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

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

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

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

Hispanic Office
Fri 7:00 to 9:00pm

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

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

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

Parish phone numbers (Area Code 631)
Parish Office .................. 669.0068
Cemetery Office ............. 699-0068 Ext. 107
Faith Formation .............. 587.4717
Nursery School .............. 661.4559
Outreach ...................... 669.4544
Hispanic Community ......... 669.0068 x131
Thrift Shop .................... 669.5574
Youth Ministry .............. 669-0068 x 108
Fax ......................... 669.9175

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

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

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

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

RCA (Prite 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.
Solemnity of All Saints + November 1, 2015
The Sacraments of Life

For Our Sick
Please remember in your prayers the sick of our Parish:
- Robert Dobbins,
- Teresa Dell, Ann Boyd, Edward Boyd, Mike Spironi,
- Barbara Levinsky, Kathleen Burk, Michael Ferrara, Lois Ohman, Barbara Kelly, Richard D’Alessandro, Joel Rivera,
- Eva Berger, Joan Cormnan, Robert Semeraro, Marie Azicri, Monica Restrepo, Nancy Overholser, Kristy Minningel, Maureen Fizzuglio, Robert Spilabotte, George Shannon, Regina James, Jane Ferreta, Virginia Fescina, Shannon Saturno, Maryann Thibadeau, Catherine Scelfo, James Kennedy, Charles Scott, Joseph Leone, Donna Ardizzzone, Ellen Golda, Terence McSherry, Mary Jane Simmons, Ann Kerins and Charles Chertiza.

Altar Rose
In memory of Rachel Jacob

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

REFLECTION FOR TODAY
Today’s Psalm makes clear that we and everything we think we own actually belong to God instead: “The Lord’s are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it.” We are stewards, not owners, of our lives and all we possess!

Mass Schedule & Readings For The Coming Week

At this Mass, we remember:

Monday, November 2
Wis 3:1-9, Ps 23:1-6, Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9, Jn 6:37-40
7:45 All Soul’s Day Novena
9:00 All Soul’s Day Novena

Tuesday, November 3
Rom 12:5-16b, Ps 131:1cede, 2-3, Lk 14:25-24
7:45 Intentions of Antonietta Coiro
9:00 All Soul’s Day Novena

Wednesday, November 4
Rom 13:8-10, Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9, Lk 14:25-33
7:45 All Soul’s Day Novena
9:00 Jack, Katharine, & Christy Heller

Thursday, November 5
Rom 14:7-12, Ps 27:1bcede, 4, 13-14, Lk 15:1-10
7:45 All Soul’s Day Novena
9:00 Denise Joyce

Friday, November 6
Rom 15:14-21, Ps 98:3-4, Lk 16:1-8
7:45 All Soul’s Day Novena
9:00 All Soul’s Day Novena

Saturday, November 7
Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27, Ps 1452-5, 10-11, Lk 16:9-15
9:00 All Soul’s Day Novena

Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)
4:00 Confessions Today Fr. Chris
5:00 Tom & Nancy Sheehan Fr. Joe
7:45 James K. Becker
8:45 Madeline Pritchard
9:30 Mary Ann McLean
11:45 Intentions Of Terence McSherry

Sunday, November 8 ~ 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 17:10-16, Ps 1457-10, Heb 9:24-28, Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44
7:00 Carmela Caterino Fr. Chris
8:45 Colleen McNamara Fr. Francis
9:30 Brenda Slayback Fr. Chris
10:15 Lawrence Peter Ward Fr. Ethel
11:45 People of St. Joseph Fr. Francis
5:00 Hunter Thomas Bradley Fr. Ethel

Nocturnal Adoration
On Friday, November 6th, “Please Join Us for One Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9pm to 10pm in Church”.

