pastoral staff
Rev. Msgr. Christopher J. Heller, Pastor
Rev. Joseph V. Arevalo, Associate Pastor
Rev. Ethel Amarado, Associate Pastor
Rev. Francis A. Samuel, OIC Resident/Associate
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

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 Thursday 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.

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.

welcome to all new parishioners. we invite you to register at the parish office.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time + August 30, 2015
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle B

**The Sacraments of Life**

**Newly Baptized**
Jonathan Luke Abadir, Georgia Murphy Chatterton, Dillon Michael Marino, Aiden Lucas Reinhardt and Charlotte Patricia Tripp

**Preparing for Marriage**

**Banns Posted**

**First Time ~**
Jonathan Gallagher & Giannina Nicolia

**Third Time ~**
Ryan Maloney & Krystal Zalak

**For Our Sick**

**Altar Rose**
In memory of Dorothy Antico

**For Our Deceased**
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Thomas H. Markham.

**REFLECTION FOR TODAY**
“Every worthwhile gift, every genuine benefit comes from above,” says St. James in the second reading. But, he reminds us, true worship of God involves using those good gifts to benefit the less fortunate. Good stewardship is not optional; it is the hallmark of our faith.

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

**At this Mass, we remember:**

**Monday, August 31**
1 Thes 4:13–18, Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13, Lk 4:16–30
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 Brian Cannetti

**Tuesday, September 1**
1 Thes 5:1–6, 9–11, Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14, Lk 4:31–37
7:45 Koshy Samuel & Teny Samuel
9:00 Ronald Haff

**Wednesday, September 2**
Col 1:1–8, Ps 52:10-11, Lk 4:38–44
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 John Raber

**Thursday, September 3**
Col 1:9–14, Ps 98:2-6, Lk 5:1–11
7:45 Mary Miller Goodwin
9:00 Charles Balducci

**Friday, September 4**
Col 1:15–20, Ps 100:1b-5, Lk 5:33–39
7:45 Hunter Thomas Bradley
9:00 Caroline Stoltz

**Saturday, September 5**
Col 1:21–23, Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8, Lk 6:1–5
9:00 Intentions of Eileen O’Brien

**Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)**
4:00 Confessions Today Fr. Ethel
5:00 Bob Evans Fr. Joe
   Gelsomina Cosentino
   Diane McHuge
   Evelyn Sardo

**Sunday, September 6 ~ 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Is 35:4–7a, Ps 146: 7-10, Jas 2:1–5, Mk 7:31–37
7:00 People of St. Joseph Fr. Joe
8:45 John J. Roche Fr. Ethel
10:15 Arturo Grimaldi Fr. Ethel
11:45 William Joseph Sparapata Fr. Ethel
5:00 Alaide Goncalves Fr. Francis

**Nocturnal Adoration**
On Friday, September 4th, “Please Join Us for One Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9pm to 10pm in Church.”
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 $19,094.00
Budgeted Collection $23,895.00
(- 4,801.00)
God bless you!

Liturgical

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.

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
Lt. Stephen Scuderi

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

Little Rock Bible Study
Women in the New Testament
Through the lives of the women who lived in the first generation of Christianity, we can learn what it means to be touched by Jesus and the meaning of discipleship.
We invite you to join us in discussion and prayer about expectant faith.

8 Sessions
Thursdays, 9/17/15 – 11/12/15
(No session 10/15/15)
7:30 – 9:00 PM
O’Connell Room

$17/person for Study Materials
Please register by 9/13/15 so materials can be ordered for you.
Contact Carol Pellegrino at 631-587-3511 or jcjmpell@optonline.net
Brought to you by the Adult Enrichment Ministry
The New Evangelization and our 11:45am Mass, 
Starting 4 October 2015 at St. Joseph

For over a year, our Parish Pastoral Staff have been reflecting on the impact of our Sunday Eucharistic celebrations, and we have been assisted in this reflection by a book called *Rebuilt*, by Fr. Michael White & Tom Corcoran. The book chronicles the journey of one Maryland Roman Catholic parish, as seen through the eyes of their parish priest and a lay minister. As a result of our discussions, we suspended the Liturgy of the Word with Children Ministry at the 9:30am Mass during this last academic year. We also had the priest or deacon speak first to the children, and then offer an appropriate adult application at that Mass. In this way, we kept the children with us for the entire Family Mass. The evaluation and assessment of that pilot is ongoing at present.

