parish office
Mon to Thurs. 9:00am to 4:00pm, 7:00 to 9:00pm
Fridays Closed
Sat 9:00am to 1:00pm

cemetery office
Monday to Thursday 9:00am to 12:30pm
Please call in advance to make an appointment during these hours.

faith formation office
Mon to Thurs 9:00am to 4:00pm
Fri Closed

hispanic office
Fri 7:00 to 9:00pm

outreach office
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM
Other times by 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
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Fax ................................ 669.9175

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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.

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time + November 8, 2015
**The Sacraments of Life**

**Newly Baptized**

Luca Joseph Galimulla

**Preparing for Marriage**

Banns Posted

**First Time**

Juan Carlos Pabon & Melissa Garety
Joseph A. Russo & Nicole M. Messina

**Second Time**

No Bands

**Third Time**

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

**For Our Sick**


**Altar Rose**

In memory of Robert “Buddy” Sisone

**For Our Deceased**

Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Nancy Sciubba & Ewa Kiepura-Berger.

**REFLECTION FOR TODAY**

Both widows in today’s readings gave all they had to the work of the Lord, one using all her remaining food to feed Elijah and the other offering her two copper coins to the temple treasury. Good stewards give all that is asked and trust God to be faithful to His promises.

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**Mass Schedule & Readings For The Coming Week**

**At this Mass, we remember:**

**Monday, November 9**

Ez 17:1–2, 8–9, 12, Ps 16:5, 8–9, 1 Cor 3:9–11, 16–17, Jn 2:13–22

7:45 Robert A. Peck
9:00 Karl Burst

**Tuesday, November 10**

Wis 2:23–3:9, Ps 3:1: 2-3, 6-19, Lk 17:7–10

7:45 Ken O’Brien
9:00 Austin Moran & James McLoughlin

**Wednesday, November 11**

Wis 6:1–11, Ps 82:3-4, 6-7, Lk 17:11–19

7:45 Holiday ~ No Mass
9:00 Stefanie Von Knop

**Thursday, November 12**

Wis 7:22b—8:1, Ps 119:99-111, 130, 135, 175, Lk 17:20–25

7:45 Ann, Arlene & James Sutton
9:00 Peggy Bloeker

**Friday, November 13**

Wis 13:1–9, Ps 19:2-5b, Lk 17:26–37

7:45 Ravi Maharaj & Brandon Lochan
9:00 Rolland Tetrault

**Saturday, November 14**

Wis 18:14–16; 19:6–9, Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43, Lk 18:1–8

9:00 Rachel Jacob

**Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)**

4:00 Confessions Today Fr. Francis
5:00 Gerald Cox Fr. Ethel
5:30 Madeline Pritchard
6:00 Antonette Rifici
6:30 Dorothy Panetta

**Sunday, November 15 ~ 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Dn 12:1–3, Ps 16:5, 8-11, Heb 10:11–14, 18, Mk 13:24–32

7:00 People of St. Joseph Fr. Joe
8:45 Knights of Columbus Fr. Ethel Memorial Mass
9:30 Michael Botte Fr. Francis
10:15 Agnes & Sam Lisy Fr. Ethel
11:45 Caitlin Boyle Fr. Francis
5:00 Donald & Patrick Manning & Fr. Joe Dorothy & Joseph Boening

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**Hospitality Sunday**

On Sunday, November 15th, please join us for Hospitality after each Mass in the Hospitality Center.
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 $24,795.00
Budgeted Collection $23,895.00
+ 900.00
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.

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

U.S. Army:
SPC Elliot Chadkowski
SSG Josuah Insull
LTC John Kallo
SSG David C. Ray
Eric Stein
LTC Jon J. Uebel
PVT Danny Bornschein
Pvt. Edwin Zambrano
PFC Dominic Pititto
Lt. Stephen Scuderii
Pvt. Mark Ospina
Lt. Joseph A. Vanderveldt, III

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

Parish Office News

On Wednesday, November 11th, all Parish Offices will be closed for Veterans Day. Thank You!
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_
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
The pamphlet, “Prayers For Visiting A Cemetery” will continue to be available in the Church, Msgr. Nolan Hall and at St. Joseph Cemetery until the end of November.

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.

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.

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

The Mercy INN Benefit Concert raised over $11,000 last year through "drop in the basket" donations.

St. Joseph’s Choir has presented a concert of beautiful and inspirational music each December with all proceeds benefiting this Soup Kitchen for over 20 years.

