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 11:30 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 Third Sunday of Advent + December 13, 2015
The Sacraments of Life

Newly Baptized
Sadie Rose Baierwalter,
Lucia Reese Ingenito,
Jason Edward Michalowski,
Griffin M. Ross & Leana E. Schmidt

Preparing for Marriage
Banns Posted
First Time ~
Drew Blanton & Allison Spencer
Second Time ~
No Banns
Third Time ~
Alberto Squatrito & Jessica Jalal

For Our Sick

For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Peter Damian Gambino.

REFLECTION FOR TODAY
Today’s Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: “Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should

Mass Schedule & Readings For The Coming Week

At this Mass, we remember:
Monday, December 14
Nm 24:2–7, 15–17a, Mt 21:23–27
7:45 Philomena Bouchereau & All Souls
9:00 John & Elizabeth Dalton

Tuesday, December 15
Zep 3:1–2, 9–13, Mt 21:28–32
7:45 Intentions of Neslie Garofano & All Saints
9:00 Gloria Gargiulo

Wednesday, December 16
Zep 3:1–2, 9–13, Mt 21:28–32
7:45 Joseph Hilly
9:00 Ann, Arlene & James Sutton

Thursday, December 17
Gn 49:2, 8, Mt 1:1–17
7:45 Scott Lombardi
9:00 Laura Folgers

Friday, December 18
Jer 23:5–8, Mt 1:18–25
7:45 Thomas & Graciano Argosino
9:00 Hans Lewald

Saturday, December 19
Jps 13:2–7, 21–25a, Lk 1:15–25
9:00 Gelsomina Cosentino
Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)
4:00 Confessions Today Fr. Ethel
5:00 Stanley Klockowski Fr. Francis
Christian Moyer Ardito
Joseph Farda
Theresa Hess
Rosemary Newman

Sunday, December 20 ~ 4th Sunday of Advent (Year A: Second Scrutiny)
Mi 5:1–6a, Ps 80:2–3, 15–16, 18–19, Heb 10:5–10, Lk 1:39–45
7:00 Brian Cannetti Fr. Chris
8:45 Thelma Keegan Fr. Joe
9:30 People of St. Joseph Fr. Francis
10:15 Larry Ward Fr. Ethel
11:45 Deacon Geoff Anisansel Fr. Chris
5:00 Taylor Dattoli Fr. Ethel

Hospitality Sunday
On Sunday, December 20th, 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.*

Liturgy

We Assemble for Prayer

**The Eucharist**
Each day and each weekend, we celebrate the Eucharist, the Summit & Source of Catholic Christian Spirituality.

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

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

**Nocturnal Adoration**
A Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament is offered on the First Friday of each month, from 9:00pm to 10:00pm in the Church.

**Men’s Spirituality Group:** Witness and grow in Faith. Meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Church.

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!

Penance Service

Monday, December 14th at 8:00pm

There will be an opening prayer, followed by individual confessions.

Written outlines for Examination of Conscience will be available in the Church as well as in the bulletin.

Christmas Eve/Day Music Schedule

**Christmas Eve**

4:00PM Church: the 11:45AM Contemporary Ensemble; Carols begin at 3:30 PM

4:15PM Hall: the 5:00PM Saturday Adult Folk Group; Carols begin at 4:00 PM

4:15PM Chapel: the 5:00PM Sunday Youth Band

6:00 PM Church: Guitar and Cantor

10:00pm Church: the 10:15 St. Joseph Choir; Carols begin at 9:30 PM

**Christmas Day**

7:00 AM Church: Guitar and Cantor

8:45 AM Church: Guitar and Cantor

10:00 AM Church: Organ and Cantor

11:45 AM Church: Guitar and Cantor
What’s a Year of Mercy, Anyway?

