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
Mrs. 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 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 x131
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 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph + December 27, 2015
At this Mass, we remember:

**Monday, December 28**
1 Jn 1:5—2:2, Ps 124:2, 7c—8, Mt 2:13–18
7:45 Mr. Wilmarth
9:00 Ann Sutton

**Tuesday, December 29**
1 Jn 2:3–11, Ps 96:1–3, 5b–6, Lk 2:22–35
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 Richard Ramalia

**Wednesday, December 30**
1 Jn 2:12–17, Ps 96:7–10, Lk 2:36–40
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 Mary McLoughlin

**Thursday, December 31**
1 Jn 2:18–21, Ps 96:1–2, 11, Jn 1:1–18
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 James J. Marron
5:00 Ronald Bannister

**Friday, January 1**
Nm 6:22–27, Ps 67:2–3, 5–6, 8, Gal 4:4–7, Lk 2:16–21
7:00 No Mass - Holiday
9:00 Elisabeth Fiore
11:45 George Wanser

*No 9:30AM or 11AM Mass in Hall.***
*No 11:30AM Spanish Mass in Hall.***
*No 5PM Mass in Church on New Years Day.*

**Saturday, January 2**
1 Jn 2:22–28, Ps 98:1–4, Jn 1:19–28
9:00 Bill Tuma

**Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)**
4:00 Confessions Today Fr. Ethel
5:00 Roy Sullo, Jr. Fr. Joe
Marguerite Roche & Catherine Gallagher Patricia Ducey

**Sunday, January 3 ~ The Epiphany of The Lord**
Is 60:1–6, Ps 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–13, Eph 3:2–3, 5–6, Mt 2:1–12
7:00 People of St. Joseph Fr. Ethel
8:45 Lynne Brady Fr. Jerome
9:30 Theresa Hess Fr. Ethel
10:30 John & Katie Kelly Fr. Jerome
11:45 John Bente Fr. Francis
5:00 Terry Hess Fr. Francis

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**The Sacraments of Life**

For Our Sick

**Altar Rose**
In memory of Elisabeth Fiore

**For Our Deceased**
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Jerome Martin Gerlett.

**REFLECTION FOR TODAY**
The first reading today provides a challenging guideline for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?
Our Parish Mission Statement

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

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.

Lazarus Ministry

On Saturday, January 9th, 2016, 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.

Sacrificial Giving

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

12/13/15
Actual Collection $24,759.00
Budgeted Collection $23,895.00
+ 864.00
God bless you!

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.
PO1 Joshua J. Coughlin

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

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

We continue to pray for our military men and women.
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. – 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

Happy New Year

May the New Year bring joy, peace & happiness to you & your entire family.....

Happy New Year

The Parish Staff!
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.
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

All donors will receive a choice of a $5.00 gift card to either, Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts or Target.
Christmas 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

Christ is born: sing glory! Christ has descended from heaven: go out to meet Him! Christ is on earth: lift yourselves up!

Sing to the Lord, all the earth; for He who belongs to heaven is now on earth!

With these words, the fourth century theologian, St Gregory Nazianzen (+389) proclaimed the Christmas message that is as true today as it was from that first moment in Bethlehem when the Blessed Mother Mary brought her son Jesus into the world. Since that night we, like Gregory and all others who know Jesus, have exulted in the gift of the Son of God made man. His birth heralds the defeat of sin and death. His presence among us, like us in all things but sin, shines the bright promise of God’s merciful love on our faces and into our hearts. Who does not rejoice to know that God so loved the world that He sent His Son? Which one of us would turn away from this blessed scene of the Virgin with Joseph in the Bethlehem stable offering the Child to us so that all humankind can be saved? How can we do anything but sing Glory to God with the angels and bend low in adoration with the shepherds. This night we all become free! This night we all are one. This night we see the salvation of our God.

My dear friends, this has not been an easy year for any of us, for our families, for our parishes, for our nation, for the world. The forces of darkness are strong and determined. Terrorism seems to be widening its sweep and too many of our leaders seem unsure of what must be done to protect society and care for the suffering. Too many families are struggling to make ends meet. Too many youth in our midst are led astray by the false gods of drugs, alcohol and momentary pleasures. Freedom is under attack at home and abroad. Many look in all the wrong places for answers that hurt rather than help.

