Pastoral Staff
Rev. Msgr. Christopher J. Heller, Pastor
Rev. Joseph V. Arevalo, Associate Pastor
Rev. Ethel Amadeo, 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 Ranciere, 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 appointment during these hours.

Faith Formation Office
Mon to Thurs 9:00am to 4:00pm
Fri Closed

Hispanic Office
Fri 7:00 to 9:00pm

Outreach Office
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM
Other times by appointment (669-4544)

Food Pantry
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM
Other times by appointment (669-0068 x 128)

Thrifty Shop
Mon, Wed, Fri 10:00am to 3:00pm

Parish Phone Numbers (Area Code 631)
Parish Office .......................... 669.0068
Cemetery Office ....................... 669-0068 Ext. 107
Faith Formation ...................... 587.4717
Nursery School ....................... 661.4559
Outreach ............................... 669.4544
Hispanic Community ............... 669.0068 x131
Thrifty 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.

Marriage
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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time + September 20, 2015
Prepared for Marriage
Banns Posted

First Time ~
Christopher Reilly & Tara O’Shea
John Klein & Laura Ciaravino
Robert Waters & Barbara Ginexi

Second Time ~
Pavelid Castaneda & Rachel Mann
Johnnie D’Aquet & Lauren Battista

Third Time ~
Michael Benci & Stephanie Roge
Darrell J. Conway & Mary Ann Raymond

For Our Sick

Altar Rose
In memory of Robert “Buddy” Sison

For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members
Including Thomas Van Wagner, Patricia Egner & Eileen Pidel.

REFLECTION FOR TODAY
Today’s second reading warns that a heart consumed with avarice and envy leads to jealousy, strife, conflicts and disputes. A giving heart, in contrast, can sing instead with the Psalmist, “Freely will I offer sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness.”

For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members
Including Thomas Van Wagner, Patricia Egner & Eileen Pidel.

At this Mass, we remember:
Monday, September 21
Eph 4:1–7, 11–13, Ps 19: 2-5, Mt 9:9–13
7:45 Tom Johnson
9:00 Michael Caiazzo

Tuesday, September 22
Ezr 6:7–8, 12b, 14–20, Ps 122: 1-5, Lk 8:19–21
7:45 Lawrence G. Sesso
9:00 John McLoughlin

Wednesday, September 23
Ezr 9:5–9, (Ps) Tb 13: 2–4, 7–8, Lk 9:1–6
7:45 Mary McHugh
9:00 Carol LoValvo Joyce

Thursday, September 24
Hg 1:–1–8, Ps 149: 1b-6a, Lk 9:7–9
7:45 Intentions of Kamath Family
9:00 Gelsomina Cosentino

Friday, September 25
Hg 2:1–9, Ps 43: 1–4, Lk 9:18–22
7:45 James McVeigh
9:00 Harriette Vickers & Julia Walsh

Saturday, September 26
Zec 2:5–9, 14–15a, (Ps) Jer 31:10-12b, 13, Lk 9:43b–45
9:00 Brian Cannetti

Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)
4:00 Confessions Today Fr. Ethel
5:00 Conrad Hubert Fr. Francis
Frank & Gloria Cassano & Maria Verdile
Mandy Humphries

Sunday, September 27 ~ 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Nm 11:25–29, Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14, Jas 5:1–6, Mk 9:38–43, 45, 47–48
7:00 People of St. Joseph Fr. Chris
8:45 James Eppig Fr. Joe
9:30 Timothy McDonough Fr. Francis
10:15 Raymond Stone & Elliot & Oliver
11:45 Felix Bartoletti Fr. Ethel
5:00 Peter Costantino Fr. Chris
Our Parish Mission Statement

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

Sacrificial Giving

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

Actual Collection $23,008.00
Budgeted Collection $23,895.00
(- $887.00)

God bless you!

Liturgy

We Assemble for Prayer

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

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

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

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

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

VETERANS

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 Choikowski
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
Pvt. Mark Ospina

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

U.S. Marine Corps:
Sgt. Lauren Colantropo
Sgt. Colin M. Leitch
Malik Rodriguez
Nelson Sanchez, Jr.
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U.S.A.F:
Maj. Matthew G. Bland
AB Christopher Signoretti
SSGT Brandon Ward

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

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.

