin Zambrano
PFC Dominick Pititto

U.S.A.F:
Maj. Matthew G. Bland
AB Christopher Signoretti
SSGT Brandon Ward

U.S. Coast Guard:
PO1 Benjamin Flad
Capt. Matthew W. Sibley
F.A. Madison Mulders

LAZARUS MINISTRY

On Saturday, May 16, 2015 at the 9:00 AM Eucharist, we will have our monthly Liturgy for the Commemoration of the Dead. All those who have lost a loved one, at any time in the past, are invited to join us. We especially welcome the family and friends of those who have died in the previous month or whose anniversaries occur during this time.

A table will be placed in the Baptistry for family members to place pictures of those who have died. A lectern will be set up for family or friends to write the names of those to be remembered at the General Intercessions. There will also be an opportunity to remember each loved one by name in the Book of the Dead.

Members of the Lazarus Ministry will be present to welcome you and to offer guidance; please let them know when you arrive. For questions or further information, please call Barbara Schade, 968-8793.
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 liturgical 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 their 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.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
10th Annual Golf Outing
Southward Ho Country Club
Bay Shore, New York
Monday, May 18, 2015
ENTRY FORM
NAME: ____________________________
ADDRESS: _________________________
PHONE: ___________________________

PACKAGE / SPONSORSHIP / ITEM NUMBER(S): ________________________________

List names of golfers:
1. __________________________________________
2. __________________________________________
3. __________________________________________
4. __________________________________________

Sold by: ______________________________________________________

Ticket(s) for Dinner at $125 per person

Please send your check, payable to St. Joseph Church and this entry form to:
Theresa O’Donovan
St. Joseph Golf Outing
39 N. Carli Avenue
Babylon, NY 11702

For further information call or E-Mail: parishoffice@stjosephsbabylon.org
631-669-0068 ext. 107 or email: parishoffice@stjosephsbabylon.org

This Weekend, 50/50 Raffle Tickets will be sold in advance outside of the Church following Mass on May 9th & 10th. Cash or Checks made out to St. Joseph Parish accepted.
Parish News...

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.

Honor Roll News

Congratulations to our student parishioners attending St. Anthony’s High School. We are very proud of these students who have received honor roll certificates for the Third Quarter!

Father Chris

St. Anthony’s High School

Alyssa Adamo
Christopher Adamo
James Boos
Kyle Buser
Kathleen Bynon

Melissa Bynon
Elizabeth Castello
Diana Castello
Jacqueline Colon
Devan DeRubio
Joseph DeVita

Joseph Harding
Katelyn McKevitt
Kendall McMillan
Mary Mikowski
Christopher Mulford

Emilio Niland
Bridget Sands
Emma Seegers
Jenna Trentalange
Caroline Vindell
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 activities 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

Please: Make a Difference in Someone’s Life by donating to the Catholic Ministries Appeal.
Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal
Parish ________________________________ Pledge: $ ________
Name ________________________________ Down payment: $ ________
Address ____________________________________________________________
City, State, Zip: _____________________________________________________
Phone: ______________________________ Signature: _____________________
Date: ____________________________

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Strengths Workshop

Attention: Anyone who knows their “Top-Five ” Strengths:
We have a new date for our Strengths “Reunion”!

You’re invited to a “Strengths Reunion” Night

**Wednesday, May 27**

7:00pm—8:30pm in the O’Connell Room

A Wine & Cheese Celebration with
friends old and new

If you’ve done the Strengthsfinder and know your top-five God-Given strengths,
then join us for an evening of affirmation, faith-sharing and community-building!

So we can plan for you,
let us know you can make it: either call Barbara McNulty at (631)669-0068 x108 or e-mail her at youth@stjosephsbabylon.org
By Wed. May 20!
Save The Date...

Coming in June!

Join us for our 2nd 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 Per Person

Adults only please

Tickets on sale in the Parish Office!
ALL MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF THE PARISH ARE WELCOME TO THE MAY CROWNING OF MARY

This traditional presentation of prayer and honor to Mary the Mother of God will take some of you back to your childhood days of worship. Others will be refreshed as we pray the rosary and offer our colorful Spring flowers in procession to Mary Our Mother.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13th, 7:30PM in the O’CONNELL ROOM
(doors open 7pm – come early – bring a friend)

Sponsored by
The Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Court Bishop McDonnell #1403

Requirements are simple:
100 word essay, describing what “Attending Catholic High school means to me.”
Please fill in below application information

Student Name: ___________________________
Address: _______________________________
Telephone No: __________________________
Date of Birth: ___________________________
School and Grade attending in September 2015: __________________________

Before June 30th 2015

MARCH 16th - 4th Sunday of Lent

This year the girls put their energy into a “MOV-A-THON”, jumping rope, hula hooping and dancing to fulfill the collection of sponsorship support from the community. Now the girls will vote on which of the many deserving service organizations they will support with the proceeds from this event. Junior Catholic Daughters are a small group of young women making a BIG difference in our community.

JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Membership Organizations

Knights of Columbus

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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
Thank you From Father Joe...

TO THE GOOD PARISHIONERS OF
ST. JOSEPH AND MY DEAR FRIENDS...

The very warm and sincere outpouring of love and concern of all of you, our parishioners of St. Joseph, and dear friends at my 50th Ordination Anniversary is a clear indication of the kind of Parishioners and friends we have in this Parish.

Unworthy as I am, I want to extend my heartfelt “Thank You” to all of you who participated in my celebration as well as those who could not come due to some responsibilities, for your great love in a form of your fervent prayers and for the many generous gifts you’ve given me. I will continue to offer special Masses and prayers for all of you and your families for your goodness and generosity that the Good Shepherd may reward you all with special blessings.

May the Good Lord bless you,
Fr. Joseph V. Arevalo

Elder Care Workshops

Tuesday, May 12, 2015
9:45am or 7:00pm
Steven Kaufman
Financial Advisor,
Allstate Insurance
will speak about
final expense options

Parish Center in Room 257

Elder Care Workshops at St. Joseph Parish in May!

“Honest answers to one of the toughest questions in life”. Join us for a frank discussion about this sensitive subject.
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 May 11th 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
New Family Registration – Please bring the original baptismal certificate for each child you plan to register, even if your child was baptized here at St. Joseph. The annual registration fee is $130 for one child, $195 for two children and $250 for three or more. We would appreciate payment or partial payment when registering. All new families must be registered with the parish before registering with Faith Formation.

Re-Registration forms have been mailed out. Please return your completed forms to the Faith Formation Office before May 1st to enter into a drawing for a free registration.

Please register early and reserve your class day and time. If you are unable to pay at this time you can either send a partial payment or visit the Outreach Office to talk about your options. We cannot guarantee you will get your first choice if you wait too long to register.

We have been notified of our Confirmation date. We will be celebrating Confirmation for our young people on Wednesday, November 4, 2015, at 10am and 1:30pm. Msgr. Jim McNamara will preside for us. There is always the possibility that the vicar may have a change in schedule, requiring another bishop/vicar to attend.

“BIG BROTHERS” is a new concept in Faith Formation, having teen boys serve as big brothers/catechists, teaching boys prayers and stories about Jesus. The young boys responded well to having a role model to look up to.
HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!
Please remember to pray for your Mothers, Grandmothers, and all the special Caregivers in your life.

Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee. Blessed are Thou, among Women, and Blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen. And, Blessed Mother, please watch over our Police Men & Women as they work to protect our freedoms.

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

Monday 5/11—YG Meeting Grades 8—12. 7pm in the Madonna Room. Enter thru Hospitality Center.
Watching & discussing Harry Potter. Bring your favorite snack.
If you joined us last week—don’t forget your Image of Jesus!
Newcomers—please join us! There’s lots to do and we have fun doing it. 7:00—8:30pm.

Friday 5/15—Holy Hour at Sts Cyril & Methodius. 7—10pm. If you are joining us and need a ride, please let me know. We will be leaving St Joe’s by 6:30.

Service Team—several still have not picked up your t-shirts, please contact me.
Bake Sale bakers and sellers needed for all masses the weekend of 5/23 & 5/24.
Please sign up for your mass now so we know we have enough teens to cover the weekend.
Also—remember to keep checking the website for last minute opportunities for service and DO NOT Wait until the last minute to complete your service hours.

PBJ GANG is in need of copy paper boxes with lids —- would you please check with your school or office and see if they would be willing to donate a box or two?
Each copy paper box holds about 75 PBJ Sandwiches.

BAKE SALE IN MAY TO BENEFIT OUR TEENS GOING TO STEUBENVILLE NYC
Bake sale weekend: May 23 & 24th Pentecost Sunday/Memorial Day
Bakers Needed! If you can help us by baking or donating, please let me know. Thanks.

STEUBENVILLE NYC—August 7, 8, 9
We have 12 TEENS REGISTERED to attend this wonderful retreat experience this summer at St John’s University.

The cost per person for this weekend is about $275.
Perhaps you might be able to help sponsor a Teen?? Many thanks to those of you who have already donated to our sponsorship fund! Please continue to keep our teens in your prayers.

