pastoral staff
Rev. Msgr. Christopher J. Heller, Pastor
Rev. Joseph V. Arevalo, Associate Pastor
Rev. Seth N. Awo Doku, Associate Pastor
Rev. Francis A. Samuel, OIC Resident/Associate
Deacon Geoffrey R. Anisansel
Deacon Barry P. Croce
Deacon Michael J. Leyden
Deacon John F. Sullivan
Dr. Marie Drohan, Music Director
Mrs. Barbara McNulty, Youth Ministry Director
Ms. Claire Moulé, Faith Formation Director
Mrs. Marion Peckholdt, Nursery School Director
Mrs. Kathryn Raniere, Parish Outreach Director
Mrs. Jane Zollo, Parish Operations Manager
Stewardship Services Director

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 appointment 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

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.

RCA (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.

we welcome all new parishioners. we invite you to register at the parish office.
Seventh Sunday of Easter + May 17, 2015
**The Sacraments of Life**

**Preparining for Marriage**

*Banns Posted*

**Second Time** ~ Brian Patrick McIntyre & Meredith and Reiner Fehrenback & Krista Brancato

**Third Time** ~ Russell Hurst & Meredith Moffett, James Buckes & Sallyanne Arsenicos and Salvatore Bonsignore & Nicole Spinelli

**For Our Sick**

*Please remember in your prayers the sick of our Parish:*


**Altar Rose**

*In memory of Elizabeth Bossong*

**For Our Deceased**

*Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Frank Cappo, Cassandra Leigh Walter and Mary Haughey.*

**REFLECTION FOR TODAY**

*Jesus is the perfect steward - watching carefully over all who had been entrusted to Him by the Father and then sending them all out into the world in service. May I similarly protect and wisely use the gifts entrusted to me!*

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**Mass Schedule & Readings For The Coming Week**

**At this Mass, we remember:**

**Monday, May 18**

Acts 19:1–8, Ps 68: 2-5b, 6-7b, Jn 16:29–33

7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 Ed & Mae Culter

**Tuesday, May 19**

Acts 20:17–27, Ps 68: 10-11, 20-21, Jn 17:1–11a

7:45 Eugenia Mangi
9:00 William Shea

**Wednesday, May 20**


7:45 Intentions of Antonietta Spinillo
9:00 Michael McLoughlin

**Thursday, May 21**

Acts 22:30; 23:6–11, Ps 16: 1-2a, 5, 7-11, Jn 17:20–26

7:45 Adele Papaleo
9:00 Jean Leszczynski

**Friday, May 22**


7:45 Lauren Simek
9:00 Rita Shannon

**Saturday, May 23**


9:00 Gail F. Holub

**Weekend Celebrations** *(barring last minute changes)*

4:00 Confessions Today Fr. Seth
5:00 People of St. Joseph Fr. Francis

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**Seventh Sunday of Easter - Cycle B**

**Sunday, May 24 Pentecost Sunday**


7:00 People of St. Joseph Fr. Francis
8:45 Brian Moore Fr. Chris
9:30 People of St. Joseph Fr. Seth
10:35 George Young Fr. Chris
11:45 People of St. Joseph Fr. Seth
5:00 Dennis Collins Fr. Francis
In this Easter season of God’s grace, we rejoice in all of God’s blessings: on us, in us, around us, for us, and including us!

Some of the finest blessings come in getting to know new faith friends, including the following four newly-welcomed parishioners, all of whom have been connected with us through the RCIA process for adults. We also take this opportunity to thank the RCIA team leaders and members for their diligent work & hospitality all year round.

Luisa, Joe & Sara received all three sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. Debra was welcomed into full communion with Confirmation and Eucharist. Please keep praying for all four of them!

Fr. Chris
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 $26,110.00
Budgeted Collection $23,895.00
+ 2,215.00
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 Colantropo
Sgt. Colin M. Leitch
Malik Rodriguez
Nelson Sanchez, Jr.
Sgt. Christopher Dragon

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

U.S. Army:
SPC Elliot Chodkowski
SSG Josuah Insull
LTC John Kallo
SSG David C. Ray
Eric Stein
LTC Jon J. Uebel
PV2 Danny Bornschein
Pvt. Edwin Zambrano
PFC Dominick Pititto

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

Honor Roll News

KUDOS!!!
Congratulations to our student parishioners attending Kellenberg Memorial High School. We are very proud of these Student parishioners who have received second trimester honor roll!

