Pastoral Staff
Rev. Msgr. Christopher J. Heller, Pastor
Rev. Joseph V. Arevalo, Associate Pastor
Rev. Ethel Amarado, Associate Pastor
Rev. Francis A. Samuel, OIC Resident/Associate
Deacon Barry P. Croce
Deacon Michael J. Leyden
Deacon John F. Sullivan
Dr. Marie Drohan, Music Director
Mrs. Jane Zollo, Parish Operations Manager
Mrs. Kathryn Raniere, Parish Outreach Director
Mrs. Marion Peckholdt, Nursery School Director
Ms. Claire Moulé, Faith Formation Director
Stewardship Services Director

Office Hours
Parish Office
Mon to Thurs 9:00am to 4:00pm, 7:00 to 9:00pm
Fridays Closed
Sat 9:00am to 1:00pm

Cemetery Office
Monday to Thursday 9:00am to 12:30pm
Please call in advance to make an appt. during these hours.

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

Hispanic Office
Fri 7:00 to 9:00pm

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

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

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

Parish Phone Numbers (Area Code 631)
Parish Office ..................... 669.0068
Cemetery Office .................. 699-0068 Ext. 107
Faith Formation .................. 587.4717
Nursery School ................... 661.4559
Outreach ......................... 669.4544
Hispanic Community ............. 669.0068 x 131
Thrift Shop ....................... 669.5574
Youth Ministry ................. 669-0068 x 108
Fax ................................ 669.9175

E-mail: parishoffice@stjosephsbabylon.org
WebSite: www.stjosephsbabylon.org

We Celebrate the Eucharist
Sunday Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Church
Sunday Church 7:00am, 8:45am, 10:15am, 11:45am, 5:00pm
Nolan Hall 9:30am
Nolan Hall 11:30 am Misa Dominical Español

Weekday Mass Schedule
Mon to Fri 7:45, 9:00am Church
Saturday 9:00am Church
Holydays See Special Schedule the Sunday before each Holyday

We Celebrate the Sacraments
Baptism
Parents are requested to call the Parish Office at least two months before child’s birth to make arrangements. New Parents’ Instruction Class will be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 7:30pm to 8:30pm in Room 257. Baptism is celebrated every Sunday of the month at 1:30pm except during the Lenten Season.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Anyone who wishes to join the Catholic Church should call the Parish Office.

Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturday 4:00 to 4:45pm in the Church or call the Parish Office for an appointment.

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-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time + October 11, 2015
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle B

The Sacraments of Life

Newly Baptized
Andrew Joseph Cardinale, Liam Alexander Cruz, Leah Marie Daub, Eric William Kassten & Leo Dylan Pinto

Prepared for Marriage
BannsPosted
First Time ~
No Bands
Second Time ~
Michael D’Amara & Cara Ponticello
Third Time ~
Matthew Furino & Kerri Lynn Brush

For Our Sick

Candles
In memory of Matthew Evan Annett

Altar Rose
In memory of Elizabeth Bossong

For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members Including Rose C. Burns & George Rebecchi.

REFLECTION FOR TODAY
In today’s Gospel, Jesus asks the rich young man to give away all that he has in order to have treasure in heaven. But he is unable to free himself from his possessions, and so he goes sadly away. Does what I own keep me from following Jesus?
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 $21,235.00
Budgeted Collection $23,895.00
( -2,660.00)

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.

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

Parish Office News

The Parish Office and Faith Formation Office will be closed on Columbus Day Monday, October 12th, 2015
We will reopen on Tuesday with regular hours.
**My Experience with Pope Francis**

I couldn't pass up an opportunity to tell you about my evening at St Patrick Cathedral for evening prayer with our Holy Father.