More recently, the Pastoral Staff and I have been struck by the strong initiative undertaken by both Pope Francis as well as his predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI, concerning the New Evangelization. In particular, we hear Pope Francis' voice clearly in his apostolic exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, when he says: *In our day Jesus' command to “go and make disciples” echoes in the changing scenarios and ever-new challenges to the Church’s mission of evangelization, and all of us are called to take part in this new missionary “going forth”. Each Christian and every community must discern the path that the Lord points out, but all of us are asked to obey his call to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the “peripheries” in need of the light of the Gospel.*

When we combine this mandate to evangelize others with one we found in *Rebuilt*, namely, that the music we sing, pray and play in church or in the hall can be effectively focused on bringing new members to our faith community, we decided to step out in faith and out of our comfort zone by initiating a new evangelization project. By Pastoral Staff consensus and with my approval, our plan is to design and pray a Eucharistic Liturgy (Mass) with an engaging and easy-to-sing music format that invites and encourages maximum congregation participation. This pilot evangelization project will occur during October, November, and December of 2015 at the 11:45am Sunday Mass, as an explicit response to our Pope's recommendation to "go forth."

Here are a few working principles of our proposal:

- This proposal for the 11:45am Masses starting October 4th through December 2015 is geared toward evangelizing and reaching out to those who do not attend Mass or only attend occasionally, regardless of their ages.

- This proposal for a new music format at 11:45am Mass in no way disparages or diminishes the rich diversity of our musical heritage, represented in our Parish in our Music Director, organ, adult choir, cantors, instrumentalists, singers, contemporary adult ensemble, children's choir & teen band. In fact, it is in our continued diverse tradition that so many people find their Mass, the unique one at which they are most comfortable praying weekly.

- The new music for the 11:45am Mass is often called *Contemporary Christian*. The music will be selected from several different resources, including the repertoires of instrumentalists and singers who have used CC music at Masses and other Christian worship experiences. Copyright permissions to reproduce the music will be obtained, and a budget to support this evangelization project will be created.

- There will be publicity through print and other available social media to reach out to non-churchgoers, inviting them to worship with us through advertisements posted online, flyers distributed at local community events and business establishments, and signs posted on our property and throughout our local communities.

- This current summer season will be used for planning and preparation. A team of individuals, clergy and lay persons, will be assembled, dedicated to the success of this new venture. I have appointed Ann Marie Pillsworth our music leader/coordinator for this evangelization project; she will report to me regarding all project developments.

Calling upon the Holy Spirit for guidance and relying on God's grace, we look forward to unfolding this new opportunity to welcome new sisters and brothers to this unique worship experience. We ask for your prayers as we step out in faith together.

*Father Chris*
1. **What is Evangelization anyway, and who says we need to do evangelization in our time?**

   Evangelization means we introduce people to the person of Jesus Christ by speaking of our personal relationship with him, and what Jesus has done in our lives. In addition to Jesus sending forth his followers, which he identified as *friends*, every pope since St. John XXIII and St. John Paul II have told us that evangelization is *everyone’s* responsibility, not just the clergy and lay leaders.

2. **I don’t have any training or experience in doing evangelization: how could I be of help?**

   While many people have not stood at a pulpit and preached about the presence of Jesus Christ, people tell us there is no one who cannot do something personal in the name of Jesus Christ: to give a printed invitation from ourselves to people who have not yet discovered the consolation and love we have experienced in faith at the Eucharist.

3. **But I really don’t like change, especially changes in the way we celebrate our faith together.**

   If you have already found your home at one of our Masses, you are *not* being invited to change Masses. Your change may well be to start thinking right now about your family members, relatives, friends and neighbors who are now non-churchgoing Catholics. These are the people we want to reach.

4. **Will we get some kind of preparation for this new effort at all the Masses before we start?**

   Yes; before we start, some of our Parish clergy will speak to us in greater detail about launching this new venture, with Jesus Christ at the center. Each of us will be asked to pray with our whole faith community, asking for God to bless our work and to entrust ourselves to his unending Divine Mercy. We will also be asked to do something personal in the name of Jesus Christ: to give a printed invitation from ourselves to people who have not yet discovered the consolation and love we have experienced in faith at the Eucharist.

5. **What’s going to be new at the 11:45am Mass?**

   Starting Sunday, October 4, the 11:45am Mass will include several new dimensions. First, we will make additional efforts to provide hospitality greeters and welcome Mass. Then, we will use a more relaxed style of preaching on God’s Word, one including words of hope & encouragement each week, as well as a selection of easier-to-sing psalms, hymns and inspired songs.

