church of st. joseph

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pastoral staff
Rev. Msgr. Christopher J. Heller, Pastor
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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 app't. during these hours.

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

hispanic office
Fri 7:00 to 9:00pm

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

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

thrift shop
Mon, Wed, Fri 10:00am to 3:00pm

parish phone numbers [area code 631]
Parish Office 669.0068
cemetery Office 699-0068 Ext. 107
Faith Formation 587.4717
Nursery School 661.4559
outreach 669.4544
Hispanic Community 669.0068 x 131
thrift shop 669.5574
Youth Ministry 669-0068 x 108
Fax 669.9175

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

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

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

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

rcia (rite of christian initiation of adults)
Anyone who wishes to join the Catholic Church should call the Parish Office.

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

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.

the first Sunday of the season of advent + november 29, 2015
Preparing for Marriage
Banns Posted

First Time ~
Alberto Squatrito & Jessica Jalal

Second Time ~
No Bands

Third Time ~
Henry Post & Ashlee Leuschner

For Our Sick

Altar Rose
In memory of Veronica Buschi

For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Dorothy R. Miller.

REFLECTION FOR TODAY
"Be on guard," Jesus warns in today’s Gospel, “lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence.” Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.
Our Parish Mission Statement

The Parish of St. Joseph is a Roman Catholic Community of Christ’s Disciples:
We Welcome. We Worship. We Witness.

Sacrificial Giving

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

Actual Collection $21,711.00
Budgeted Collection $23,895.00
(- 2,184.00)
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.

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.

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

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

LAZARUS MINISTRY

On Saturday, December 12, 2015, at the 9:00 AM Eucharist, we will have our monthly Liturgy for the Commemoration of the Dead. All those who have lost a loved one, at any time in the past, are invited to join us. We especially welcome the family and friends of those who have died in the previous month or whose anniversaries occur during this time. A table will be placed in the Baptistery for family members to place pictures of those who have died. A lectern will be set up for family or friends to write the names of those to be remembered at the General Intercessions. There will also be an opportunity to remember each loved one by name in the Book of the Dead. Members of the Lazarus Ministry will be present to welcome you and to offer guidance; please let them know when you arrive. For questions or further information, please call Barbara Schade, 968-8793.

Lazarus Ministry
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, 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. I’m 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.
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!

Ho Ho Ho....

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.

St. Joseph Christmas Pageant

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 a.m. 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.
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@stjosephs BABYLON.ORG with “Youth Band Leader Position” in the subject area.
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
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
All girls 10-17 years old are invited to
join us for fun meeting Tuesday,
December 1st, 7:30pm in the
O’Connell room.

Teen girls are welcome to
come to a Christmas party
Tuesday December
15th, doors to Nolan Hall open
7pm, all girls ages 10 – 17 welcome.
If you are giving or getting a new phone for
Christmas, please save the old phones for us.
We will have gift wrapped boxes in the lobbies
of the Church, Nolan Hall & the office for phones
to be deposited beginning next weekend. The
phones will be reprogrammed for
endangered women to call for
emergency assistance.
Thank you for your support,
Many blessings to you this Christmas.

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

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

Welcome to the 2015/2016 Volleyball Season!

Our Paint Night Fundraiser was a great success. 35 of us came together to paint n sip and just have fun! The evening raised over $800 towards scholarship for a Spring Retreat and Youth Leadership Training. Missed it? Look for another night after Christmas!

Special thanks to the committee who got this night off the ground. And who donated snacks, beverages & time! Liz & Joe Caponi.
Janet Gany. Anna McGoldrick.
Pauline Cimaszewski.
Joyce McPherson. Uris Busweiler.
Thank you as well to Joe’s Italian Meat Market for the wonderful cookies!
And Mary Jane from WhichCrafter’s Studio, who did a fantastic job of instructing us!

More pictures on the website www.stjosephsbabylon.org
**St. Vincent de Paul**

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

Many thanks to all our parishioners who donated and gave their time and effort to those in need for our Thanksgiving food collection. It is such a joy to see the grateful appreciation on the faces of the families as they bring home additional food to their families for Thanksgiving.