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has declared this church year – starting with the feast of the Immaculate Conception this past Tuesday, December 8 – to be a Jubilee Year of Mercy. But why? Two reasons: first, it’s a wonderful way of viewing the healings and charity extended by Jesus in the Gospels: as demonstrations that God is Love. Two, it’s a starting point for each of us to examine ourselves to see HOW merciful we are in dealing with one another and ourselves. And if there are ways in which we can practice our mercy-granting – as the Lord’s Prayer reminds us each day – maybe we can develop mercy skills.

You will be hearing many more opportunities for prayer and reflection during this Year of Mercy. For starters, the Diocese has established 4 Pilgrimage Sites for this Year of Mercy. Each pilgrimage site will have a specific day each and every week during the Jubilee Year when priests and others will be available to receive pilgrims who come to enter through the Holy Door to confess their sins, pray before the Blessed Sacrament, join in devotions and receive the Lord’s blessing in Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Here are the schedules and orders of worship.

Happy Mercy Year to you and all!

Father Chris

Weekly Schedule at Jubilee Churches for the Year of Mercy

**Tuesdays**
Cathedral of St. Agnes – 1 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre, NY 11570
- Mass (12:10 p.m.)
- Exposition and Adoration
- Confessions
- Chaplet of Mercy
- Benediction (4:00 p.m.)

**Wednesdays**
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception – 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743
- Optional lunch (12 Noon)
- Tours of the Seminary (1:00 p.m.)
- Rosary (1:45 p.m.)
- Exposition and Adoration (2:00 p.m.)
- Confessions (2:00 p.m. ñ 4:00 p.m.)
- Vespers and Benediction (4:00 p.m.)

**Thursdays**
Basilica of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary – 168 Hill Street, Southampton, NY 11968
- Beginning with Mass at Noon
- Confessions
- Exposition and Adoration
- Tours of the Basilica (as arranged)
- Devotions to Divine Mercy in Spanish (3:00 p.m.)
- Benediction (4:00 p.m.)

**Saturdays**
Shrine of Our Lady of the Island, 258 Eastport Manner Road, Manorville, NY 11949
- Beginning with Mass at 11:30 a.m.
- Exposition and Adoration
- Confessions
- Chaplet of Mercy
- Benediction (4:00 p.m.)
Christmas at St. Joseph

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 to Dan Tergesen at
dmtergesen@optonline.net or calling him at
631-422-3563. Please indicate the number of adults and
children attending.
St. Joseph Church
11:45am New Mass Experience
Evaluation One: from October to mid-November, 2015

We thank you for participating in our evaluation. Please answer each statement to the best of your ability.

**Introduction**
The total number of 11:45am Masses that I have attended, from October 4th up to and including today is __________.

**Part One:** Please answer **Y** for Yes and **N** for No to the statements in this section about publicity for this Mass.

- ________ received a printed invitation
- ________ personally invited by word-of-mouth
- ________ read notices in the bulletin and/or on website
- ________ saw a flyer posted at a local merchant or store
- ________ sign on the Parish lawn
- ________ saw Fr. Chris’ interview on News 12
- ________ sent or gave a personal invitation to one or more people. If so, how many? ________

**Part Two:** Please rate EACH of the following elements on a scale of 1 to 5 of importance to you, where 1 is the lowest and 5 is the highest.

1                                     5
lowest                           highest

- ________ hearing God’s Word
- ________ homily content
- ________ homily length
- ________ hospitality greeters
- ________ hymn lyrics
- ________ hymns sung before Mass
- ________ Mass length
- ________ musical selections
- ________ new hymn books
- ________ receiving the Eucharist
- ________ “takeaway” thought
- ________ words of hope and encouragement
- ________ other things: __________________

Please choose ONE OF THE ABOVE ITEMS, which is very important to you___________________.
And please tell us WHY it is important to you:
____________________________________________________________________________________

Please tell us what you find effective at this Mass:________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________

And what you find not working: ________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________

Is there anything else you would like to say at this time about the Mass, please tell us:
____________________________________________________________________________________
Tell Us What You Think! A Survey for the 11:45am Mass