Newly Baptized
Reilly Fynn Donovan, Brielle Diane Goldberg, Jackson Thomas Kegel, Rosemary Paolantonio, Parker Klym Rutkowsky and Stephen Paul Sharp-Scheer

Preparing for Marriage
Banns Posted
Second Time ~
- Ryan Bailey & Laura Wagner
- William Sutherland & Patricia Santorelli
- Paul Bulone & Ashley Scuderi

Third Time ~
- Borris Bailey & Ximena Gutierrez
- Nicholas Vannucci & Emily MacBrien
- Edward White & Stacy D’Agostino
- Joseph Saitta & Kaitlin Ventre

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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 $22,903.00
Budgeted Collection $23,895.00
(-992.00)

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

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

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

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

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

U.S. Army:
SFC Elliot Chodkowski
SSG Josuah Insull
LTC John Kallo
SSG David C. Ray
Eric Stein
LTC Jon J. Uebel
PVT Danny Bornschein

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

Parish Office News

On Wednesday, November 4th, the Parish Office will be closed from 12pm - 1pm.

Thank You!
The Office Staff
11 False Statements about Annulments
And Some Plain Truth from Fr. Chris Heller

The Catholic Church recognizes the reality of civil divorce, and the Catholic Church prohibits remarriage after a divorce unless the first marriage has first been annulled or declared null and void, which would free a person to remarry in the Church.

2. When it comes to annulments, civil marriages and marriages in other Churches without the permission of the Catholic Church don’t count. False.
Of course those marriages count, as long as there was and officiating judge, justice of the peace, or minister: they happened as part of your human history. At the same time, it’s important to point out that all marriages are NOT the same: some require annulments to address the prior marriage, while others require a simpler format to address it. Ask your pastor, parish priests or deacons about distinguishing one from the other.

3. Annulments are Catholic divorces. False.
A civil divorce says that the union that existed between two people no longer exists. A Catholic annulment says that although a marriage received the blessing of the Catholic Church, it failed for some very specific reasons. The pre-existing negative conditions in your relationship, uncovered during the annulment process, will explain objectively why this marriage did not last, why it was not fruitful and beneficial for both parties, and why the Sacrament of Matrimony did not or could not take root in their relationship.

4. Annulments cost about $10,000. False.
Annulments are procedures that do incur a cost, which is $100. Why any cost at all? There is a special office at the Diocesan Center in Rockville Centre called the Marriage Tribunal, where priests and staffs work exclusively on helping people whose prior valid unions end in divorce and who want to be married to a Catholic in a Catholic-blessed celebration to obtain an annulment. There are costs for the secretaries, as well as for the psychiatrist who will read the testimony and reports submitted by the one seeking an annulment, as well as the testimonies of those other persons who write in support of the annulment being granted.

5. Celebrities and stars get annulments quicker. False.
From time to time we hear about people getting preferred treatment, but this is not the case. Nicole Kidman waited in line with everyone else in her diocese to obtain an annulment prior to her most recent marriage.

6. An annulment means your previous marriage never existed. False.
Of course it existed! Your marriage that was blessed by the Catholic Church and that you hoped would last forever most certainly did exist! The deacon or priest who presided at your wedding, as well as two witnesses and family, friends, and loved ones, plus the pictures and the videotape recording all validate the event. It would be more accurate to say that an annulment explains why the union didn’t last.
7. Receiving an annulment makes your children illegitimate. **False.**
   *No, No, No: this is the most widespread misconception.* The Church does not have the authority or the jurisdiction to declare that someone is illegitimate; it is the civil law that declares persons legitimate or not. In God’s eyes, *every one of us* is legitimate, loveable, precious and of eternal value.

8. It takes 5 years to obtain an annulment. **False.**
   It usually takes between 12 and 15 months, and in certain circumstances it can take longer. But the delays are NOT at the Tribunal Office. To petition for an annulment, you and family members or friends who knew you and your ex-spouse before, during and after your marriage will write accounts of what *they* recall from your marriage. These will include memories, observed behaviors, stories and recollections. The truth is that delays in obtaining church annulments in the New York metropolitan area are *most often caused* by persons who have promised to write and testify on our behalf, but who do not write and submit these testimonies in a timely way.

