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.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time + October 25, 2015
The Sacraments of Life

Newly Baptized
Alana M. Anderson, Autumn Hannaway Booth, Victoria Marie Masi & Jenesis Mariah Polanco

For Our Sick
Please remember in your prayers the sick of our Parish:

First Time ~
Ryan Bailey & Laura Wagner
William Sutherland & Patricia Santorelli
Paul Bulone & Ashley Scuderi

Second Time ~
Borris Bailey & Ximena Gutierrez
Nicholas Vnucci & Emily MacBrien
Edward White & Stacy D’Agostino

Third Time ~
No Bands

Altar Rose
In memory of Patricia Scott

For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members
Dragutin (Charlie) Linich,
Antoinette M. Rifici & Justina Hess.

Mass Schedule & Readings For The Coming Week

At this Mass, we remember:
Monday, October 26
Rom 8:12-17, Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7b, 20-21, Lk 13:10-17
7:45 Patricia Recco-Ross
9:00 Ann Sutton

Tuesday, October 27
Rom 8:18–25, Ps 126:1b-6, Lk 13:18–21
7:45 Anton Vulaj
9:00 Agnes & Sam Lisy

Wednesday, October 28
Eph 2:19–22, Ps 192-5, Lk 6:12–16
7:45 Victor & Margaret Scafuro
9:00 Deceased Members of the Carvelas & Fullan Families

Thursday, October 29
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 Yvlise Gilbert

Friday, October 30
Rom 9:1–5, Ps 147:12-15, 19-20, Lk 14:1–6
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 Vincent Vodola

Saturday, October 31
Rom 11:1–2a, 11–12, 25–29, Ps 94: 12-13a, 14-15 17-18, Lk 14, 7–11
9:00 James Schellenberg & Alexander Scott
Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)
4:00 Confessions Today Fr. Joe
5:00 Arthur Spinoza Fr. Ethel
Lorraine Botte
George Rebecchi
Intentions of Helen Bunce

Intentions of Terence McSherry

Sunday, November 1 ~ 31th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Rv 7:2–4, 9–14, Ps 24:1bc-4b, 5-6, 1 Jn 3:1–3, Mt 5:1–12a
7:00 Nicholas & Frances Vidonic Fr. Ethel
8:45 James Walsh Fr. Chris
9:30 People of St. Joseph Fr. Joe
10:35 Federico Bianchi Fr. Francis
11:45 Minnie & Santo LaValle Fr. Chris
5:00 Frank R. Panebianco Fr. Francis

Reflection For Today
Today’s Psalm says, “The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.” Good stewards demonstrate by their living and giving that they understand God as the Source of all they are and have.
Our Parish Mission Statement

_The Parish of St. Joseph is a Roman Catholic Community of Christ’s Disciples:_

*We Welcome. We Worship. We Witness.*

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**Sacrificial Giving**

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

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_God bless you!_

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**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.

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**Prayers for Our Service Men & Women**

**U.S. Navy:**
PO3 Joshua D. Benoit
Lt. Michael Catalano
Romy Freeze
Lt. John T. Izzo
Lt. Caroline Mayer
PO2 Kristen Tice
PO1 Rasheen Tice

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

**U.S.C.:**
P01 Benjamin Flad
Capt. Matthew W. Sibley
F.A. Madison Mulders

**U.S. Army:**
SPC Elliot Chodkowski
SSG Josuah Insull
LTC John Kallo
SSG David C. Ray
Eric Stein
LTC Jon J. Uebel
Pvt. Danny Bornschein
Pvt. Edwin Zambrano
PFC Dominick Pittito
Lt. Stephen Scuderri
Pvt. Mark Ospina
Lt. Joseph A. Vanderveldt, III

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

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**2016 Mass Book Intentions**

THE BOOK FOR THE 2016 MASS INTENTIONS IS OPENING ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH STARTING AT 10AM IN THE O’CONNELL ROOM.
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
A Note about Divorce, Remarriage and Marriage Annulments
(if you’re just interested in Annulment news, skip to * below)

You may have heard that, at the Synod on Family Life, there have been discussions about various ways we can reaffirm the fact that divorced people, and divorced and remarried persons DO have a place in the church community family. I personally do not expect any major shift in teaching to occur from this Synod, but I DO believe it’s important to talk about the MANY complications and challenges facing married people, including some challenges that previous generations of married couples did NOT have to face.