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...

September 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Numbers 21:4b-9; Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

Let me share two thoughts with you in reflecting this morning on this beautiful feast. First, if you can remember when our astronauts landed on the moon in July, 1969, it was a very exciting time for our country. One of the things the astronauts did was to plant an American flag, which stood tall above the surface of the moon. They also marked the space with an inscription that said, “Here, men from the planet Earth first set foot upon the moon. July 20, 1969 A.D. We came in peace for all mankind.”

1900 and more years before, there was another planting: the planting of the cross of Jesus Christ on the hill of Calvary. Now for the eyes of the first Christians, there was no beauty: crosses stood outside many city walls, decorated only with corpses that threatened anyone who defied Roman authority, including Christians who refused to sacrifice to Romans gods. It was only after the emperor Constantine issued the Edict of Toleration that effectively made Christianity the religion of the empire, and only after Constantine’s mother St. Helena went to Jerusalem and unearthed what she believed was the Cross of Christ, that people came to see and speak of the cross as an instrument of salvation.

How did this shift take place? By reframing who it was that planted Christ’s Cross on Calvary. For so long, people remembered the accounts of who betrayed Christ, who beat him, who forced him to carry his own cross, and so on. But with the eyes of faith and reflection, people began to see that it was God – in the middle of the universe – who planted the cross as a sign of love incarnate. St. Theodore of Studios, living in the 8th and 9th centuries, wrote a beautiful meditation that reflected this change:

"How splendid the cross of Christ! It brings life, not death; light, not darkness; Paradise, not its loss. It is the wood on which the Lord, like a great warrior, was wounded in hands and feet and side, but healed thereby our wounds. A tree has destroyed us, [the true of good and evil in the Garden of Eden), a tree now brought us life".

It was only after that and other such writings that the Stations of the Cross were prayed with the familiar refrain:

"We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.
Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.”

As we begin and end our prayer times with the Sign of the Cross, let us count ourselves as blessed that God, again and again, is reaching out to us: yes, with infinite and patient love.
Father Chris Wants You To Know...

You are invited to join Catholic families from across Long Island for a day of faith and fun for the whole family.

A free Catholic family festival to promote a culture of vocations across Long Island. Inspiring talks for all ages, Eucharistic Adoration, games and crafts and Mass.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**11:30 a.m.**
Registration Begins/
Grounds Open

**12:45 p.m.**
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**1:00 p.m.**
Welcome/Opening Prayer/
Keynote

**2:00 p.m.**
Breakout Sessions

**4:00 p.m.**
Vigil Mass with Bishop Murphy

**OCT. 10 | 1 P.M.-5 P.M.**
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

**SEMINARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**
440 W. Neck Rd., Huntington, NY

**CALL OR REGISTER ONLINE**
1.516.678.5800, ext. 214
WWW.DRVCFAMILYFEST.ORG

Proud Supporter: OCEANSIDE CHRISTOPHER
THE CATHOLIC CREDIT UNION
You’re Invited!  
Everyone’s Welcome!  
Sunday, October 4  
after all Masses  
Front Lawn under the Tent

Representatives from various ministries, organizations and events will be on hand to tell you about what makes being part of St. Joseph Parish life so special.

If you can’t join us that day, but would like more information, please call Jane at (631) 669-0068 x159 or e-mail at her at stewardship@stjosephsbabylon.org
Diocese of Rockville Centre Wants You To Know

Catechetical Sunday
September 20, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Passing on the faith is a responsibility that is shared by every member of the Body of Christ. In the Acts of the Apostles St. Luke names catechesis, teaching the faith within the faith community and passing it on to form the next generation as one of the five marks of a vibrant Church that lives in Christ Jesus.

While our concern for our brothers and sisters and especially our young people is a mark of our being a community of faith, our witness excludes no one and our love spills over into the wider community. As Catholics we embrace everyone as brother or sister because we all are created in the image and likeness of God.

Because that truth is so fundamental, this year’s Catechetical Sunday has as its theme: SAFEGUARDING THE DIGNITY OF EVERY HUMAN PERSON. It is to every human person created in God’s image that God gives human rights. They apply to everyone for that reason and that reason alone. Our Catholic social teaching upholds this. Our lives as Catholics defend this. Our society today needs to hear this.