9. To get an annulment, you have to say negative things about your ‘ex.’ **False.**
   You simply have to tell the truth from *your* perspective an experience. No mud necessary. And yes, your ex may tell a *very* different story about your marriage.

10. Your ‘ex-spouse’ can prevent you from getting an annulment. **False.**
    Because you were married, and because an annulment could benefit both of you, the Tribunal notifies your ex-spouse of your petition for an annulment. Your ex receives thirty (30) days to respond, which could be: to ignore responding entirely; or “I’ll tell you *my* side of the story;” or “I’m not saying anything;” or “I’m going to contest this annulment.” This last is often used without understanding all of the above information concerning annulments. After thirty days, the process moves forward with all correspondence and testimony being considered.

11. Every marriage not held in a Catholic Church needs an annulment before a second marriage can take place. **False.**
    Certain first marriages do not require and annulment, but rather a much simpler process. Example: two people (one of them Catholic and neither of them married before) marry before a justice of the peace, judge, rabbi or minister; if that marriage breaks up and one of the wants to marry a Catholic in a marriage blessed by the Catholic Church, there is a separate procedure called a Defect of Form, meaning that the form or ceremony for a particular wedding did not conform to the Roman Catholic marriage ritual. Please consult your pastor, parish priest or deacons.

St. Joseph Church, Babylon

*Father Chris*
Doo Wop Coming to St. Joseph

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 Cali 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
**St. Joseph Cemetery Memorial Mass**

There will be an All Souls’ Day Mass at St. Joseph Cemetery on Monday, November 2nd at 9am.

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)

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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.

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AN ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE AT THE LAZARUS MASS

The Ministry of Consolation invites all Parishioners, especially the family and friends of those who have lost a loved one within the last year, to a special All Souls Remembrance which will be held, this year in conjunction with our regular monthly Lazarus mass on Saturday, November 14, 2015 at 9am Mass in the Church.

This Mass will include a candle ceremony and a reading of the names of the deceased for the period of October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015. The October Lazarus names will also be included.

We invite you to join the St. Joseph Parish Community in prayer for those who have begun a new life in Christ. The Book of the Dead will be available for the signing, at the front door, after mass.

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**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.

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All Souls Day envelopes will be in the back of the church and in Msgr. Nolan Hall before, during and after each Mass.
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.
Interested In Sharing Your Musical Gifts at St. Joseph

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.

COME SHARE YOUR MUSICAL GIFTEDNESS

St. Joseph’s Music Ministry would welcome the addition of an adult Percussionist / Drummer to serve at the weekly Sunday 11:45 am Mass (which features Contemporary Christian Music). One weeknight rehearsal brings our vocalists and musicians together to learn great music.

Contact Ann Marie at 631-277-0523, or come meet the music group on Sundays, 11:45am Mass at St. Joseph.
31th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle B

The Angel Brigade

Angel Brigade

At Outreach, we meet many local families who are struggling financially during these challenging times. As Christmas approaches, we are looking for a few Angels willing to “Adopt a Family” both financially and through prayer. We will match you with a family and offer gift suggestions, including sizes. If you are interested in joining our Angel Brigade this Christmas, please email us at kraniere@stjosephsbabylon.org with your name, phone number, and any special requests pertaining to the size of the family, etc. If you prefer, you can call Outreach at 669-4544 and leave your name along with your phone number and email address. Please consider joining our Angel Brigade this season. As one of our “adopted” families from the past wrote, “We had an amazing Christmas. ...My heart is filled with the love of God and the kindness of strangers.”

All requests to join our Angel Brigade must be received by November 13. Thank you!

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.

Book Club News

Book Club

Meeting on Thursday, November 12th, 2015 at 7:30pm in Room 255.
The book discussion will be on “American Mirror” Story of Norman Rockwell by Deborah Solomon All are welcome
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

Our newest member, Gianna was installed by President, Victoria. Girls 10-17 years old are welcome to join us for fun and service projects.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 17th, 7:30pm in the O’Connell Room.