6. **Wait: why’s s wrong with the music that we sing and hear at all of the other Masses right now?**

   Nothing is wrong with our music. In fact, the musical dimension of this evangelization plan is steeped in the tradition of St. Joseph Parish music for decades. We have offered worshipers an opportunity to praise God in song via a diversity of musical styles that attract hundreds of people each week to Mass. That is indeed good news. What we would like to do is to open our doors wide and, using the gift of music, invite newcomers to taste and see the goodness of the Lord we have found.

7. **I’m hearing all kinds of rumors about the types of music that will be sung and played at the 11:45am Mass. Somebody called it Jesus Rock: what’s it really called?**

   Both Roman Catholic and many other Christian denominations have been using what is called *Contemporary Christian* easy-to-sing-and-learn music to welcome newcomers. Try listening online to a station called K-LOVE: its call letters are WKLV, and it’s found at 96.7 FM. You will notice that refrains are shorter and easily-repeatable, one way of calling people naturally gather, to spread the word of Jesus’ love for each and every one of us. Oh, and yes, your personal efforts on Christ’s behalf.

8. **So, how are you planning to get the word out and invite those who are not now at Mass?**

   We will use all possible and all available social media and advertising to tell people of our new evangelization project. You will also see flyers around our villages and stores, as well as a series of signs posted on our property. In addition, a group of clergy and lay people committed to this project will go out to the highways and byways where people naturally gather, to spread the word of Jesus’ love for each and every one of us. Oh, and yes, your personal efforts on Christ’s behalf.

9. **This inviting process sounds like a lot of work.**

   After reflecting on and discussing where the Lord has been calling us for the last 18 months, our Pastoral Staff is energized and enthusiastic about going forward with this evangelization effort. But we do so with the humbling knowledge that if the Lord does not build a house, then in vain do the builders labor (Psalm 127:1) At the same time, it would also be foolish for us to perform the actions we have done in the past and expected a different outcome. As Pope Francis has said in the anticipation of the Year of Mercy he has proclaimed for the worldwide Church, we must open wide the doors to welcome home God’s children and Jesus’ sisters and brothers. That is a project worthy of our time, energy and resources.

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*Fr. Chris Heller*
God is Good all the time! And all the time God is Good.

On June 14th to 18th I had the opportunity to join over two thousand priests all over the world for the Third World Retreat in Rome: the theme was “The Call to Holiness.” On 28th of June at 4:30pm, Fr. Chris picked me up at John F. Kennedy Airport: this is my first time in the United States of America! We went straight to a restaurant to eat after my 11 hour direct flight on Delta Airlines. The menu was brought to us, and I could not make a choice because I didn’t know what was there, so Fr. Chris made the selection for me. It is a great joy to travel and to experience the other side of the world. I was amazed seeing a man in the restaurant with oxygen. At first that was a shock to me, because back home in Ghana there are even some hospitals that do not have oxygen equipment. Your attendance at Mass, as well as your dedicated commitment to your Christian duties, is very encouraging. My experiences during my first month in the United States, and particularly in Babylon, have been FANTASTIC! I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to Fr. Chris, Pastor of St. Joseph. Also, not to be forgotten are: Fr. Seth, Fr. Francis, Fr. Joseph and Fr. Ethel for their brotherly care and love. And the Parish Deacons and office staff have all been very welcoming and helpful to me. I would like to share with you the lists of items I am taking home to implement:

- † Ministry of Consolation
- † Presentation of bread and wine by family members
- † Exchange of pleasantries after Mass at the doors of the church
- † Eucharistic Ministers
- † Youth Ministry
- † CYO Sports for Boys and Girls

Because these activities and ministries had such a wonderful impact on me, bringing them home with me will be just one way that I can keep St. Joseph, Babylon, and all of you, close to my heart always.

In closing, I would like to again thank each and every one of you for helping to make my experience in the United States, and specifically in Babylon and here at St. Joseph, a significant and very memorable one. Words cannot describe the parishioners of St. Joseph: I want to tell you all that you are wonderful, welcoming and above all, lovely. Please keep the spirit of love within you burning for one another.

Father Philip Bempong

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The New Evangelization And Our 11:45am Mass

Be A Greeter

At the 11:45am Mass in the Fall

If you would like to be part of our new worship experience starting Sunday October 4th, then we’d love to hear from you!

