pastoral staff
Rev. Msgr. Christopher J. Heller, Pastor
Rev. Joseph V. Arevalo, Associate Pastor
Rev. Ethel Amaro, 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 Moule, Faith Formation Director
Mrs. Marion Peckholdt, Nursery School Director
Mrs. Kathryn Raniere, Parish Outreach Director
Mrs. Jane Zollo, Parish Operations Manager

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.

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.

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time + September 13, 2015
For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Valeria Young.

Newly Baptized
Oliver Luka Beiro, Logan Lei Borrero, Derek Michael Shepherd, Edwin Constantine Varrone & Peter Christopher Varrone II

Preparing for Marriage
Banns Posted
First Time ~
Pavelid Castaneda & Rachel Mann
Johnnie D’Aquet & Lauren Battista
Second Time ~
Michael Benci & Stephanie Roge
Darrell J. Conway & Mary Ann Raymond

For Our Sick

For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Valeria Young.

Reflection for Today
In the second reading today, St. James has harsh words for those who do not put their faith into actions. May we be such good stewards of God’s gifts to us that we can never be accused of having “faith that does nothing in practice.”

Mass Schedule & Readings For The Coming Week

At this Mass, we remember:

Monday, September 14
Nm 21:4b–9, Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38, Phil 2:6–11, Jn 3:13–17
7:45 Sandra Allen
9:00 Sheila Kee

Tuesday, September 15
1 Tm 3:1–13, Ps 101:1b-3b, 5-6, n 19:25–27 or Lk 2:33–35
7:45 James & Anna McGroggan
9:00 James Marron

Wednesday, September 16
1 Tm 3:14–16, Ps 111:1-6, Lk 7:31–35
7:45 Gerald & Michael Scudlo
9:00 Robert Evans

Thursday, September 17
1 Tm 4:12–16, Ps 111:7-10, Lk 7:36–50
7:45 George Hamilton
9:00 Brian Cannetti

Friday, September 18
1 Tm 6:2c–12, Ps 49: 6-10,17-20, Lk 8:1–3
7:45 In Thanksgiving - Argosino/Magbuhos Families
9:00 Donald Coffey

Saturday, September 19
1 Tm 6:13–16, Ps 100: 1b-5, Lk 8:4–15
9:00 Frank Pokorney

Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)
4:00 Confessions Today                     Fr. Joe
5:00 Dorothy Colin                        Fr. Chris
Intentions of Estelle Carvelas
Baby Olivia Scelfo

Sunday, September 20 ~ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 2:12, 17–20, Ps 54: 3-4, 5-8, Jas 3:16—4:3, Mk 9:30–37
7:00 Mark Saragnese                      Fr. Ethel
8:45 Elaine Christiani                   Fr. Francis
9:30 People of St. Joseph               Fr. Ethel
10:15 Intentions of The Jordan Family    Fr. Francis
11:45 Margaret Miller                   Fr. Chris
5:00 Theresa Teresa                     Fr. Joe
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 $23,459.00
Budgeted Collection $23,895.00
(- 436.00)

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

U.S.M.C.:
Sgt. Lauren Colantropo
Sgt. Colin M. Leitch
Malik Rodriguez
Nelson Sanchez, Jr.
PFC Joshua J. Coughlin

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

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

Bereavement Support Group

WIDOW AND WIDowers
Bereavement

Support Group 50 and over 8 Week Program Friday’s, September 25th - November 13th 7:30pm, in the Parish Center, for information please call- Valerie Stone 631-617-9246
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. (#20)

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
Father Chris Wants You To Know...

Some Questions & Answers about Our New Evangelization Effort Here at St. Joseph

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 each other all the time how blessed their lives have been by Jesus. Start by reflecting on the people and events for which you are grateful to God, even if you can only say that God got you out of bed and up to church today!

3. But I really don’t like change, especially changes in the way we celebrate our faith together. If you have already found a 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'll make additional efforts to provide hospitality greeters and welcomers to Mass. Then, we'll 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 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 very 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's 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's 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's sisters and brothers. That is a project worthy of our time, energy and resources.