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 for our Annual Christmas Pageant
December 6th - 3pm in the Church

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.
Outreach

Please Help Outreach

“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!

Social Ministries

St. Vincent de Paul

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

The following note was sent to St. Vincent de Paul from a parishioner for whom we were able to find a car to go to work:

“I would like to express my deepest gratitude and thankful appreciation to you, … for the generous gift of an automobile. Because of St. Vincent de Paul I am now able to commute safely to my work assignment, and with the hope you gave me, I can move onward to the next chapter of my life.”

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.

Thank you for your Food Pantry Donations!

Our Food Pantry is most in need of these items: Turkey Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Stuffing, Rice, 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

Handbags ~ 1/2 Price
All Clothing ~ 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.
Faith Formation

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

The Faith Formation Office will be closed on November 2nd, 4th & 11th, there will be no classes on these two days. There will be no classes on Wednesday, November 25th – we would like to wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving.

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.

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.

Thanks so much to all those who helped make the Confirmation retreat a big success: Fr. Dave Atanasio, Barbara McNulty, members of our Youth Group and all our Level 8 catechists.

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.
Youth Ministry

Saturday November 7th
Paint Night!
7—9:30pm in the O’Connell Room

Adults only please. Only a few spots left!
Sorry, but no tickets sold at door.

Join us for an evening of fun while supporting our teens.

What is Paint Night? Every person will receive a blank canvas, paint brushes and supplies—we will then be given step by step instructions from a trained professional And you will be truly amazed as your inner artist comes to life.

Get your ticket and reserve your canvas!

Paint n sip while supporting our Youth Group. Wine and Cheese…..Coffee and Cake will be served. There will be raffle baskets and other snacks available for purchase.

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

Help our Youth Group raise funds for Youth Leader Training and Weekend Retreat!
This is an adult-only evening. Thank you.

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR: ww.stjosephsbabylon.org

Thank you to everyone for your donations!
Our Teens have put together dozens of ‘blessings bags’ for the homeless And our PBJ Gang made 340 sandwiches this month.
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!
**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.*

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**Moving On Up Group**

An ‘After- Bereavement’ Group for Widows and Widowers Presents:

**“Change Your Thinking/Change Your Life”**

By Glenn Poveromo

Friday, November 20th @ 7:30 pm

For further information please call Geri Olson at 631-661-8994

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**Catholic Ministries Appeal 2015: Loving Others as Christ Would**

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I was one of the fortunate ones to have been selected in the lottery for evening prayer with Pope Francis. What a day!!! So striking was the brilliance and beauty resulting from the restoration project of the Cathedral, but it was that high pulpit ambo that really struck me. It brought me back over twenty years ago, proclaiming the Gospel from there while assisting at Labor Day Masses with the late Cardinal O’Conner. The altar server would have to carry the Book of Gospels up there for me now.

It would be four hours before the service would begin, during which time I met Msgr. Chris, Fr. Joe Fitzgerald and his brother Tom. Finally, the moment arrived, as Pope Francis ascended the front steps the conservative decorum associated with St. Pat’s went out the window. It sounded like a stadium where one of our teams had won a World Series or Super Bowl.

The homily was delivered in Spanish and translated on the telestrators positioned about the cathedral. For some reason it transported my mind to my winter parish, Our Lady Queen of Peace, where Mass is offered in English & Portuguese and my first Espanola recollection as a new deacon in the parish and the three sisters, twins and their big sister, who showed me how things were done thier Mom, a Eucharistic Minister. and Dad, a lector from Columbia, were so kind and friendly to me.

The Pope offered two reflections “The first concerns the spirit of gratitude. The joy of men and women who love God attracts others to Him.” “A second area is the spirit of hard work. A grateful heart is spontaneously impelled to serve the Lord and to find expression in a life of commitment to our work. Once we come to realize how much God has given us, a life of self sacrifice, of working for Him and for others, it becomes a privileged way of responding to His great love”.