Thank you for your support of our Young Church!
Barbara McNulty 669-0068 ext 108
St. Vincent de Paul
Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul 669-4544.

On this Mothers’ Day, our society is grateful to be of help to so many of our “Mothers and Grandmothers” whom we assist in managing the financial problems in their families. Whether helping to pay a utility bill, repair a car, giving food, paying a medical bill or just lending an ear, we honor and support all moms and grandmothers for their love and care of all God’s children. GOD BLESS THEM ALL!

A woman in our parish is in need of a used car to get to and from work. If you can donate a car, please call Outreach at 631-669-4544. Thank You.

Social Ministries

Outreach

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

With sincere appreciation, Parish Outreach would like to acknowledge the following: Catholic Daughters of America 1403 made a donation to Outreach
In memory of Lydia Berger

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Thank you for your Food Pantry Donations!

Our Food Pantry is most in need of these items: Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Rice, Coffee, Apple Juice, Fruit Cups, Grape Jelly, Cereal, Paper Towels, Shelf Stable Milk, Toilet paper, Shampoo, Soap, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes and Razors (men & woman). GIFT CERTIFICATES from supermarkets are in demand and would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your past and future donations.

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Thrift Shop News

ALL Clothing: 1/2 price
ALL Toys: 1/2 price
All Linens: 1/2 Price

***JEWELRY NEEDED***

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

**St. Joseph Sociable Single Seniors**

The Next Meeting will be on Thursday, May 14, 2014 at 7pm. Please join us in the O’Connell Room. Dinner will be deli sandwiches, salad, dessert & coffee, the cost will be $10.00 pp. Please call Lorraine if you plan on attending. All checks should be made out to St. Joseph Church.

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

**St. Mary’s BEREA VEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:**

St. Mary’s Parish in East Islip is offering a free 8 week support group for adults who are struggling to cope with the death of a loved one. Registration is required for this group, which begins on Wednesday, June 10 through August 12, 2015 from 7:00-9:00 pm. Refreshments will be served. For information and/or registration, please call the rectory @ (631) 581-4266, x-100. Please note the groups are open to people of all faith denominations.

Thank You Note...

“The Lord is good to all…”
Psalm 145:9

April 2015

Dear Grace & the 1st graders who made those wonderful Easter cards for us,
Thank you so much for the care, love & faith in Jesus you put into those Easter cards. Our Residents loved them! Continue following & trusting in Jesus all the days of your lives!

Love,
Robert & our Barboursville Residents
XOXOXO
**A Miracle Morning**

I stumbled out the door of a mountain cabin where I was spending the weekend working with youth and their families at a rustic resort center. I had a 6:30 AM appointment to keep and squinted from the early autumn sun peeking over pine-blanketed mountaintops.

I was started by a voice behind me. “Today is a miracle!” I turned to find one of the teenagers following behind.

“How?” I asked her. It looked like it might be pleasantly warm later in the day. Otherwise, fairly ordinary. The word “miracle” seemed like an overstatement. Anyway, I wasn’t sure if I could handle much excitement this early in the morning.

“Think about it,” she smiled. “The sun rose, didn’t it?”

“Yeah.” I found it easy to hide any enthusiasm. It seemed to rise on every other morning without my getting involved.

“That’s a miracle! It is miraculous that the earth turns as it does. At night, the sun goes down and in the morning it rises. It just happens!”

I pretty much already had this figured out. I rubbed sleep from my eyes. I was also busy thinking about how to get a cup of coffee.

“And look at the mountains! Covered with trees and grass, they look so beautiful. And there,” she pointed, “a valley. It’s incredible.”

Was she always this perky? And shouldn't there be a rule against perkiness this early in the morning? Especially before coffee?

“Did you notice the wildflowers?” she continued. “It all smells so fresh and clean and so good.”

She took a deep breath and I thought I might have caught a sparkle in her eyes. Though it may have also been a trick of the light. “All of nature receives water and sunlight and everything it needs. Things grow and blossom – it really is lovely.”

Now I started to worry. I thought I was actually coming around. Well, a little bit, anyway. Is perkiness contagious? I felt something stirring inside. Up until then I thought this was just an ordinary morning in the mountains. I didn’t know what spell she was secretly weaving, but she had a point. It really was beautiful, even if there was nothing magic about it.

Then, with a smile that gave her pronouncement a note of finality, she said, “And best of all, it will happen again tomorrow. And the next day. And the next!” Then she sighed. “See? It's a miracle morning.”

