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 Ranieri, Parish Outreach Director
Mrs. Jane Zollo, Parish Operations Manager
Stewardship Services Director

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 Office . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 669.0068
Cemetery Office . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 699-0068 Ext. 107
Faith Formation . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 587.4717
Nursery School . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 661.4559
Outreach . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 669.4544
Hispanic Community . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 669.0068 x 131
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.

RCIA (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.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time + June 14, 2015
The Sacraments of Life

Newly Baptized
Hannah James Auciello, Ryan Matthew Auciello, Francesca Marie Buscaglia, Charlotte Grace Cohen, Anastasia Jamie Culver, Tiana Nelli Culver, Leonardo DeFelice III, Jaxon M. Grimm, Scarlett Rose Labiento and Bryan Anthony Sturcken

Preparing for Marriage
Banns Posted
First Time ~ Adam Parasmo & Valerie Buscema, Gregory Schauer & Michelle Joan Casciola, John Baranowski & Tara Costa and Michael Palmowski & Natalia Szewczyk
Second Time ~ Daniel Owens & Melissa Delia and Marco Lally & Jackie Barrera
Third Time ~ Eric Steiniger & Heather Hammond

For Our Sick

Altar Rose
In memory of Irma Irizarry

For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Dolores & Everette Lamens, Walter F. Walsh, Margaret Bloecker & Kevin Gilmore.

REFLECTION FOR TODAY
Like the sower in today’s Gospel, I scatter as seed my gifts of time, talent and resources; and I trust that, by God’s grace and in God’s time, these small gifts of myself may grow and flourish and help to bring about the Kingdom of God.

Mass Schedule & Readings For The Coming Week

At this Mass, we remember:

Monday, June 15
2 Cor 6:1–10, Ps 98: 1, 2b, 3-4, Mt 5:38-42
7:45 Kevin T Gilmore & Jennifer Gilmore Ferrara
9:00 Frances Dloughy

Tuesday, June 16
2 Cor 8:1–9, Ps 146: 2, 5-9a, Mt 5:43-48
7:45 Domenico Culotta
9:00 Rita Shannon

Wednesday, June 17
2 Cor 9:6–11, Ps 112: 1bc-4, 9, Mt 6:1-6, 16–18
7:45 Intentions of Carol & Henry Jacobi
9:00 Jerry & Grace Kudner

Thursday, June 18
2 Cor 11:1–11, Ps 111: 1b-4, 7-8, Mt 6:7-15
7:45 Joseph Soto
9:00 Florence Neitzel

Friday, June 19
2 Cor 11:18, 21–30, Ps 34: 2-7, Mt 6:19-23
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 Edward Busche

Saturday, June 20
2 Cor 12:1–10, Ps 34: 8-13, Mt 6:24-34
9:00 Anna M. Primelles

Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)
4:00 Confessions Today Fr. Joe
5:00 Father’s Day Novena Fr. Seth

Sunday, June 21 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jb 38:1, 8–11, Ps 107: 23-26, 28-31, 2 Cor 5:14-17, Mk 4:35-41
7:00 Father’s Day Novena Fr. Joe
8:45 People of St. Joseph Fr. Chris
9:30 Edward Amodeo Fr. Seth
10:15 Father’s Day Novena Fr. Chris
11:45 Father’s Day Novena Fr. Francis
5:00 Father’s Day Novena Fr. Francis
Father Chris Wants You To Know...

It’s Not Comfortable to Speak about These Things, but We Should Speak about Them Nonetheless

There are two areas of our contemporary lives about which I’ve spent a good deal of time reflecting in recent days. The first I’ve mentioned in several homilies last month, and that is the beheading and slaughter of Christian women, men and children in countries dominated by some Islamic extremists: these acts occur in places where the precious gift of human life is not honored or respected, and the lives of Christians – our sisters and brothers in the Body of Christ – are treated like garbage.

Please join me in prayer for these latest Christian martyrs, who are giving their lives rather than turning their back on Jesus, or betraying Him by name and belief simply to lengthen their lives on earth. They are making the ultimate sacrifice: as Jesus so profoundly said in St. John’s Gospel: “Greater love no one has than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friend.”

The second area of concern has to do with another group of martyrs in this twenty-first century, and that is the babies whose lives are terminated prior to birth by deliberate and intentional abortion. While we know that there are many people in our secular society who believe with all their hearts that the child growing in his or her mother’s womb should not be called a child until after the birth, at the same time our church continues to teach that life begins at conception and continues until natural death. It is another way of saying that life is a precious gift, and not to be treated lightly, carelessly or disrespectfully.