Fr. Chris Heller
55th Chrysanthemum Ball
St. Joseph Parish
55th Annual Chrysanthemum Ball
Saturday, October 17, 2015
Cocktails 7:00 PM
Dinner and Dancing
8:00pm until Midnight
Southward Ho Country Club
Bay Shore, New York

If you have not yet received your invitation or raffles in the mail, you may obtain them at the Parish Office or call us to mail them to you!

For more information, please call Stephanie and Kevin at 631-422-0175

Please remember to mail in your raffle tickets early!
Raffles must be received by September 25th in order to be eligible for the Early Bird Drawing!
Save The Date

Sunday, October 4
after all Masses
Front Lawn under the Tent

Don’t miss this opportunity
to find out about the many
different ministries, groups
and events that are a rich part
of St. Joseph Parish life.

More details to follow.
VIRTUS TRAINING

For all adults who volunteer, plan to volunteer or are employed at St. Joseph are required to attend one session. Parents of all Faith Formation children are encouraged to attend in order to know how important the protection of their children is to us.

The next VIRTUS sessions at St. Joseph will be on

**TUESDAY, September 22nd**

There will be 2 sessions available

9:30am and 7:00pm in the O'Connell Room.

Please Pre-Register online at https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/
(you can access this link from the church website bulletin online)

WALK-INS must arrive early to register.

***NO ONE ADMITTED LATE***

To register for one of the sessions, please sign up online at www.virtus.org.
Click on the Registration button and then scroll down to Rockville Centre Diocese and follow from there.
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.
Catholic High School Entrance Exam Schedule

Catholic High School
Entrance Exams and Open House Schedules

Chaminade High School, Mineola - Saturday, October 3 - (2 p.m. - 4 p.m.)
Holy Trinity DHS, Hicksville - Sunday, September 27 - (12 noon - 2:30 p.m.)
Kellenberg Memorial HS, Uniondale - Saturday, October 3 - (10 a.m.- 1 p.m.)
McGann-Mercy DHS, Riverhead - Saturday, October 24 - (9:00 a.m.- 12 p.m.)
Our Lady of Mercy Academy, Syosset - Saturday, September 26 - (11 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.)
Sacred Heart Academy, Hempstead - Saturday, October 3 - (11 a.m.- 2 p.m.)
St. Anthony's HS, South Huntington - Sunday, October 4 - (10 a.m.- 1 p.m.)
St. Dominic High School - Saturday, September 26 - (1:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.)
St. John the Baptist DHS, West Islip - Sunday, October 18 - (10:30 a.m-2 p.m.)
St. Mary's High School, Manhasset - Sunday, October 18 - (2 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.)
Membership Organizations

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

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Golden Wedding Liturgy

The Diocese of Rockville Centre
Golden Wedding Liturgy
Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years or More

Sunday, October 4 — Church of St. Rose of Lima in Massapequa
Sunday, October 5 — Church of Christ the King in Commack

Both liturgies will begin at 2:30 pm / Couples may register for ONE liturgy.

- Please fill in the form below, have it signed by your pastor or someone designated by him and return to the Office of Worship.
- Approximately one week before the liturgy, you will be mailed a letter confirming your registration and directions.
- There will be reserved seating for the registered couples only. Family and friends will be seated on a first come-first served basis.
- After the liturgy, there will be an opportunity to have a photo taken with the celebrating bishop if you wish.
- You will be mailed a complimentary photo and certificate approximately four to six weeks after the liturgy.

Please mail completed form to:
Office of Worship
Diocese of Rockville Centre
PO Box 9023
Rockville Centre, NY 11570

Registration for the October 4th liturgy must be received by September 18th.
Registration for the November 8th liturgy must be received by October 23rd.
For questions, please call Suzanne at 516-678-5800, ext. 207.