While waiting for him to arrive, we were treated to a 90 minute concert of sacred music from the choirs at St Patrick. We also heard from our own Bishop Murphy, who'd been asked by Cardinal Dolan to speak for 10 minutes on the history of the Papacy. We then prayed 5 decades of the Rosary, led by a Deacon of the Archdiocese. Just before Pope Francis arrived, we caught him on camera atop his NYC Pope mobile: and while security was tight, he reached out to the crowds of people lining the street to smile and shake his hand. While Pope Francis’ itinerary was pretty intense, he seemed so calm and relaxed that HE energized the rest of us. And there are 3 things to tell you about the Evening Prayer we prayed. First, everyone seemed enthusiastic in singing the music, which included Gregorian chant music set to some specific psalm tones. Second, Pope Francis turned what could have been a closed-circle Catholic Church prayer into a universal world prayer. He mentioned his sadness at the deaths and injuries of so many Muslim people who were simply expecting to go on retreat and come home to their families. The Pope asked us to join him in praying for the injured and the deceased, seeing them as sisters and brothers in the family of God. But perhaps the warmest remarks included the Pope reminding us of the great traditions of sisters [women religious] who invested so much of themselves in subjects like education and social justice. Pope Francis asked “What would the church or world have been without these sisters?” People applauded. Then he said to the sisters, "I love you!" People stood, in the middle of his homily, to signal their agreement and approval. This message of love, always framed in the service of Jesus, was the antiphon that was repeated on Pope Francis’ tour. May it continue to echo in our hearts as well.

**Father Chris**

Tell Us Your Memories of Pope Francis' Visit
Write in! Send by email to Jeana Lewis at parishoffice@stjosephsbabylon.org
On the Question of a Vocation to the Priesthood

On this Vocation Sunday, it’s customary for priests to be asked how they received their call to the priesthood. I’ve share some of the following with some of you, but here it is in a nutshell:

My family traces my call to priesthood to a time in October of 1957, at the Church of St. Nicholas in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. I was nearly five years old at the time, and my parents Jack and Rose and I and my sister Meg were at an early—morning Sunday Mass. While the majority of the Mass was in Latin at that time, the priest DID read the Gospel in English and then proceed to the pulpit to preach his sermon, usually on a specific topic.

But on that particular day, in the fifteen seconds of silence that it normally took the priest to walk from the altar to the pulpit, I cried out in a loud, and apparently mortifying, voice: “Hey! He’s doing all the talking. When’s it going to be MY turn to talk? Each of my parents placed a hand over my mouth, so that in the event I was again struck with some inspiring statement, it would not be broadcast to the entire church.

From then on, the thought of being a priest was never far from my mind. To be sure, I also thought about other vocations. The fact that the man who drove the sanitation track got to go to the beach each day made me yearn for such a job. Going into space also seemed like a good choice, until I found out how much detailed science data I would need to know, and that was the end of that. In elementary school, I was in charge of assigning servers to funeral Masses and wedding ceremonies during the summers. I also was reminded by one teacher that if I served a funeral Mass on a school day, I DID NEED TO COMPLETE OR MAKE UP THE WORK I had missed!

Later on, I attended St. Pius X Preparatory Seminary in Uniondale, Cathedral College of the Immaculate Conception in Douglaston, Queens, and the Seminary in Huntington. But I also took aptitude tests through college and graduate school, and they pointed me in these diverse directions: writer, proofreader, English teacher, piano player in a club, and farmer. Farmer? Yes: I had a strawberry patch near the A. Holly Patterson Home in Uniondale for awhile, and had great fun tending the plants and seeing the fruit grow, though I wouldn’t have known what to do with a tractor even while sitting in one.

I have been blessed with many wonderful assignments. After being ordained a transitional (on the way toward priesthood) deacon at St. Agnes Cathedral in January of 1978. I then served at St. Sylvestre in Medford for fifteen months, and was ordained a priest on March 10, 1979 in Medford. Why not ordained at St. Agnes? They were doing renovations then, and Bishop McGann (God bless his soul) decided that he and the auxiliary bishops of the Diocese would each take a few ordinations (there were 12 my year), and do them in local parishes. After celebrating my first Mass, I served as a priest at St. Sylvestre until June of 1979, and was sent to St. Lawrence in Sayville for five years.

I then was sent to the University of Notre Dame to be trained as a liturgist, to serve our Diocese as an advisor to the Bishop. I enjoyed that position from 1984-1990, and lived in residences in Franklin Square and Carle Place. In 1990, I was assigned, along with Fr. Bill Hanson, as a co-pastor of St. Gerard Majella in Port Jefferson Station. When I use the term “co-pastor,” it meant that both of us were in charge of everything: we divided the work and multiplied our presence around the parish. At the end of 13 years together, Bill and I were told that because of the lack of sufficient priests in our Diocese, one of us would have to move in June of 2004. We decided among ourselves that I was ready for a new challenge, and that Bill was happy to stay on and continue to serve as the pastor of St. Gerard, which he did until this past June.