Part Three: Demographic Information

Please check one answer in each section

I am…
_________ Female
_________ Male

My age…
_________ 14-18
_________ 19-30
_________ 31-45
_________ 46-59
_________ 60-74
_________ 75 & over
_________ prefer not to say

Check the one (s) that best apply:

_________ I’m looking for a parish to belong to
_________ I belong to St. Joseph Parish
_________ I belong to a different parish
_________ I’m not a member of any denomination
_________ I am a member of a non-Catholic Christian church
_________ I belong to a non-Christian denomination
_________ I consider myself a non-practicing Catholic

Thank you again for participating in this survey!

“If the Lord does not build the house, then in vain do the builders labor.”

Psalm 127
Music Ministry

Please Join us for the Mercy Inn Benefit Concert

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

COME SHARE YOUR MUSICAL GIFTEDNESS

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

Contact Ann Marie at 631-277-0523, call the Parish Office at 631-669-0068 or come meet the music group on Sundays, 11:45am Mass 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@stjosephsbabylon.org with “Youth Band Leader Position” in the subject area.
Memorial Poinsettias

Each year during the Advent season, as we prepare for the celebration of the Birth of our Savior, our thoughts turn to the memories we hold dear in our hearts.

For so many of us who have lost a beloved family member or someone dear to us, it is also a time of remembrance for our departed loved ones.

As a way of perpetuating their memory at this joyous time, we invite you to memorialize one of the many Poinsettia plants that will grace our altars in the coming weeks.

Poinsettias will be placed in our Church, Hall, and Capilla (chapel). Your contribution of $20.00 will make this effort possible. A list of all Poinsettia donors will be published in our Parish bulletin in January.

The closing date is Monday Dec. 21 at noon.

Please drop off your donation and order form to the Parish Office, or put it in the collection by the weekend of Dec. 20th.

Know that you and all your loved ones will be remembered as our generous benefactors as we celebrate the Christmas season!

--------------------- Poinsettia Order Form ---------------------

Please accept my contribution of $_____ for (______) Poinsettia plants(s) to be placed in the Church, Hall or Chapel of St Joseph Parish.

Please print: In Memory of:

__________________________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________

Requested by:

(Name of Benefactor) ____________________________________________ (Phone Number) ____________________________
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 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 4\textsuperscript{th} 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”

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.

5 NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED!

Sponsored by the CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS of the AMERICAS Court Bishop Mc Donnell # 1403
Third Sunday of Advent - Cycle C

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@stjoesthesbabyon.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 December 14th.

Thank you!

CDA

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Court Bishop McDonnell 1403

invites you to a Birth Rite Baby Shower for the benefit of THE LIFE CENTER

on Wednesday, January 13th, 2016
in the O’Connell Room at 7:30 pm (doors open at 7:00 pm)

Come enjoy the party and support the women and men who have made the good decision to have their babies.

Please bring “new” baby items such as diapers, bottles, outfits and formula and you can place items in the bassinets you will find in the Church, and Hall over the next few weeks.

Unwrapped gifts please.

The collection of all items will start on Sunday, December 13th.

We also accept gently used, in good condition, strollers, car seats, play gym sets, etc. For additional information for delivery of larger items, contact: Ginny Messina at 631-587-0408
Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul 669-4544.

THANK YOU all so much for the generous donations from last week’s Annual Door Collection. This helps us continue our work throughout the year of helping those in need. GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

This weekend, our members are busy collecting food together with Babylon Rotary at Stop and Shop in West Babylon. It will be brought to St. Joseph’s Food Pantry to restock our supplies. Food collection bins are at the church and hall for donations from our parishioners.

The next meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is on Monday, December 14, 2015 at 9:35am in room 256 at the Social Ministries.

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: Please DO NOT leave any donations on the outside steps when the Thrift Shop is closed.

Thrift Shop News
All Christmas ~ 1/2 price
All Clothing ~ 1/2 price
Toys ~ 1/2 price

Outreach

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!