The Sociable Singles

St. Joseph Sociable Single Seniors

Join us for Sociable Single Seniors Opening Meeting
Wednesday, September 16th at 7pm in the O’Connell Room

$7.00 per person includes Coffee, Cake, Cold Drinks
Feel free to bring your own dinner if you are coming directly from work or another appointment. Checks for the meeting are due by September 14th.

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)
**Outreach**

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you for your generous contributions of gift cards for school supplies. We were able to help more than 50 children and their families start off the school year on a positive note. It was very much appreciated.

*Outreach staff and volunteers*

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

Joan and John Stroh made a donation to Outreach in memory of Thomas Markham.

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**Social Ministries**

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**St. Vincent de Paul**

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

Many thanks to Babylon Rotary for their tireless efforts in helping to keep our food pantry stocked. Every other month, Vincentian volunteers work with the Babylon Rotary at their food drive at a local supermarket. The non-perishable items donated by the shoppers are essential to our work in feeding our neighbors in need and these donations would not be possible without the Babylon Rotary.

The next meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul society will be Monday, September 14, 2015 at 9:35am in room 256 of the parish center. All are invited to attend.

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

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

Gift Cards from supermarkets are in demand and would be greatly appreciated.

*Thank you for your past and future donations.*

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**Thrift Shop News**

Bag Sale $5.00
(clothing, Shoes & Handbags only)

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Please **DO NOT** leave any donations on the outside steps when the Thrift Shop is closed.
The Faith Formation Office will now be closed on Friday along with the Parish Office.

The Faith Formation is back from summer vacation. We hope that all of you enjoyed a wonderful, restful and fun summer and that you are feeling renewed and refreshed in God’s great love.

Textbooks will be available for purchase in the Faith Formation Office during office hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm and at Hospitality Sunday on September 20th after the 9:30am, 10:15 and 11:45 Masses.

Catechist Meeting: Tuesday, September 15th @ either 10am or 7pm in the O’Connell Room. Please come and pray for a wonderful year of ministry, find out about some of the great events we have planned for the year and receive your class list and catechist guide.

Catechist Meeting for new catechists will be on Wednesday, September 16th @ 7pm in room 257. Please RSVP: 587-4717. This meeting is for new or nearly new catechists desiring a little more instruction on classroom management and how to be a more effective catechist.

Level 8 Confirmation candidates will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, September 19th in the church. For those whose last name begins with the letters A-L, please come to the 11am service and for those whose last names begin with the letters M-Z, please come to the 1pm service. Please arrive at least 10 minutes prior to allow time to sign in.

Blessing of Catechists @ all Masses this weekend, September 19th & 20th. We hope and pray that this year will be one of many great blessings for you and the children of the parish. Please come to any Mass to receive your blessing and to pray for a safe and happy year for us all!

Level 8 Gold Sheets are to be handed in at any Mass the weekend of September 19-20. This information is sent to your child’s Church of Baptism so that their Confirmation can be recorded in the Baptism Registry.

Level 2 Parent Meeting will be on Monday, September 21st at either 10am or 7pm in Room 257.

Level 2 Covenants are due at any Mass the weekend of September 26-27, 2015.

The Faith Formation classes will begin on Wednesday, September 23rd for the Wednesday classes, on Monday, September 28 for the Monday group and on Tuesday, September 29 for the Tuesday group. Catechists will receive their class lists at a meeting on September 15th and will then contact the parents of the children in their group regarding the time and place of their child’s sessions.

Level 1 Parent Meeting - Thursday, September 24th 10am or 7pm in Room 257.

Every child in levels 3-7 will need a set of Mass Attendance Envelopes for the year. Please pick up your envelopes in the Faith Formation Office when you come to purchase the textbooks.

Mass Attendance Envelopes for levels 1 & 2 will go out with a letter in the mail within the next week or two. Level 1 will be required to attend 6 designated Masses during the year @ the 9:30am Mass in Monsignor Nolan Hall and level 2 will be required to attend 7 Masses during the year. Please see the letter for more details.