The Mercy INN addresses the issue of hunger in the community by providing hot, nourishing meals in a dignified, comfortable and respectful manner to those who seek our help. The Mercy INN operates a single soup kitchen in Wyandanch, New York and we have no paid employees, except for a part-time custodian. They very much count on the generosity and talents of the Church of St. Joseph to be able to continue serving the poor all year.

On Sunday, December 13th at 7 PM the concert will begin with a moving candlelight procession to the altar where the choir, soloists, strings, harpsichord and trumpets will perform selections from Vivaldi’s GLORIA and Handel’s MESSIAH and two other very beautiful selections. Please arrive early as the church is put in darkness promptly at 7 PM.. Cash or checks may be made payable to the Mercy INN Soup Kitchen. Donation suggestion: $30 family; $15 individual. Our hope is to surpass last year's total. Contributions may also be dropped off at the Parish Office any time in an envelope with the "Mercy INN Soup Kitchen" written on the front.
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.

**Babylon Clergy Cluster**

**Babylon Pre-Thanksgiving Prayer Service**

The BABYLON INTERFAITH CLERGY CLUSTER invites members of all congregations to participate in a Thanksgiving Prayer Service: it will be held on Sunday evening, November 22nd at 7:00pm at St. Joseph Church. Choir members drawn from our local congregations will lead us in song and prayer. Refreshments will be served during a fellowship hour immediately following the Service. A free-will offering will be received during the Service, and the proceeds will be distributed to local food banks and soup kitchens in our area. Come and give thanks!
**The 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!

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**Book Club News**

**Meeting on Thursday, November 12th, 2015 at 7:30pm in Room 255.**

The book discussion will be on

“The 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”

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

Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Teen girls are welcome to join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, November 17th, 7:30pm in the O’Connell Room.
Come have fun with us!

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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:
CareforCaregiver.com & BreathingUnderwater.info.
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!

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

Lorraine Leitch made a Thanksgiving donation in loving remembrance of her brother George Rebecchi.

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 is a letter from one of our clients:

“I want to thank you, ...St. Vincent de Paul, for your generous support and help during my time of need. I am forever grateful. Had it not been for your charitable organization, I don’t know where I would have been.” These letters of appreciation motivate and inspire us to continue our mission of helping the less fortunate.

We are presently accepting donations for the Thanksgiving season. See the food pantry list for needed items. They can be dropped off at Outreach during office hours, M, W, F from 9:30 to 1:30 or placed in the bins in the lobby of the church and hall.

The next meeting of St. Vincent de Paul is Monday, November 16, 2015 at 9:35 in room 256 of the parish center. All are invited to attend!

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

Arts & Crafts ~ ½ Price
All Clothing ~ ½ price
Toys & Children’s Books ~ ½ price

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please DO NOT leave any donations on the outside steps when the Thrift Shop is closed.
The Faith Formation Office will be closed on Wednesday November 11th in observance of Veteran’s Day. There will be no faith formation classes on Wednesday’s November 11th or 25th. The office will also be closed on Thursday, November 26th for Thanksgiving.

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 2 Parent & Child Reconciliation Workshop – Thursday, November 19th @ either 5:30pm or 6:30pm in Nolan Hall.

Level 1 Advent Wreath Blessing @ 9:30am Mass Sunday, November 22nd.

Pictures from the Catechetical Service Awards @ St. Agnes Cathedral on Tuesday, October 20th.

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 is open to all in grades 6—12.
Some activities are grade specific, but most are open to all. Please join us!

THIS WEEK:

Monday 11/9 — Meeting for High School Teens. 7pm in the Madonna Room
Friday 11/13 — Open Gym Night for all in grades 6-12. In the Gym 6:30—8pm

SIGN UP IS NOW TO GET COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS FOR THESE EVENTS.

November 14th  DOO WOP  1-3 pm  4 Teens needed  6:30—8:30  4 Teens needed  10:00-11:00, 2 Teens/Adults needed
November 24th  ADVENT NIGHT / BREAD BAGGING  6-10pm  6 Teens and 4 Adults needed

Our Teens have been busy!

Diocesan Youth Kick Off at St. Agnes. Over 400 Teens on a Friday night! It was an amazing evening kicking off the Year of Mercy. We had a surprise speaker that evening when Detective Steven McDonald joined us and graciously shared his story of Mercy with the Teens. Our Speaker Chris Padgett was wonderful too. A great night!

