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 Drohan, 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

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
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 11:30am Misa Dominical Español

Weekday Mass Schedule
Mon to Fri 7:45, 9:00am Church
Saturday 9:00am Church

Holydays See Special Schedule the Sunday before each Holyday

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

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

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

Matrimony
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 Our Lord Jesus Christ the King + November 22, 2015
The Sacraments of Life

Newly Baptized
Richard Anthony Didonato, Madeline Erminia Dostal, James Stanley Jaworski, Sophia Rose Leonard, Catalaya Shea Rios, Kamila Marie Rivera, Mila Erminia Stack and Giuliana Grace Wischerth

Mass Schedule & Readings For The Coming Week

At this Mass, we remember:
Monday, November 23
Dn 1:1–6, 8–20, (Ps) Dn 3:52–56, Lk 21:1–4
7:45 Judy Vollet
9:00 Mary & Sal Paolantonio & Thomas DeRosa

Tuesday, November 24
7:45 Salvatore Orobello
9:00 Margaret Lang

Wednesday, November 25
7:45 Thomas Miluscia
9:00 Rolland Tetrault

Thursday, November 26
7:45 Holiday ~ No Mass
9:00 Craig Marr & Lili Everhart

Friday, November 27
Dn 7:2–14, (Ps) Dn 3:75–81, Lk 21:29–33
7:45 Charles J. McHugh
9:00 Frank Misa

Saturday, November 28
Dn 7:15–27, (Ps) Dn 3:82–87, Lk 21:34–36
9:00 Conrad E. Hubert

Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)
4:00 Confessions Today Fr. Joe
5:00 People of St. Joseph Fr. Chris
Susan Leitch
Madeline Pritchard
Conrad Hubert
Philomena Titze

Sunday, November 29 ~ First Sunday of Advent
Jer 33:14–16, Ps 25:4–5, 8–9, 10, 14, 1 Thes 3:12—16, 1 Cor 2:6, 12–15, 21:25–28, 31–36
7:00 Thomas Demery Fr. Francis
8:45 Conrad Hubert Fr. Ethel
9:30 John Young Fr. Chris
10:15 Agnes Sullivan Fr. Ethel
11:45 John Fogarty Fr. Francis
5:00 Frederick & Audrey Lyon Fr. Francis

REFLECTION FOR TODAY
Today's second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priest in the service of God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and others?
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.

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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.

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

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

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.

Parish Office News

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
- PO3 Matthew J. Coughlin

U.S. Army:
- SPC Elliot Chodkowski
- SSG Joshua Insull
- LTC John Kallo
- SSG David C. Ray
- Eric Stein
- LTC Jon J. Uebel
- PY2 Danny Bornschein
- Pvt. Edwin Zambrano
- PFC Dominick Ptitto
- Lt. Stephen Scuderi
- Pvt. Mark Ospina
- Lt. Joseph A. Vanderveldt, III

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

We wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving! The Office Staff

ALL PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH, 2015.
Father Chris Wants You To Know...

Stewardship of Treasure Homily, 2015:

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16; and Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

We have some amazing wonderful women giving good example in the Scriptures this week. I hope you join me in asking the question: since not everyone is like them, how did they get to be so generous of heart?

I believe they discovered this generous love and caring for others during a search for God deep within. Our brother St. Augustine said our hearts are restless until they rest in the serenity of God. So these women found God, in a place deeper than their sorrow, burdens and financial woes: it was there in a deep spiritual place that God awakened and reassured them of His unconditional love, and planted within both of their hearts a generosity of spirit to help others beyond themselves. The woman in the First Reading shared the little she had, and the jar of flour did not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry. The woman in the Gospel contributed more than the others, giving away what she had to live on.