These are but two short quotes on the topics. The highlights come toward the end and again I quote “What would the Church be without you? Women of strength, fighters, with that spirit of courage which puts you in the front lines the proclamation of the Gospel. To you, religious women, sisters and mothers of this people, I wish to say “thank you”, a big thank you... and to tell you that I love you very much”.

What an honor and privilege to have been there!!!

Deacon John
THE WORD OF THE DAY IS…

Sometimes the light goes on when we least expect it. I was attending an edition of a speakers series, and the topic was physical fitness. The presenter was approaching the topic from both a personal and a corporate point of view. Clearly it was up to the individual to be responsible for what he or she had on his or her plate (small sized, the presenter insisted) and to make sure that exercise was part of the daily routine. Companies, both large and small, she suggested, should encourage their employers to think fitness first by offering a variety of incentives. Fit workers have a positive effect on the bottom line, she pointed out, by increasing productivity and decreasing absenteeism. And then she slipped in a word of which I was unfamiliar.

Presenteeism.

At first I had a misunderstanding of the word. I thought that it meant people who came to work and did very little to contribute to that day’s productivity. Perhaps it was because I had no idea for a column at the time, but I immediately thought of those who come to the Eucharist out of habit and basically sit in the pew, perhaps pull a dollar out for the collection, and leave with everyone else when the mass is over. Basically such a person would not be productive personally or communally.

Later I learned that presenteeism means coming to working when one is sick. In this context, we all gather each week as sinners, trying to free ourselves from the bonds of sins, but lacking the healthy soul to do it on our own.

Organizational scholars advise recommendations for the best way for companies to combat presenteeism are recognition of the problem (examination of conscience), institution of wellness program (frequenting the sacraments), providing paid sick leave (a retreat), and getting a flu shot (going to confession).

Presenteeism is better than absenteeism; let us use the parish programs, liturgies, and ministries to be as healthy as we can so we can continue serving our parish as we welcome, we worship, and we witness.

PRAYER

Generous Father, You have blessed each of us with relative good health and for that we give You our gratitude. Let us not take this gift for granted and let us use it to make our soul healthy as well. Give us the Grace we need to be ready to adore, to thank, to ask, and to beg forgiveness for the times we have strayed from the road You have set for us. Help to be always at our best when we visit You and the Eucharist or in the quiet of our prayer. This we ask in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Reflections

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish recognize that all good gifts come from God, to be used in service to our neighbor.
THE LIFE CENTER: A RESOURCE FOR YOU AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS
As we conclude Respect Life Month, I want to be sure that you are aware of an important resource that is available to us: it’s called The Life Center. The Life Center of Long Island is in place to assist pregnant women in crisis, expectant parents in need, and those women and men who are suffering and/or recovering after obtaining or participating in someone else obtaining an abortion. The Life Center has been in existence for 29 years!

Some of the FREE SERVICES they provide include:
- Free pregnancy test kits
- Sonograms performed by a Licensed Physician when necessary
- Onsite crisis intervention counseling
- Pre-Natal and post-natal guidance
- Material aid: cribs, car seats, clothing, formula, & diapers

Assistance with linking to appropriate community resources such as:
- Maternity housing
- Continuing Education
- Employment opportunities

If you or a loved one or friend could benefit from any of these services, please do not hesitate to call the Life Center of Long Island. Located at 1767 Deer Park Avenue in Deer Park, their phone number is: 631.243.2373.

Fr. Chris

Join Eileen Benthal for a Night of Prayer and Reflection

Breathing Underwater: A Caregiver’s Journey of Hope

In her faith-filled book, retreats and workshops, Eileen Benthal inspires others to BREATHE when you feel like you are drowning in your circumstances.

“Breathing Underwater” is an excellent way to prepare for the Jubilee Year of Mercy, and see our struggles and trials immersed in the ocean of God’s mercy.