Please contact Laraine Leitch: viswamp26@aol.com or call her at (631) 877-8477 for more information.
Learning &
Growing Together

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2015: Loving Others as Christ Would

St. Joseph Church, Babylon

Goal 2015

Pledged: $112,096.00

# of Gifts: 320

Avg/Gifts: $350.30

Goal %: 82.42%

30 August 2015

St. Joseph Nursery School

Classes for 2 1/2, 3 and
4 year old Pre-K children

NYS Core Standards
NYS Certified & Experienced Staff
Loving & Caring Child Centered
Excellent Teacher/Child Ratio
Developmentally Appropriate
Curriculum
Gym Classes & Science Classes
Toddler Parent/Child Classes
12-36 Months

Appointments available school days: please call.
631-661-4559
41 North Carll Ave., Babylon Village
www.stjosephsnurseryschool.org

LaZARUS MINISTRY

On Saturday, September 12th, 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 Baptistery 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.

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: $_______

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City, State, Zip: _________________________________________________________

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SUMMERTIME FOOD FOR THOUGHT ABOUT JOINING THE MUSIC MINISTRY

Do you like to sing? Did you sing in school, once upon a time? Do you find yourself enjoying the hymns of praise that are offered during mass each Sunday? Do you sometimes wonder what it would be like to be in a choir again? St. Joseph’s Choir would like to take this opportunity to welcome all Catholic singers to join the music ministry and participating in spiritually-fulfilling sung prayer at Sunday mass. More detailed information is available on the parish website: http://stjosephsbabylon.org. Click on “ministries”.

ADULT FOLK GROUP

St. Joseph Parish’s adult folk group provides music at the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday evenings. Practice takes place just before the mass. If you would like information about joining call Alicia at 516-729-2380 or stop by to speak to us after Mass.

ANGELS AND SAINTS CHOIR

Young people in Grades 2 - 7 ( and beyond ! ) are most welcome to join the Music Ministry at the Sunday family-friendly 9:30 am Mass in Msgr. Nolan Hall as members of the Angels and Saints Choir. Our music season runs from mid-September through mid-June. Weekly music rehearsals are held at 8:45 am in the Hall before Mass begins (one trip out per week). No auditions are necessary - All are welcome! Contact Ann Marie (Children’s Choir Director) at 277-0523 or Barbara (Angel Helper) at 422-2976 for more information.

ST. JOSEPH’S CHOIR

St. Joseph’s Choir sings each Sunday at the 10:15 mass from mid-September to Father’s Day. To become a member, one must be at least 14 years of age (high school) and easily carry a tune. Teens and young adults are most welcome. As there is a large choral repertoire, music reading is helpful but not necessary. All voice types are invited- tenors, baritones, basses, altos and first and second sopranos of all ages! Rehearsals are Thursday evenings 7:15 – 9:00 pm in room 254 of the Parish Center. If interested you are invited to attend the Choir Open House on Thursday, 9/17/15. A short rehearsal will take place followed by refreshments and socialization with other new and current choir members. Feel free to bring a friend! You may also speak to Dr. Marie Drohan after the 8:45 or 10:15 Sunday liturgy or call her at 631-539-0957.
OUR WELCOME BACK MASS AND BREAKFAST IS ALMOST HERE

Yes, I know: it’s hard to believe, but it’s true: Our Welcome Back Mass and Breakfast is almost here.

On Wednesday, September 9th, at 9:00 am, we’ll gather in Church to celebrate God’s Ultimate Gift: Jesus present in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. After Mass, we’ll come over to the O’Connell Room, where we’ll have refreshments awaiting and welcoming us. This will be a great opportunity to connect with parishioners, to catch up on what happened over the summer, and to relax before September starts to get away from us! We look forward to seeing you there:

All are welcome! Love,

Fr. Chris

There will be a Delayed Parish Office opening at 11:00 am.

Bereavement Support group

WIDOW AND WIDOWERS BEREAVEMENT

Support Group 50 and over 8 Week Program

September 24th – November 12th 7:30pm

in the Parish Hall, for information please call – Valerie Stone 631-617-9246
Membership Organizations

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all those who gave blood during our summer blood drive. The drive was very successful and we were able to collect sixty pints of blood for the blood bank.

St. Joseph the Carpenter Council #14771 is a Membership Organization of St. Joseph Parish. Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age and older. Meetings are normally held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 8PM in the O’Connell Room.