We have the right answer. We all need Christmas. We all need Jesus. We all need Mary. God has given HIS answer to the world, an answer that overcomes all its tragedies and all its temptations. God’s response to our cries is clear and unequivocal: His Son! Yes: Jesus Christ, His Son! He is God’s answer to our cries. He is God’s gift for our lives. He breaks down the barriers, for the name of peace is Jesus Christ. He is Our Peace! And He and He alone can calm our fears, renew our strength, lift up our hearts and give joy to our lives!

Yes, my friends, this Christmas go out to meet Him; lift up your hearts; Sing for joy. For all humankind has seen the salvation of our God! A blessed and Joyous Christmas to you all!

Bishop of Rockville Centre

PO Box 9023, Rockville Centre, New York 11571–9023 • telephone 516.678.5800 • fax 516.678.3138 • www.drvc.org
Our student parishioners have received Honor Roll status and Academic Excellence earned during the first quarter of the 2015-2016 school year at Our Lady of Mercy Academy and St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School. Congratulations, we are very proud of these students from our Parish!

Father Chris

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2015: Loving Others as Christ Would

Please: Make a Difference in Someone’s Life by donating to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish_________________________________________ Pledge: _______
Name_________________________________________ Down payment: _______
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Phone: ____________________________
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Isabella Alonso
Second Honors
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

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
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

Catholics for Religious Freedom...

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or
prohibiting the free exercise thereof... 1st Amendment

- What are the issues of religious freedom and conscience rights?
- How do these issues affect our churches, schools, workplace, hospitals, the military, etc.?
- Are the voices for 1st amendment religious liberty being heard in the public square?

You are invited to a community service event sponsored by
Catholics for Freedom of Religion Hear and question your
congressional representative about issues of conscience rights
and religious liberty.

Representing New York’s 1st Congressional
District:

Congressman Lee Zeldin

This event is an informational opportunity for the community and does not indicate an endorsement for Rep. Zeldin or any political candidate.

Please join us:
Sunday, January 3, 2016
7:00 – 9:00 PM
St. Patrick’s R.C. Church
280 East Main St.
Smithtown, NY 11787
For more information: 631-896-8331

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One of our Outreach families says thanks: “Words can’t express the gratitude and joy you have given my family and me. Because of your generosity and kindness, we will have a beautiful Christmas. It is not what you have given us materialistic-wise, although that was much more than I had ever wished for, but the hope that things will get better. ...I wish one day that I can repay your kindness, for what you have given this mother is her Christmas wish.”

On behalf of all of the families who were assisted in celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas, Parish Outreach says THANK YOU VERY MUCH for your generosity.

We are grateful to those who adopted a family through our Angel Brigade and to all of you who took tags from our Giving Tree. The families were overwhelmed by your generosity.

In partnership with St. Vincent De Paul, we were able to supply gifts to our homeless population as well. We are blessed to work closely with our SVDP conference and truly appreciate their work in meeting the needs of our local families.

We thank Torta Fina bakery who supplied baked goods to all of our families to sweeten their holidays. They continue to be so generous to Outreach on an ongoing basis and we appreciate their support.

We thank all of you for the many wonderful gifts, toys, gift cards and donations to Parish Social Ministry. With your help, Parish Outreach was able to brighten Christmas for over 100 families. We are truly blessed.

**Social Ministries**

**St. Vincent de Paul**

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

St. Vincent de Paul recently purchased warm and woolen hats, socks, and gloves at a reduced rate from Lo-Man Outdoor Store in Babylon. These have been given to many of our homeless people as a gift for Christmas in addition to essentials that they need to survive the winter months. This allows us to bring God’s love and kindness to the poor and homeless. We are grateful for the generous donations that allow us to do this.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

HAVE A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

**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**

Everything ~ 1/2 price

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

The next meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is on Monday, January 4, 2016 in room 256 of the parish center. Consider **joining us in 2016!**
The Faith Formation Office will be closed from Thursday, December 24th @ 12 noon until Monday, January 4th @ 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 21st through Wednesday, December 30. We will resume classes on Monday, January 4th.