Upholding and teaching this includes grasping the crucial difference between the truth that God gives us our rights and the falsehood that the state or the government gives us our rights. Political institutions have the obligation to recognize, protect and promote our human rights, not regulate them or interfere with them as is happening today in all parts of the world including our own country.

Human rights and civil rights are not the same. You cannot deny human rights. You can develop civil rights through positive laws. But if so called “civil rights” contradict human rights, they too are wrong and need to be corrected.

In this important area of catechesis as in so many other aspects of faith formation and moral guidance, this Church and all our parishes are doing so much to educate your children. I urge all parents to attend the meetings set up for you to fulfill your responsibility as the first educators of your children. Our catechetical leaders are constantly updating their expertise. The faith formation programs are getting better and better every year, being renewed to help your children understand and live their faith in a very complex world and a very secular society.

These and so many other aspects of our Catholic social teaching can be found on the website of the Diocese and the other diocesan websites including the Office of Faith Formation. Please take advantage of these sources of information. And please be one with the whole Church in safeguarding the dignity of every human person!

Yours devotedly in Christ,

Bishop of Rockville Centre

PO Box 9023, Rockville Centre, New York 11571-9023 • telephone 516.678.5800 • fax 516.678.3138 • www.drc.org
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. Youth Band see page 15 for information!

**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 9:30am 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 8:45am 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 – 9:00pm 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.
Hospitality Sunday

Today is Hospitality Sunday
Sunday, September 20th.

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

Blessing of the Animals

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
God loves all creations! Furry, feathered, soft shell, hard shell, 2 or 4 legged and long or short tail.
Let’s see them all!

Special Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 3rd at 11am in Kelly Plaza.
Rain or Shine!

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.
Membership Organizations

Knights of Columbus Scholarship winner, Jesse Nettuno, and his family with Grand Knight, Dominick Giusto, after presentation of $500 check. Jesse will be attending Chaminade High School.

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.

JCDA is 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.

JCDA Next meeting is on September 29th at 7:30pm in the O’Connell room.

For membership information contact: Larry Dell’Erba at 631-539-8505. For additional information about the Knights of Columbus and St. Joseph the Carpenter Council: Just Google “Knights of Columbus St Josephs”

JCDA Next meeting is on September 29th at 7:30pm in the O’Connell room.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Court Bishop McDonnell #1403

All women are welcome to join us for the Living Rosary
Wednesday, October 14th, 2015 at 7:30pm
Doors open at 7pm

Come early, O’Connell Room
St. Joseph Church, Babylon
Bring a friend

Each woman will represent a bead of the rosary in this beautiful candlelight ceremony. General meeting and refreshments follow.
Respite for Children with Special Needs

Our Respite program will be returning on Friday night September 25 from 6-8pm in the O’Connell Room. Children with special needs are paired with trained adult and teen volunteers for an evening of fun and games. We provide a structured recreational program with the opportunity for socialization and companionship. The parents are “free” for two hours to relax. If you know of a family whose child has special needs, please tell them about our Respite program. If you are interested in participating as a volunteer, we would welcome you and provide ongoing training. It is a great community service for young people as well. Please call Kathy at Parish Outreach at 669-0068 ext. 128 for further information.

Book Club
Due to bad weather the night the Book club met, it has been changed to meet on October 8th, 2015 at 7:30pm in Room 255. The book discussion will be on “The Wright Brothers” All are welcome.

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)
Please Help Outreach

As the cool temperatures approach, please remember the homeless clients who stop in for help at our Outreach Center. We are happy to provide them with small “emergency kits” of ready-to-eat food, that is, food that doesn’t need to be heated or refrigerated. Unfortunately, our stock is running low. Please help us by donating the following items:

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

Mary McGreevey made a donation to Outreach  
In Memory of Thomas Markham.

Kathleen and Ed Finnegan made a donation to Outreach  
In Memory of John Young.

Social Ministries

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

St. Vincent de Paul

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

We are so grateful to all those parishioners who gave so generously to the poor box during the past summer months. This help continues our mission of serving our friends and neighbors in need all through the year. God bless you!

The next meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be on Monday, September 28th at 9:35am in room 256 of the parish center. All are invited!