13 December 2015
Level 3 – Please come to any Mass this weekend to receive your Advent plaque.

Level 1 @ 9:30am Mass on Sunday, December 20th. Please bring in donations for the Parish Food Pantry. Please check the Parish Outreach page in this bulletin for a list of what is most needed at this time. Gift cards to the supermarkets are always in demand. Thank you for your support.

There will be no Faith Formation classes beginning Monday, December 21st through Wednesday, December 30. We will resume classes on Monday, January 4th. The Faith Formation Office wants to wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas Season.

Thank you to all who helped at our First Reconciliation Services the past two Saturday’s.

My good deed for the week was: Anna baked cupcakes for her neighbor, Nicole was kind to her friends, Ian, Kat, Hannah & Riley helped their moms, John donated money to a charity, James and Aaron were being thankful and they helped others, Kate decorated the town poles for Christmas, Kat made banana bread for the soup kitchen. Thuma & Sarah helped cook for Thanksgiving, Angelina did the dishes, Sarah & Andrew helped decorate the Christmas tree, Kayleigh helped her dad clear out the crawl space, Rory helped his family, Riley & Ava sold their toys, Jimmy respected his cousin, McKenna & Seamus helped around the house and did yard work, Megan did chores, Jake helped rake leaves, Joseph helped his parents, Shane shared his games with his cousins, Mya helped with the laundry, Nicholas took care of his cousin, Sophia took her puppy out, Robert was kind, Robert, Kaelyn and Jessica helped decorate the house for Christmas, Kaelynn shared, Evan donated food, Domenick helped mow the lawn & Cassisy helped make the turkey for Thanksgiving.

Pope Francis essay – the students in Anne Logan’s Level 7 faith formation group watched a video about Pope Francis and were asked to write an essay about why Pope Francis is called the “People’s Pope”. This essay was written by Julia Devoti:

Pope Francis was born on December 17, 1936. He was ordained a priest in 1969 at the age of 33. He was also the first Latin American pope. Pope Francis is considered the people’s Pope.

What that means to me is that he is very involved with the community and the people living in that community. The thing that makes him popular is that he’s involved with all people, regardless of their religion and that he wants to serve his people just like Jesus did.

What sets him apart from other Popes is that he went to the Philippines, where in 2001 there was a disco fire and 194 people died. When Pope Francis went he spent over an hour going down the street. He blessed all of the houses and all the people inside (even though the area was one of the most violent around), giving them hope.

The special connection he has with so many people is his deep spirituality and modesty, especially in his actions. Pope Francis chose to live in a little apartment building instead of living in the Vatican.

In September of this year, my mom went to see Pope Francis when he visited New York City. She saw his Pope Mobile in Central Park. She waited many hours with many people of different faiths who were all there for the same thing. Here are some questions that I asked her and how she responded: “What are your feelings towards him?” She replied: “I think that he is a good role model for the world, because many are inspired by his kind and charitable words, even if they weren’t Catholic”. “Do you think that Pope Francis is the most involved Pope with the community and the people? She replied “yes I do think he is the friendliest, and that’s because of his Jesuit roots. She means that the pope had seen all of these kind actions by the priests he worked with and that’s what caused him to be such a nice and really giving Pope. She also added, “Seeing the Pope has reinvigorated my faith.”
**Faith Formation**

**Youth Ministry**

 youth@stjosephsbabylon.org  
669-0068 x108

**Monday 12/14** High School Meeting 7pm in the Madonna Room. Newcomers welcome.

**Monday 12/21** High School Meeting 7pm in the Madonna Room.  
Bring your favorite Christmas cookies

**NO PBJ Gang this month.** Join us next month on Thursday January 14th at 7pm.  
If you would like to donate supplies they can be dropped off in the office at any time.  
We are in need of latex gloves and grocery store gift cards so we can purchase bread. Thank you.