In 2004, while I was expecting to go to a single-priest parish, since more and more parishes are being staffed that way, Bishop Murphy asked me to come to St. Joseph as pastor. I’m so grateful that I said YES to this call, and to the priesthood. It gives me great joy to celebrate the Eucharist, as well as our parish’s “all-week-long” and “all-year-long” community life, with all of you. It’s also such a joy for me to be able to baptize infants and see them grow into their First Eucharist preparation sessions, as well as being able to be present at the First Eucharists and Confirmation celebrations of so many parish families. God is SO good and all the time: it’s important for me to say thanks to all my teachers, professors, confessors, mentors, guides and friends, whose love for Jesus was so contagious that I received quite a bit of theirs! Now I hope, for the rest of my years as a priest, to be able to offer Jesus’ love, inspiration and mercy to you and others who hunger and thirst for Jesus’ love.

Please include a prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life in your personal reflections, and also while at Mass. It was only because I had unconditional love and support from my family that I was able to say YES, at the beginning and continually, to this calling. Thank you for reading along today, and for being a blessing in my life. May I ask you to please pray for me that, as a priest and a pastor, I will serve with joy and love as long as the Lord allows it.

Father Chris
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

You still have time to mail in your raffle tickets.
Please join us on Mondays in the Church from 6:30pm until 8pm for rehearsals. The pageant is open to all the children from 1st grade thru high school. We are performing in the Church on Sunday, December 6th at 3 pm. We need a few volunteers to work backstage, costumes, music and programs.

If interested please call/text or email the coordinator - Teresa Hansen at 808-429-8806
Email - ethkids@yahoo.com
Music Ministry Invitation

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 Nolan Hall. Our music season runs from mid-Sept. through mid-June. Weekly music rehearsals are held at 8:45 am before Mass begins (one trip out per week). No auditions necessary - All are welcome! Contact Ann Marie (Choir Director) at 277-0523 or Barbara (Angel Helper) at 422-2976 for more information.

St. Joseph Youth Band

We invite teens grades 7-12 who sing or play an instrument to 'sit-in” on our pre-Mass practice any Sunday at 3:45pm in the Church and then stay for Mass at 5pm. (Look for us in the Hospitality Center across from the Church if there’s a wedding going on) We’re especially hoping for more guitars, solo instruments (flute, oboe, violin) and male singers. Call Youth Minister Barbara at 669-0068 x108 or Youth Band Director, Jean Cooper at 516-384-6860 for more info.

St. Joseph’s Choir

St. Joseph’s Choir sings each Sunday at the 10:15 mass from mid-Sept. 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, Parish Center. If interested, see Dr. Marie Drohan after
St. Joseph Nursery School and Infant ~ Pre-K Play Group

Through the help of volunteers and the Nursery School, the Parish has offered for many years now a free play group once a week for infant through pre-k children and their parent/caregiver. We would like to offer this free program again this year if there are families who would be interested in joining the class. Please let us know if you would like to join us.

Friends are welcome too!

The group will meet in one of our Nursery School classrooms on Thursdays at noon for one hour. Please call the Nursery School office at 631-661-4559 if you are interested.

Thank you!
Vocation Prayer

Lord, show me how to be of service, in your Church and in the world. Help me see what you want me to do. Give me vision, courage and friends who encourage me to do your work.

Amen.
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

Once again the girls will be collecting slightly used but in good condition coats BEFORE ALL MASSES Saturday & Sunday, October 17th & 18th the coats will be shared with Outreach, Thrift Shop and St Vincent de Paul just in time before the cold weather sets in. Thank you for your generosity

Next meeting Tuesday, October 20th 7:30pm, O’Connell Room All Teen Girls are Welcome

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.
Visiting the Homebound...