For membership information contact: Larry Dell’Erba at 631-539-8565.
For additional information about the Knights of Columbus and St. Joseph the Carpenter Council: Just Google “Knights of Columbus St Josephs”

Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas

JCDA opens its season Tuesday, September 15th at 7:30pm participating in a CHARITY EVENT in partnership with Lord n Taylor. We offer 20% and 30% discount gift cards, available for $5. donations. The girls will also be at the Bay Shore location all day Saturday, October 3rd. This sale day will be a perfect time to begin Christmas shopping at a great savings as well as an opportunity to support our 2015 fundraiser.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Court Bishop McDonnell #1403

We welcome all our Catholic sisters to add their names to the roster of the largest Catholic women’s organization in the world through Court Bishop McDonnell #1403 here in Babylon.

Come and join us for our first meeting of the season, Wednesday, September 9, 2015 @7:30 pm in the O’Connell Room. (Doors open at 7pm)
“We will be drawing the winners for this years fundraiser raffles.”
Mingle with our members, and learn how we work in UNITY and CHARITY to help others less fortunate.
For more information: Contact: Stephanie Conley @ 631-422-0175
Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Court Bishop McDonnell #1403 Presents their Annual Fundraiser

Raffle chances & dinner arrangements can be made by contacting Ginny @ 631-587-0408

“Served Dinner Party for Ten”
As our first place winner you will be pampered with an authentic home-cooked dinner for 10! The drawing will be on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 (Winner does not need to be present) Dinner will consist of a 5 course meal including wine, coffee, tea and after-dinner cordials.

Raffles can be purchased at the Parish Office 631-669-0068 Ext. 100
Each Raffle is $5.00, 3 for $10.00 or 6 for $20.00. Checks can be made out to CDA #1403.

1st Prize ~ Catered Dinner for 10 People
2nd Prize ~ Lotto Wreath
3rd Prize ~ Dine Around Basket

Drawing will be held on September 9th, 2015 meeting at 7:30pm in the O’Connell Room, you do not need to be present to win, but all are welcome to attend.

The Sociable Singles

St. Joseph Sociable Single Seniors

VILLA ROMA DAY TRIP
ENJOY A GREAT DAY OF FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT & FRIENDS
OKTOBERFEST, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015
BUS LEAVES FROM OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH PARKING LOT @APPROX. 7:30 AM
COFFEE SERVED UPON ARRIVAL
LUNCH AT NOON
SHOW BEGINS AT 2:00 PM
DEPARTURE TIME: APPROX. 3:30 PM
COST OF TRIP: $60.00/PERSON (INCLUDES LUNCH, ENTERTAINMENT & TRANSPORTATION)
IF INTERESTED IN RESERVING YOUR SPACE, CALL LORRAINE FOR PAYMENT & DETAILS (631-553-0160)

La Bohème at Lincoln Center
Saturday, December 5th
La Bohème. Details to follow at a later date. If interested, contact Lorraine De Canditis @ 631-553-0160

REAR ORCHESTRA SEATS - $139/PP, (Includes Transportation)
DEPOSIT OF $80/PP DUE BY 9/15. Lincoln Center will be decorated for Christmas.
Capital Improvements at Babylon Jr/Sr. High School

You may notice that a number of capital improvement projects are taking place next door with our neighbors at Babylon Jr/Sr High School. One of the projects involves removing the tennis courts on North Carll Avenue. For the duration of time that this project is underway, the parking lot adjacent to the tennis courts will be unavailable for use by Parishioners attending Mass on the weekends. We have been notified that cars may park in the school parking lot through the end of the summer, and we are grateful for this generous offer to accommodate St. Joseph Parishioners attending Mass through August.

Endow Is Back!

After an incredible first year in which more than 50 women came together to study, pray, and share in an uplifting spiritual experience, we are happy to announce that ENDOW programs for Catholic women will be offered again this fall! We will be offering three courses, beginning on Monday nights from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, September 14, 2015 and continuing through November 9, 2015 (no class on Columbus Day.)

Letter to Women: The best place to start the ENDOW journey, the discussion in this course centers around a letter written by St. John Paul II’s directly to contemporary Catholic women about their feminine genius in imitation of Mary, which guides us in our role in the church and in the world; On the Dignity and Vocation of Women: Defining a sense of purpose for today’s Catholic women, this course offering delves into the meaning of the authentic feminine presences and how they work to create a civilization of love in our society; St. Thomas Aquinas: Through the fascinating life of this priest, theologian, and author, the rich history of our church is explored. Please visit the ENDOW website (http://endowgroups.org) to read about these exciting offerings and to register for a course. Remember: there is no homework and no preparation for these sessions...just show up and be prepared for prayerful and engaging conversation in a lively spiritual setting.