We would like to also offer this to our families for Christmas. Please bring food and food cards to OUTREACH on M, W, F from 9:30 to 1:30 or leave them in the bins in the lobby of the church and hall. See the Food Pantry list for the items needed.

**OUR ANNUAL DOOR COLLECTION IS ON DECEMBER 5 and 6 AFTER THE MASSES. PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS POSSIBLE! CHECKS CAN BE MADE OUT TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.**

The next meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be on Monday, November 30, 2015 at 9:35 in room 256 of the parish center. All are invited to attend.

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**Social Ministries**

**Christmas Giving Tree**

Tags are now available on our Christmas Giving Tree located at the Church entry ways. Please take a tag and help our Outreach clients this Christmas. We ask that you purchase the gift, attach the tag, and return it to Parish Outreach or the Parish Office by December 14.

Thanks for all you do!

**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.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

Venues helping neighbors!

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**Thrift Shop News**

**Vases ~ 1/2 Price**

**All Clothing ~ 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.

Christmas Tree Lighting ~ Saturday, December 5th after the 5pm Mass (please note that this Mass takes place in the Hall) join us for the tree lighting on the front lawn followed by hospitality in the gym.

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

Level 2 Reconciliation Services will take place on Saturday’s, December 5 & 12 at 11am & 1pm. A letter went out with the children’s day and time. If you need to change your day and/or time, please contact the Faith Formation Office @ 587-4717.

Level 5 Mass Booklets are to be returned at any Mass the weekend of December 5 & 6.

My good deed for the week was: Machlin helped around the house, Meghan volunteered at the elementary school, Meghan helped her aunt, Gianna, Nicole, Philip & Joanna helped their moms, Rebecca helped at a cancer fundraiser, Justin & Steven raked leaves, Gerard helped his family, Steven & Joseph were being good, Justin did his homework, Jack, Kevin, Kiera & Lauren cleaned their rooms, Ryan & Erin helped at the PB & J Gang, Skyler blessed rosary beads, Grace helped a friend at school, Patryk was being nice, Joshua did his homework, Nicole made desert for her neighbor, Quinn cleaned the house, Sara & Kate made their beds, Matthew, Shannon & Megan fed the animals, Charles was being honest, John listened to his parents, Ellie cleaned up her mess, Kate helped at the school dance and Megan helped her friend write his homework because he broke his arm.

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.
Faith Formation

Youth Ministry

youth@stjosephsbabylon.org

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

HAPPY ADVENT —

THIS WEEK:

Monday 11/30—Some of our HS Girls and their Moms are attending a workshop at the Seminary of Immaculate Conception tonight to learn more about Respect Life Issues and the Theology of the Body. Please keep them in your prayers. **NO MONDAY NIGHT MEETING TONITE.**

Saturday 12/5—Parish Tree Lighting. Mass at 5pm. Tree Lighting at 6. **MOVIE NIGHT at 7.** Some of our Teens are part of a Chamber Group and will be playing a few Christmas Songs for us. All in grades 6 and above are welcome to join us in the Madonna Room to watch ELF after the Tree Lighting. If you are staying for the movie, please rsvp by email: youth@stjosephsbabylon.org or call the youth office.

Friday 12/11—Open Gym Night. 6:30—8:00 pm. All in grades 6—12 are welcome to join us.

THANK YOU TIME. TALENT. TREASURE. THANK YOU

A moment to offer some Youth Ministry Thanks!

If you have ever attended our 5pm Sunday Mass you have been blessed to hear the gifts of some very dedicated Teens. Amidst work schedules and school exams these Teens give of their Time & Talent each week to enhance our worship. Under the direction of Jean Cooper, they’ve also volunteered at the Parish Pool Party, Ministry Fair, Soup Supper, and even our Diocesan Youth Ministry Kick Off! **Thank You Teens** for your energy and prayerfulness, and **Thank You Jean** for your years of guidance & encouragement.
ATTENTION ALL THOSE ATTENDING THE 11:45AM MASS:

We Want to Hear from YOU!