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR: www.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!
8 November 2015

The New Evangelization And Our 11:45am Mass

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

Moving On Up Group

CHURCH OF
ST. JOSEPH PARISH CENTER
39 North Carll Avenue
Babylon, NY 11702
631-669-0068

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

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2015: Loving Others as Christ Would

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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

“If someone who has worldly means sees a brother in need and refuses him compassion, how can the love of God remain in him?” These words are from the First Letter of John, chapter 3, verse 17. These words always touch my heart and often convict my conscience. By the standards of this country and much of Western Europe I am not rich, not by any stretch of the imagination. You will not find my name among those on Forbes Magazine’s list of richest people in America, thank you, Jesus! I believe I am a simple man with simple needs and desires. However, when one compares the financial situation of people around our world then I am rich, by, say, the living standards of most people in Haiti, or Bangladesh, or the Dominican Republic. And in fact many people in our country are living hand to mouth, many not getting by.

I recall a gentleman coming to the parish office with two young girls, his daughters, and asking our secretary if our Outreach Ministry was open. As the secretary began to direct the man over to the Outreach office another of the ladies in our office, perhaps prompted by her motherly instincts, or perhaps it was the Holy Spirit, asked the man if the children had eaten (it was about noon). The man broke down beginning to cry and told her no. In a flash the ladies began running around the office finding snacks and drinks to give these two little sisters and this brother in Christ.

Not long ago I went to the local supermarket to pick up a few things that I knew were on sale. As I gathered the groceries and put them on the checkout belt I noticed an elderly woman standing in front of me with a girl whom I realized was her granddaughter from the conversation they carried on. At one point the girl looked at my groceries and then asked her grandmother, “Grandma, are ALL THOSE ours?” Friends, I did not have a lot of groceries on the belt. I looked at what these two sisters were buying and I saw it was meager. I also noticed the grandmother counting out change to purchase her groceries. My heart broke. In fact it brings tears to my eyes now as I recount the incident.

Many of our sisters and brothers in Christ are hurting and in need. How can I, living in a comfortable house, with comfortable clothes and plenty to eat not genuinely share the blessings our Lord has blessed me with those who are hungry and in need? We’re approaching Thanksgiving and then Christmas: so many will be in need, hungry, some homeless, all, each one a sister or a brother in Christ. I can’t help everyone who is in need but I can genuinely share so as many as I can help will be helped. So I’ll give more to our Outreach Ministry that feeds so many; I’ll give more to our parish; and I’ll give more wherever I can, recalling the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me” (Matt. 25:40)

Deacon Barry
WHAT WE DESERVE

Not long ago I attended a Saturday Mass at a neighboring parish. I had been there a few times and recognized some of those in attendance. Judging them to be regulars, I imagined that they sat in the same pews each week, that they chose this particular Mass for its convenience (as I had done on this particular day), and that they had probably planned the rest of their early evening on the (usually) prompt time that the Mass was completed.

As I sat in the pew attempting to collect my thoughts, whisper my intentions, and get prepared as best I could for the start of the Mass, I heard a buzz about the congregation. The clock had passed the hour, and there was no sign of the priest. A few minutes later, the lector announced that he had paged the celebrant, but had not heard from him. Soon people began to leave; one person I recognized explained that she didn’t do well driving in the dark and knew she would have trouble if she did not leave at that moment. Low-toned conversations abounded, but the person behind me did not seem to care who heard what she had to say. “We don’t deserve to be treated like this,” I thought I heard her say. My immediate thinking was to wonder how anyone could think that a celebrant would be purposely late...especially with such predictable congregants. That thought pattern was broken, when the back seater continued, “They talk about how the Church should practice Catholic action and now we are treated like this. We don’t deserve it.”

The priest arrived soon after, apologized more profusely than needed, and gave a ninety second sermon on patience. I wondered if he meant his or ours.

Here’s a question: “What DO we deserve?” Theologically speaking, we have a God who sacrificed His own Son for our sins, so we can’t be deserving of too much there. Locally speaking, we live in a country where freedoms and opportunities overflow. Practically speaking, we are relatively healthy and prosperous compared with those in other parts of the world. For what more can we ask?

We often think we get what we deserve. We actually get so much more; after all, we are sinners. Our challenge is how to thank God for these many blessings. Complaining when things don’t go our way does not cut it. We must follow the message of the Gospel by loving God and loving our neighbor; understand all that we have is from God and should be shared that with those in need.

Making a commitment to our parish is a good way to start.

PRAYER

Loving and Generous Father, too often we place our own needs above those of others and too often we spend time thinking about ourselves instead of thinking about You. Help us to do better, by giving us the Grace we need to keep our priorities in line with Gospel values so we can help others in the ways that really will help do the work that You have called us to individually and collectively do. This we ask in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

8 November 2015

Stewardship Sound Byte

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who give without hesitation - not from their surplus - but from their substance.
14th Annual Youth Respect Life Contest

Theme

"Every Life is Worth Living"

The Respect Life Contest is for grades 7-8 Level ONE, and grades 9-12 Level TWO. We welcome all Catholic youth in the Rockville Centre Diocese attending Catholic Elementary, High Schools or parish programs including religious education, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, youth groups, youth choirs and we encourage children with special needs to participate.