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.
Faith Formation

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

Textbooks will be available for purchase in the Faith Formation Office during office hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm and at Hospitality Sunday today (9/20) after the 9:30am, 10:15 and 11:45 Masses (in the gym). 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. Level 1 & 2 envelopes went out in the mail last week.

Level 8 Gold Sheets are to be handed in at any Mass this weekend. 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. We will be talking about preparation for First Eucharist.

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 received their class lists at a meeting on September 15th and will be contacting the parents of the children in their group regarding the time and place of their child’s sessions.

Level 1 Parent Meeting will take place on Thursday, September 24th @ either 10am or 7pm in room 257. We will be going over the program overview and what to expect. If you attended this meeting last year, you do not have to attend again.

Level 8 Parents & Confirmation Candidates – Evening of Prayer on Monday, September 28th @ either 4:30pm or 7pm in Monsignor Nolan Hall.

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 - $130, 2 children - $195 & for 3 or more children $250

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.
HIGH SCHOOL TEENS
If you are in grades 9—12, please consider joining us 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 in the Madonna Room
Enter thru Hospitality Center and come all the way up! Snacks & drinks provided. Bring a friend.

Then we have:
Monday 9/28—helping at Level 8 evening of Prayer
Monday 10/5—meeting with 8th graders & parents to tell them about what we do and about HS.

I need representatives from each HS—are you available? Also need our Youth Band Members!! Pizza will be served to all those who volunteer!

****Friday 10/23—Kick Off Youth Rally at St Agnes in Rockville Centre—must pre-register! Cost is $10 Which includes Ice Cream sundaes and a t-shirt!
Youth Band, can you join us? *******

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEENS
If you are in grades 6—8 We have different activities each month for you to join in. PBJ Gang, Open Gym Nights. And if you join our Service Team there’s LOTS TO DO! See below.

PBJ GANG: Thursday, October 22nd

HALLOWEEN PARTY: Friday, 10/30—More details to follow. SAVE THE DATE!

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 24th 6-10pm 6 Teens and 4 Adults needed
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. ENDOW: Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women: a not-to-be missed experience for contemporary Catholic women.

St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility

“Caring for Those who Cared for Us”

Today is the special collection for retired priests living at St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility. The Pius X Enriched Living Facility enables our senior priests who need extra care and attention to be cared for in a setting that fosters their spiritual lives, nurtures their physical well-being and guarantees that they can continue to live with dignity while accessing a wide array of social and spiritual opportunities.

Please support this extraordinary facility and the men who are living there by making a special contribution to St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility. Your donation will help ensure that we can continue this important ministry for years to come.

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!

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**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.

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**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!
Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis is about to visit our country and what a blessing it is, not only for we Roman Catholics but also for our country as a whole. Pope Francis is a man of courage and truth, a person of peace and joy. How often have we seen pictures of him with a huge smile, holding a child, kissing a person who is physically or mentally challenged? Who can forget the moment of his introduction to the world as the new Bishop of Rome, a title he embraced at his introduction bowing his head and asking the world for a blessing? Much of the world including many in the media has adopted him en masse: here, though, we must be cautious, particularly with the popular media for they love to misquote the Holy Father to bolster their own agenda.

Just this past week speaking on the importance of married couples and the family Pope Francis stated: the “image of the family -- as God wills it, made up of one man and one woman in view of the good of the spouses and also of the generation and education of children -- is deformed through powerful contrary projects supported by ideological colonizations.” Certainly our Holy Father understands that while this is the ideal, one man and one woman united in marriage guiding a family there are times and circumstances, such as a single mom or dad raising a family that must be acknowledged. Personally, I know single moms that are doing and have done God’s work in raising their family. In speaking with some of these moms, though, they readily acknowledge raising a family by themselves is challenging, and at times exhausting.

I love to focus on the Pope’s emphasis on joy. Recently, speaking with a group of newly ordained bishops the Holy Father stressed, bishops must always have joy. "Without joy," he stressed, "Christianity deteriorates into exhaustion, pure exhaustion." Friends, this admonition is not only for bishops but also for each and every one of us. So, how do we live with joy faced with the challenges of life? May I suggest the three disciplines the Church embraces and urges us to embrace during Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Prayer: we should be people of prayer, always in communication with our God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Taking time each day, throughout the day to turn to our God is refreshing and strengthening. It helps to center us and find and remain in the peace and joy that is our God.