Father Chris

Kellenberg Memorial High School
Brooke Baldassare
Zachary Baldassare
Alec Gany
Hollis Hansen
Luke Porcari
St. Joseph Golf Outing, May 18th

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
Babylon, New York
10th Annual Golf Outing
Proceeds to Benefit Outreach Ministry

Our Honoree
Msgr. Christopher Heller
Southward Ho Country Club
Bay Shore, New York

Monday, May 18, 2015
10:30am to 7:00pm

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. _______________________________________

Solicited 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. Caril Avenue
Babylon, NY 11702

For further information call:
Tel: (631) 669-0068
or E-mail: parishoffice@stjosephsbabylon.org

For all Golf Outing questions please call 631-669-0068
extinction or email: parishoffice@stjosephsbabylon.org

GOLF PACKAGES

1. Principal Underwriter $5,000
   Foursome, recognition as the principal event underwriter(s), four-hole sponsorships.

2. Dinner Underwriter $2,500
   Foursome, recognition as the dinner underwriter, three-hole sponsorships.

3. Eagle Foursome $2,000
   Foursome, sign recognition as a major partner, two-hole sponsorships.

4. Birdie Foursome $1,850
   Foursome, major sponsor recognition, one-hole sponsorship.

5. Par Sponsor $1,600
   Foursome, one-hole sponsorship.

SPONSORSHIPS

6. Driving Range Sponsor $500
7. BBQ Sponsor $500
8. Beverage Cooler Sponsor $500
9. Putting Green Sponsor $250
10. Hole Sponsor $150
11. Family Sponsorship $100

EVENT PACKAGES

12. Event Sponsor $1,000
    Includes 4 Dinner Tickets
13. Award Sponsor $500
    Includes 2 Dinner Tickets

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

14. Golf Only $400
15. Dinner Reception Only $125

Dinner and Awards
Our Golf Outing Event Includes:
Golf with Cart, Driving Range, Brunch, Dinner, Awards, Goody-bag, Prizes, Sunshine!
Caddies available at extra cost.
Parish News...

Join us **Today** for Hospitality Sunday!

Join us on the 3rd Sunday of each month for coffee, conversation and fellowship in Parish Gym. Starts after the 8:45am Mass through 11:45am Mass.

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.

Handymen and Carpenters Wanted

We’re looking for a few good people to help us build radiator covers for the Faith Formation Classrooms at the Parish Center to make the rooms safer for our students.

Work will be done on:
The week of July 13 &
The week of July 20
9am to 2pm

If you can offer a few hours of your time one or both of those weeks, Please call Jane for more information: (631) 669-0068 Or email her at stewardship@stjosephsbabylon.org

Many thanks!
Catholic Ministries Appeal 2015: Loving Others as Christ Would

The Diocese of Rockville Centre Wants You To Know...

Catholic Ministries
Parish
Goal 2015
Pledged
# of Gifts
Collected
Avg/Gifts
Goal %

Appeal Update
St. Joseph Church, Babylon
$136,000
$91,542.00
273
$56,865.75
$335.32
67.31%

17 May 2015

Please: Make a Difference in Someone’s Life by donating to the Catholic Ministries Appeal.
Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal
Parish
Name
Address
City, State, Zip:
Phone:

Signature: __________________________ Date: __________

Pre-register online at www.drvc-faith.org or forward the completed pre-registration form below. Mail to Debbie Coyne, Diocese of Rockville Centre, Office of Faith Formation, P.O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571.

Name ____________________________ Parish ____________________________
Address ____________________________________________________________
City, State, Zip: ____________________________ Phone: ____________________________

World Meeting of Families 2015
Philadelphia

Pre-registration Diocesan Pilgrimage To The Papal Mass Sunday, September 27, 2015

Location: Philadelphia
Cost: $25 (for coach bus)
Pick up Location:
St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre
Time: TBA
This is a pre-registration only
*You will receive an email at a later date to complete your registration and submit payment.
For more information please visit:
www.worldmeeting2015.org
Or contact Kathleen Logan
516 678-5800 Ext 236
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@stjosephbabylon.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!
Saint Joseph the Carpenter Knights of Columbus Council 14771 is proud to announce our Annual Scholarship Fund for any Registered Parishioner of St. Joseph Church who will be a freshman attending a Catholic High School in September of 2015.