**ADULTS: SAVE THE DATE.** Next Paint Night Fundraiser is Saturday, January 30th. Tickets available soon.

**ATT: MOMS of Teens n Tweens**

Tired of the hustle & bustle? Just want to take some time for YOU?  
Need help finding your prayerful side?  
Treat yourself to some quiet time on **Tuesday 12/22 at 7pm in the Madonna Room.**  
Please call Barbara McNulty at 669-0068 ext 108 to Register.

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**We are in the season of Advent—time to slow down and really think about our Faith!**

How do YOU prepare for CHRISTmas?


**Christmas is Jesus’ Birthday……what present are YOU giving HIM?**

Thank you Teens for all your hard work and effort this year being an example of Jesus to others.
AN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE IN PREPARATION FOR THE
CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE
(WITH CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION)
ST. JOSEPH CHURCH - BABYLON, N.Y.

I. IN RELATION TO GOD:

1. Have I faithfully prayed my morning & evening prayers? Do I encourage others to pray to God each day?

2. Have I used all the time and talents that God has given me in the most beneficial ways?

3. Have I kept the Lord’s Day holy by coming to Mass each week?

4. Do I come on time for Mass, and stay for the entire Mass, and sing and pray actively during Mass?

5. Have I always spoken respectfully of God and holy things? Have I taken God’s name in vain in any way?

6. Have I put my relationship with God before my relationships with other persons, family members, employers, and those in lawful authority? Have I served money, power, sexuality or any other lesser good as if it were the supreme good to be sought? Do I ever allow other people or relationships or objects to come before God?

7. Have I spoken to others about the wonders that God has done for me? Or do I think that my faith is just a private relationship between God and I that involves no one else?

8. Do I work and pray and act to spread God’s justice on earth, as a person of virtue and true Christian values?

9. Have I turned over my will to God in times of trouble, tragedy, sickness, and in my everyday life? Do I renew my surrender to God each day in prayer, and truly try to live the words “Thy will be done?”

10. Have I faithfully prayed for and practiced the virtues of faith, hope and love?

II. IN RELATION TO MY NEIGHBOR:

1. Have I shown respect in speech and action toward my superiors, parents or employers, and all others?

2. Have I been patient toward others who have pointed out one of my faults? Have I honestly tried to correct those faults? Have I accepted good advice when it was offered to me?

3. Have I offended or threatened anyone through my words or my actions?

4. Have I held the reputation of every person as a sacred trust, or have I lessened someone’s reputation by speaking any sort of detractation or slander against him or her?

5. Have I devalued others because of the way I treated them or spoken to them? Have I given scandal to others by teaching or encouraging them to devalue others in speech or action?

6. Have I refused to carry stories about other people to my friends and neighbors? Or do I continue to spread gossip, so that I contribute to discord and misunderstanding between neighbors?

7. Have I encouraged others to practice Christian virtues? Or have I enjoyed or encouraged provoking others to swear, to curse, or in any ways to offend God?
AN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE - ST. JOSEPH CHURCH – BABYLON, NY

8. Do I recognize the dignity of every human person? Do I mock or make fun of others because they have physical or spiritual imperfections or disabilities?

9. Do I speak up in the name of justice when I see or learn that something wrong is happening at work, at school, at home? Do I remain silent when bad things happen to others, because I am afraid of what others will think about me?

10. Do I generously share with others the gifts of time, talent and treasure? Am I consciously grateful for all that I have received from God’s generosity?

11. Do I try to bring peace into my home, my recreational group, my extended family?

12. Do my words and actions toward others confirm that I believe in the goodness of all people, regardless of their race, nationality, belief systems or gender?

13. Have I taken things that do not belong to me, and have I made restitution for all that I have stolen? Have I given credit to others whose ideas I use, or I take their ideas and pass them off as my own?

III. IN RELATION TO MYSELF:

Am I actively engaged in my parish, committed to the mission of Jesus Christ as it is communicated in homilies, publications and meetings?