Contest Guidelines and Materials

Are available on our website respectlife.drvc.org/respect-life-contest-information-and-resources/

CONTEST DEADLINE

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

All entries (only one entry per category, per school, per parish and program is allowed and more than one will disqualify the school and entrant) must be attached to the registration form, postmarked by December 15, 2015.

The Sociable Singles

St. Joseph Sociable Single Seniors

Final payment for the December 5, 2015 Opera trip is now due. If you have sent is your deposit of $80.00, the remaining balance is $59.00. All checks should be made payable to St. Joseph Church and sent to Lorraine DeCanditis. (for address information, call 631-553-0160)

On December 14, we will be holding a Christmas Celebration for ALL THREE ST. JOSEPH’S BEVEREAVENT AND SOCIAL GROUPS (Widows and Widowers, Movin’ On, and Sociable Singles.) The cost is $45/person…the restaurant is LaFamiglia in Babylon and checks (made out to St. Joseph’s) are due the week of November 16th. Speak to you group leader for further details.

The November meeting for Sociable Singles is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18th @700 PM in the O’Connell Room. We will be serving Pizza and Salad. The cost is $10.00 and checks, sent to Lorraine DeCanditis, are due by November 13th.
Congratulations to our student parishioners for receiving Academic Award Pins from Chaminade High School. We are very proud of these students from our Parish who have exhibited academic excellence for the current school year!

Father Chris

Sophomore Bronze:
Matthew J. Donarumma
Andrew J. Pace

Junior Silver:
Emmet P. Chapey

Senior Gold:
Sean D. Barclay
Brian S. McCafferey
Devon A. Schultz

In addition, Emmet P. Chapey has been inducted in the National Honor Society.

C.Y.O News...

Dear Parishioners,

Registration for the upcoming 2016 CYO Volleyball season is now open until December 7th. We will be fielding teams from 5th grade through 12th grade. Please go to the link under the CYO Registration Information within the Youth Ministries section of the St. Joseph's Parish website in order to complete your online registration.

We will not be accepting registrations after this date under any circumstances. We cannot accept late registrations due to:

1. The busy holiday season
2. Our desire to establish teams and roster sizes early
3. Challenges to obtain adequate practice times for all of our teams

Our objective is to accommodate all interested volleyball players when possible. However we do seek to keep the volleyball roster sizes at fifteen players in total. Preference will be given to early registrations and St. Joseph's parishioners.

On Saturday December 5th between the hours of 8am and 10am we will be holding a uniform fitting session in the gym at St. Joseph's. This will be important for the incoming 5th grade team.

Thank you to everyone that participates and particular thanks to our coaches and volunteers. We look forward to a great season.

Please contact Sean Beneville (mben94@optonline.net) if you have any questions regarding the program or registration details.

Thank you
A Good Time Had by All at the Chrysanthemum Ball

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Pope Francis’ Visit Through the Eyes of Our Parishioners

**Lasting Memories of Pope Francis**

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
REFLEXIÓN
Las dos viudas en las lecturas de hoy dieron todo lo que tenían para la obra del Señor, la una usando toda la comida que le quedaba para alimentar a Elías, y la otra ofreciendo sus dos monedas de cobre al tesoro del templo. Los fieles administradores de los bienes de Dios dan todo lo que se les pide y tienen confianza de que el Señor es fiel a Sus promesas.

Intercesiones por la Vida
Por aquellos que han envejecido, y especialmente por los abandonados por sus familias, que nuestra iglesia pueda volver a comprometernos a amar y cuidar de ellos esta temporada de vacaciones
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 11/01/15: $ 24,795.00
Gastos: $ 23,895.00
$ +900.00

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

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.

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS:

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

MATRIMONIO:
Las parejas que desean casarse, deben inscribirse con seis meses de anticipación. Llamar al Padre Joe Arévalo al (631) 669-0068 ext. 104.

PRE-CANA:
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)881-0005.

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.
Mujer quién te condena? Levántate

Encuentro de sanación interior
para las mujeres con el Padre Héctor Gutierrez

Sábado: 14 de Noviembre, 2015
12:00 - 5:00 PM
Donación: $10.00

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Mujeres, esperamos que nos puedan acompañar

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