Thursday, November 19, 2015
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
In the Church
Church of St. Joseph
39 North Carll Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702

Eileen Benthal is an author, coach and motivational speaker who shares a powerful testimony of thriving in the midst of extreme challenges, including caring for a child with a life threatening disease. She has a Theology degree from Franciscan University and is the author of Breathing Underwater; A Caregiver’s Journey of Hope. Eileen has shared their story on The Sean Hannity Radio Show and Fox News Hannity and Fox & Friends. Visit:
CareforaCaregiver.com & BreathingUnderwater.info.
St. Agnes Service Award

Congratulations to Our Parish’s St. Agnes Service Award

You know them: you’ve seen them; you’ve been at meetings with them. You know they do not sit on their hands when the call to serve others arises, be it in a parish situation or beyond the parish challenge. In fact, you know their hands are blessed when you see them in action:

Patricia & Vito Colletti

We thank them for their generous service in so many parish activities, and for their actions that remind us we are all disciples of the One and Only Jesus: it is He whom we serve above all things. Here is a picture of Vito and Pat, and one with their family members. Their awards were distributed this past Sunday at St. Agnes Cathedral, with all the diocesan bishops (and our own Father Seth, as the assistant master of ceremonies!) in attendance. Congratulations and best wishes to Pat and Vito, and our gratitude for their continued presence in our midst!

Fr. Chris

Babylon Clergy Cluster

You are cordially invited to join the Babylon Clergy Cluster on Sunday, November 22nd, from 7 to 8pm, for an interfaith evening of prayer, praise, and thanksgiving in our church with pastors, choirs and parishioners from several surrounding churches.

Msgr. Heller will be the homilist
All church leaders will also participate in this memorable evening. Plan to stay for hospitality to meet those of other faiths here in our neighborhood.

Treat yourself to an evening of beautiful music, prayers of thanksgiving and fellowship. A free will offering takes place with all donations benefiting St. Nicholas Greek Church to help with rebuilding following their devastating fire.
Checks may be made payable to The Babylon Clergy Cluster.
"As for the saints who are in the earth, they are noble, in whom is all my delight." Psalm 16:3

**Saints and Martyrs:**

"St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher, (are) martyrs who laid down their lives rather than violate their consciences or their sacred principles. Their courageous witness of faith continues to stir the minds and hearts of people yearning for authentic freedom, and specifically, for religious freedom." Archbishop William Lori homily, 6/22/12

"We surely are not facing (in America) the dire brutality that confronted St. John Fisher. But our Church and her institutions do find themselves today in perilous waters."

The total number of Christians martyred in the early church is unknown. It is known that persecution occurred through stoning, crucifixion, burning at the stake or other forms of torture. The period before Constantine (3rd century) was the "Age of the Martyrs". (religionfacts.com/persecution; wikipedia.org)

Today we are seeing another "Age of the Martyrs" as tens of thousands of Christians are violently killed every year.

**Saints and Martyrs Today:**

Religious persecution of Christians is rampant worldwide where followers of Jesus are the targets of religious cleansing. Pope Francis has repeatedly decried the persecution and begged the world for help, but it has had little impact. "Western leaders ... will be remembered for their near silence as this human rights tragedy unfolds", said author Kirsten Powers. (usatoday.com, 4/21/15)

Recent Headlines:
- Indonesian churches destroyed; * Persecution in Pakistan; * Egypt: Coptic Churches attacked; * Kidnapped Nigerian girls still alive, forced to convert, raped; * Eastern India pastor shot dead to 'terrorize Christians'. (christianitytoday.com, 10/21/15)

*O Lord, The plight and suffering of the Christians is heavy and frightening. We ask you, Lord, to give us peace and stability, to live with each other without fear and anxiety, but with dignity and joy. Glory to you forever. Amen*

**Events:**
- Wed, Nov 18, 7 - 9PM, Thomas Renker, Esq. & Barbara Samuells, CFFR President, will speak about denials of religious freedom in America, Our Lady of Victory School - Memorial Hall, 2 Bellmore St., Floral Park, NY 11001
Congratulations to the Newly Ordained!

Vocation Awareness Week November 1-7, 2015

National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

We ask you to pray for these 3 soon to be ordained Deacons on November 7th who will continue their spiritual journey and become Priests this coming June for the Diocese.