On Sunday, December 6 there will be a quick survey at Mass so you can let us know what you enjoy about this new worship experience.

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

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HOME SWEET HOME

Where is home? Where do we most truly belong? Our society is marked by a deep dislocation that touches every aspect of our lives. This is a further indication that our true home is no place in this world. The swift river of time takes it all away, and we have no more immunity than those ancient Jews who thought their holy temple would stand forever.

There is good news in this. The fact that time and rust corrupt all things, that no place or thing remains forever, is testimony to the sovereignty and eternal worth of God alone. The terminal nature of things calls us to put our trust in the only future there is - - - God’s future, and to know that our true home is in God, “Source, Guide, and Goal of all things.”

As this holy season begins with Advent, all about us is the clamoring after larger, safer, more comfortable homes. What we celebrate, amid all this frenzy, is the incredible news that our true home has graciously come to us. Remember throughout these lovely days, that “Emmanuel” means “God is with us.” God comes to us, not just to abide with us, but also to be our everlasting abiding place, “Our Lord, Emmanuel.”

“Home” is where the heart is

Deacon Mike
Among the characteristics of my DNA is an extremely strong propensity to lose things. While gloves (pairs and especially singles) are on the top of the list, I have totally misplaced other articles of clothing, some of the few pieces of jewelry I have owned, money, credit cards, documents, and even my heart once or twice (many years ago, however). I often wonder how I find my way home.

Stephanie is my polar opposite. When I visited her and John recently she pointed out a toy she has had from her childhood that she had somehow saved. It stands about a foot high, has the face and body of a clown, and an oval base. Stephanie explained that if one pushes the clown, it whirls around causing the clown to become off balance and often hitting its head on the floor. Yet this statuette of sorts always rights itself and always returns to its original position. It reminded me of a Joe Palooka Bop Bag that once I had. I would "bop" Joe in his noggin, he would hit the canvas, but he always popped right back up. No matter how long the beating, Joe would always prevail.

Stephanie’s long held treasure now has special meaning to both John and her. John, a PC classmate of mine, had a stroke two years ago which has greatly altered his way of life. A fighter to be sure, John sees the clown as he sees his future. So far he has taken quite a few knocks, but in ways that are really important, he has been able to regain his balance and keep his head where it is supposed to be. And while his progress might not be a much as he had hoped, he knows that he is headed in the right direction, and if knocked down again he will right himself.

Such positive outlooks by Stephanie and John are such a blessing to me and help me evaluate my own list of priorities. It also makes me realize that God has given me gifts that I should use to handle anything that comes along. Like the toy clown that is in their home, John and Stephanie know that God is there as well. He is present in their quiet moments together, in the nursing support that arrives each day, in the phone calls bringing messages of love and encouragement, and in a visitor who rings the bell to stop and say hello and when each is alone to better understand the situation that God has planned for them. They know that God is with them.

We should know God is always with us.

**PRAYER**

Powerful and Loving Father, as we begin the liturgical season of Advent, let us truly prepare ourselves to welcome You on Christmas Day. Like Stephanie and John, let us understand that what seem to be obstacles in our lives are actually Grace-filled opportunities. Keep us centered on the things that will bring us closer to You. Stay with Stephanie and John and continue to give them strength to face each day with patience in themselves and with confidence in knowing You are with them. This we ask in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Stewardship...**

**Stewardship Sound Byte**

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who use this liturgical season of Advent as a means for “believing with joy!”
Respect Life

This is A National Committee for a Human Life Amendment (NCHLA) Alert

The National Committee for a Human Life Amendment (NCHLA), a partner organization mobilizing grassroots support for the bishops' Pro-Life agenda, has an alert to help constituents write to their elected representatives. There is a pre-written text but each person can add personal messages before and after it - for example, pro-life health professionals can say how they have experienced or witnessed threats to conscience rights on abortion. Please follow this direct link: http://www.nchla.org/actiondisplay.asp?ID=292. Thank You.

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!