Visit our website @ www.stjosephsbabylon.org for information regarding upcoming meetings, events and other parish news. You may find all the information in our handbook on the website.

New Registrations – new families must first register with the Parish Office before coming to the Faith Formation Office.

All new registrants must bring:
Baptism certificate – no registration can be processed without it. For children in levels 2 and up – we need a letter of transfer from your previous parish. Check or cash for the registration fee:
1 child - $125, 2 children - $ 185 & for 3 or more children $235

If you have any questions please call the Faith Formation Office @ 587-4717.

Catechists, Co-Catechists, hall monitors & ushers are needed for the Faith Formation Program.
Faith Formation

Youth Ministry

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

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS
If you are in grades 9-12, please consider joining us most Monday nights.
We meet in the Madonna Room from 7-8:30pm

We come together for Faith & Fun — discuss social issues — look at Scripture and how it relates to today
We play board games, video games, and just have fun! And we plan ways to help others.

This year we will be organizing Soup Kitchen Work Crews, a Mission Trip, and some Youth Leader Training.
FIRST MEETING FOR THIS YEAR: MONDAY 9/21 at 7pm.
Check the website for more details.

YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER TIME FUN AND SERVICE!

In July & August we made sandwiches, watched an outdoor movie, helped at the Soup Kitchen, cleaned classrooms, donated our backpacks, walked dogs, helped garden, went on retreat, and had fun on a cruise.

WE ARE FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS! Join us!

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Please always check the website for last minute changes:  WWW.STJOSEPHSBABYLON.ORG

SERVICE TEAM — New contact list starting up now for the 2015/2016 school year.
Would like to be a member of the TEEN SERVICE TEAM?
It is open to all students in grades 6—12—Registration forms are on the website.

Register. Receive a Team T-shirt. Get emails and notices throughout the year for different community service activities.

Parents—your help is necessary to keep this running! if you have some time available, please let me know!

Some of the Service Needs already on the calendar:
October 4th………6:30—8:30 am help needed 6 Teens Needed
October 5th ……..4 HS Teens needed 5-9pm
October 22nd ……..2 Teens and 2 Adults needed 630-9pm
November 7th……..8—10am help needed 4 Teens Needed
November 24th 6-10pm 6 Teens and 4 Adults needed
Parish News

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.spjendow@yahoo.com or call Sally Pokorney at 631-379-3863. ENDOW: Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women: a not-to-be missed experience for contemporary Catholic women.

CYO News

CYO BOYS BASKETBALL

Please note that online registration for the upcoming CYO Boys Basketball Season is now available at the following web address:
http://www.stjosephscyobabylon.sportssignup.com/
Registration is being accepted for boys teams grades 4 through 8.
There will be a uniform fitting session in the parish gym on Sunday, September 20th between 3pm and 5pm.
Registration will be closing on Saturday October 3rd. No registrations accepted after that date under any conditions so please register today.
If you have any questions please contact Tom McGrane at tommmc02.tmn@gmail.com or 917-833-4593.
All info and contact info is also on our parish website under Youth Ministry/CYO with a direct link to the registration form. www.stjosephsbabylon.org

We are looking forward to a great season!

Diocese of Rockville Centre Wants You To Know

St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility

“Caring for Those who Cared for Us”

The special collection for retired priests living at St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility will take place the weekend of September 19/20.
At retirement, our Priests often have given forty years or more to the mission of our Church and bringing people closer to Christ. The St. Pius X Residence enables these dedicated men who need extra care and attention to live at a facility that provides them with that special care, while still enabling them to serve as active fully engaged members of the community.
The Catholic Church of Long Island is blessed and privileged to be able to care for our senior priests - men who have dedicated their lives to serving God and our community.
We welcome your support of this important endeavor.
For more information or to donate online, go to www.drvc.org/stpiusx
Or
Call 516-379-5210 ext 229 for more information.
Attention Teen Boys

Can you give 1 hour per week?