Fasting: willingly giving up something for the sake of loving our God who is the Lover, as St. Augustine referred to God. Some of the parish staff began fasting in some form one or more days a week when work began on the “new” 11:45 am mass we’re presenting beginning this October. The results have been amazing! As Fr. Philip would remind us “God is good, always and forever!”

Almsgiving: generously sharing our blessings, sharing ourselves with those in need, those who may be less fortunate than us. Countless holy women and men throughout the centuries have urged us in word and deed to joyfully share with our sisters and brothers, assuring us of the blessings that are ours when we embrace this practice.

Friends, as we begin this journey with our Holy Father visiting our country let us do so with joy and excitement believing that he is the Vicar of Christ here with us! See in his smile, hear in his words the God who loves each and every one of us beyond our understanding!
LUCKY GUYS, LUCKY GUY

One of the real joys of being a teacher is seeing the fruits of your labors. Though my time as a full time high school teacher was only five years (and that was 40 years ago), from time to time I meet a former student who has had a successful life on my levels. Some are wonderful spouses and parents, some captains of industry, some dedicated caregivers, and some simply diligent and effective workers. One is a priest, one is a college professor, one played professional football, one ran for Mayor of New York, and one started and has owned a very successful company of Long Island.

The latter also has a long history of generosity. About a year ago, he and a few of his friends were having a conversation over their favorite adult beverages, and all decided they were indeed lucky. The older ones (like my former student) survived the then military draft lottery system and were not selected to serve in Viet Nam. The younger ones were spared time in conflicts of our country over the past few decades. “We are really lucky guys,” said one. The conversation continued, the names of various charitable organizations that benefit returning soldiers were mentioned, but such efforts, the group decided, were too general in nature. “We should really do something for those soldiers who are local,” was the consensus. And so the idea was hatched… and a few weeks ago the dream became a reality.

Those “Lucky Guys” (which now defines the group), put up some money, solicited more from others, and devised a plan to build a house and gift it to a recent vet who has a family. Architects, builders, electricians, landscapers, plumbers, and a host of volunteers put in hundreds of hours and custom built a house for a four-tour, Navy veteran, his wife, and their four children. And at the happy gathering where the keys to the new kingdom were given, it was obvious that everyone there was lucky.

Sometimes a thought comes our way that we can do someone a great deal of good. Too often we put it aside, thinking it could never happen. With God’s help (and, perhaps, with a little help from our friends), such thoughts can be put into action…and people will see the face of God in what we do.

PRAYER

Compassionate and Generous Father, we often see in others the traits that You want all of us to have… one of which is to be generous in how we treat our neighbor. Give us the Grace we need to realize that the many gifts that You gave us are to be shared; that we not think that the things that we possess are solely the products of our own initiatives. Let us realize that all good things come from You and that we are asked to use them to help others. And bless those “Lucky Guys” and all of the families that they will serve. This we ask in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

20 September 2015

Reflections

Stewardship...

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who offer welcome and assistance to our new parishioners, whether through our Hospitality Ministry.
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!
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.
Catholic High Schools Entrance Exam and Open House Schedule

Catholic High Schools on Long Island

- 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.)
“Whenever we encounter another person in love, we learn something new about God.”

Pope Francis

The Catholic Ministry Appeal gives us many opportunities to reach out, touch, comfort and aid God’s people. Whether we are supporting our Seminarian’s educations, providing faith formation opportunities and resources to our children and adults, or assisting the neediest amongst us, the ministries supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal bring God’s love to everyone they touch.

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A GIFT TO THE 2015 Catholic Ministries Appeal! Every Gift helps us to promote strong faith and holy lives.

Parish: __________________________________________
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Catholic Ministries Appeal, Diocese of Rockville Centre, P.O. Box 4000, Rockville Centre, New York 11571 catholicministriesappeal.org
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.

