**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
Fridays Closed
Sat 9:00am to 1:00pm

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

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

**Hispanic Office**
Fri 7:00 to 9:00pm

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

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

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

**Parish Phone Numbers [Area Code 631]**
Parish Office 669.0068
Cemetery Office 699-0068 Ext. 107
Faith Formation 587-4717
Nursery School 661.4559
Outreach 669.4544
Hispanic Community 669.0068 x 131
Thrift Shop 669.5574
Youth Ministry 669-0068 x 108
Fax 669.9175

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

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

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

**Holydays**
See Special Schedule the Sunday before each Holyday

**We Celebrate the Sacraments**

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

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

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

**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 Fourth Sunday of Advent + December 20, 2015
At this Mass, we remember:

**Monday, December 21**
- Sg 2:8–14 or Zep 3:14–18, Lk 1:39–45
- 7:45 Theresa Hess
- 9:00 Madeline Pritchard

**Tuesday, December 22**
- 1 Sm 1:24–28, Lk 1:46–56
- 7:45 People of St. Joseph
- 9:00 George Rebecchi

**Wednesday, December 23**
- Mal 3:1–4, 23–24, Lk 1:57–66
- 7:45 Vincent & Rae Terracciano
- 9:00 Joseph Gianitelli

**Thursday, December 24 ~ Christmas Vigil**
- 2 Sm 7:1–5, 8–12, 14, 16, Lk 1:67–79
- 7:45 Loretta Galfano
- 9:00 Brendan Lynch
- 4:00 (Church) Brendan Lynch
- 4:15 (Hall) Encarnacion Culpepper
- 4:15 (Capilla in English) Tom & Nancy Sheehan
- 6:00 (Church) Jason Rotzman
- 6:30 (Nolan Hall) Spanish Mass
- 10:00 (Church) Maryann Arcese

**Friday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day**
- 7:00 Carol LoValvo Joyce
- 8:45 William J. Angelos
- 10:35 Robert G. Mullany
- 11:45 Anthony & Betty Miele
  - No 9:30AM or 11AM Mass in Hall.
  - No 11:30AM Spanish Mass in Hall.
  - No 5PM Mass in Church.

**Saturday, December 26**
- Acts 6:8–10; 7:54–59, Mt 1:17–22
- 9:00 Alan Maher

**Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)**
- 4:00 Confessions Today Fr. Joe
- 5:00 Irene “Rene” Conaughton Fr. Ethel

**Sunday, December 27 ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**
- Sir 3:2–6, 12–14 or 1 Sm 1:20–22, 21–28, Ps 84:23, 5–6, 9–10, Col 3:12–21 or 3:12–17 or 1 Jn 3:1–2, 21–24, Lk 2:41–52
- 7:00 George Rebecchi Fr. Joe
- 8:45 James L. Simmons Fr. Chris
- 9:30 People of St. Joseph Fr. Francis
- 10:15 John Fogarty Fr. Ethel
- 11:45 People of St. Joseph Fr. Francis
- 5:00 Victor & Margaret Scafuro Fr. Chris
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.

**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.

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
10:15 AM Church: Organ and Cantor
11:45 AM Church: Guitar and Cantor

Sacrificial Giving

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

- **Actual Collection** $24,759.00
- **Budgeted Collection** $23,895.00
  + 864.00

God bless you!
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.)

Check out the Parish website for great details and videos about the Jubilee Year of Mercy
A Parish Public Meeting: All Are Welcome to Attend

I confess to you that I don’t know where the time goes when it does, but the time has come. For those who have not yet heard from me directly on the subject of my assignment as your pastor back in June of 2004, I must tell you now, clearly and sincerely, that my time with you is coming to a close this coming June.

In addition to myself, there are several priests in our Diocese who have reached the twelve-year maximum (two six-year terms of service) as pastors of various parishes. I will join them in seeking a new assignment, presumably as a pastor in a different location here on Long Island. The names of the parishes seeking new pastors for next June will be available at the beginning of February, 2016. Then, I will be given an opportunity to express my preference for serving at one or another of these open parishes.

However, before that February date and the start of the selection process, the Diocese has begun a practice to consult with the people of a parish whose pastor is being transferred. The format is simple: I will welcome and thank everyone who has come to the public meeting and open with a prayer. I will then introduce the Episcopal Vicar, the Vicar for Clergy Personnel, and the local priest-dean: they will facilitate the meeting. This Parish Public Meeting has been scheduled for

Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 7:30pm in the O’Connell Room.