If you have any questions, kindly contact the ENDOW facilitator team at www.Sjendow@yahoo.com or call Sally Pokorney at 631-379-3863.


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
Outreach

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

It’s that time again!! This year, we will again be distributing gift cards to help parents purchase their children’s school supplies. We are requesting cards from the following stores:

Target  K-mart
Staples  CVS

Please consider sponsoring a child whose family is struggling by donating a gift card for school supplies. You may drop the cards at the Parish Center or Parish Outreach Office in an envelope marked “School Supplies”.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank VBS Vacation Bible School children and families for their donations to our Food Pantry during their August session. It is gratefully appreciated.

SVDP would like to acknowledge the donation made by Richard Maynard in memory of his father Lawrence Maynard.

The next meeting of St. Vincent de Paul is Monday, September 14, 2015 at 9:35 am in room 256.

Thank you for your Food Pantry Donations!

Our Food Pantry is most in need of these items: Coffee, Apple Juice, Mayonnaise & 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

Frames, Jewelry & Toys are 1/2 off

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

My Good Deed for the Week was: Katie, Britney & Emma helped their moms, Liana cleaned her clothes, Amanda was being very patient, Ryan helped his dad, Anna taught her little sister how to use a crayon, Liam helped his injured friend in school, Joseph & Madeline cleaned their rooms, Haley made dinner, Madelyn made her bed, Nicolas cleaned the basement, Kirra helped her teacher clean the classroom, Gianna & Nathaniel took care of their baby sister and they cleaned the house, Lucy delivered papers, Anna filled out paperwork for her mom, Maggie played with her friends, Christina donated clothes, Tim, Kristen & Meghan washed the dishes, Gianni was being respectful towards others, Sofia made breakfast for her brother, Lauren helped clean the house, Zach gave his friend a towel and a sweatshirt when he was cold, Julian helped with the groceries and Meghan helped her grandma.

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.

The Faith Formation Office will now be closed on Friday along with the Parish Office.

The Faith Formation Office will be closed for the summer beginning Friday, July 3rd. We will reopen on Monday, August 31st @ 9am. We will leave a cart out in the hallway so that families can drop off their registration forms/payments (checks only, do not leave cash) and any other correspondence. There will be a note pad on the cart if you want to leave a message. You may also leave a message on our answering machine and someone will get back to you within the week.

Faith Formation Registrations: We will continue to collect registration forms during the summer. You can drop them off on the cart in the hallway. We are currently putting classes together for those who have already registered. We cannot guarantee that you will get the day/time/catechist you want if you wait until September to register. 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.

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.

Mass Attendance Envelopes: Please continue to use the Mass Attendance Envelopes through the summer. All grade levels have a minimum requirement to meet before September. Extra envelopes are available in the back of the Church or come to the Faith Formation Office during office hours: Monday – Thursday 9am-4pm. Call the office if you would like us to mail them to you: 587-4717.

Please bring us a bulletin with your full name written on it from any Catholic Church you attend while away on vacation and we will count it towards your Mass attendance requirement. Either drop it off at the Parish Center (Attn: Faith Formation Office) or mail it to us.
30 August 2015

Faith Formation

Youth Ministry

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

THANK YOU for your prayers and support. Our Teens have returned safely and very much faith-filled and energized! Check the website for more pictures. www.stjosephsbabylon.org

Join us in the Fall as we start up regular group meetings—always check the website for info, registration forms and more.

HELP NEEDED!  Att Parents—SAVE THE DATE: There will be a meeting on Tuesday 9/1.  For all those who may have some time to spare to help with Youth Events throughout the year. We will go over the Fall Calendar and combine our energies to keep our Teens involved in their Faith!

SAVE THE DATE:  High School Teens grades 9—12: Diocesan Opening Youth Rally FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23rd at St Agnes in Rockville Centre. More details to follow.

Please see page 20 for the T-shirt design contest details!
Recipe: Orange/Vanilla Cake
From the Kitchen of Laraine Leitch

Ingredients
- 1 pkg. Duncan Hines Yellow Cake mix
- 1 box instant vanilla pudding
- 4 eggs
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup orange juice

Directions
Combine all the ingredients and mix for 4 minutes
Place mixture in a Bundt pan or similar baking dish
Bake in a 350-degree oven for approximately 1 hour
Cool for 15 minutes, and then remove from pan
When cool, shake confectionery powder on the top
A very simple, moist and delicious cake that travels well

Recipe: Parishioners Submit Your Summer Recipe for our Bulletin

Ingredients
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.