2. Have I made progress in listening to the thoughts and opinions of others, or are my thoughts and opinions always the only correct ones?

3. Do I apologize to others for the wrongs I have done, and make proper restitution for the damage that my actions have caused others?

4. Am I a vain person? Do I need constant affirmation to feel good about myself? Is my physical appearance the standard I use to judge my value or worth? Have I taken pleasure in hearing myself praised, or yielded to thoughts of vanity?

5. Have I overindulged myself in food, drink or sensuality? Do I have trouble knowing when “enough is enough” for myself? Have I acknowledged and obtained help for all my addictions?

6. Is my conversation a positive and civil exchange with others? Or am I proud or troublesome to others?

7. Have I wasted time in selfish play? Or have I deliberately wasted time on activities of lesser importance, knowing full well that there were activities of major importance that would not be accomplished?

8. Have I harbored hatred within my heart, holding onto hurts, grudges and resentments to the detriment of my life and the lives of others?

9. Am I someone who is jealous of other peoples’ possessions, accomplishments or opportunities?

10. Do I safeguard the secrets that others entrust to me?

11. Do I remember that I am a child of God’s grace, and that God loves me unconditionally at all times?
The parking lot filled rapidly on Sunday morning as members of the large church congregation filed into church. As usually happens in a church that size, each member had developed a certain comfort zone - a block of space within those four church walls that became theirs after the second or third sitting.

It was as much a part of their church experience as the recliner was to the television at home. Some of the older members had been sitting in the same row on the same side for several decades. A team of oxen could not have moved them to the opposite side of the church.

One morning a stranger stood at the edge of the parking lot near a dumpster. As families parked cars and piled out, they noticed him rummaging through the trash. "Oh no! I don't believe it," whispered a lady to her husband. "That's all we need -- a bunch of homeless people milling around here."

One worried little girl tugged on her dad's sleeve. "But Daddy..."

Daddy was busy sizing up the bearded stranger, whose baggy, outdated trousers and faded flannel shirt had dusted too many park benches.

"Don't stare at him, honey," he whispered, and hurried her inside.

Soft music filled the high-ceiling sanctuary as churchgoers settled into their usual spots. The choir sang an opening chorus, "In His presence there is comfort ... in His presence there is peace...".

Sunlight suddenly flooded the center aisle. The double doors swung open and the homeless man, sloppy and stooped, headed toward the front.

"Oh no, it's him!" somebody muttered.

"What does he think he's doing, anyway?" snapped an incredulous usher.

The stranger set his bagful of dumpster treasures on the very first pew which had been upholstered in an expensive soft teal fabric just three months ago. The music stopped. And before anyone had a chance to react, he ambled up the stairs and stood behind the fine, handcrafted oak podium, where he faced a wide-eyed congregation.

The disheveled stranger spoke haltingly at first, in a low, clear voice. Unbuttoning and removing his top layer of clothing, he described Jesus, and the love He has for all people.

"Jesus possesses a sensitivity and love that far surpasses what any of us deserves."

Stepping out of the baggy old trousers, the stranger went on to describe a forgiveness that is available to each and every one of us...without strings attached.

"Unconditionally He loves us. Unconditionally He gave His very life for us. Unconditionally and forever, we can have the peace and assurance that no matter who we are, where we've come from, or how badly we may have mistreated others or ourselves, there is hope."

"In Jesus, there is always hope."

"You see, my friends, it is never too late to change," the man continued.

"He is the Author of change, and the Provider of forgiveness. He came to bring new meaning to 'life'."

Men and women squirmed as reality hit them like an electrical current. The stranger tugged at his knotted gray beard, and removed it.

"I'm here to tell you that we are loved with a love far beyond human understanding, a love that enables us to accept and love others in return." Then tenderly he added, "Let's pray together."

That wise pastor - under the guise of a homeless "nobody" - did not preach a sermon that day, but every person left with plenty to think about.