In her poem “Aurora Leigh,” Elizabeth Barrett Browning wrote:

*Earth's crammed with heaven,*
*And every common bush afire with God:*
*But only he who sees, takes off his shoes,*
*The rest sit round it, and pluck blackberries...*

Along the early morning path, my friend had removed her shoes. For her, earth was “crammed with heaven” and “every bush afire.” It wasn't just perkiness; she had eyes to see what I had completely missed. I was, as Browning might say, sitting around plucking blackberries.

Deacon John
Reflections

“NUMBER 22 IN YOUR PROGRAM, NUMBER 1 IN YOUR HEART…”

It is not often that I write about someone more than once (other than myself, of course), but I think that the heroic Lauren Hill deserves another mention.

It was only last November when I heard of Lauren Hill. While most of the country was being bombarded with Brittany Maynard’s decision to end her life after being diagnosed with brain cancer and being praised in many circles, Lauren, also suffering from the same disease, was trying to make her college basketball team. She did, and, in a gracious gesture by the NCAA, the first game of the season was moved to an earlier date to ensure her availability to play. She did, scored a quick left-handed basket (a natural right hander, the disease forced her to use her left hand), and thrilled the sold out crowd of some 10,000.

Lauren played only a few minutes that day, got another basket that day, and played in four games, scoring 10 points in her college career. Having fulfilled her dream to play college basketball and knowing that her diminished skills would not allow her to be the sought after player once she was, Lauren then sought to bring attention to finding a cure for pediatric cancers and simply to live as long as she could and to enjoy life in whatever way it came.

We all have challenges in life and it is how we handle them that will bring us redemption. Our faith tells us that God is with us every step of the way. I suggest that He never gives us more than we can handle, although sometimes that seems very difficult to accept. If we pray and ask God to be with us, our burden will suddenly lighten, and we will more easily find the road we are to take.

At the end of the college basketball season, Lauren was given the national Most Courageous Player Award. Thanks to her efforts and her contagious effect on others to become involved, her charity, The Cure Starts Now, raised over $1,800,000.

Lauren was called home to God in April and will long be remembered for the grace and dignity that she displayed in living such a short life. Lauren Hill got it. She knew that hers was, perhaps, not the calling she wanted, but the calling God wanted.

Let us try to do the same.

PRAYER

"Life is precious. Every moment you get with someone is a moment that's blessed, really blessed."

Lauren Hill.

Stewardship...

Stewardship Sound Byte

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who seek out new opportunities to share their gifts to serve others through parish ministries such as Pre-Cana and Baptismal Preparation.
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Thank You!
As we join together to celebrate all the wonderful Mom’s in our lives, let’s also take time to remember and pray for all the thousands of Moms who worry about how they are going to put food on the table for their children this week.

More than 35% of the 300,000 people on Long Island who receive emergency food each year are children under the age of 18.

Please consider supporting the work of the Catholic Ministries Appeal so that we can continue to care for God's children and their families through our Parish Outreach programs and Catholic Charities.

Our hope is that each family will make a gift. We cannot ask everyone to consider the same size gift, but after prayer and reflection, each family is invited to make a gift in response to God’s generosity in their lives.

No gift is too small and all gifts make a difference in the lives of others!

For more information visit www.CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org or call 516-379-5210- ext. 2

Thank You!

Please make checks payable to Catholic Ministries Appeal.

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FAMILY, MARRIAGE AND INDIVIDUAL THERAPY

Family, marriage and individual therapy, provided by New York State licensed therapists, are available to our parishioners at 148 other parishes. This program, under the direction of Dr. George Giuliani, has been conducted in the diocese for the past 41 years for the convenience of parishioners. It is provided by the Catholic Counseling Center, which is independent of and not controlled or supervised by the parish or diocese. Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. For confidential information and appointments, please call Dr. Giuliani at the Catholic Counseling Center at (631) 243-2503 or go to our website at: http://www.thecatholiccounselingcenter.com

Would you like to spend some time studying the Theology of Grace, or examining the Gospel of Luke? Or perhaps you would like to learn more about Capital Vices, or Faith & Belief in the 21st Century or Celebrating Liturgy with Children? If you are interested in any of these topics, perhaps you would like join with our faith community as we explore the answers.

Graduate level courses in Theology are open to those seeking a Master’s Degree, or those not looking to pursue a degree, but who have an undergraduate degree (or its equivalent.) Workshops are open to anyone seeking to enrich their faith. If you are interested, please visit our website or call for more information regarding our tuition and courses. Summer Semester runs May 18 – June 30. Day and evening classes available. Classes run out of the Seminary of Immaculate Conception in Huntington or St. Joseph’s Seminary in Yonkers.