If we pay attention to those thousands of women who joyfully announce their pregnancies, as well as to the ones in sorrow who suffer miscarriages or whose babies are stillborn, down deep we know that these moments of life gained and life lost are NOT insignificant to them and, we firmly believe, not insignificant in the Heart of Our God, who is full of love.

I have suggested to women who have aborted their babies to name their child, even if they could not or would not acknowledge their baby’s gender at the time of the baby’s death, and that they communicate spiritually with their child by name, because that child is part of their human history and linked with their moms and dads and families forever.

For anyone who has participated in any way in someone obtaining an abortion, we offer a prayer for them, and for the success of the Project Rachel Ministry, here on Long Island. Project Rachel offers healing, counseling and words of mercy. Here is a prayer you may consider lifting up to God in the coming week: may Love be your constant guide.

**Father, source of healing and forgiveness,**

*we pray for all parents overwhelmed by grief and sorrow at the loss of their son or daughter to abortion:*

*You never abandon those who hope in you; so we pray that the hearts of those wounded by abortion might be open to your Divine Mercy: that they would know the grace of repentance, and so experience God our Father’s fullest embrace.*

*We pray that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, so rich in love and compassion,*

*may hear the cry and see the tears of each of these mothers, fathers, and other family members so He may heal all their broken hearts and restore them to the fullness of life.*

*Give these grieving mothers and fathers the consolation of believing and trusting that their child is now living in the glory of the Resurrection of their Lord and Savior, and that this consolation may soothe their troubled hearts and souls.*

*We also pray that the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of all tenderness and our Mother,*

*may strengthen their faith in You.*

*We ask all this through Christ Jesus our Redeemer, who conquered sin and death, and who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.*

Amen.

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 $20,874.00
Budgeted Collection $23,895.00
(-3,021.00)

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.

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

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

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.

Men’s Spirituality Group: Witness and grow in Faith. Meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm 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.

**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
PVT. Danny Bornschein
Pvt. Edwin Zambrano
PFC Dominick Pititto

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

Book Club

Our next meeting for the Book Club will be on Thursday, September 10th @ 7:30pm. Join us in room 255. Summer Reading Pick is “Wright Brothers” by David McCullough.
Handymen and Carpenters

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.

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!

Work will be done on:

The week of July 13 &
The week of July 20
9am to 2pm

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH
PARISH CENTER

39 North Carll Avenue
Babylon, NY 11702
631-669-0068

“Moving On” Group
An ‘After- Bereavement’ Group for Widows and Widowers Presents:
“Where Are We Going? Let’s Discuss…”
Friday, June 19 @ 7:30 pm
For further information please call Geri Olson at 631-661-8994
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.
The Diocese of Rockville Centre Wants You To Know...

4th Annual Fortnight For Freedom: Freedom to Bear Witness
Designated by the
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

“Freedom of conscience is the core of all freedom.” - Pope Benedict XVI

Today, America’s rights of conscience are routinely vilified and denied.
In schools- children are told they can’t bring their religious beliefs into their writing and speech. A 5th grade girl on Long Island was told she could not pray her rosary at lunchtime or she would be sent to the principal’s office. A 4th grader wrote about Jesus so his teacher called him in, tore up his essay and said, “We don’t write about Jesus in this school. You have to write another essay.”
In the military - Walter Reed Military Medical Center issued guidelines in 2011 stating, “No religious items, Bibles, etc. are allowed to be given away or used during a visit.” In Texas, officials at Houston’s national cemetery barred any religious services at graveside and ignored denunciations by Congress and families.

In business- Florists, bakers and photographers are fined, prosecuted and driven out of business for following their consciences in declining to celebrate same sex unions.

In religious organizations- The Little Sisters of the Poor are told they are “not religious enough” to be exempt from the Health and Human Services Mandate requiring them to provide contraception, sterilization and abortion inducing drugs to their employees or face bankrupting fines. Catholic hospitals, charities and universities face the same heavy hand of regulation denying deeply held religious beliefs.

The United States Constitution and Bill of Rights have protected freedom of conscience and religion for over two hundred years. Tragically, Americans became complacent about their religious freedom. Pope Francis reminds us, “Freedom is a gift and a personal responsibility. It is a challenge held out to each generation and it must constantly be won over for the sake of good.”