The scholarship award is $500.00

Please mail application and essay to:
Mr. Richard Maerki
14 Buoy Lane
West Islip N.Y. 11795
Before June 30th 2015

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: ________________________________

Catholic Daughters
Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 10th, 2015
Doors open at 7pm. Prayer service begins promptly at 7:30pm in the O’Connell Room
Our guest speaker will be Sister Lenore From Opening Word

Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas

All Junior Catholic Daughters are invited to join us on Tuesday, May 19th in the O’Connell Room

Please No Photos

JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS
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.stjosephs Babylon.org under the Ministries menu
Our Nursery School is Great!

Saint Joseph's Nursery School
Learning & Growing Together
Do you know what your child will be doing in September?

Come see what makes our school special!
631-661-4559
41 North Carll Ave., Babylon Village
www.stjosephsnurseryschool.org

3 and 4 year old Pre-K classes
NYS Certified & experienced staff
Loving & caring child centered environment
Developmentally appropriate curriculum
GYM classes & Science Classes
Toddler Parent/child classes 12-36 months
Excellent teacher/child ratio
2, 3, 4 and 5 day programs

Outreach...

With sincere appreciation, Parish Outreach would like to acknowledge the following:

Patricia Filiberto made a donation to Outreach In loving memory of Lydia Berger.
Dolores Klimitzke made a donation to Outreach In loving memory of Lydia Berger.
Laura & Vincent Accardi made a donation to Outreach In loving memory of Lydia Berger.
Mary Anne & George Mathys made a donation to Outreach In loving memory of Lydia Berger.
Mike & Steve Markham made a donation to Outreach In loving memory of Lydia Berger.
Cara & Keith Fenstemacher made a donation to Outreach In loving memory of Lydia Berger.
Martha Campanile made a donation to Outreach In loving memory of Lydia Berger.
Eucharistic Ministers and Spouses...

Please join us for our
End of Season Wine and Cheese Gathering
Wednesday, May 20, 2015
at 7:30pm
In the O’Connell Room
A very Special Guest will be joining us...

CMA News...

2015 Catholic Ministries Appeal
Serving God by Serving Others

Monday is Memorial Day, and we would like to recognize and show our appreciation to all who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and the freedoms we enjoy.

We would like to ask you to take a moment tomorrow to pray for those that have served and are serving our nation. Many families have lost loved ones, and our military men and women that have survived will face countless struggles and challenges for the rest of their lives.

On Monday when we honor and celebrate their service and sacrifice, let us also remember the once homeless veterans, who because of your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal, have been helped through our ministries and programs like Catholic Charities Project Veterans’ Independence.

Thank you for your support! You make a difference in the lives of so many through your prayers and generosity!

To learn more about a Veteran who was helped by Project Veterans’ Independence, please visit our Web Site at: catholicministriesappeal.org to view our video.
New Family Registration – 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.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Mark Ford, winners of our registration raffle! Thank you to all those who registered early and entered into the raffle.

Congratulations to all the children who celebrated their First Eucharist this year. Please continue to keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Here are some pictures from the “**Going Forth To Make The World A Better Place Celebration**” (a celebration with all the First Eucharist families after all the Masses are over).

Many thanks to all those who helped make this day a success; Mary Linden, Jeanette Yantz, Joyce McPherson, Idamarie Tully, Kathy Post and most of all, the families that attended the event.
BAKE SALE NEXT WEEK 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
Thank you very much to those who have generously sent in donations for our Teens!
Please continue to keep our teens in your prayers.

Thank you for your support of our Young Church!

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

Sunday—5pm Mass: YOUTH BAND!

Monday 5/18—Evening meeting cancelled. Join us Thursday at PBJ.

Thursday 5/21 is PBJ Gang night. 7-8:30 in the Madonna Room.
Can you help us with our bake sale and bring a donation like a box of cookies, or bag of candy, or boxed cakes or even a case of water bottles or juice boxes which we can use for our Memorial Day Weekend Bake Sale?
All proceeds will go to our Retreat Fund. Thanks.