The data-gathering at that Parish Public Meeting will focus on three areas of response:

1. What do you love about St. Joseph Parish? What do you think is going well here?

2. What do you think needs work or attention at St. Joseph Parish? What do you think is not going well here?

3. Name some specific traits you would like to see in the next pastor assigned to St. Joseph Parish.

I invite you to put January 14 on your calendar, and to once again invest some time and thought in the immediate future of the Parish we love. Thank you for your prayerful love and support, as we prepare the Parish to welcome a new pastor.

With love,

Fr. Chris

PS. People have already asked if there is any point in writing letters or making phone calls requesting me to stay here at St. Joseph. The simple answer: THERE IS NO POINT! In fact, it can make things even more difficult regarding my own transitioning, so I thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness and care-filled restraint.
Dear Friends of St. Joseph Parish,
From our entire Parish Staff to you and your loved ones, we wish you the Peace of Christ as we celebrate the Birth of the Prince of Peace into our world.

One of the most important things we can give ourselves and each other is the gift of time. Taking time to breathe in the new life that God is offering us will also give us a share in the peace that only Jesus Christ can give us. Please be assured that God wants to share that gift of divine peace with your family, friends and neighbors, so be generous to yourself in receiving God’s deep goodness this Christmas.

With Love,
Fr Chris

Blessings

PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR TRAVELLERS
(Fourth Weekend in Advent)

All-powerful and merciful God,
you led the people of Israel on dry land
by parting the waters of the Red Sea.
You also guided the Magi to your Son Jesus by the light of a star.

Direct all our brothers and sisters who will be traveling now and in the coming holiday season, and give them all a safe journey home.
Under your protection let them reach their destinations in peace, and bring them home to us in due season.

As your holy people, called life by your mercy, make us confident in faith, strong in hope, and long-lasting in love.
May we all come at last to heaven, the home of our eternal salvation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.
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 631-661-0068 or come meet the music group on Sundays, 11:45 am Mass at St. Joseph.
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.

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- _____ 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:          
____________________________________________________________________________________
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
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 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

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

Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas
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.

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Church of Saint Joseph/K of C 14771
Saint Joseph the Carpenter Council
Holiday Blood Drive

Monday, December 28, 2015
3:00pm to 9:00pm
O’Connell Hall

Eligibility Criteria:
Bring ID with signature or photo. Minimum weight 110 lbs.
Age 16 - 75 (16 year olds must have parental permission. Age 76 and
over need doctor’s note) Eat well (low fat) & drink fluids. No tattoos
for past 12 months. For questions concerning medical
eligibility call 1-800-688-0900.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact:Doreen at 516-478-5031

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 bassinettes you will find in the Church, and Hall over
the next few weeks.

Unwrapped gifts please.

The collection of all items has started.

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
St. Vincent de Paul

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

Our members are joyfully distributing food to our needy for the Christmas holiday. It is so heartwarming to see the grateful appreciation shown as they leave with food and goodies. It reminds us of the true meaning of Christmas. Thanks to all our parishioners who have donated food and food cards to bring joy to the needy during this beautiful time of year.

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

The next meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 9:35am in the parish center.

All are invited to attend.

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.

Thrift Shop News

All Christmas ~ 1/2 price
All Clothing ~ 1/2 price
Frames ~ 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 now be closed on Friday along with the Parish Office.

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

The Faith Formation Office will be closed from Thursday, December 24@ 12 noon until Monday, January 4@ 9am.
We would like to wish all the families a wonderful Christmas Season and a Happy New Year.

There will be no Faith Formation classes beginning Monday, December 21 through Wednesday, December 30. We will resume classes on Monday, January 4.

My good deed for the week was: Molly helped clean the animal cages, Daniel & Brendan helped with the Christmas lights, Luca raked leaves, Jack, Olivia & Ava walked the dog, Abigail played with her sister, Katie stood up for her cousin, James listened to his parents, Reese made his bed without being told, Connor helped make pizza, Craig, Nicholas, Colleen & Grace helped set up & cook for Thanksgiving, James and Caitlin were kind, Michael & Christian helped with the housework, Julia & CJ helped with the yard work, Alaina, Erica & James helped their moms, Emma helped decorate the town poles for Christmas, Kelly cleaned up after Thanksgiving, Allie helped her family, Eva took out the garbage, Steven & Joseph were being good, Emilio helped his brother, Gavin was nice to his mom, Olivia & Ava set the table for dinner, Emily was being helpful, Natalia cleaned up after dinner, Gianni listened to his mom, John cleaned his bed, Leah shared with her sister, Anita helped decorate for Christmas, James mowed the lawn and Alyssa helped her aunt.
Faith Formation

Youth Ministry

Open to all in Grades 6 – 12 Some activities are grade specific. Most are open to all.
669-0068 ext 108 email: youth@stjosephsbabylon.org

We bring Teens together in Service, Faith, and Fun.
We celebrate Liturgy together, explore Scripture, serve our community and enrich one another.
All our welcome!