-- Author- Unknown
KEEPING IN TOUCH

From time to time I hear a phrase that if passed along to my grandchildren...perhaps to even my own children...would probably create a blank stare and their wondering “What is Beamer talking about?” I think the following may qualify for such a reaction.

Recently I had a conversation with my friend Shelley, and she told me that she would be traveling to England during the month of December. Primarily to attend the wedding of a friend’s daughter, Shelley added that she would also see Virginia, her “pen pal” since her pre-teen days.

For those who may know recognize the term, there was a time when schools suggested that students become a “pen pal” and write a letter to a student in another country. The intent was to develop better writing skills, to learn more about other cultures, and to make friendships. Such was the case when seventh grader Shelley who, based on the brief the description she was given, chose another eleven-year old, Virginia, to send a letter and hope for a letter in return. A return letter indeed arrived, and so started a friendship that has lasted over a half century. Their letters would continue for thirty years before they finally met when Shelley crossed The Pond to first see the friend with whom she had shared so much.

Over the years, Shelley and Virginia revealed the highs and lows of their lives and knew that they could count on the good thoughts and prayers of the other to help them through the rough times. Theirs is a classic friendship, indeed.

You don’t have to see someone to know that he or she is there for you.

We are not exactly “pen pals” with God, but we should be communicating with Him and truly listening for Him to respond in kind. Like Shelley and Virginia, we can build a lifelong relationship with God even though we do not see Him...unless, of course, we see Him in others. Long ago we learned that we all are made in God’s image and likeness. During this new liturgical season of Advent, let us be in touch with our God, share our thoughts, and look forward to hearing His words, feeling His presence, and seeing His face...in the faces of others.

PRAYER

Loving and Merciful Father, You reveal Yourself to us in many ways, but too often we fail to see or hear Your messages to us. Give us the Grace we need be more open to You and to do our part by speaking to You as often as we can. Let us this Advent season to deepen our relationship with You. This we ask in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Stewardship...
Expectant Parents’ Blessing

Presider:

At this time, we offer a prayer for all those who are expecting the birth of children, and those who are waiting for the arrival of the children they are adopting, and all who want to welcome children into their lives.

O Lord and giver of life, receive this prayer for our sisters and brothers who are filled with anticipation and hope.

We thank you for the presence of your love in the parents who are awaiting the birth of their children.

We praise you for the generosity of your love in the parents of those who are waiting to adopt their children.

We bless you for the faith in this congregation that supports them in prayer now, and who will nourish these adults and their children in faith in days to come.

Overshadow them all with the Holy Spirit and claim their children whom we await in the waters of Baptism. May they be fed joyfully and often with the gift of the Holy Eucharist, and be sent forth in mission and service to show forth Your presence to all the world.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.
St. Joseph Sociable Single Seniors

There will be no December Meeting, look for January 20th, 2016 meeting information coming soon.

Save The Date

Pasta Dinner

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17th 2016
6PM-9PM

PLACE - Monsignor Nolan Hall

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE FOR AN EVENING OF FUN, MUSIC, PRIZES AND GOOD FOOD.

Pasta Dinner

IF YOU ARE STILL IN A “COOKING MOOD” AFTER THE HOLIDAYS CALL SHARON SARAGNESE OR PAT WEISS TO TALK ABOUT MAKING SOME PASTA FOR THAT NIGHT.

OR, IF YOU LIKE TO WRAP GIFTS AND THINK YOU MIGHT HAVE SOME ENERGY LEFT AFTER CHRISTMAS CALL SHARON OR PAT TO TALK ABOUT WRAPPING THE RAFFLE BASKETS

PAT WEISS  631-661-0255
SHARON SARAGNESE  631-321-8986
Vocation Prayer

Lord, show me how to be of service, in your Church and in the world. Help me see what you want me to do. Give me vision, courage and friends who encourage me to do your work.

Amen.