To the point: contrary to what some Roman Catholics and others believe, a divorce does NOT automatically separate someone from their membership in the Body of Christ, AKA The Church. And the truth is that from before the time of Jesus, divorce has occurred among married people, regardless of what type of marriage ceremony they experienced to join them together. One thing that I believe WILL come out of the Synod meetings is a call for us to be respectful, courteous and loving toward our sisters and brothers who are divorced or divorced and remarried, and that the hospitality Jesus would offer ANY of us be extended to them as well.

* Now, to be sure, it DOES become more complicated when one marries after a divorce without benefit of the necessary diocesan and church permissions. If a first marriage took place under Roman Catholic auspices, an annulment would be needed to be obtained before a subsequent church wedding could occur. NOTE: an annulment DOES NOT MEAN that no marriage took place, and IT DOES NOT MEAN that the children from that first marriage are designated as ILLEGITIMATE. (See next week’s installment, called THE ELEVEN FALSE IDEAS ABOUT CHURCH ANNULMENTS).

* But here’s the latest news about annulments. Up until this year, the cost of obtaining an annulment was $1100 or so. Why so high? Because the Marriage Tribunal at the Bishop’s Office has trained professional people, (like a forensic psychiatrist) to read the written testimony both of the person seeking an annulment and others who offer testimony from their own perspective about events and situations in that marriage. The Tribunal’s main task is to process annulments as quickly as possible, in order to give people another chance to be married in the church. However, in light of recommendations made by Pope Francis, our Diocese has reduced the cost for obtaining an annulment to $100. So if you have been postponing your application for obtaining a necessary annulment, NOW would be an ideal time to file for one, particularly if you’d like a second marriage blessed by the church. And for those whose first marriages were not celebrated in the church but are seeking the possibility of having it under church auspices, there is in some cases AN EVEN SIMPLER PROCESS for moving in that direction. You can ask a priest or deacon about it: if it is true that you need an annulment to move forward to marry in the church, our clergymen will direct you to call the Diocesan Pastoral Center at 1.516.678.5800. Ask the operator to connect you to THE MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL. When you speak with the secretary in the Tribunal, simply say, “I would like to begin annulment proceedings,” and they will guide you from there.

I hope this information will assist some people to discover the peace and comfort that such a procedure can bring. I’ll be praying with you and for you in this process.

With love,
Father Chris
The Knights of Columbus
St. Joseph the Carpenter Council #14771 Presents

A NIGHT OF DOO WOP MUSIC

All of your Favorite Oldies, but Goodies from the 50’s and 60’s
Performed by Express

Dinner Buffet, Coffee and Dessert
Beer, Wine & Soda
RAFFLES & 50/50

Saturday, November 14, 2015
7:00 PM-11:00PM

St. Joseph’s Church-Msgr. Nolan Hall
39 North Carll Avenue, Babylon

Tickets will be sold after all Masses
October 24/25, October 31/November 1 and November 7/8

Help Us Support Parish & Local Charities
$35 Per Person
Adults Only- 21 and over
No Tickets Available At Door

CONTACT: DOM 631-669-1092 or BILL 631-539-8734
All Souls Day

**St. Joseph Cemetery Memorial Mass**
There will be an All Souls’ Day Mass at St. Joseph Cemetery on Monday, November 2nd at 9 am.
The Cemetery is located on Old Farmingdale Road, just west of Livingston Avenue, south of Sunrise Highway.
For your comfort, it is recommended that lawn chairs be brought to the cemetery.
All are invited.
(In case of rain, there is a 9:00am Mass in the Church)

Monday, November 2nd, is All Souls Day. The pamphlet, “Prayers For Visiting A Cemetery” will be available in the Church, Msgr Nolan Hall and St. Joseph Cemetery from now until the end of November.

All Souls Day envelopes will be in the back of the church and in Msgr. Nolan Hall before, during and after each Mass.

A Prayer for All Souls
God our Father,
Your power brings us to birth,
Your providence guides our lives,
and by Your command we return to dust.
Lord, those who die still live in Your presence, their lives change but do not end.
We pray in hope for our family, relatives and friends, and for all the dead known to You alone.
In company with Christ, Who died and now lives, may they rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away.
Unite us together in one family, to sing Your praise forever and ever.
Amen.