*Fortnight Opening Mass. St. Agnes Cathedral, June 21, 11am
Darby Auditorium of Chaminade H.S, 340 Jackson Ave, Mineola. June 25, 7:30pm
To register for rally call: 516-766-0161 or 631-896-8331
*Fortnight Closing Mass. St. Agnes Cathedral, July 4, 9am

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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St. Joseph's Parish
39 North Carll Ave, Babylon, NY, 11702

Vacation Bible School

Christine Jansson- 422-7022
Jeanmarie Florio- 321-1089

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION
K-5th GRADE
August 10th-14th
9:00am- Noon

Name of Child: __________________________ Date of Birth: __________
Address: ______________________________ Telephone #: __________________________

Parent/Guardian Names: Mother: __________________________
Father: __________________________

Email: ______________________________

Circle Grade Entering Sept 2015: K 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th

Does Child have any allergies?: YES____ NO____
Does Child have food allergies?: YES____ NO____

Please List All Allergies: ______________________________

Does your child have any other needs? YES____ NO____
If yes- How can we help?

Emergency #: __________________________ Person to Contact: __________________________

Parent Signature: ______________________________

Registration Fee: $40 PER CHILD

Family Maximum- $90

Fee Paid: $___________ CHECK / CASH

T-Shirt Size: S M L XL (children’s sizes)

Return to Parish Office by: August 1st
***Placement Requests May Not Be Met***
Our Second Annual Parish Wine, Appetizer & Dessert Night Was An Enjoyable Experience

Those who attended last week’s party night enjoyed live music from a group called “Dave Anthony Class Act,” as well as some of our own parish choristers and singers who harmonized on some great classics from the 1950’s & 1960’s.

And yes: the appetizers were appealing, the wine was wonderful, and all the desserts delectable! Kudos to Valerie Stone & all those who worked with her to make the evening such a fun time. Below are some pictures, courtesy of Mary Alice Markham.

Fr. Chris
Catholic Daughters

Next meeting will be
Wednesday, June 10th, 2015
Doors open at 7pm, Meeting
starts at 7:30pm In the
O’Connell Room

Our guest speaker will be
Sister Lenore

Speaker - Sister Lenore Toscano OP
Executive Director of The Opening Word
Program a literacy program which teaches
the English language to immigrant women.

Membership Organizations

Saint Joseph the Carpenter Knights of Colum-
bus 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:

Junior Catholic Daughters of the
Americas

JCD Court Bishop
McDonnell #1403

Welcomes you to witness the induction
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Junior Catholic Daughters of the
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Catholic High School Entrance Exam and PSAT Prep Course

47 Cathedral Avenue
Hempstead, NY 11550
516.483.7383 - www.sacredheartacademyhempstead.org/

Attention all Sophomores
A PSAT Preparation Program will be offered at Sacred Heart Academy Summer 2015.
The presenters will be members of the Sacred Heart Academy Faculty.
Dates of Classes: Monday, August 17–Friday, August 21, 2015
Time of Sessions: 8:00–10:30 a.m.
The time period will consist of 75 minutes of mathematics and 75 minutes of English.
Follow-up to Review Practice Exam: Saturday, September 12 and Saturday, September 26, 2015: 8:00—10:30 a.m.
Cost: $200 (includes workbook) Make checks payable to Sacred Heart Academy.
Students will be asked to bring a calculator to each session.

Catholic High School Entrance Examination Prep Course
Attention 7th Grade Students Sacred Heart Academy is pleased to offer Summer Institute Catholic High School Entrance Examination Prep Course Over the five days, this course will thoroughly review a variety of topics and practice questions, develop strategies, and educate students on time management techniques.
Dates of Classes: Monday, August 24–Friday, August 28, 2015 Time of Sessions:
Session I: 8:30–10:30 a.m.
Session II: 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m.
Follow-up Classes: Saturday, September 12, 2015 and Saturday, October 17, 2015
Cost: $200 (includes workbook) Make checks payable to Sacred Heart Academy.
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle B

**Fortnight For Freedom**

**Fortnight For Freedom**  
The Freedom to Bear Witness  
*From June 21st—July 2, 2015*

**OLPH in Lindenhurst, has invited us all to**  
**attend a movie called**  
**“God’s Not Dead,”**

*GOD’S NOT DEAD*

**on Friday, June 26th @ 7pm in the school auditorium.**  
*It’s a free movie with popcorn.*  
*Soda/water/chips are only 50 cents.*  
*There will also be a super BIG RAFFLE!*  
*Please spread the word!*

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**ATTENTION PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS**

*It’s that time of year!  
Getting ready for Graduation.*  
*Our Teens are becoming Young Adults—starting college with a lifetime of opportunities in front of them.*

We would like to help our Teens keep a faith connection while they are in college. Many will be away from home and out on their own, what better way to help them stay grounded and give them a safe place to meet new friends than through the Newman Connection.