Snowman Word Search

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Chickenscratch NY
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. Coast Guard:**
- PO1 Benjamin Flad
- Capt. Matthew W. Sibley
- J.A. Madison Mulders

**U.S. Army:**
- SPC Elliot Chodkowski
- SSG Joshuah Insull
- LTC John Kallo
- SSG David C. Ray
- Eric Stein
- LTC Jon J. Uebel
- PV2 Danny Bornschein
- Pvt. Edwin Zambrano
- PFC Dominick Pititto
- Lt. Stephen Scuderi
- Pvt. Mark Ospina
- Lt. Joseph A. Vandervelde, III

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

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National Honor Society News...

Our student parishioners have received Honor Roll certificates earned during the first quarter of the 2015-2016 school year at St. Anthony’s High School.

Congratulations, we are very proud of these students from our Parish!

**Father Chris**

Alyssa Adamo
Christopher Adamo
Elise Annett
John Baloga, Jr.
James Boos
Elizabeth Castello

Michael Cole
Jacqueline Colon
John DeVita
Xavier Green
Katelyn McRevitt
Mary Mikowski

Christopher Mulford
Emilio Niland
Emma Seegers
Ryan Turner
Caroline Vindell
AN ADVENT EXPERIENCE

On Sunday, December 13 from 2:00pm – 5:00pm in the All-Purpose Room, Our Lady of Lourdes Church in West Islip (445 Hunter Ave.; West Islip, NY  11795) is hosting

BETHLEHEM BOULEVARD.

Stop by and walk the streets Joseph and Mary walked when Mary gave birth to Jesus. Walk among the common folk on the day Jesus was born. Meet the Roman soldiers, Census Takers, Potters, Basket Weavers, Shepherds, Angels, the Inn Keeper and, of course, Mary and Joseph. All are welcome!

Camp Fatima & Camp Bernadette for girls & boys are now accepting registrations for the 2016 summer season. The camps are located in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire for ages 6-15 years old.

To request a DVD, contact Michael Drumm at 603-364-5851 or email mdrumm@campsfatimabernadette.org.

You can also visit the web site at http://www.campsfatimabernadette.org

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 2

Babylon Paint Party Fundraiser

Sunday, February, 28th, 2016 1-5pm. Paint and all materials provided by instructor. Come experience a new adventure! Tickets are $40.00 and make a great Christmas gift for family, friends or a ladies night out. Coffee, tea & snacks are included. There will be a cash bar. For tickets call Ann Munkwitz at 631-666-4756 or Casey DeNalalie at 631-241-8508.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

 Married Couples!
Are you looking for the perfect Christmas gift for each other?
A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Just might be what you are looking for.
Renew, Restore, Refresh and Rekindle Your Sacramental Relationship.
The next weekend on Long Island is scheduled for February 12-14, 2016 at the Montfort Spiritual Center in Bay Shore, NY.
Space is limited. For more information about the weekends or to apply, call 1-877-697-9963 or visit our web site at http://www.wwme.org.
Intercesiones por la Vida

Que en esta temporada de amor del recién nacido, todos los hombres y las mujeres puedan comprometerse con la defensa de toda vida humana desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural;

Roguemos al Señor:
Señor, escucha nuestra oración.

Contribution 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 12/06/15: $ 24,227.00
Gastos: $ 23,895.00
$ 332.00

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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.


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: 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. Mas información llame a Cristina Vera @ 631-327-6141.

RENOVACION CARISMATICA: Tiempo de encuentro con Dios. Les invitamos a experimentar el amor de Dios de una manera diferente al escuchar un mensaje de buenas noticias y esperanza para su vida y la de su familia. Todos los viernes @ 7:15 p.m. Para mas información llame a Ana Ramos. (631)617-2129.

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

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

ROSARIO: Dominos 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.
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. 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.

FECHAS DE LOS EVENTOS
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

Por favor sean puntual. 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 TODOS LOS DOMINGOS COMO COMPLEMENTO DEL PROGRAMA.

"Las Posadas 2015"

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