Ministry Fair

If you missed the Ministry Fair showcasing our Parish Ministries, Groups and Annual Events, and would like information, please call Jane at (631) 669-0068 x159 or email her at stewardship@stjosephsbabylon.org
Music Ministry Invitation

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all Catholic singers to join the music ministry and participate 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 guitarists, 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 the 8:45am or 10:15 Sunday liturgy or call her at 631-539-0957.
St. Joseph Nursery School and Infant ~ Pre-K Play Group

Come have fun with us!

Classes are available for children 12-36 months

Parent/ Caregiver and child classes
Let’s Play 12-24 months
Mondays 9am
Toddling Twos 24-36 Months
Mondays 12pm - 1:30pm

Openings also available for 3 & 4 Year old Pre-K Children.

Children without Parent/ Caregiver
2 1/2 Year Old Classes
1 1/2 hour 2 days per week
Tues & Thurs or Wed & Fri
12pm -1:30pm

Call for info - 631-661-4559 or email www.stjosephsnurseryschool.org

Wanted: Youth Band Leader

YOUTH BAND LEADER WANTED

The Church of St. Joseph, Babylon is seeking a liturgical musician who can lead our youth on instruments and in song at the Sunday 5 PM liturgy. Guitar and vocal skills are desired; music degree preferred, but will consider one's experience and musical talent. Rehearsals are held in the church on Sundays, just prior to Mass. The candidate should exude spirituality, enthusiasm, social graces and enjoy working with teens and young adults. Other optional worship opportunities may arise during the year that will highlight the band in and out of state. Send all contact information with your résumé and 2 letters of recommendation to the Pastor. Mail to: Msgr. Chris Heller at Church of St. Joseph, 39 N Carll Ave, Babylon, NY 11702, or via e-mail to cheller@stjosephsbabylon.org.
“Faith grows when it is lived and shaped by love.”

Pope Francis

When you give to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, your gifts support the education of our priests, deacons and lay leaders.

2015 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Serving God by Serving Others
CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org

And here’s some Good News for St. Joseph Parishioners:
we have a very generous parishioner who will help get us to our Parish Goal by matching your gifts dollar for dollar.

So YOUR dollar will be worth $2 to the Parish.

Thank you for making a donation to the Appeal, and helping us to support our priests, deacons and lay leaders. May God always bless you!

Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal
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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**

Thank You!

Many Thanks to all the generous people who gave 123 coats to be shared with the poor of the Church of St Joseph Outreach, the Thrift Shop and St Vincent de Paul

Many Blessings to all from the members of JCDA #1403

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas - Court Bishop McDonnell #1403**

**Military Bridge**
All are welcome to join us for MILITARY BRIDGE on Tuesday, November 10th
Doors open at 6:30pm - Games begin at 7:30pm in the Nolan Hall St. Joseph Church
39 N. Carll Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702
Tickets are $10.00 and include coffee, tea and dessert.

Military Bridge is NOT BRIDGE!
If you ever played WAR card games as a child then you know how much fun Military Bridge is. There will be plenty of raffle prizes too.
Come play cards, win raffles and have some laughs with us.
For reservations, call:
Flo 631-669-2093
St. Joseph's Annual Christmas Pageant

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

The Sociable Singles

St. Joseph Sociable Single Seniors

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.
"Thanksgiving is a joyful celebration.” We reflect with gratitude on the blessing we’ve received and give to those who are struggling. This year, we are once again calling upon you for donations of food and/or supermarket gift cards to help the families who use our pantry. We help, on the average, 15 families a day with food from our pantry and some financial assistance. We would not be able to care so generously for our clients without the help we receive from our parishioners here at St. Joseph.

We ask that all donations arrive at Outreach by Friday, November 13th so that all families may receive food in time for the holiday. Thank you!

We are presently accepting donations for the Thanksgiving season. See the food pantry list for needed items.

The next meeting of St. Vincent de Paul society is Monday, November 2, 2015 at 9:35am in room 256 of the parish center.
Level 7 Covenants are due at any Mass this weekend.

Level 8 Confirmation Retreat – takes place on Thursday, October 29th from 7-9pm in Nolan Hall. The retreat is for Confirmation Candidates and their catechists only. Parents will need to drop them off with the catechist and sign them out at the end. Parents can stay if they wish but will need to sit in the back section.

The Confirmation rehearsal will take place on Monday, November 2nd at 5pm for those at the 10am Mass and at 7pm for those at the 1:30pm Mass.

Confirmation will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 4th this year. Please keep our Confirmation Candidates and their families in your prayers.

The Faith Formation Office will be closed on Wednesday’s November 4th & 11th, there will be no classes on these two days.