Listening Hearts Visitation Ministry
Do you know someone who might benefit from a friendly home visit?
Please provide us with the name of the individual to be contacted by a member of St. Joseph Visitation Ministry:

Name __________________________________________________________
Address _______________________________________________________
Phone __________________________________________________________________

Name of Person making request ______________________________
Phone ____________________ Relationship _______________________
Please return this form to Kathy-Outreach or Jane- Parish Office

The Sociable Singles

St. Joseph Sociable Single Seniors

Sociable Single Seniors Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 21st at 7pm ~
We will be serving Chicken Marsala, Stuffed Shells and Caesar Salad. The cost for the meal is $12 per person. Checks are due by October 16th for accurate count.
Please make checks payable to St. Joseph RC Church.
For more information contact Lorraine (631-553-0160)

Upcoming Events

11/10 ~ Catholic Daughters of America - Military Bridge in the O'Connell Room
11/14 ~ Knights of Columbus adult dinner/dance $35.00 per person 7pm ~ 11pm
12/5 ~ Opera at Lincoln Center - Sold Out
   Final Payment due October 15th
12/14 ~ Christmas Celebration at LaFamiglia/Babylon $45.00 per person group members only please. Look in the bulletin for more details to come.
St. Vincent de Paul

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

This weekend members of our society will be collecting food with Babylon Rotary outside of Stop and Shop on Montauk Highway in West Babylon. This collection will help restock our Outreach Pantry. The food pantry is open during Outreach hours, Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9:30 until 1:30.

The next meeting of St. Vincent de Paul is Monday, October 19, at 9:35 in room 256 of the parish center. All are invited to attend.

Social Ministries

Please Help Outreach

“Have you visited the Thrift Shop lately?
Whether you’re decorating for the upcoming holidays or looking for extra place settings to accommodate your crowd, the Thrift Shop is a great resource. Come in and say hello to our dedicated volunteers. The Thrift Shop is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 to 3. All proceeds from Thrift Shop sales go directly to Parish Outreach.”

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.

Thrift Shop News

All Halloween ~ 1/2 Price
Scarves ~ 1/2 price
Kitchenware’s ~ 1/2 price

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 Office will be closed on Monday, October 12 in observance of Columbus Day.

Level 8 Confirmation Candidates & Parents – meeting on Thursday, October 15\(^{th}\) @ either 4:30pm or 7pm in Nolan Hall.

Level 1 Welcome Celebration @ the 9:30AM Mass on Sunday, October 18\(^{th}\). Please remember to bring your Covenants and your Mass Attendance Envelopes. We will be having hospitality (serving refreshments) after Mass in the O’Connell Room. All are welcome to attend!

Level 5 Parent/Child Meeting – Thursday, October 22 @ either 4pm or 7pm in Nolan Hall.

Level 8 Reconciliation make up date is Saturday, October 24\(^{th}\) @ 11am in the Church. All Confirmation Candidates are required to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as preparation for Confirmation.

Level 7 Covenants are due at any Mass the weekend of October 24-25.

Level 8 Confirmation Retreat – takes place on Thursday, October 29\(^{th}\) from 7-9pm in Nolan Hall. The retreat is for Confirmation Candidates and their catechists only.

Congratulations to the following catechists who will be receiving Catechetical Service Awards this year: Julietta Mieles, Roxanne Brueckner, JeanneMarie Flaugher, Margaret DeFrancisco, Christine Franklin, Gina Horowitz, Therese Noto, Mary Phalen, Kathleen Post, Catherine Salatto, Claire Sparks and Toni Tartaglia.

We sincerely appreciate all the wonderful years of service you have given to this parish!

Confirmation will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 4\(^{th}\) this year. Please keep our Confirmation Candidates and their families in your prayers.

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.
Did you Register yet?

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. TICKETS NEEDED. EMAIL YOUTH OFFICE TODAY!

Friday 10/23—Kick Off Youth Rally at St Agnes in Rockville Centre—Mr. Chris Padgett will be our Guest Speaker — check him out on YouTube. Great speaker& Musician. Lots of Fun!

Open to Teens in grades 7—12. must pre-register! Cost is $10

Which includes Ice Cream sundaes and a t-shirt!
Winner of Diocesan t-shirt contest will be announced.

HALLOWEEN PARTY: Friday, 10/30—Tickets now Available! Contact Youth Office.