For more information call: (631) 423-0483 ext. 147
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Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, Santiago de Compostela and St. Theresa of Avila
11 Days: October 30 – November 9, 2015
Hosted by: Deacon Charles & Marlene Muscamera
St. Christopher’s, Baldwin, NY
Reverend James P. Mannion, Diocese of Rockville Centre
For full details call 516-223-4521
Or email: charlesmuscamera@yahoo.com

The National Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA
Saturday, October 10, 2015
Cost: $45 per person (non-refundable)
Departure Time: Promptly at 7:00am in front of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 24 Westminster Road, West Hempstead
Return time: Bus leaves the Shrine at 4:45pm. Depending on the traffic conditions, we should arrive in West Hempstead around 9pm.
For more info contact Debbie at (516) 538-0180

The West Islip Symphony Orchestra
Spring Concert
Sunday 7pm, May 17, 2015
at the Beech Street Middle School, Adults $10.00, Seniors $8.00, Students Free
For more information call 631-661-8348 or www.westislipsymphony.org

Our Lady of Mercy Academy In Syosset
is holding a free lacrosse clinic on May 14th for girls in grades 5-8. To register email Name, Age, Grade & Emergency contact number to olmalacrosse@gmail.com

Michael O’Brien: a Too Well-Kept Secret
BOOK TALK:
Come hear Fr. John Morrison speak about the novels of Michael O’Brien in the library at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday afternoon, May 17th, at 2 pm.

No registration is required and refreshments will be served.
Library at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception (on the fourth floor)
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News From Outside the Parish
**Intercesiones por la Vida**

Por todos los que han envejecido y están sobrecargados con el peso de sus años: no debemos olvidarlos, podríamos regocijarnos en el don que son para nuestras familias y nuestras vidas;

Roguemos al Señor:
Señor, escucha nuestra oración.

**Contribución Semanal**

Agradecemos a todos y a cada uno de ustedes por aportar su contribución para nuestra parroquia de San José.

“La unión hace la fuerza”

Colecta 05/03/15: $ 21,365.00
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$ (-2,530.00)

**BAUTISMO:** Tercer domingo de cada mes. Clase: Segundo domingo de cada mes. Venir a la oficina del Ministerio Hispano con dos meses de anticipación o llame @ (631) 669-0068, Ext. 131. Traer el certificado de nacimiento original del niño.

**RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS:** (RICA) Les invitamos a una preparación espiritual de conversión a la fe católica. Llame a la Sra. Julietta Mieles, al (631) 669-0068, ext. 131.

**CATEQUESIS DE NIÑOS Y ADULTOS:** Llamar a la oficina del Ministerio Hispano. (631) 669-0068, ext. 131.

**MATRIMONIO:** Las parejas que desean casarse, deben inscribirse con seis meses de anticipación. Llamar al Padre Joe Arévalo al (631) 669-0068 ext. 104. Llame a Ruth y Salomón @ 631-592-9474.

**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 Cristina Mieles @ 631-327-6141.

**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 @ 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 # 256, 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.
Una madre es...

- Esa persona que con toda delicadeza nos cuida en nuestra etapa de indecisión, nos enseña con amor a valernos en la vida y nos levanta con dulzura ante cada caída.

- Esa mujer, que no duerme cuando estamos mal, que vive en carne propia cada uno de nuestros sufrimientos y que se alegra con cada alegría y logro nuestro… como si fuera suyo.

- Es la mujer que está ahí, sin miramientos, sin egoísmos. Es el amor de Dios hecho mujer, el más sincero, el más puro. Que daría la vida por nosotros, si fuera necesario. Siempre deseosa de hacernos bien, y aunque como ser humano pueda equivocarse, nunca lo hace por maldad.

- Es el ser sublime con el que aprendemos el verdadero significado de la palabra AMOR, CONTENCIÓN, ENTREGA, SINCERIDAD.

No elegimos dónde nacer, nuestra madre tampoco nos elige, pero sea como sea que venimos al mundo, para ella somos lo más sagrado, lo más sublime y lo más hermoso.

Te doy gracias Dios, por la madre que me has regalado, porque ella con tu luz, me enseñó a ser lo que soy hoy día. Mis logros son tus logros madre mía. Son fruto de tus desvelos, de tus consejos y risas… y porqué no decirlo, muchas veces de tus lágrimas… que hoy ya adulto los valoro con ternura y los admiro por tu fuerza de no decaer nunca aunque muchas veces habrás sentido que ya no dabas más. Esto es lo que siento hacia ti, mi mamita, mi ángel, mi maestra, mi ejemplo… y MI MEJOR AMIGA.