Directions
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 the parishoffice@stjosephsbabylon.org or Stop by the office to submit it.
Mark it Attention: Bulletin Editor – Recipe.
PRESS WRITE CLEARLY!...
Pray your Prayer

Prayer to Jesus Christ in the Eucharist

Lord Jesus Christ,
I believe that you are truly present in the Eucharist.
As I receive you in Holy Communion help me to love as you loved, so I can be the Body of Christ to others.
Amen.

Connect The Dots

Find your way in the maze!

Find the pictures on the right hidden among the bad bears.

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www.exploringnature.org
Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Throughout the Hebrew Scriptures, the Old Testament (maybe we should think of these writings as the Older Testament, using the word Old makes it appear as if these holy books are no longer relevant to Christians who have the New Testament. They are as relevant to us today as they are to our Jewish cousins: Note: St. Pope John Paul II often referred to the Jewish people as our older cousins) we find our God speaking through the prophets lamenting the fact that it was God who blessed the people, and so often the people turned from God to worship false gods. And by false gods it is understood not only does it speak of Baal, a pagan god but the gods of money, greed, vice, etc. I mention this because there are scholars would argue much the same is true with our country today. Our God has blessed the United States of America and yet today we are told for the sake of political correctness and expediency that our country should be a godless nation, a nation that eschews any type of religious reference or embrace. While it is true our Founding Fathers wanted no part of a theocracy for our country they understood the ultimate truth that there is a God whom we must acknowledge, each of us in our own way. For example the following excerpt is taken from the farewell address of President George Washington as he ended two terms as the first President of the United States:

Of all the dispositions and habits, which lead to political prosperity, Religion and Morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of Patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of Men and Citizens. The mere Politician, equally with the pious man, ought to respect and to cherish them. A volume could not trace all their connexions (connections) with private and public felicity. Let it simply be asked, Where is the security for property, for reputation, for life, if the sense of religious obligation desert the oaths, which are the instruments of investigation in Courts of Justice? And let us with caution indulge the supposition, that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect, that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.

President Washington, the Founding Fathers understood that in order for a nation to be moral, prosperous, civil, successful, etc. said nation must acknowledge the Creator. Again, they ensured the new nation of the United States would not become a theocracy such as they and their ancestors experienced in England, but that the free practice of religion, practiced as each citizen see fit be embraced. How sad that many political leaders of our time do all they can to deny this sacred truth.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

These words of the founding document of our nation, the Declaration of Independence avers that there is a supreme Creator. The First Amendment to the Bill of Rights states:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...

The free exercise of religion; currently do we enjoy, without government intrusion the free exercise of our religious beliefs? The Little Sisters of the Poor are arguing otherwise. Whenever the ancient Jewish people turned from the worship of the one true God to following false gods things went awry. Friends, may I be so bold as to suggest we pray for our country, for our leaders, for us: may we turn once again to the God of power and love, ask for forgiveness and seek the grace of conversion to truth/Truth for us and our country.

Deacon Barry
During my early years at St. Mary’s Boys High School, Manhasset, NY, I took Latin. All of us did. I do not think that they were angling us for the priesthood (I was taught primarily by the Marist Brothers); for they kept telling us that learning Latin would help us with our vocabulary and give us a sense of the history of early Roman days. Caesar was one of the big players at the time and was highly successful in just about everything he did. He was a Renascence Man 1,300 or so years before the Renascence began.

Some his classic lines? “Alea iacta est.” Veni, vidi, vici.” And his grand finale, “Et tu, Brute?”

Ten years after I had my last class, I ran into my Latin teacher of freshman year. He had obviously left the order, as he was in street clothes and with a sweet young lady. I wasn’t sure exactly how to handle introductions, so when someone said, “Bob, this is Brian,” I replied “Veni, vidi, vici.” “Pardon me,” he said. I repeated that Latin refrain and lowly whispered, “....I think I had you for Latin at St. Mary’s.” I wasn’t sure who knew what and certainly didn’t want to blow his cover. He caught on, we went off for a few minutes, and everything was cool. He even complimented me on my pronunciation.