But that generosity of heart/spirit, which is linked to gratitude for all God’s gifts to us before, during and after our lives our lives, certainly shows itself in attitudes and behaviors we demonstrate in our everyday lives. In fact, an image I can use to help illustrate my homily today is this pitcher of plain tap water. Depending on your perspective, this pitcher is either half-full or half-empty. What do YOU see? The people who see it as half-empty may well be seeing what they lack; what’s NOT there; a scarcity. And in seeing “the little there is,” they’re worried about running out, which adds anxiety and shortens life. On the other side, those who see the pitcher as half-full may see what they HAVE, seeing bounty and abundance: they see enough for themselves and some more to share with others around them. Isn’t sure you remember what Jesus said about a drink of water. In Matthew 10: 42, Jesus says, “And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly be rewarded.” We reap blessings in sharing generously from our hearts, and in sharing from what we have.

Each year, in the weeks before Thanksgiving, we pause to recollect with one another our blessings. And speaking about financial stewardship, depending on our perspective of this water pitcher, it may well shape how we approach this stewardship renewal, and how we decide what financial resources to share: with family, friends, neighbors, parish, missions, others across the world who send us requests for funds.

That’s why we conduct our annual financial renewal in the context of reflection on God’s goodness. I firmly believe our relationship with God and our attitude toward the half-full/half-empty pitcher CAN influence what we do with our money and, indeed, all the financial gifts our God has placed in our hand for distribution. (At Mass: I ask those sitting on the center aisle seats: please pass the stewardship cards to others in your row.) You may be very familiar with these stewardship cards: they invite you to pray on how you might best support St Joseph in the coming year, and make a financial commitment for the new calendar year to the best of your ability. I’ll be back in two weekends from now, just before Thanksgiving, to receive your commitment card. Thank you for your patient listening and attentiveness: please join me in praying for our Parish.

God bless you now and always.

Father Chris
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 Knights of Columbus would like to invite you to join them for Breakfast with Santa
Sunday, December 13th from 10am - 12pm in the O’Connell Room
Menu will include: Pancakes, sausage, juices, cookies, coffee & tea. There is no fee for this event.
Please bring a small gift, wrapped and with your child’s name on it for Santa to present to your child.
Please RSVP by Dan Tergesen at dmtergesen@optonline.net or calling him at 631-422-3563. Please indicate the number of adults and children attending.
Christmas at St. Joseph

St. Joseph Tree Lighting

Please join us for our Annual Tree Lighting Saturday, December 5th, 2015 following the 5pm Mass, Hosted by Knights of Columbus
St. Joseph the Carpenter Council #14771

BAKERS ARE NEEDED.
If you would like to donate a baked good, please call Dominick Giusto at 631-669-1092.

Baked goods should be finger foods - cookies, brownies, muffins, etc.

Drop off donations at the Parish Office on Thursday, December 3rd between 9am - 2pm or Saturday, December 5th between 9am - 12 noon.

Please join us for our Annual Christmas Pageant
December 6th, 2015 - 3pm in the Church
Parish of St. Joseph will be offering a free “Parish Play Group” for children ages birth through pre-school and their parents/caregivers on Thursdays starting December 3rd from 12:00pm to 1:00pm. The Nursery School will be hosting the group and they will “play” in one of our classrooms, therefore, the environment will be child friendly. This is a great opportunity to meet and socialize with other children and introduces your child to a school setting. If interested, please contact at 631-661-4559 or email us at nurseryschool@stjosephsbabylon.org

St. Joseph's Nursery School

Bouncing Babies
Something new!

St. Joseph's Nursery School will be starting a class for children and parent/caregiver 4 months to 12 months (non walkers). This class will be Monday mornings starting November 30th for 45 minutes at 10:30 am. Babies and parent/caregiver will engage in gentle exercises and movement to music. Because this is a pilot program, we would like to offer the first 4 weeks for free to our Parish families.
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 would like to invite a 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 prior to mass. The candidate should exude spirituality, enthusiasm, and enjoy working with teenagers. Other optional worship opportunities may arise during the year that highlights the band. Send all contact information with your résumé and letter(s) of recommendation to the Pastor: By mail to Msgr. Rev. Chris Heller at Church of St. Joseph 39 N Carll Ave, Babylon, NY 11702; or via e-mail at CHeller@stjosephbabylon.org with “Youth Band Leader Position” in the subject area.