**Attention Teachers! PTA Members!**

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 box holds 75 PBJ sandwiches.

ATTENTION PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, COLLEGE STUDENTS

Youth Ministry is in need of YOUR help.
Lots of activities are on the planning board for next year. We want to make sure we reach out to as many of our Middle School and High School teens as possible.

BUT…….these things do not happen without caring adult participation.
You don’t need to commit for every event—even one hour a month is a big help.

Please contact Barbara McNulty at 669-0068 ext 108 to help us grow our Youth Ministry Team.
St. Vincent de Paul

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

When we give to the needy, God indeed pours his love, peace, and joy into our hearts, into our lives and into the souls of the poor. We remain grateful to all our parishioners who continually give so generously to the poor box. This help continues our mission of serving our friends and neighbors in need all through the year. God bless you!

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!

Our next meeting is Monday, June 1st at 9:35 am in room 256 of the parish center. All are invited to attend.

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**Social Ministries**

**Outreach**

**Save The Date**

**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.

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**Thank you for your Food Pantry Donations!**

Our Food Pantry is most in need of the 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**

Bag Sale $4.00

Only Clothes, Shoes & Handbags

***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

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 BEREAVALMENT 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

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,
Rhonda & our Barbados Residents XOXO~XO

April 2015
Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Many people, dare I say most, do not deal well with change. At times I find myself becoming anxious over change. Each morning when I look into the mirror and see less hair and more skin on the top of my head...! There are a number of reasons why we abhor change and do all we can to avoid it: excessive uncertainty; the devil you know is better than the devil you don’t know. Or we may experience the feeling that everything seems different. Change is meant to bring something different, but how different? We are creatures of habit. Routines become automatic, but change jolts us into consciousness, sometimes in uncomfortable ways.

However, the number one reason psychologists state we don’t like change is because it gives us an overwhelming sense of not being in control. If I think I’m in control then I decide my life; I decide my journey; I decide my destiny. And yet, friends are we ever really in control?

The Franciscan author and spiritualist, Fr. Richard Rohr speaks to this need to control. “Change asks us to let go, and we’re not good at letting go,” he says. "We’re good at holding on.” It’s hard to hold onto joy, Father Rohr says, but very easy to hold onto resentment, pain, and other negative feelings. And at its heart is the emotion of fear: loss of control = fear. Fr. Rohr writes: “Fear has such control over most lives and most groups because it is hardly ever recognized as such. It is normally thought of as prudent concern, common sense, deserved anger, or another "bottom line." He continues, “But Jesus warns against fear more than he warns against anything else, with the possible exception of hypocrisy. Fear is useless, he says (Mark 5:36). It distorts all perception.”

There are those who practice letting go; a mantra of the members of self-help groups such as AA is “Let go and let God.” The attempt to control, and the reality of the truth that in fact we are not in control and can’t control leads many to self-abusive behavior such as substance abuse. The truth is as people of the New Testament, the Christian Scriptures we are called to let go, to turn from fear, turn to the One who is in control, Jesus the Christ. From the first followers, the Apostles who were asked to “let go”, to leave everything and follow to you and me who are asked to follow it is faith that is our ultimate companion and our strength. Jesus himself had to let go and trust: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit (Luke 23:46). And three days later He rose to new life, the Resurrection! His trust in his God, our God was justified and rewarded! You see, sisters and brothers, our God always has the last word, and that word through our Lord Jesus is life! Life in every facet of understanding: new growth, freedom from fear, an increase of trust and faith in our God!

When I find myself beginning to become anxious about change in my life I turn to our God and ask our Lord to help me remember that there is a God, and it ain’t me. To remember that He’ll always be at my side and see that in the end all will work for my good and the good of all people of good will. So with the grace of our Lord I’m able to say His will be done, not mine.

Deacon Barry
Reflections

WORDS TO LIVE BY

We never know how what we say will affect someone. Having been in a classroom for over 40 years, there have been times when a former student has come up to me and said, “Do you remember what you told me in class that day? I have never forgotten it, and it made a big impression on me.” While I usually do remember the student, I smilingly nod while I’m listening, wondering what those words of wisdom might have been.