Monday 12/21  High School Meeting 7pm in the Madonna Room. Newcomers welcome. Grades 9-12.
  Bring your favorite Christmas cookies

Tuesday 12/22  —  For MOM’S 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.

Wishing you all a very Blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year!
Remember to enjoy each other and appreciate some quiet time this week.
Continue to keep the homeless and the hungry in your prayers
And in this Year of Mercy—reach out to those in need.

Barbara McNulty

COMING IN JANUARY:
PBJ GANG  Thursday, 1/14
Adult Paint Night Fundraiser: Saturday, 1/31
Registration for our next Steubenville NYC Conference will be on the website!

Want to be kept in the loop about Youth Ministry activities?
Send an email to youth@stjosephsbabylon.org to be put on the mailing list or in the REMIND group

Need Community Service Hours?
Join St Joseph’s Teen Service Team. Registration form and details can be found on the website at
www.stjosephsbabylon.org under Youth Ministry/Community Service
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 detraction 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 do 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?
FROM BEGINNING TO END

From beginning to end, all through the New Testament, Christianity is a very personal thing. Yet many people today have great difficulty thinking of themselves in a personal relationship with Christ. They may love the stories of His life, but those are ancient history. They may even think of Him as the Son of God and Savior of the world, but correct theology and a personal relationship are not necessarily one and the same. What is needed and what so often is lacking is an inward, transforming awareness of personal fellowship with Christ.

The angel, who brought to Mary the glad tidings of a Son, promised her that “He will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and His reign will be without end.” In other words, the presence and power of Christ would not be limited to a few brief years of His public ministry. His rule would be forever, and His reign without end. I assume that includes us, forever is a long, long time. Could it be that even now, in this first quarter of the twentieth first century, people can still live in intimate fellowship with Christ?

This Christmas time, let us entertain the thought that such a relationship with Him is not outside our possibilities – no mystical experience reserved only for the saints, but an available resource for ordinary people in ordinary life.

To eternity and beyond

Merry Christmas

Deacon Mike
CHristmas 2015

We all know that many smiles will be coming our way when presents are opened, embraces are given, and a tasty meal is shared around a loving table. This is the time of the year it seems that minor differences are put aside, and we find it in our hearts to be somewhat more understanding, loving, and generous. Besides those amid our own circle, we might even extend ourselves to those we do not know through various organized opportunities to donate toys, food, clothing, or cash to those in most need. We are doing exactly what God wants us to do. What often happens, however, is that our generous spirit often diminishes after the season. What we must remember is that the needs of others do not end when the holiday trappings are packed away.

Consider the life of Emily. She works in the bakery section of a large grocery store. One day Lisa appeared at the counter and asked for a cake to be decorated for someone’s birthday. Emily did the honors, put the cake in the box, and Lisa smiled at Emily and thanked her for her efforts. As she started toward the checkout lane, Lisa had her first opportunity to view the cake. This is what she saw.

Lisa smiled and thought it would get a laugh at Mandy’s party. The checkout person did not share that view and called the manager. After a brief discussion, and to Lisa’s pleasant surprise, one cashier put her arm on Lisa’s shoulder and said “The girl who wrote that has Autism. Thank you for smiling and thanking her, even though she’s not supposed to write on cakes, you probably made her day.”

Certain conditions, like Autism, are 24/7/365, so there will be individuals that we can help throughout the year. In this case, it was Lisa’s generally positive, supportive, and caring nature that changed everything for Emily. Simply by being kind for seemingly no reason at all, Lisa was able to give Emily a sense of worth. A reason to smile. A sign that God loves her.

As we celebrate the arrival of the Babe, the Son of Mary, let us realize the gifts that God has given us. The gifts under the tree that come with guarantees will one day fade; the gifts that God has given will be lasting. Let us make sure that they are put to good use for the good of our neighbors.