The Sociable Singles

St. Joseph Sociable Single Seniors

Opera trip Attendees, we will be leaving on December 5, 2015 at 8:30am SHARP from Our Lady of Grace parking lot.

If you have any questions please call Lorraine DeCanditis at 631-553-0160.

On December 14, we will be holding a Christmas Celebration for ALL THREE ST. JOSEPH’S BEREAVEMENT 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 now.

Speak to your group leader for further details.

There will be no December Meeting, look for January’s meeting information soon.
Thank You from St. Joseph Parish

A Heartfelt Thank You!

To all the local businesses, restaurants, shops, professional offices and other merchants who support our New Evangelization Mass at 11:45am on Sundays by posting flyers in their windows: We are so grateful!

Your Friends at St. Joseph Parish, Babylon

Amdur Chiropractic
Anthony Nicholas Real Estate
Apple Bank
Argyle Jewelers
Argyle Optical
Babylon Bean Coffee House
Babylon Cheese Cellar
Babylon Chiropractic
Babylon Diva Nails
Back 2 Health Babylon
Barbi Nails
Baskets Galore
Brightwaters Village Delicatessen
Bubble by jdella
Café Il Villaggio
Caputo's Cards
Carmine's Brightwater's Village Bakery
East Neck Bagels
Edible Arrangements
Ferraro's Wine and Liquor Store
Frank's Deli Plus!
Giovanni's Pizza
Girasole Full Service Salon
Golden Tan Boutique
Healthy Alternatives
James Anthony's Barber Shop
Joe's Italian Food Market
Juice 'N Blendz
Kathleen's Hair Boutique
Kilwins
LLB Little Lash Boutique
Lacrosse Unlimited
Life Is Beautiful Family Chiropractic
Lo-Man Outdoor Store, Ltd.
Love My Shoes
Molto Vino Babylon
Mulberry Street Babylon Village
Nikki Jay Haircutters
North Babylon Public Library
One Main Restaurant & Bar
Ooh la la
Pandemonium
Posh Salon
Railroad Bagel Express
Roe Roe's Sweet Street
Sal's Famous Pizzeria
Sartoria Maria Tailoring and Alterations
Sherry's, The Healthy Gourmet
Simply Stunning Floral Design & Event Studio
Simply Wax Center
Spa Lax Day Spa
Spring Kitchen
Sweet Sensations
The Greek Garden
Torta Fina Bake Shoppe & Patisserie
Unique Nail & Spa
VIP Dry Cleaner/Expert Tailor
Village Art & Frame Gallery
Village Vanity Hair Salon & Boutique
Weichert Realtors
West Babylon Public Library
You & I Nails
Yuni Nails & Spa
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

We welcome all our Catholic sisters to add their names to the roster of the largest Catholic women’s organization in the world through Court Bishop McDonnell #1403

Tell a friend!
Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month - September thru June. Come and visit one of our meetings and mingle with our members and learn how we work in UNITY and CHARITY to help others less fortunate.
For more information:
Contact: Stephanie Conley 631-422-0175

Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas

We are grateful for the many blessings bestowed on our community.............
Thank you for your support!

All girls 10-17 years old are invited to join us for fun meeting Tuesday December 1st 7:30pm in the O’Connell room.

GOLDEN AGE CLUB

The GOLDEN AGE club meets every Wednesday 12:30PM - 2PM in the O’Connell Room, St. Joseph’s Babylon. Seniors are invited to play cards or bingo and enjoy desserts and friendship with us.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED! 5

Sponsored by the
CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS of the AMERICAS
Court Bishop Mc Donnell # 1403
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

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Farewell Jean Cooper

This past summer, Bruce and Annette Wexler hosted a lovely and spirit filled farewell dinner for Jean Cooper. Jean will be retiring from her long held position as Youth Band Leader sometime this fall.