Since I now write so frequently, I often pull some of my Latin root words out of the back of my mind to give more precise meanings to certain thoughts I have. Of course, I have been known to think a thought or two over the years. Recently, a solid priest in Stowe, VT preached on the word “companion”. He explained what I knew, “com” means “together” and “panera” means “bread”. So it made perfect sense to me (and I hope it does the same to you) that when we celebrate the Eucharist (together for bread) we are with the One Companion Who can do the most for us.

While being a Catholic, especially in the last few decades, is not an easy way to live (nor was it ever meant to be), the road to salvation is really quite simple. We should make Christ our Constant Companion by frequenting the sacraments... especially the Eucharist... and by asking His Blessed Mother to intercede on our behalf. If we do that, we’ll have a Companion for (Everlasting) Life.

Loving and Generous Father, Your gifts to us are as many as the stars in the sky and You never give us more that we can handle. Many times, however, when things do not go our way and we find ourselves overwhelmed, You are the last person of whom we think. Give us the Grace we need to make sure that You are by our sides at all times; help us to put time aside each day to praise Your Power, ask Your forgiveness, tell You our needs, and especially to thank You for always being a part of our lives. This we ask in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who demonstrate by their generosity that they understand God is the Source of all they are and have.
Youth Ministry T-Shirt Design Contest

T-Shirt Design Contest

Our Diocesan Youth Ministry theme this year – to go along with Pope Francis’ Year of Mercy, will be:

**MERCY IS FOUND.......WHERE MERCY IS GIVEN!**

We are looking for our youth to design the t-shirt which we will all wear for the Opening Kick Off Youth Rally in October.

Check our website for thoughts about Mercy to give you some ideas. [www.stjosephsbabylon.org](http://www.stjosephsbabylon.org)

Contest Rules:

- Ideas & designs must be original.
- Keep designs simple – and for one side of t-shirt only.
- You can work on the design as a group.
- Must be submitted in a pdf or jpeg format and emailed to Barbara McNulty at youth@stjosephsbabylon.org and received no later than September 5th!!
- Be creative! The winning design will be worn by everyone who attends the Youth Rally on October 23rd …… and there will be great prizes awarded.

A jubilee year is a special year called by the church to receive blessing and pardon from God and remission of sins. This jubilee year will begin on feast of the Immaculate Conception, celebrated Dec. 8. It will close on Nov. 20, 2016, the day celebrated that year as the feast of Christ the King. Together let’s celebrate The HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

News From Outside the Parish

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 Montfort Spirituality Center in Bay Shore October 2-4. For information/registration please call 631-563-1032 or visit [www.engagedencounterli.org](http://www.engagedencounterli.org).

Join Long Island author and popular blogger (“The Anchoress”) Sunday Sept. 13th at 2 pm in the seminary library in Huntington. She will be speaking on her book: Strange Gods: Unmasking the Idols in Everyday Life ~ What are we putting between ourselves and God? What are the sins most of us have never included in our confessions? ~ Copies of her book will be available for purchase and signing. No registration is required and refreshments will be served. The seminary is at 440 West Neck Road, Huntington. Call 631-423-0483 x 141 for more information.

St. William the Abbot in Seaford, NY will be hosting a Twilight Cabaret on Sept. 26, 2015 at 8:00 pm

Reservations are required. For any questions or to reserve your table now, please contact the St. William the Abbot Music Ministry at (516) 781-3253 or email at stwilliamsmusic@gmail.com.

The Guilds of Good Samaritan Hospital are recruiting adult volunteers for the hospital’s gift shop. Looking for volunteers who can work the 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm shift on Mondays, Thursdays or Sundays. Training will be provided. For more information on volunteer opportunities, call Sue Grimm, Director of Volunteer Services at (631) 376-3659.
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**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.

**CATEQUESES 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 Maria Reina de la Paz y sobre temas de Maria 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.

**HORA SANTA:** Cuarto domingo del mes, inmediatamente después de la misa de las 11:30am.
El programa Opening Word es un programa para mujeres quienes desean aprender o progresar en el Inglés mientras sus hijos están en la escuela. Tendremos las registraciones, los días:

**Miércoles, 2 de septiembre**  
**Jueves, 3 de septiembre**  
**Viernes, 4 de septiembre**

Desde las 9:30am — 11:30am.  
**EN EL SALON PARROQUIAL**  
Por favor debe traer una identificación y $ 20.00 en efectivo.

El horario de clases es de lunes a viernes de 9:00am hasta las 2:00pm.
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