PRAYER

Glorious and Generous Father, we welcome the birth of Your Son and thank you for the many blessings that have come our way; give us the Grace we need to use them for the benefit of others. This we ask in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

GOD BLESS US, EVERY ONE

Stewardship...

Stewardship Sound Byte

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who have the courage, like Mary, to listen to God’s voice in their own ears and conscientiously pursue the tasks to which they have been called.
Fundraiser

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Saturday, January 30th

Paint Night

7—9:30pm in the O’Connell Room
Join us for an evening of fun and bring out your inner artist!
Paint n sip while supporting our Youth Group.
There will be raffles and snacks available for purchase.

Tickets $40—only limited number available so please call or email Barbara McNulty to reserve your ticket!
Sorry no tickets sold at door.
669-0068 ext 108
youth@stjosephsbabylon.org

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

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
Kids Corner

A Christmas Blessing
May all the days of all the years That God has still in store Be filled with every joy and grace To bless you more and more; May hope of heart and peace of mind Beside you ever stay, And that’s the golden wish I have For you, this Christmas Day!

Find your way around the maze.

Christmas Word Find

N SW J PK K C A N D L E J G
H A A X M U U P I T J J G J I
O S N O W F L A K E P W L M N
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Christmas
Holly
Ornament
Mistletoe
Green
Red
Silver
Bells
Jingle
Ho Ho Ho
Star
Santa
Holiday
Stocking
Joy
Merry
Card
Present
Bow
Snowflake
Tree
Gingerbread
Wreath
Snowman
Candle
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- Lt. John T. Izzo
- Lt. Caroline Mayer
- PO2 Kristen Tice
- PO1 Rasheen Tice

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Thank you for your generous support of the 2015 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Completing your 2015 pledge ensures that our Parish will benefit by receiving our full rebate.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please prayerfully consider making a donation to the Appeal.

Pledges can be accepted until December 31st and payments can be made through January 31st!

Extra envelopes are provided in the back of the church.

Join us as we Serve God by Serving Others! Thank You!
**Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians**

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.

**Ladies Ancient Order & 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

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**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.

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**Medical Mondays**

Join us in 2016 on Monday evenings in the Parish Center 7:30pm-9:30pm for a series of discussions on the moral and ethical issues confronting patients, families, healthcare workers and administrators in the 21st Century.

Presented by Dr. James Spencer, Sr. VP Mission and Ministry, Catholic Health Services of Long Island and Jamey Hutchinson, BSN, CFCP

1/11-Fertility treatments and Sterility Procedures
1/25-“Vaccines derived from cell lines of aborted fetuses and Stem cell research”
2/1-“Sexual Assault protocols, Plan B and other emergency contraception”
2/8-Euthanasia and Physician-Assisted Suicide”
2/15-“The Ethics of Sex change procedures”
2/22-“Moral dilemmas in the patient-caregiver relationship and following one’s conscience”

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**INTERCESIONES POR LA VIDA**

Por todas las madres, y en especial aquellas que esperan el nacimiento de su hijo: que a través de la intercesión de la Madre de Dios puedan crecer en el amor por su hijo todos los días;

Roguemos al Señor:
Señor, escucha nuestra oración.

**CONTRIBUCIÓN SEMANAL**

Agradecemos a todos y a cada uno de ustedes por aportar su contribución para nuestra parroquia de San José.

“La unión hace la fuerza”

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**CURSO BIBLICO**

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

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

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

**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 Jose 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 Ulztreya todos los domingos a las 12:30pm. en el Salón # 256. Mas información llame a Cristina Vera @ 631-327-6141.

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

**COMUNIDAD DE MARIA:** Siguiendo los mensajes de Maria Reina de la Paz y sobre temas de Maria en general) - Sábados de 7:00pm-9:00pm. Comunicarse con Adriana Mascari, al (631) 587-3072 - (631)881-0005.

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

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

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

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

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

**HORA SANTA:** Cuarto domingo del mes, inmediatamente después de la misa de las 11:30am.
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. 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
Via 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 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 TODOS LOS DOMINGOS COMO COMPLEMENTO DEL PROGRAMA.

Que el niño Dios venga a nosotros esta Navidad con el regalo de Amor, con las bendiciones de Esperanza, y la promesa de Paz; Y que se extienda durante todo el Nuevo Año!

Padre Joe y el Comité Hispano de San José

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