My good deed for the week was: Brianne, Kenny & Kristi listened to their mom, Blake & Joseph helped put up the Christmas tree, Ryan helped his mom drop off wreaths for Christmas, Emily helped decorate, Samantha cleaned, Gianna helped make dinner, Nathaniel took care of his sister, Thomas helped his family, Sophie visited a sick friend, Jacob took out the garbage, Kylie & Julia helped with Thanksgiving dinner, Matt helped cook dinner, Edoardo was a good listener, Giovanni & Matteo helped others, Vincent helped his parents, Alyssa & Caitlyn helped their grandmother, Maya helped with Thanksgiving, Kate & Abigail made sandwiches for the soup kitchen, Charlie spent time with his friends, Jack wrote a book with his mom, Christopher & William cleaned up after the dog and mowed the lawn, Joseph helped a student pick up their books, James helped with the dog, Kaileigh made wreaths for the nursing home, Kevin helped with the Christmas lights, Nathan cleaned his room, Katie & Emma babysat for a dog, Roy watched his brother, Eric was nice, Kyle tried a new food, Robby cleaned, Grace was kind, Troy shared his phone with his friends.
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

JOIN US:
Monday 1/4 High School Meeting 7pm in the Madonna Room. Newcomers welcome.

Friday 1/8 Open Gym Night 6:30 – 8pm in the Gym. All in Grades 6–12 are welcome.

Saturday 1/30 Paint Night for Adults Fundraiser Tickets $40

Many thanks to all who joined us for the Parish Tree Lighting Ceremony. Father Chris lead us in prayer and Jean Cooper once again lead us with her guitar and welcomed all to join in song. As a special treat some of our HS Teens, under the direction of Mrs Jen Malinowski, shared their musical talents with us. A wonderful night!

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
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - Cycle C

Save The Date for Paint Night

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.
If you’ve been coming to the new Mass experience at the 11:45am Mass on Sundays, then this message is for you!

Do you enjoy attending this Mass? Do you find the atmosphere positive and uplifting? Do you want to be part of that experience?

If so, then we invite you to become a greeter! It’s easy!

Here’s what a greeter does:

- Arrives 10 minutes early to Mass
- Greets guests with a welcoming hello and a friendly smile
- Hands out songbooks
- Collects the songbooks after Mass
- Did we mention a welcoming hello and a friendly smile?

Call or email Laraine now if you’re interested or if you want more information:
(631) 587-8477
Email: viswamp26@aol.com

“Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” Romans 15:7
Today we sing of Christmas gifts, but traditional song meant something quite different to earlier faithful. The song Twelve Days of Christmas can be an example of Christmas' commercialization, with lyrics about "true love" presenting an ever-increasing numbers of gifts. Such an attitude can make keeping the faith during the Christmas season difficult.

For Catholics in England between 1528 and 1829, however, keeping the faith was particularly difficult. The law prohibited them from public and private practice of their faith. So, the words to the song Twelve Days of Christmas became code reminding them of some of the tenets of their faith. The “true love” presenting the gifts was Christ our King:

2 Turtle Doves: Old and New Testaments.
3 French Hens: Faith, Hope and Charity.
4 Calling Birds: Four Gospels, four Evangelists.
5 Golden Rings: Old Testaments, first five books, Pentateuch, the story of our fall from grace.
6 Geese a Laying: Six days of Creation.
7 Swans a Swimming: Seven gifts of Holy Spirit, seven sacraments.
8 Maids a Milking: Eight Beatitudes.
10 Lords a Leaping: 10 Commandments.
11 Pipers Piping: 11 faithful Apostles.
12 Drummers Drumming: Apostles Creed’s 12 points of doctrine.
FINDING THE RIGHT ROAD

My late and great mother often told me that if someone invited me to something, I should go, and so a few weeks ago I found myself at a New York City gathering where there were many people I did not know. It was a Christmas Party complete with a quite realistic Santa Claus and Magic Al to entertain the children while the adults enjoyed the culinary and liquid delights amid conversations that ranged from the upcoming school play to last minute shopping ideas.