Newman Centers are Catholic ministry centers at non-Catholic universities throughout the world. They provide pastoral services and ministries to their Catholic student population.

*If you would like to make that connection, all you need to do is send an email to Barbara McNulty at youth@stjosephsbabylon.org*  
*Include your teens first & last name and the name of the college or university they will be attending in the fall. The information will be forwarded to the proper Newman Center and your teen will be welcomed in the fall when they arrive at their school. Simple. And a great way to keep our teens connected.*
Our Parishioners Summer Recipe Corner

Recipe: ____________________________________________
From the Kitchen of: ______________________________________

Put Your Chef Hat ON!

Do you have a Summer recipe that you LOVE!
Would you like to share it with other Parishioners?
Well here is your chance.

Please submit your original recipe (Must Include All Measurements and Cooking Directions), a photo of the recipe (optional), your name and your photo (photo optional), to be published in the weekly bulletin. We will pick 1-2 recipes a week. You can email it to parishoffice@stjosephsbabylon.org or Cut below to write your recipe out and hand it in to the Parish Office Attention: Bulletin Editor. PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY!...
My Good Deed for the Week was: Kaitlynn listened, Angelina helped her mom at the store, Sarah cared for her cousin and her dog, Gianna made her nanny and poppy a card, she donated box tops to her school and she helped open up the camper for the summer, Erin fed and played with her dog, Ryan walked his dog, Valentina and Victoria helped their dad around the house while their mom visited their grandma, Francesco cleaned his room, Zach gave his cousin a set of archeology tools, Callie volunteered as a mothers helper and she walked her neighbors dog, Marta & Joseph did chores, Gabriel said thank you a lot, Meghan wrote a card for her friend, Maggie played with her family, Anna carried her camping bag so her friend could put theirs in the wagon, Hannah helped her mom, Reese asked someone who had nobody to play with to be his friend and Kristen set the table.

Good Deeds for the summer – Many families like to take vacation during the summer and visit other places. Please continue practicing good deeds and send them to me via email: cmoule@stjosephsbabylon.org if you are unable to hand them in at Mass on the weekend.

Attention catechists: If you have not yet returned your catechist guide and binder, please bring them to the Faith Formation Office as soon as possible. Thank you for sharing your faith with the children in the program this year.
Faith Formation

Youth Ministry

E-mail: youth@stjosephsbabylon.org
Phone: 669-0068 ext 108  Contact: Mrs. Barbara McNulty

FINISHED WITH YOUR BACKPACK ???
If it is still in good condition—please consider donating it to the YOUTH GROUP.
We will bring them filled with supplies to the homeless in NYC and around the area.
Drop them off in the Parish Center, or email youth@stjosephsbabylon.org for pick up. THANK YOU.

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

Sunday—5pm Mass:  YOUTH BAND !  Newcomers—summer is a great time to step in and give it a try!
See Jean Cooper at the end of Mass. We practice at 3:45 right before the Mass.

Nothing else scheduled for June—everyone is so busy with end of school things.
But don’t forget—Church doesn’t close for the SUMMER—see you on Sunday!
Congratulations to our graduates !

Everyone please try to stay calm while you are taking those Regents & Exams........
PRAY ! PRAY ! PRAY ! —-(of course, you have to study too!) but prayer, will help!

JULY:
Tuesday 7/14—Parish Pool Party. Please sign up now to help with face painting and games.
Wednesday 7/15—Cruise to Nowhere. If I have your permission slip, I have your ticket.
Thursday 7/16—PBJ Gang—Open to all ages! More info as we get closer
Saturday 7/18—Working at the Soup Kitchen 8am—12:30. Teens & Adults. Must be signed up in advance.

The Biking4Vocations Team will be back this weekend—
Our Youth Group took the challenge and prayed & exercised to show our support.