Be a “Big Brother” and share your faith with a child who needs one on one tutoring in faith formation.

Tuesdays, 5:00 to 6:15 pm, at the center?

We provide free training in creative lesson presentations. The curriculum and all supplies are supplied for you.

Spend the best hour of your week with us.

This is also a great internship for high school and college students interested in future teaching and medical careers.

Call the faith formation center 587-4717 or Kathy Knott 279-0614 now --- training starts immediately!

Children's Choir

Calling all Angels and Saints Choir Members

(boys / girls in Grades 2 - 7) ! The 9:30 am Mass will resume in Msgr. Nolan Hall on Sunday, September 20, and you are invited to join us in song ! Meet at 8:45 am in the Hall for music rehearsal before Mass.

Usher Meeting

Eucharistic Ministers Meeting

For the 2015–2016 Season will be on Saturday, September 26th in the O’Connell Room after the 9am Mass, We would like all to attend!
1. Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.
2. Why is a car's windshield so large and the rearview mirror is so small? Because our past is not as important as our future. So look ahead and move on.
3. Friendship is like a book. It takes a few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
4. All things in life are temporary. If going well, enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either.
5. Old friends are gold. New friends are diamond. If you get a diamond, don't forget the gold - because to hold a diamond, you always need a base of gold.
6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end."
7. When God solves your problems, you have faith in His abilities; when God doesn't solve your problems He has faith in your abilities.
8. A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eyesight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision."
9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
10. Worrying doesn't take away tomorrow's troubles, it takes away today's peace.
MY DAY AT SUMMER CAMP

By now just about everyone is back at school for the new semester. There is one group of students, however, that is still awaiting the beginning of a new semester. Composed of college students from Europe and Australia, these students spent their summer at a camp on Long Island that was founded specifically to make sure that children who have physical limitations could enjoy the activities of summer camp just like every other child. These students wanted to make sure that happened.

Started in 1946 by the Rotary Club of the Moriches as a place for children afflicted with Polio, Camp Pa Qua Tuck has evolved over the years to support children with all sorts of physical limitations. In addition to its summer activities, the Camp is also open on certain weekends during the fall, winter, and spring to give parents a respite and the children a change of pace.

I visited the Camp in late August with some of my fellow and sister Rotarians and we cooked and served dinner for the campers and the counselors. This is when I saw these college students in action. They came from all parts of the globe because the Rotary Clubs in their home towns convinced them that this would be a summer job they would not forget and one that the Clubs would pay for them to attend. Based on what I saw and from talking to some of the counselors during our visit, these young people get it; they know that they have certain skills, certain selfless character traits, and (most importantly) an understanding that we are all called to help those who need a hand. In between dishing out our pasta, serving our salad, and delivering our ice cream sandwiches, we all felt so blessed to be able to witness such real love in action. These counselors, who started in late June, were as enthusiastic at the end of the camp season as I am sure they were when they arrived.

What about us? What can we do? Perhaps re-checking the Corporal Works of Mercy might be a good start. There are plenty of people in need who surround us, so we must do what we can to make them realize that God is with them. Perhaps visiting the sick or feeding the hungry might be a good start for us. What do you think?

PRAYER

Loving and Bountiful Father, while Your words should be enough to give us the direction we need to find our way to Heaven, You also give us examples of how our lives should be lived. Give us the Grace we need to be aware that such models are always around us. As we continue our search, let us always realize that there are many for whom we should pray. It might seem easy to pray for those afflicted, but let us also pray for those who serve them. Like the counselors at Camp Pa Qua Tuck, let us thank them for what they do by remembering them in our prayers as well. What greater thanks is there than adding them to our prayer list? This we ask in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

13 September 2015

Reflections

Stewardship Sound Byte

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who put their faith into action by using their gifts freely in support of our parish ministries and community activities.
News From Outside the Parish

Married Couples!
Would you attend a seminar to enhance your job or to increase your salary? Why not give your marriage the same attention? Enhance your good marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!
Weekends are scheduled throughout the Metro New York area. The next weekend on Long Island is scheduled for November 6-8 at the Montfort Spiritual Center 26 South Saxon Ave Bay Shore, NY. For more information about the weekends or to apply, call 1-877-697-9963 or visit our web site at http://www.wwme.org.