I was casually standing by the cookie tray when I started a conversation with a man I literally bumped into. After we explained how each of us had garnered an invitation to these joyous festivities, Dave told me that, after seven years of somewhat frustration, he and his partners were about to introduce an item that would benefit the environment and the economy.

As you should know by now, I am scientifically challenged, so I had some trouble with Dave’s explanation. I think it’s a simple adapter-type device that shuts off power when it’s not needed and automatically reports usage to some energy agency. Dave had cautious excitement about the possibilities that had finally arrived.

Our calendar year is drawing to an end, and we might be reviewing some of the events that have occurred in the past twelve months. There were good things, I am sure, as well as the unexpected or events that did not really go the way we had planned.

Consider Dave’s situation for a minute. They had what they knew was a solid idea. They worked hard to develop it. They worked hard to perfect it. They worked hard to promote it. They worked hard. For seven years. Nothing. Then all of a sudden everything fell into place.

We might see the times we took the right road…and found ourselves not to be where we expected to be. These are the times that we must realize that God was there with us. What we should realize is that He is always with us. He never gives up on us; we should not give up on ourselves…or Him.

How’s that for a New Year’s resolution?

PRAYER

Generous and Loving God, as we end another calendar year we thank You for the many blessings that we have received. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, let us find the goodness in others and practice forgiveness at all times. Give us the Grace we need to know that You are always with us, so we should never abandon the right roads we choose to travel. This we ask in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HAPPY 2016!!!!

27 December 2015

Reflections

Stewardship...

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who embrace stewardship as a way of life. Their relationships with family, friends and co-workers are now different, influenced by a spirit of generosity and sharing, which affect all aspects of their daily lives.

Stewardship Sound Byte

Stewardship...
**St. Joseph Sociable Single Seniors**

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

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**Calling All Scout Leaders**

Attention All Local Scout Leaders!

On Sunday, February 7 at the 9:30am Mass Scout Sunday will be celebrated at St. Joseph Parish in Msgr. Nolan Hall

Weâ€™d like to hear from any Girl and Boy Scout Leaders so that we can plan for the Mass. If youâ€™re a Scout Leader and would like your troop to participate, please let us know by calling Anne at (6331) 669-0068 x105 and leaving your contact information. Thank you!

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**Save The Date**

**Pasta Dinner**

*SUNDAY, JANUARY 18* 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 SARAGNESC 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 SARAGNESC  631-321-8986
REFLEXION
La primera lectura de hoy marca una pauta desafiante para la buena administración de nuestras relaciones familiares. ¿Cómo me comparo yo?

Agradecemos esta semana a todos los administradores de nuestra parroquia que abrazan la corresponsabilidad como una forma de vida diaria. Sus relaciones con la familia, amigos, compañeros de trabajo e incluso extraños ahora son diferentes, influenciados por un espíritu de generosidad y de compartir.

Intercesiones por la Vida
Por los que viven en el corredor de la muerte en nuestro país: que a través de nuestras oraciones puedan recibir el don del arrepentimiento, y que todos puedan llegar a conocer el valor de sus vidas.

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 12/20/15: $ 24,759.00
Gastos: $ 23,895.00
$ +864.00

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.


CATEQUESES 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-CAN: Llame a Ruth y Salomón @ 631-592-9474.

RECONCILIACIÓN: Sábado a las 4:00pm o llamar para una cita, al Tel. # 669-0068 ext. 104.

UNCION DE LOS ENFERMOS: Llamar a la oficina principal (631)669-0068 Ext. 100.

CURSILLO DE CRISTIANDAD: Los invita a vivir un fin de semana con Cristo. Tenemos Ultreya todos los domingos a las 12:30pm. en el Salón # 256. Mas información llame a Cristina Vera @ 631-327-6141.

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

COMUNIDAD DE MARIA: Siguiendo los mensajes de María Reina de la Paz y sobre temas de María en general) - Sábados de 7:00pm-9:00pm. Comunicarse con Adriana Mascari, al (631) 587-3072 - (631)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.
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. 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 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 TODO LOS DOMINGOS COMO COMPLEMENTO DEL PROGRAMA.