Past and present youth band members and their families joined in a joyful evening of food, fun, games, and song. Thank you to all the families who helped organize and participated in this wonderful celebration.

Good luck Jean!
**Outreach**

**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 30. 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.

These last few days our members are busy distributing the collected food to our neighbors in need for the Thanksgiving holiday. Our thanks to all our parishioners who have donated food and food cards.

**Thank you for your Food Pantry Donations!**

Our Food Pantry is most in need of these items: Turkey Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, 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.

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**Thrift Shop News**

Frames ~ 1/2 Price
All Clothing ~ 1/2 price
Linens ~ 1/2 price

IMPORTANT NOTE:
Please DO NOT leave any donations on the outside steps when the Thrift Shop is closed.
The Faith Formation Office will be closed on Wednesday, November 25th for Thanksgiving.

Christmas Tree Lighting ~ Saturday, December 5th after the 5pm Mass join us for the tree lighting on the front lawn followed by hospitality in the gym - All Are Welcome!

Christmas Pageant ~ Sunday, December 6th at 3pm in the Church - Come celebrate the true meaning of Christmas!

The students in Mrs. Logan’s 7th grade Faith Formation class participated in a fundraising garage sale on October 31st. Students collected items to sell, and made baked goods to raise money for two charities: Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and American Cancer Society. All 15 students took part in setting up, selling and asking for donations for these worthwhile causes. Mrs. Logan’s students enjoyed their “Halloween” service to the community, and raised $414 to be donated on behalf of St. Joseph Faith Formation.

Visit our website @ www.stjosehsbabylon.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

youth@stjosephsbabylon.org 669-0068 x108

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:

Tuesday 11/24—FAMILY NIGHT. 7pm in the O’Connell Room.
All ages welcome. Adult help appreciated.
Children younger than 6th grade must be accompanied by an Adult. Thank you.
Come help us bag up the breads for Thanksgiving Mass and enjoy some Hot cocoa as we talk about Advent and get ourselves ready to begin the Christmas Season.

Thursday 11/26—Thanksgiving Mass. 9am. Please join us and bring a friend!

A moment to offer some Youth Ministry Thanks!

Youth Group is not a requirement for any student—it is a calling, a desire, a wish to stay connected with their faith in a fun and prayerful environment. I would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to all the parents and grandparents who continue to encourage their children to stay involved in their faith after Confirmation. It is NOT easy but the bonds that are formed and the faith that is strengthened are priceless.
Thank you.

THANK YOU  TIME.  TALENT.  TREASURE.  THANK YOU

A special donation was made to our Youth Ministry this month—
from Barbara Grywin in memory of Deacon Geoff Anisansel.
Thank you Barbara—We continue to keep you and Deacon Geoff & his family in our prayers.

Another generous donation was made to our Youth Ministry for Youth Leadership Training.
Thank you very much to our Knights of Columbus

Thank you also to the Gany Family and the Hamilton Family for their generous donations of gifts for our Paint Night Raffles.

And special thanks to Liz & Joe Caponi for attending just about every Youth Group event, generously giving of their time to support and encourage Youth Ministry!
St. Joseph Christmas Party

Bereavement Group, Moving On Group and Sociable Singles are invited on Monday, December 14th, 2015 6pm - 9:30pm
La Famiglia Restaurant
90 West Main Street, Babylon

Family Style Complete Dinner & Open Bar
$45.00 Per Person
Make check payable to: St. Joseph Church
Drop off in the Parish or mail it to : St. Joseph Church, 39 North Carll Avenue, babylon , NY 11702, Attention: Lorraine DeCanditis.

If you would like to reserve a table, please request that on your check and include who and how many people you will be sitting with.

Thank you!

Advent

The Little Blue Book ($1.00) is available to help us prepare for Jesus’ Birth in our hearts. Great for the whole family! See Ushers.
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.

Eucharistic Minister Meeting News

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER MEETING
Saturday, December 5th, 2015 at 9:45am in the O’Connell Room.
There will be sign ups for December 8th and Christmas Eve Masses.