Level 2 Presentation of Mass Booklets at any Mass the weekend of November 14-15. Please remember to bring your Mass attendance envelopes and place them in the collection basket.

Level 1 Advent Wreath Blessing @ 9:30am Mass Sunday, November 27th.

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?

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Friday, 10/30—Tickets now Available! Contact Youth Office.
Grades 6—12 Tickets $5 Doors open at 7pm
Bring a Friend........if you dare!

Bring a desert to share ———- prize for spookiest desert and for best costume

Please e-mail youth@stjosephs babylon.org to reserve your tickets.

Always check the website for updated info: www.stjosephs babylon.org

Other Upcoming Events:

Monday 10/26—High School Meeting in the Madonna Room 7—8:30 .planning and setting up for Halloween Party

Saturday November 7th
Paint Night!

7—9:30pm in the O’Connell Room

Join us for an evening of fun and bring out your inner artist!
Paint n sip while supporting our Youth Group.
There will be raffles and snacks available for purchase.

Tickets $40—only limited number available so please call or email Barbara McNulty to reserve your ticket!
669-0068 ext 108 youth@stjosephs babylon.org

Help our Youth Group raise funds for Youth Leader Training and Weekend Retreat!
This is an adult-only evening. Thank you.
Did you know about…
The Men’s Spirituality Group?
An opportunity for men of the Parish to meet in a small group environment to share their faith, grow in their spirituality, and help each other live the Gospel on a daily basis.
We strive to become better Catholic men, husbands and fathers.

All men of the Parish over the age of 18 are welcome to attend.

Group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 7-8:30pm in the Church and attendance at our monthly Eucharistic Adoration on the First Friday of the month is encouraged.

For more information, please email Bill at miner@dragonlogic.com or call the Parish Office at (631) 669-0068 x159. Thank you!
Catholic Ministries Appeal 2015: Loving Others as Christ Would

Be A Greeter
At the 11:45am Mass on Sunday

If you would like to be part of our new worship experience on Sundays as a greeter, 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.

Moving On Up Group

“Moving On” Group
An ‘After- Bereavement’ Group for Widows and Widowers Presents:
“Let’s Discuss…”
Friday, November 20th @ 7:30 pm
For further information please call Geri Olson at 631-661-8994

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2015: Loving Others as Christ Would

Please: Make a Difference in Someone’s Life by donating to the Catholic Ministries Appeal.
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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

“Go…your faith has saved you.” These spoken words of our Lord Jesus are from the end of today’s Gospel, Mk. 10:52a. What does it mean to have faith? I knew a woman who was suffering from severe pain due to an injury she had experienced. This lady attended an evangelical church. She had told me the pastor of this church accused her of having a lack of faith because her prayers to our Lord for healing went unanswered. Really?!

St. Paul, in his Second Letter to the Corinthians tells of what would seem to appear to the above-mentioned pastor to be a lack of faith. Paul reveals that he was suffering a “thorn in the flesh”; that he had prayed three times to our Lord asking for healing. Yet, Paul was not healed. Is this a lack of faith? The answer St. Paul says he received from our Lord is: “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness” (2 Cor. 12:9a). Perhaps, sisters and brothers, this begins to help us to understand what it means to be a person of faith.

There will be times, more than a few, when it appears our God isn’t listening to our prayers. Some believe our God is an ambivalent God, cold and uncaring. Others deny the reality of God primarily because their prayers seem to have gone unanswered. Or, maybe their prayers weren’t answered in the fashion they desired. St. Paul desired a particular answer to his prayer for healing; the answer he received was not what he expected. Yet, Paul’s faith was not shaken. He continued to believe and to proclaim the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul understands our Lord’s reply and goes on to state: “Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong” (2 Cor. 12:10). When do many of us turn to our God? When we are in need, when we are suffering, fearful, hurting. And because we’ve turned to our God, St. Paul tells us we are already stronger. Our prayers may not be answered in the fashion, or as quickly as we desire but if we continue in prayer, in faith, believing our God does hear us and is with us we find the determination, the strength, yes, even the peace to continue to live and move forward through the difficulties. And when all is said and done we will be victorious over all the suffering and hardships. How do we know this to be true? Faith, faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! Jesus endured suffering and he was victorious rising to new life and ascending to the throne beside his Heavenly Father. We, too, in and through our Lord Jesus will have the last word over suffering. Our faith is based on the Resurrection as St. Paul so beautifully and powerfully illustrates in I Corinthians Chapter 15. I urge all of us to read this ultimate truth of faith for we Christians.