We were present at Holy Hour when the bicycles were blessed, and we continue to keep these Men in our prayers for Vocations.
You can check out our video on the website!
Congratulations Fr. Joe and the Team—welcome home!

COLLEGE & BEYOND:  Attention our Young Adults 21 + welcome to join us at Faith on Tap—
Monday, June 15th at Lily Flanagans 7:30 to hear Deacon Barry speak about Challenges of our Faith Journey

2015 End of Year Dinner
5 of our graduating Seniors put their handprint on the Madonna Room wall.
Check the website for more pictures!
St. Vincent de Paul

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

This weekend members of St. Vincent de Paul Society in conjunction with Babylon Rotary, will be collecting non-perishable food donations at Pathmark in Babylon. This food will then be brought to St. Joseph’s Outreach. We are reminded by our friends and neighbors who regularly visit the Food Pantry of the constant need for food. They frequently express their love and gratitude to the people of St. Joseph’s for assisting them to feed their families. It is this action that truly brings Christ’s love and compassion to the poor.

A woman in our parish is in need of a used car to go to and from work. If you can donate a car, please call Outreach at 631-669-1514.

The next meeting of St. Vincent de Paul is Monday, June 15 at 9:35 in room 256 of the parish center. All are invited to attend.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle B

The Sociable Singles

St. Joseph Sociable Single Seniors

St. Joseph’s Sociable Single Seniors are planning to attend three plays over the Summer. Each play will be on a Saturday afternoon @3:00 PM and the cost is $52.75/person, per play, based on 15 attendees for each play. The selections, theatres, and dates are as follows:

June 27th @3:00 PM - Nice Work If You Can Get It at the Gateway Theatre in Bellport
July 18th @3:00 PM - Sister Act at the Gateway Theatre in Bellport
August 1st @3:00 PM - Billy Elliott at the Patchogue Theatre

For further information, call Lorraine DeCanditis @ 631-553-0160

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.

Social Ministries

St. Vincent de Paul

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

Our Food Pantry is most in need of these items: Coffee, Apple Juice, Paper Towels & Toilet Paper.
Gift Cards from supermarkets are in demand and would be greatly appreciated.
Thank you for your past and future donations.

Thrift Shop News

Toys & Children’s Books ~ 1/2 Price
All Clothing ~ 1/2 Price
Jewelry ~ 1/2 Price

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

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS

You are invited!

TO: FAITH ON TAP
All Young Adults are invited to join us for a night of Fellowship & Faith

WHEN: Monday, June 15th at Lily Flanagans, in Babylon at 7:30pm
Arrive at 7pm for some food & fellowship. Come catch up with friends, and meet new ones!

WHERE: Lily Flanagans, in Babylon

Topic: Is there a God? Sharing a journey to the truth, detours & all!

Speaker: Deacon Barry Croce

Deacon Barry will share his own journey of faith, and talk to us about roadblocks, detours, and grace-filled moments – which we all experience.

During his last year of studies at the seminary, Barry suggested the class motto be “Don’t take yourself too seriously” and that is how he lives out his life and his vocation.

He considers his faith to be the greatest gift from the Lord. He would then list his wife, four children and 2 grandchildren as their own special gifts. Barry has embraced many ministries including Youth Ministry, Altar Servers and Pre-Cana, and he is always available to all, from our children to our ‘golden-agers’.
LET GOD HELP IN YOUR LABOR

Our Gospel reading for today offers some insights that might help us put things into perspective. Jesus told two stories, both of which illustrated the reign of God. In the first, He compared his ideal world to a man who planted a crop. The ground was prepared. The farmer scattered the seed. And after that, he mostly just waited. As Jesus put it, "He goes to bed and gets up day after day." He probably pulled weeds occasionally. But mostly, he waited. And all the while, the seeds were growing. Without any help from the farmer, without his even knowing how it happened, the seed sprouted and grew. After a while, it was time for the harvest. Then the farmer went out and gathered his crop.

In his second story, He compared the reign of God to a mustard seed. At first, it is so small as to seem inconsequential. But when planted in the ground, it produces a shrub large enough for the birds to build nests in its branches. The other story was about the mystery of growth. This one is about the contrast between a small beginning and the eventual result. As unbelievable as it might seem, Jesus and His followers were the dawning of the coming of the kingdom of God.