Please Pray for the increase in vocations! For more information:
http://www.longislandpriest.com/

Or
Contact Fr. Joe Fitzgerald at the Vocation Office,
516.678.5800 x214  - Vocations@drvc.org
I have heard people refer to Pope Francis as a ‘man of faith for all faiths’. Indeed the people I was standing with, (for 6 hours) in Central Park, reflected God’s blessed variety but unity of purpose. Our devotion and intensity mirrored Saint Francis and the Pope’s singular reflection of that faithfulness. He is calling us to a new purpose “forever ancient and forever new”.....love and mercy. “We love everything according to our own goodness” God bless you and keep you, Francis.

Audrey McHugh

After arriving on an early train, my husband Tim and I made our way to 26th Street and 7th Avenue, where the line to enter Madison Square Garden (MSG) for the Papal Mass ended at this time. It was 12:00 and the doors were not due to open until 2:00 p.m. that afternoon. It was a beautiful day and it was as if the Holy Spirit had entered the hearts of everyone waiting to see the Holy Father. We met many people on the line from all over New York. Many priests and religious brothers and sisters had traveled a great distance to attend. We saw many students from various Catholic High Schools as well. We felt this was a very important part of the journey. We heard many stories of how we all found ourselves here, together, on this special day to see this special man. The line began to move at 1:30 and the excitement grew. We finally made it through security and to our seats by 4:00. When Pope Francis arrived at MSG at approximately 6:10, the level of excitement was great. I remember feeling very emotional and “comforted” at the same time. What stood out most for me was Pope Francis’ humility. He and Cardinal Dolan were examples of the Pope’s great homily – despite the size of the New York community, we as Catholics should remember that we are neighbors and should treat each other with neighborly love. And, despite being the Pontiff himself, he concluded our prayer by offering his prayers to us, but also asking us to remember to pray for him. This very special day left me with a great feeling of love and comfort. To be present at this place, at this time, with 20,000+ people, and this special priest, was a true gift and one I will not soon forget.

Maria McCarthy

When the invitation to go to Central Park was offered to me thoughts raced through my mind. It was sure to be a long grueling day. Was I up to it? Should I bring a cane, maybe my walker? Last year at this time I was just getting out of a wheelchair! A trip to the city would have been out of the question then. Now I was walking and back to work and participating in my favorite church activities. I had to go. When would the Pope come again? I could do it. Yes, I must go. When we arrived in the city the streets were already barricaded and police directed us along a winding path stopping near the entrance to the park. We were “inside” with the other ticket holders. Then noise broke out as a few people were trying to get the attention of the police. They had spare tickets and wanted to offer them to the people across the street, “outside”. The police obliged and cheers of “thank you” bellowed across the wide avenue, then more cheers of “your welcome” echoed back. People were being so nice to each other! Promptly at 11 am the line began to move as we were ushered to dozens of check point inspection booths similar to those at the airports. It was so organized and orderly. We felt so safe. Then, there we were, in the park. Wherever possible we clung to the barricade fence; claimed a patch of grassy knoll or a raised rock to sit on. Over my shoulder a woman had climbed a tree. Look at Zacchaeus I thought. Talking to perfect strangers we found out where they came from and how they got their tickets. Some sang songs. Some prayed. The hills north of us filled in with people. Then the west side of the path was filled with more crowds, and we all waited! It seemed like forever. I wondered if I would get a clear vision of our Pope. Would he see me? Then my thoughts were interrupted by the cheers of the crowds as the flashing lights and the famous Pope-mobile came over the hill. There he was; standing, smiling, his hand raised and reaching over us, not waving just reaching. His reaching hand said “be kind to one another”. If I couldn’t live in the time of Jesus then this was the truly the next best thing.

Kathy Knott
**Intercesiones por la Vida**

Por todos los padres que esperan el nacimiento de su hijo, para que puedan ver a San José, que nos enseñó a valorar y proteger a nuestros hijos; 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”

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**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.

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