Our God is the God of perfect power and perfect love. He is always with us and can never abandon us, for it is impossible for Perfect Love to abandon those whom He loves. Paul knew this; and Bartimaeus, from our Gospel today would come to understand this ultimate truth. Faith believes in this ever-present Love. For the Lord of all creation has promised this to us: “And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Matt. 28:20).
THE DONUT

I have often said that my son-in-law has the best job in the world*. Rich is the principal of St. Ignatius School, a Jesuit-based Nativity middle school that is nestled in the heart of the Hunts Point section of the Bronx, deemed the poorest school district in the State of New York. Surrounded by those who most often opt for lives of gangs, drugs, prostitution, or other crimes, students at the school see education as the one thing that will be able to transform their lives and help break the cycle of poverty that has engulfed their minority families.

A few weeks ago, Rich noticed that Antonio was having a bad day. Rich knew that Antonio’s father had been killed six months earlier, and he (as well as teachers and other school personnel) had reached out to Antonio to help him in any way he could. Rich invited Antonio into his office to let him know that he was available. Antonio explained it was his birthday and, in addition to thinking more about his father than he usually might, he knew that his mother could not bring herself to celebrate the day. That prompted Rich to make a mad dash to the local donut shop and bring back a treat to at least celebrate Antonio’s birthday in some small way. When they sat down, Antonio asked for a knife. “Do you need a fork, as well?” Rich asked. “No, Mr. Darrell. I want to cut the donut in half so I can bring half of it home for my little brothers.”

The Gospel is filled with stories of people who understand the simple message that Jesus taught again and again. All that we have been given (like a donut) is to be shared with those in need (like two hungry brothers). Rich’s initial understanding of that concept triggered an equally generous response from Antonio. Do we have similar opportunities in our lives to share our gifts with others? Stewardship reminds us that we have been given Time, Talent, and Treasure to help those in need. Do we utilize that Time wisely? Do we employ those Talents to the benefit of others? Do we share our Treasure in consequential ways?

Do we ask for a knife to cut our donut in half?

*There are many wonderful agencies that help those in need, so it’s not necessarily Rich’s mission that qualifies him for Best Job in the World status. He gets that because he shakes hands with every student when they enter the school each day. It doesn’t get much better than that.

PRAYER

Generous Father, You bless us in many ways by giving us gifts to use for ourselves and our neighbor. Give us the Grace we need to understand that all we have comes from You. Help us turn our hearts and minds toward You and toward those in Your image and likeness who need some help. Bless Antonio, his classmates, and all of those involved with St. Ignatius School. Help them know that You are with them at all times. This we ask in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

25 October 2015

Reflections

Stewardship...

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish whose outlook is challenged and changed as a result of embracing Stewardship as the heart of Christian discipleship, leading to a new way of life!
A Good Time Had by All at the Chrysanthemum Ball
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REFLEXION
El Salmo de hoy dice, “El Señor ha hecho grandes cosas por nosotros; estamos llenos de jubilo.” Los buenos administradores de los bienes de Dios demuestran por medio de su vida y sus donaciones que comprenden que Dios es la Fuente de todo lo que ellos son y de todo lo que poseen.

Intercesiones por la Vida
Por la Iglesia, que su testimonio de la santidad y la verdad pueda atraer a todos los legisladores a un amor por el Evangelio de la Vida;

Roguemos al Señor:
Señor, escucha nuestra oración

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CURSILLO DE CRISTIANDAD: Los invita a vivir un fin de semana con Cristo. Tenemos Ulltrea 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.

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

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Mi única misión es llevar una palabra de aliento con una reflexión y la vez Evangelizar y educar a nuestro Pueblo, que está dormido. No quiero seguir PESCANDO en una Pecera, quiero ir al MAR y la tecnología me lo está permitiendo llegar a millones de personas en el mundo.

Muchos nos quejamos que nuestras Iglesias están casi vacías, pero seguimos pescando en peceras. Ya es hora de salir a buscar a nuestra gente, llevarles la buena nueva a sus hogares a TRAVES del INTERNET y la radio o la TV. Señor, No quiero seguir PESCANDO en una Pecera, ayúdame a seguir navegando en mar abierto y que mi barquita sea luz para mis hermanos. (Padre Tomas Del Valle)

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