Costume Contest, Games. Music. Fun. Tickets $5
Bring a dessert to share ———- prize for spookiest dessert and for best costume

Always check the website for updated info: www.stjosephsbabylon.org

Other Upcoming Events:

Friday 10/16—Holy Hour at St Ignatius in Hicksville. Are you joining us? 6:30—9:30. For details and car pool info, email: youth@stjosephsbabylon.org

Monday 10/19—High School Meeting in the Madonna Room 7—8:30 pm MOVIE NIGHT: October Baby

Thursday 10/22—PBJ GANG. In the Madonna Room 7—9pm. Bring peanut butter or jelly and a loaf of bread.

GREAT BIG THANK YOU!!!
Maggie, Sean, Dasha, Alec, Hope, Victoria, Sam, Jesse—some of our HS Teens who spoke with our Level 8 students about HS and Youth Ministry!

Did you join the Service Team yet?
SIGN UP IS NOW TO GET COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS FOR THESE EVENTS.

October 22nd ………2 Teens and 2 Adults needed 630 -9pm
November 14th 1-3 pm 4 Teens needed 6:30—8:30 4 Teens needed 10:00-11:00 2 Teens/Adults needed
November 24th 6-10pm 6 Teens and 4 Adults needed
Thank You From CDA

The Catholic Daughters would like to Thank everyone that made this year’s fundraiser raffle such a huge success and allowing us to continue our good works.

The winners were:

1st place prize “Dinner for 10” ~ Mr. & Mrs. Rich Tirch
2nd place prize “Lottery Wreath” ~ Pat & Sue McKenna
3rd place prize “Dine Around” ~ K. Dreyer

A special Thank You to the following businesses who donated to the CDA:

- The Argyle Terrace Dinner
- Lilly Flanagan’s
- Captain Bill’s Post Office Café
- Babylon Bean
- Don Riccardo’s
- Del Fuego
- Glenns
- Gemellis Restaurant
- La Famiglia
- Mulberry Street
- Pastosa
- Our Little Italy
- Panera Bread
- Stop & Shop
- Amc Movie Theater
- Babylon Village Meats
- C & J Meats
- Torta Fina Bakeshop
- Towers Flowers

Anthony Anguilo, a Faith Formation Confirmation candidate participated in the 6 month program known as Ad Altare Dei which is sponsored by the Catholic Committee of the Boy Scouts of America. It is not required that Boy Scouts participate. Anthony chose to participate.

He attended weekly meetings with a handful of other Boy Scouts his age (13 to 14). Together they discussed topics such as sacramentals in our daily life, the sacraments of initiation, sacramental of healing and sacraments at the service of community. Anthony was responsible for completing a workbook and given specific homework assignments.

In addition to attending weekly meetings, Anthony was required to attend a retreat or day of recollection. Anthony also assisted the elderly at Our Lady of Consolation for the Palm Sunday Mass celebration by transporting those in wheel chairs to and from the celebration. As part of his assignment, he also had the opportunity to interview a priest at the Church of St. Joseph in Babylon.

After completing the Ad Altare Dei program, in June Anthony was interviewed by the Catholic Committee. He received a letter early in September congratulating him on his successful achievement. He was invited to an awards ceremony at St. Agnes in Rockville Centre on September 20th where he received a medal that he may wear on his Boy Scout uniform.

Anthony struggles with educational and social issues. His participation and completion of this program has been challenging and taken him out of his comfort zone, yet he didn't give up. We are very proud of our Catholic young man.
Catholic Ministries Appeal 2015: Loving Others as Christ Would

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THE ANT AND THE CONTACT LENS

Brenda was a young woman who was invited to go rock climbing. Although she was scared to death, she went with her group to a tremendous granite cliff.

In spite of her fear, she put on the gear, took a hold on the rope, and started up the face of that rock. Well, she got to a ledge where she could take a breather. As she was hanging on there, the safety rope snapped against Brenda's eye and knocked out her contact lens. Well, here she is on a rock ledge, with hundreds of feet below her and hundreds of feet above her. Of course, she looked and looked and looked, hoping it had landed on the ledge, but it just wasn't there. Here she was, far from home, her sight now blurry. She was desperate and began to get upset, so she prayed to the Lord to help her to find it.

When she got to the top, a friend examined her eye and her clothing for the lens, but there was no contact lens to be found. She sat down, despondent, with the rest of the party, waiting for the rest of them to make it up the face of the cliff. She looked out across range after range of mountains, thinking of that Bible verse that says, "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth." She thought, "Lord, You can see all these mountains. You know every stone and leaf, and You know exactly where my contact lens is. Please help me."