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2015: Loving Others as Christ Would

Please: Make a Difference in Someone’s Life by donating to the Catholic Ministries Appeal.
Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal
Parish ________________________________ Pledge: $_______
Name ________________________________ Down payment: $_______
Address ________________________________
City, State, Zip: __________________________
Phone: __________________ Signature: __________________
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Satan called a worldwide convention of demons. In his opening address he said, "We can't keep Christians from going to church. We can't keep them from reading their Bibles and knowing the truth. We can't even keep them from forming an intimate relationship with their Savior. Once they gain that connection with Jesus, our power over them is broken. So let them go to their churches; let them have their covered dish dinners, but steal their time, so they don't have time to develop a relationship with Jesus Christ. This is what I want you to do," said the devil: "Distract them from gaining hold of their Savior and maintaining that vital connection throughout their day!"

"How shall we do this?" his demons shouted. "Keep them busy in the nonessentials of life and invent innumerable schemes to occupy their minds," he answered. "Tempt them to spend, spend, spend, and borrow, borrow, borrow. Persuade the wives to go to work for long hours and the husbands to work 6-7 days each week, 10-12 hours a day, so they can afford their empty lifestyles. Keep them from spending time with their children. As their families fragment, soon their homes will offer no escape from the pressures of work!"

"Over-stimulate their minds so that they cannot hear that still, small voice. Entice them to play the radio or cassette player whenever they drive. To keep the TV, VCR, CDs and their PCs going constantly in their home and see to it that every store and restaurant in the world plays non-biblical music constantly. This will jam their minds and break that union with Christ. Fill the coffee tables with magazines and newspapers. Pound their minds with the news 24 hours a day. Invade their driving moments with billboards. Flood their mailboxes with junk mail, mail order catalogs, sweepstakes, and every kind of newsletter and promotional offering free products, services and false hopes."

"Give them Santa Claus to distract them from teaching their children the real meaning of Christmas. Give them an Easter bunny so they won't talk about his resurrection and power over sin and death. Even in their recreation, let them be excessive. Have them return from their recreation exhausted. Keep them too busy to go out in nature and reflect on God's creation. Send them to amusement parks, sporting events, plays, concerts, and movies instead. Keep them busy, busy, busy!"

"And when they meet for spiritual fellowship, involve them in gossip and small talk so that they leave with troubled consciences. Crowd their lives with so many good causes they have no time to seek power from Jesus. Soon they will be working in their own strength, sacrificing their health and family for the good of the cause. It will work! It will work!"

It was quite a plan! The demons went eagerly to their assignments causing Christians everywhere to get busier and more rushed, going here and there, having little time for their God or their families and friends. Having no time to tell others about the power of Jesus to change lives. I guess the question is, has the devil been successful at his scheme? You be the judge!

Does "busy" mean:
B-eing U-nder S-atan's Y-oke?

Author Unknown
I like Thanksgiving because it is one of the few holidays in our wonderful United States of America that has no strings attached. Sure, some may send cards, but I am not aware of Thanksgiving presents and the like. Despite traffic snarls, uncertain November weather, and crowded airports, people happily make plans to get from here to there to be with those they really love.

Folks demonstrate their gratitude to Whomever in various ways. Clearly prayers are said, food pantries are suddenly stocked, and some give up their time with family members to make sure those without have something special on this legal, somewhat non-denominational, and clearly visible fourth Thursday of the eleventh month each year. Some eat early, some eat late, and departures times vary so traveling is relatively painless (unless it’s Sunday afternoon!!!).

This year will be special for two of our most faithful parishioners. Lina and Salvatore have decided to leave our area after many years. So while I am debating whether or not to have a second helping of stuffing, Lina and Salvatore will be heading south on Thanksgiving Day to move to their new home in Florida. In describing the layout and amenities of their new abode, Salvatore was quick to add that he checked out the parish and found it quite welcoming. Their hope is that they will feel the same love that they have experienced at St. Joseph.