The important ingredient that we keep leaving out of the mixture is God’s part. A young bride, who knew nothing about the culinary art, was terrified about cooking her first meal. She got through it, and it turned out reasonably well. The next day, in conversation with a friend, she said: "I was amazed at how much the stove helped." We, too, might be amazed at how much God helps, if we would learn to rely on Him. God help us. Thank you!
Reflections

OUR FOND FAREWELL TO FR. SETH

He arrived with little fanfare. We politely introduced ourselves to him, wished him well with his new parish, and wondered if we would ever pronounce his last name correctly. As the years passed, however, we grew to appreciate his sincerity, looked forward to seeing him at parish activities, and hoped he could take just a few minutes off his powerful sermons. We prayed for him when he left to pursue his studies at Catholic University, celebrated when he finally got his Doctorate in Sacred Theology, and felt an enormous sense of pride when he became a United States citizen. During his nine year stay at St. Joseph, we have come to love Fr. Seth N. Awo Doku for helping us becoming closer to God, as he ministered to us in our moments of joy and sorrow. We have been truly blessed with him in our midst.

We also knew that the day would arrive when Fr. Seth would leave us… though perhaps not as soon as it did. His beloved priesthood will now take him to the seat of our Diocese where he will be the Director of Liturgy and Worship and will also be Associate Pastor at St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre. (12th stop on the Babylon train, in case you want to visit.)

But what will Father Seth leave behind for us?

Though not sure what the Baltimore Catechism’s definition of what a priestly role should be, being an example of living the life that Jesus has called us to live might be at the top of the list. If so, then we will have Father Seth as the example of how a life should be lived. During the past nine years we saw a man who was always humble, who voiced his appreciation to everyone who participated at Sunday Mass, who loved to sing and thus praise God twice, who consoled those in pain and joined those in joy, who had a special affinity with our children, who made a point of being with us at just about every social activity, who grew to love our country while he was in Babylon, who prepared his homilies with great care, who always acknowledged if those presenting the gifts were close to the person remembered in the Mass, who did so many good things that went unnoticed, who was always there for us… and who truly loved being a priest.

Fr. Seth, you have been a blessing to us, and we will long remember the way you grew to love being a priest at St. Joseph. Having been such a part of our lives during the past decade, we will surely miss your physical presence in our parish. Though you will not be with us, you will continue to be part of the fabric of our lives, and we will pray that God will continue to bless you.

God speed, dear friend.

PRAYER

Loving and Gracious Father, this weekend we celebrate the priesthood of Fr. Seth and want to let him know how much we appreciate all that he has done for us while at the Church of St. Joseph. Continue to bless him as he finds new ways to serve You and help him to remember that his many friends in Babylon will be with him in spirit wherever he may go. This we ask in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Stewardship...

Stewardship Sound Byte

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who strive to be the good seed mentioned in the Gospel story and that their example inspires others to become good stewards, too!
ST. JOSEPH
PARISH POOL PARTY
At THE BABYLON VILLAGE POOL
(located at the end of Fire Island Ave)

Tuesday night
July 14th from 7:30pm – 11pm
Donation: $5 per family please.
Bring your own food, beverages, and chairs.
Please bring a dessert for the dessert table.
There will be games, coffee, tea and entertainment.

All children 17 and under must be accompanied by a parent.

If you would like to volunteer to help make the night a success, please call Jane at 669-0068 ext. 159
Knights of Columbus Catholic Ministries

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

TRIPLE CROWN WINNERS HAVE THEIR APPEAL

AND SO DOES CATHOLIC MINISTRIES . . .

If helping others "run the race" appeals to you then PLEASE: make your check payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal

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Catholic Ministries Appeal, Diocese of Rockville Centre, P.O. Box 4000, Rockville Centre, New York 11571 catholicministriesappeal.org
Practice your Prayers… The Lord’s Prayer
Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
Amen

Connect The Dots

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The Pilgrimage to Lourdes of Litchfield, CT

Through the goodness of Joan Graham
Thanks Joan & John, for all your leadership work!
Here are a few pictures from the pilgrimage.
We hope you enjoy them, and please keep St. Joseph Parish in mind when contemplating a spiritual journey.

Fr. Chris

World Youth Day 2016

You are invited to the 2016 diocesan pilgrimage to World Youth Day with Our Holy Father, Pope Francis!