Finally, they walked down the trail to the bottom. At the bottom there was a new party of climbers just starting up the face of the cliff. One of them shouted out, "Hey, you guys! Anybody lost a contact lens?" Well, that would be startling enough, but you know why the climber saw it? An ant was moving slowly across the face of the rock, carrying it.

Brenda told me that her father is a cartoonist. When she told him the incredible story of the ant, the prayer, and the contact lens, he drew a picture of an ant lugging that contact lens with the words, "Lord, I don't know why You want me to carry this thing. I can't eat it, and it's awfully heavy. But if this is what You want me to do, I'll carry it for You."

I think it would probably do some of us good to occasionally say, "God, I don't know why you want me to carry this load. I can see no good in it and it's awfully heavy. But if you want me to..."
MY ROLE MODELS

When I was growing up in Sea Cliff I played Little League baseball. Each year I would do all I could to get uniform number 14, because Gil Hodges, first baseman for the then Brooklyn Dodgers, was my favorite player. To my young mind, he was an all-around type of role model—good player, good teammate, and (most importantly) a good Catholic. Even now, on the rare occasions that I pick lottery numbers, 14 is one I usually select.

Role models are not what they used to be; perhaps it’s the salary structure or maybe it’s the fact that everything is in the open, but those now in the spotlight are there only for show and not for imitation. That does not mean, however, that we should not try to find someone whose life is worth emulating. Such people, for me it seems, have always been in my midst...I just had to find them.

Aileen Schafer was a shining light in my life as I can honestly say that I have never met a person more true to her value system than she. I got to know her through my next-door neighbor, and Barbara had each of her ten children in class at St. John the Baptist. She and her husband instilled the important tenets of our faith in their children and demonstrated that faith alone is not enough. Aileen served her parish of St. Mary’s in a variety of capacities, gave gentle counsel to unwed mothers, often visited retired nuns, was a steadfast supporter of Birthright, and even worked in a soup kitchen run by a Baptist church. Materially speaking, Aileen might have been considered well off, but that was never her barometer of success. And she made that clear to her children. She once told me that for Christmas, rather than receiving presents, she expected an acknowledgement from charities indicating that each child had made a donation in the name of his or her parents. The children learned well as each, now adults themselves, is carrying out the Gospel-based values that were an everyday part of their mother’s solidly holy life. In a day when most are sheepish when parts of our faith are challenged, Aileen Schafer was the elegant yet forceful voice that the Catholic Church so desperately needs.

Aileen didn’t have a number I can wear, so now I must call upon the lessons that she taught me by the way that she lived: follow the teachings of the Catholic Church, get out there and help those in need, don’t be shy about letting people know you are Catholic, and do them all with a bright smile on your face.

Thanks, Aileen...for everything.

PRAYER

Generous and Loving Father, we are thankful that You sent the Pope to us to outline how we are to live. You have also place people in our lives that reveal that same message. Give us the Grace we need to be open to living Gospels value and bring comfort to the Schafer family and help them hold on to the wonderful legacy of Aileen. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

11 October 2015

Reflections

Stewardship...

Stewardship Sound Byte

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who keep attachments, of any sort, from distracting them from their spiritual work.
The Mothers’ Guild of St. Anthony’s High School will be hosting their annual Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday, November 7th. If you have any questions please feel free to call the Mothers’ Guild at 631-271-2020 ext. 230.

**CRAFT FAIR** – St. Anthony’s H.S. located at 275 Wolf Hill Road, South Huntington, NY will be hosting their annual Christmas Craft Fair on **NOVEMBER 7th, 10 am till 4 pm.**

Featuring over 100 unique vendors, there will be something for everyone! For directions call 631-271-2020 (#7).

Good Samaritan Hospital offers a Free Community Outreach Program available to anyone who is not regularly seen by a physician or clinic. The Program is staffed by doctors and nurses who retired from Good Samaritan. Patients receive a complete physical including electrocardiogram (EKG), chest X-ray, blood and urine tests, breast exam, Pap smear and echocardiogram if needed. Appointments are scheduled on Thursday mornings from September through May. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (631) 376-3182, Tuesday and Wednesday, between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm.