Celebrate with us at Our Lady of Grace Church
The Feast of St. Padre Pio
All are invited to attend Wednesday, September 23rd 700 Albin Avenue, West Babylon, NY 7pm Sharp - Rosary 7:30pm - Holy Mass For more information contact Josephine Sansalone at 631-669-4680

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.
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY OF ALL AGES

Sip & Paint at St. Peter the Apostle Church
70 Rockaway Street, Islip Terrace Join us 7pm on Saturday, October 3 in the Church basement. Admission is $35 per person - includes all painting supplies and a glass of wine. For more info call 631-650-0952 or email stpetersym11752@gmail.com

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

The Suffolk Chapter Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Men’s Day of Reflection on Saturday, October 17th, 2015 at Our Lady of Grace Church, Father Patrick Shanahan Hall from 8:00am to 1:00pm. Guest speaker will be Father Stephen Donnelly from St. Patrick’s Church in Huntington. The topic will be Gratitude. Donation is $15.00 per person and includes bagels, coffee, etc. For more information contact Bill Murphy at 631-629-4383.
LAS HORAS DE OFICINA DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO SON:
DOMINGOS DESPUÉS DE LA MISA
FONO: (631) 669-0068 Ext. 131
PADRE JOSEPH AREVALO Ext. 104

REFLEXION
La segunda lectura de hoy nos advierte que un corazón consumido por la avaricia y la envidia conduce a los celos, la discordia, los conflictos y las disputas. Un corazón generoso, en contraste, puede cantar con el Salmista, “Libremente te ofreceré el sacrificio; alabaré Tu nombre, O Señor, por su bondad.”

Agradecemos esta semana a todos los administradores de nuestra parroquia que ofrecen acogida y asistencia a nuestros nuevos feligreses, ya sea a través de nuestro Ministerio de Hospitalidad!

Intercesiones por la Vida
Por un arrepentimiento de engaño y el amor por la verdad: que todos los católicos puedan defender el don sagrado de la vida todos los días de sus vidas;

Roguemos al Señor:
Señor, escucha nuestra oración.

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

“La unión hace la fuerza”

Colecta 09/13/15: $23,008.00
Gastos: $23,895.00
$(-887.00)

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


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

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

RECONCILIACIÓN: Sábado a las 4:00pm o llamar para una cita, al Tel. # 669-0068 ext. 104.

UNCION DE LOS ENFERMOS: Llamar a la oficina principal (631)669-0068 Ext. 100.

CURSILLO DE CRISTIANDAD: Los invita a vivir un fin de semana con Cristo. Tenemos Ultreya todos los domingos a las 12:30pm. en el Salón # 256. Mas información llame a Cristina Vera @ 631-327-6141.

RENOVACION CARISMATICA: Tiempo de encuentro con Dios. Les invitamos a experimentar el amor de Dios de una manera diferente al escuchar un mensaje de buenas noticias y esperanza para su vida y la de su familia. Todos los viernes @ 7:15 p.m. Para mas información llame a Ana Ramos. (631)617-2129.

COMUNIDAD DE MARIA: Siguiendo los mensajes de María Reina de la Paz y sobre temas de María en general) - Sábados de 7:00pm-9:00pm. Comunicarse con Adriana Mascari, al (631) 587-3072 - (631)681-0005.

COMITE: El primer sábado de cada mes a las 10:00am en el salón # 256. Para la agenda, llamar a Ana Ramos al Tel. (631)617-2129.

ROSARIO: Domingos a las 11:00am en la Capilla.

HERMANAS UNIDAS: Todos los segundos domingo de cada mes, en el salón # 256, después de la misa.

EL APOSTOLADO DE LA CRUZ: Todos los jueves de 9:00 - 11:00am en el Salón # 252A. Comunicarse con Adriana Mascari al Tel. (631) 587-3072 o Luz Marina López al (631)321-6861.

INTENCIONES PARA UNA MISA: Ver a Herminda y Ana Elia López después de la misa.

HORA SANTA: Cuarto domingo del mes, inmediatamente después de la misa de las 11:30am.
LA PASTORAL DE JÓVENES ADULTOS HISPANOS PRESENTA

Octubre 23 de 7pm a 10 pm : Auditorio de Santa Rosalia en Hampton Bays
Octubre 24 de 7pm-10pm: Auditorio de San Ignacio en Hicksville
Octubre 25 de 4pm a 7pm: Auditorio del Centro Mons. Romero en Hempstead

Donación $15.00 (incluye refrigerio).
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