Who? Youth/Young Adults 15-25 (15 by December 31, 2016)
When? July 22-August 2, 2016
Why? To celebrate our youth and our universal church
TO FIND OUT MORE—PLEASE JOIN US ON JUNE 24, 2015 At 7:30 In St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Center, 29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre
Questions? Please contact Marianne Sheridan at msheridan@drvc.org or 516-678-5800, ext. 615
Please rsvp no later than June 23.

Preparing for Marriage?
Engaged Encounter is an effective PreCana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Couples are given the opportunity to explore many aspects of their relationship through a series of presentations, writings and dialog. There are no group discussions. Our next weekend will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception July 31-Aug. 2.
For information/registration please call 631-563-1032 or visit www.engagedencounterli.org
News From Outside the Parish

St. Sylvester’s
Social and Dance
featuring the
Savoy Swing Band.

LI’s best live 18 pc. swing band with vocals.
Singles and couples all welcome.

When: Saturday, June 20, 2015 at 7pm to 10pm

Where: St. Sylvester’s Parish Center, 68 Ohio Ave. Medford, NY 11763

Directions: LIE exit 64 Rte.112 south, one block to light, Robinson Ave. RT one block in.

Admission: $15.00pp beverages and snacks included.

More Info: visit our website; www.goodolddanceband.com or call Mike @ (631) 730-3333

PROFESSIONAL THERAPY AND COUNSELING

Family, marriage, and individual therapies, provided by New York State licensed therapists, are available to our parish and 147 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, a proprietary professional corporation, 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

Franciscan Spirit pilgrimages offer a balance of structured, group tours activities and free time, allowing each pilgrim the opportunity to make the most of the holy and historic places we visit. Franciscan Spirit Tours handles all travel arrangements, logistics and details of the trip so that our pilgrims are free to focus on the deeper purpose of the experience: their journey closer to God, to themselves, and to others. All Franciscan Spirit Tours pilgrimages include round-trip airfare (usually from New York City), comfortable accommodations in superior tourist hotels (or, on occasion, in friaries, convents or monasteries), breakfast and dinner, ground transportation in air-conditioned coaches or cars, guided tours of shrines and historic sites, entrance fees to all sites and events scheduled on the tours, and a dedicated Tour Coordinator. Visit our website for all tours!

Mercy Inn Soup Kitchen in Wyandanch Needs your HELP!
Food pick up for Thursdays from Island Harvest in Central Islip.

Please contact volunteer coordinator if you are interested - Melinda Haberman at 631-243-2474

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

Mark your calendars. Come and join us at the 2015 Annual Catholic Charismatic Conference in Scranton, Pennsylvania held at Scranton University Conference dates are July 31 August 1-2, 2015 "Father That They May be One" Jn. 17:21 (Theme for 2015)

A bus has been charted for the conference and will be picking up all interested at Saint Cyril and Methodius Parish in Deer Park and at Our Holy Redeemer in Freeport. For Registration and transportation information call Anna Baciuska (516) 223-8594

COPING WITH GRIEF ON FATHER’S DAY WORKSHOP

Father’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 Administration Office, 110 Bi-County Blvd., Suite 114, Farmingdale, NY on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 from 7PM-8:30PM. Seating is limited. Registration is required. Please call (631) 465-6262.
LAS HORAS DE OFICINA DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO SON:
DOMINGOS DESPUÉS DE LA MISA
FONO: (631) 669-0068 Ext. 131
PADRE JOSEPH AREVALO Ext. 104

Intercesiones por la Vida
Que por la inspiración del Espíritu Santo, todos los hombres y las mujeres puedan llegar a creer en el infinito valor del don de la vida humana;
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 06/07/15: $ 20,874.00
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$ (-3,021.00)

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.


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 Vera @ 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.
El Departamento de Servicios de Salud del Condado de Suffolk-Colaboración Comunitaria para la Salud de Madres e Infantes se han juntado con La Extensión Cooperativa de Cornell y la Iglesia: Nuestra Señora de la Medalla Milagrosa - Programa de Extensión GERALD RYAN para brindar el programa CHANCE como una iniciativa para la Comunidad de Wyandanch.

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La iniciativa CHANCE apoya a las familias educándolas en: nutrición, practicando actividades físicas y a sentirse más hábiles con sus hijos. Al enfocarse en comida y actividades físicas positivas en la familia. Los padres al terminar estas clases se sentirán más confiidentes al aplicar estas nuevas técnicas. Recibirán un Certificado de Graduación al final de las clases de la Universidad de Cornell.

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