FAMILY, MARRIAGE AND INDIVIDUAL THERAPY

Family, marriage and individual therapy, provided by New York State licensed therapists, are available to our parishioners at 147 other parishes. This program, under the direction of Dr. George Giuliani, has been conducted in the diocese for the past 41 years for the convenience of parishioners. It is provided by the Catholic Counseling Center, which is independent of and not controlled or supervised by the parish or diocese. Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. For confidential information and appointments, please call Dr. Giuliani at the Catholic Counseling Center at (631) 243-2503 or go to our website at: http://www.thecatholiccounselingcenter.com.

"Kindergarten Kafe" at Our Lady of Lourdes School in West Islip - Parents of children who will be four years of age by December 1, 2016 are invited to OLL School on Wednesday, December 9th at either 8:30 a.m. or 12 noon for a special presentation about the school's FULL DAY Kindergarten program.

R.S.V.P. by calling the Our Lady of Lourdes School office at 631-587-7200 ext. 100 or emailing Mrs. Anne Gregg at agregg@ollschool.org. The school is located at 44 Toomey Road, West Islip, NY 11795. Web site: www.ollschool.org.
LAS HORAS DE OFICINA DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO SON:
DOMINGOS DESPUÉS DE LA MISA
FONO: (631) 669-0068 Ext. 131
PADRE JOSEPH AREVALO Ext. 104

Intercesiones por la Vida
Para todos los que se dedican a la investigación médica, para que pueden ser guiados por el amor de la Iglesia por la verdad;

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 11/22/15: $ 21,711.00
Gastos: $ 23,895.00
$ (-2,184.00)

BAUTISMO: Tercer domingo de cada mes. Clase: Segundo domingo de cada mes. Venir a la oficina del Ministerio Hispano con dos meses de anticipación o llame @ (631) 669-0068, Ext. 131. Traer el certificado de nacimiento original del niño.


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

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

PRE-CANA: Lleve 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 Ulltreya 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 más información llame a Ana Ramos. (631)617-2129.

COMUNIDAD DE MARIA: Siguiendo los mensajes de María Reina de la Paz y sobre temas de María en general) - Sábados de 7:00pm-9:00pm. Comunicarse con Adriana Mascari, al (631) 587-3072. - (631)681-0005.

COMITE: El primer sábado de cada mes a las 10:00am en el salón # 256. Para la agenda, llamar a Ana Ramos al Tel. (631)617-2129.

ROSARIO: Domingos a las 11:00am en la Capilla.

HERMANAS UNIDAS: Todos los segundos domingo de cada mes, en el salón # 256, después de la misa.

EL APOSTOLADO DE LA CRUZ: Todos los jueves de 9:00 - 11:00am en el Salón # 252A. Comunicarse con Adriana Mascari al Tel. (631) 587-3072 o Luz Marina López al (631)321-6861.

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

HORA SANTA: Cuarto domingo del mes, inmediatamente después de la misa de las 11:30am.

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Domingos después de la misa
Fono: (631) 669-0068 Ext. 131
Padre Joseph Arevalo Ext. 104
Horario para la Catequesis en Español
2015 - 2016
DOMINGOS
10:00AM — 11:00AM

FECHAS DE LAS CLASES
Los grupos de estudiantes que asistirán al Centro de Formación se reunirán solamente cuando un voluntario del Centro esté presente. Las clases se dictarán durante 27 domingos. 29 de noviembre. 6, 13, 20 y 27 de diciembre. 3, 10, 17, 24 y 31 de enero. 7, 14, 21 y 28 de febrero. 6, 13, y 20 de marzo.

Por favor sean puntuales. El horario está sujeto a las condiciones climáticas. Si desea alguna información por favor llame a la oficina de Educación Religiosa @ (631) 669-0068 Ext. 131.

ES ESencial la asistencia a la sANTA misA todas los domingoS como complemento del programa.

FECHAS DE LOS EVENTOS

Prender el Árbol de Navidad
6 de diciembre de 2015

Miércoles 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

DICIEMBRE 8
Misa para celebrar la Inmaculada Concepción de María
Hora: 7 pm.
Lugar: Nollan Hall

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

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

Las Posadas

Les esperamos....