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.

**Book Talk at Seminary Library Oct. 25th**

Catholic author and blogger Lisa Mladinich will be speaking and signing her book, *True Radiance: Finding Grace in the Second Half of Life* on Sunday Oct. 25th at 2 p.m. in the library of the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, 440 West Neck Road. At a time when our culture tells aging women that they are less beautiful and less relevant, Mladinich’s book (based on interviews with many women) shows that authentic feminine spiritual gifts become more powerful and more impactful in the Church and in society as time goes on. This event is free, and does not require registration. Refreshments will be served! Call 631-423-0483 x 141 for directions.

**The Mothers’ Guild of St. Anthony’s High School**

**The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc.** sponsors a National Irish History Writing Contents for students grades 6-12. For more information to enter the contest email Rita Madden at madden_rita@yahoo.com or call 631-226-1999.

**Boys’ Day-By-Day-Agape (DDA) Retreat Fri. Oct 9-Mon. Oct. 12 for boys (15 & older).** DDA’s 40 year history and the thousands of teen participants speak to the popularity and success of this program. This retreat is led BY teens FOR teens with presentations, discussions, music, drama, and prayer; Adult Team, Spiritual Directors & CYFM Community help facilitate and support. Cost $140. pp for materials, meals & lodging, Early Bird Fee $125.(must be received 9 days before retreat). All paperwork & non-refundable $70, deposit must be returned by **Registration deadline, Tues. Oct. 6, 2015.** For info and application contact CYFM or visit our website: www.cyfm.org and click on “events” Find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Flocknote: CYFMGarrison. Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries, 781 Route 9D, Garrison, NY (845) 424-3609.
LAS HORAS DE OFICINA DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO SON: DOMINGOS DESPUÉS DE LA MISA FONO: (631) 669-0068 Ext. 131 PADRE JOSEPH AREVALO Ext. 104

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.

INTERCESIONES por la Vida

Para los legisladores que trabajan para preservar la vida y la libertad de todo ser humano: que Dios bendiga sus esfuerzos para consagrar esa convicción en el derecho norteamericano; 

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 10/04/15: $21,235.00
Gastos: $23,895.00
$(-2,660.00)

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

REFLEXION

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús pide al joven rico que regale todo lo que tiene con el fin de poseer un tesoro en el cielo. Pero el joven es incapaz de liberarse de sus posesiones, y se aleja con tristeza. ¿Lo que yo poseo me impide seguir a Jesús?

Agradecemos esta semana a todos los administradores de nuestra parroquia que guardan los archivos adjuntos, de cualquier tipo, desde los que les distraen de su trabajo hasta lo espiritual.

Vigésimo octavo domingo del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo B
Día de la Raza es el nombre con que se denominó inicialmente en la mayoría de los países hispanoamericanos la fiesta del 12 de octubre en conmemoración del avistamiento de tierra por el marinero Rodrigo de Triana en 1492, luego de haber navegado más de dos meses al mando de Cristóbal Colón a lo que posteriormente se denominaría América.

Esta fiesta conmemorativa se mantiene en general en Hispanoamérica y fue creada para conmemorar el nacimiento de una nueva identidad producto del encuentro y fusión de los pueblos originarios del continente americano y los colonizadores españoles, además de la valorización del patrimonio cultural hispanoamericano. Sin embargo, con el paso de los años, se han levantado diversas voces críticas respecto a la festividad, al considerar que el “descubrimiento” de América y la posterior conquista y colonización del continente por potencias europeas fue un genocidio que sometió y destruyó a las culturas precolombinas. Este debate ha provocado diversos cambios en la actual conmemoración del 12 de octubre en varios países de América Latina, donde se ha intentado reivindicar en dicha fecha las culturas originarias o la tolerancia entre culturas.

Aunque el nombre «Día de la Raza» sigue siendo popularmente utilizado en la actualidad, el nombre oficial suele ser diferente en cada país, siendo llamada Fiesta nacional de España o Día de la Hispanidad en España, Día del Respeto a la Diversidad Cultural en Argentina, Día del Encuentro de Dos Mundos en Chile o Día de la Resistencia Indígena en Nicaragua y Venezuela, por mencionar algunos ejemplos.