Spiritual Care Companion
Catholic Health Services of Long Island sponsors free six week training, for volunteers of all faiths, with basic pastoral care skills and information to become a caring, attentive, listing presence.
Tuesday, September 22nd from 1:30pm—3:30pm
Our Lady of Consultation Nursing & Rehabilitation Care Center
To register call Carol Cella at 631-465-6307, Christine Torns at 631-465-6306 or Jo-Andrew D’Alessandro Accary at 631-465-6308

Regis High School
An all-scholarship Jesuit secondary school for Catholic boys, announces its Open House for students and their parents, to occur on Columbus Day, Monday, October 12th, from 1pm—4pm. For additional information you can contact Eric Di Michele, Director of Admissions 212-288-1100 Ext 2057 or email edimichele@regis.org

Calling all Sacred Heart Alumnae
Please check the following link for upcoming reunion dates
http://www.sacredheartacademyhempstead.org/main/alumnae/reunions

8th N. Y. District Presents
A Night at the Races to Benefit the Mercy Inn Soup Kitchen
Saturday, October 3rd, 7pm Post time: 7:30pm
St. Matthews Recreation Hall, 35 North Service Road, Dix Hills, NY
$12.00/Adults $6.00/Children
$15.00 Adults at the Door—Includes, Frankfurters, chips, unlimited beer, wine, soda, coffee, dessert, race program & prizes.

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.

Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center’s Outpatient Rehabilitation Center has scheduled a Child Safety Seat Check during Child Passenger Safety Week on September 15, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and September 30, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, at 560 Union Boulevard, West Islip. By appointment only, members of the community may check if a child’s car seat meets safety standards. Trained staff will be on-hand to provide free education on the proper car restraints (rear-facing car seat, forward-facing car seat, booster seat or seat belt) for their child’s age and size.
REFLEXION

En la Segunda Lectura de hoy, Santiago tiene palabras severas para aquellos que no ponen su fe en acción. Que nosotros seamos tan buenos administradores de los regalos de Dios, que nunca nos puedan acusar de tener “una fe que en la práctica no hace nada.”

Agradecemos esta semana a todos los mayordomos de nuestra parroquia que ponen su fe en acción mediante el uso de sus dones libremente en apoyo de nuestros ministerios parroquiales y actividades comunitarias.

Intercesiones por la Vida

Estamos siempre listos para la venida de Cristo en gloria, que podría funcionar para preservar toda vida humana desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural;

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 09/13/15: $ 23,459.00
Gastos: $ 23,895.00
$ (-436.00)

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

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


CATEQUESIAS 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.

HORA SANTA: Cuarto domingo del mes, inmediatamente después de la misa de las 11:30am.
**DIPLOMADO EN**

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Iglesia San Mateo  
35 North Service Road, Dix Hills NY 11746 | Sábado 12 de Septiembre  
De 9:00am a 5:00pm  
Domingo 13 de Septiembre  
De 9:00am a 1:00pm | Sábado 26 de Septiembre  
a las 9:00am |
| **Extensión: Iglesia Santa BRIGIDA**  
Hall St, Anthony, 75 Post Avenue  
Westbury, NY 11590 | Miércoles 26 y Viernes 28 de Agosto  
Miércoles 2 de Septiembre  
De 7:00pm a 9:00pm | Miércoles 9 de Septiembre  
a las 7:00pm |
| **Extensión: Iglesia Sagrado Corazón de Jesús y María**  
2 Hill Street, Southampton NY 11968 | Jueves 3 de Septiembre  
a las 6:00pm | Jueves 10 de Septiembre a las 7:00pm |

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