Recently I was at an awards presentation and the honoree, a former high school student of mine, ended his remarks by telling the story of how one day after class I took him aside and told him something that he did not want to hear that day. He kept that feeling with him long after he graduated from both high school and college. Somehow, he continued, my words remained with him, and he incorporated whatever I said with approach to life...especially when it came to raising his children. He closed by thanking both me and the group that honored him.

As he was speaking, I racked my brain trying to figure out what I had said. I clearly remembered the student as being a very humble, respectful, and solid young man. What possibly could I have said that would have been so stern? I was bewildered.

At the end of the evening I approached him to add my congratulations. His wife was there as well as some of his former teammates. I point blankedly asked him what I had said. He wouldn’t say. Then his wife asked him; he wouldn’t say. He only indicated what I said had made a big difference in his life.

Our words can profoundly affect others. At times they may build while at other times they may destroy. We must choose our words wisely with the hope that we are helping to lay a solid foundation to help others find their way...especially young people. Our words, of course, must be backed up by the life we lead. Let us ask God to help us with both.

PRAYER

Gracious and Loving Father, part of our journey provides us with the opportunity to be there for others. Sometimes it’s a thought, sometimes a prayer, sometimes a word. Give us the Grace that we need to be confident in what we do to help others and to always direct them toward You and Your loving mercy. Let us be guided by your precepts and emulate the life that You led. May our words be kind, thoughtful, and well- intended. 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 recognize that although each of us has our own unique gifts to share, our mission is the same - to serve others and help build God’s kingdom.
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

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

Presented by: North Shore LIJ Southside Hospital

Volunteers Needed
Catholic Charities in Amityville is seeking volunteers to assist packing meals for our Meals on Wheel Program. Please join us from 10:30am - 12:30pm, Monday - Friday. If you are interested please call 516-733-7044!
Your Time Will Be Greatly APPRECIATED!

“St. Hugh’s Parish Outreach” in Huntington Station is in need of a Secretary, Monday through Friday, 9-4PM. Computer knowledge (Access/ Microsoft/ Word/ Outlook), good people, phone and translating skills.
Spanish Speaking a must. Please submit your resume to vary@sthugh.org.

Birthright International
We love them both...

Birthright provides positive alternatives to abortion and other help to girls/women distressed by a pregnancy. We are a non-profit, non-sectarian volunteer service offered free of charge. Volunteers come in 10:30am - 2pm 1 day a week. 533 Main Street, Islip, NY. Please call for information or to sign up for training 631-277-3888

“I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something that I can do” Edward Everett Hale

Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, Santiago de Compostela and St. Theresa of Avila
11 Days: October 30 – November 9, 2015
Hosted by: Deacon Charles & Marlene Muscarnera
St. Christopher’s, Baldwin, NY
Reverend James P. Mannion, Diocese of Rockville Centre
For full details call 516-223-4521
Or email: charlesmuscarnera@yahoo.com
REFLEXION

Jesús es el perfecto administrador –mira cuidadosamente a todos los que han sido encomendados a Él por el Padre y después los envía a todos para que sirvan por el mundo. Que de igual forma yo proteja y use sabiamente los dones que se me han encomendado!

Agradecemos esta semana para todos los administradores de nuestra parroquia que reconocen que aunque cada uno de nosotros tiene sus propios regalos únicos para compartir, nuestra misión es la misma - para servir a los demás y ayudar a construir el reino de Dios.

Intercesiones por la Vida

Por los niños pequeños que se olvidan o se abusan: que podamos atesorarlos como un don de Dios y trabajar para protegerlos cada día de 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”

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$+2,215.00

CURSO BIBLICO
TODOS LOS MARTES DE:
7:30PM — 9:30PM
SALON # 256
Para mas información llamar @ Antonia (631) 422-5433

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 INICIANÇIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS:

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

MATEMÓNIO:
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.

RECONCIILACIÓN:
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.

COMTE:
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.
EN NOMBRE DEL REVERENDÍSIMO WILLIAM MURPHY

LA OFICINA DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO

LE INVITA A:

LA MISA DE ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS POR LA BEATIFICACIÓN DEL

MONSEÑOR OSCAR ROMERO

Sábado 6 de Junio
7:30 PM
Catedral de Santa Inés
29 Quealy Place
Rockville Centre, NY

Celebrante:
Obispo William Murphy

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