Lina has been a devoted presence at the 7:45 mass each morning. Same pew each day, often bringing the gifts to the altar, and always smiling and warm when the Mass is over, Lina has been a blessing to all who worship with her. Seeing her faith each day always gave me a good feeling as went off to work.

Among our many blessings are people. Some are near and dear, while some are casual and spatially distant. Those in the latter group, however, are often those we admire or see in them something that we should emulate. Too often we take such gifts for granted and forget to thank God for their presence in our lives.

**PRAYER**

Omnipotent God, we thank You for the many gifts that You have bestowed on us and on our nation. You allow people to come and to go in our lives, and each has something to give us as we continue our journey to be with You in heaven. Give us the grace we need to embrace these gifts and to use them in our mission to help others. Bless Salvatore and Lina and help them to realize their loving spirit will always be part of the fabric of the Parish of St. Joseph. We thank you for these blessings in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving.

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**Stewardship Sound Byte**

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who live each day preparing for the coming of the Son of Man.
News From Outside the Parish

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The search is underway for Longest Married Couple in the U.S. Do you think you know who they are? Maybe it’s your parents... grandparents... That nice couple who live down the street...
Nominating a couple is easy! Just send their names, wedding date and where they live and your contact information to: wwmelmc2015@gmail.com
Nominations accepted until January 10, 2016. Winners will be announced February 2016 to celebrate World Marriage Day. Nominate a couple you know today!

Magnificat, a Ministry to Catholic Women, cordially invites you to attend a breakfast on December 5th at The Hofstra Club at 9:45 a.m. Our speaker is Josephine Cachia, who is currently serving in the Diocese of Brooklyn as a Liaison and Director for the Charismatic Renewal. Josephine was baptized in the Holy Spirit at a Life in the Spirit Seminar, and will be sharing her amazing story of healing from many fears and her evangelization to share the Good News of God’s Eternal Love and Mercy.

The cost is $35 per person. Reservations must be received by November 30th and mailed to: Judy Murphy, 42 Pinehurst Street, Lido Beach, NY 11561. Please direct all inquiries to either Judy Murphy at (917) 453-5750, or Angela Rizzo at (516) 763-1739. Thank you!

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**RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS:** (RICA) Les invitamos a una preparación espiritual de conversión a la fe católica. Llame a la Sra. Julietta Mieles, al (631) 669-0068, ext. 131.

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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.

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**REFLEXIÓN**
La segunda lectura de hoy nos recuerda que el sacrificio de Cristo nos libera del pecado y hace de nosotros una nación real de sacerdotes al servicio de Dios. Como estoy usando mis dones para servir a Dios y a los demás?
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FECHAS DE LOS EVENTOS

Prender el Árbol de Navidad
6 de diciembre de 2015

Misericordes de Cenizas
10 de febrero de 2016

Jueves Santo
24 de marzo de 2016

Vía Crucis en el Lago “Argyle” Padres/estudiantes
25 de marzo de 2016 a la 1:00pm

Reconciliación y ensayo candidatos de la Vigilia
26 de marzo de 2016 a las 10:00am

Vigilia Pascual
26 de marzo de 2016 a las 8:00pm

Reconciliación y Ensayo Primera Comunión
23 de abril de 2016 a las 10:00am

Primera Comunión
1 de mayo de 2016 @ 11:30am

Confirmación de adultos 2016
15 de mayo de 2016 @ 11:30am

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NOVIEMBRE 26
Misa de Acción de Gracias
Hora: 9:00 a.m.
Lugar: Iglesia Mayor

DICIEMBRE 12
Virgen de Guadalupe Emperatriz de America
Serenata, Rosario y Misa
Hora de 7:00 a.m. a 10:00 p.m.
Lugar: Capilla

NOVIEMBRE 28
¡Cuatro regalos de Adviento nos trae Jesus!
Mision de Adviento
Hora: de 9:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m.
Lugar: Capilla

DICIEMBRE 15
Inicio
Hora: 7:00 p.m
Lugar: La Capilla

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