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

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 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 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.

Marriage
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 Epiphany of the Lord + January 3, 2016
**The Epiphany of The Lord - Cycle C**

**Newly Baptized**
Tristan Oskar Cannone, Colin Vincent Daly, Valentina Rose Hickey, Fallyn Aoibhe Moran, Lillian Harper Nolan, Charlotte Elaine Singer & Jesse Richard Tabb

**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 Mario Sciubba, Michael E. Foran & Bryan K. Bradley.

**REFLECTION FOR TODAY**
The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?

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**Expected Mass Schedule and Readings for the Coming Week**

**At this Mass, we remember:**

**Monday, January 4**
1 Jn 3:22-4:6, Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a, Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
7:45 Intentions of Lia
9:00 Hunter Thomas Bradley

**Tuesday, January 5**
1 Jn 4:7-10, Ps 72:1-4, 7-8, Mk 6:34-44
7:45 Intentions of April Wey Turner
9:00 Theresa Hess

**Wednesday, January 6**
1 Jn 4:11-18, Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13, Mk 6:45-52
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 Anthony Marra

**Thursday, January 7**
1 Jn 4:19-5:4, Ps 149:1-6a, 9b, Jn 3:22-30
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 Joe Horan

**Friday, January 8**
1 Jn 5:5-13, Ps 147:12-15, 19-20, Lk 5:12-16
7:00 People of St. Joseph
9:00 Robert Sokolowski

**Saturday, January 9**
1 Jn 5:21-23, Ps 1:1-6a, 9b, Jn 3:22-30
9:00 Joseph Horan

This Eucharist is the monthly bereavement Liturgy where we remember those who have died at any time and especially those who have died in the previous month or whose anniversaries occur during this time. Lazarus Ministry will be present to welcome you and offer guidance.

**Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)**
4:00 Confessions Today        Fr. Ethel
5:00 Roy Sullo                Fr. Francis

**Sunday, January 10 ~ The Baptism of the Lord**
7:00 People of St. Joseph        Fr. Jerome
8:45 People of St. Joseph        Fr. Ethel
9:30 Mary Guarneri        Fr. Francis
10:15 Sister Mary Mathew Cola, OSF Fr. Chris
11:45 Margaret Garrett        Fr. Chris
5:00 Terry Hess                Fr. Ethel
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.

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

Prayers for Our Service Men & Women

We continue to pray for the following military personnel and their families:

U.S. Navy:
PO3 Joshua D. Benoit
Lt. Michael Catalano
Lt. John T. Izzo
Lt. Caroline Mayer
PO2 Kristen Tice
PO1 Rasheen Tice

U.S. Army:
STP Elliot Chodkowski
SSG Josuah Insull
LTC John Kallo
SSG David C. Ray
Eric Stein
LTC Jon J. Uebel
PVT Danny Bornschein
PVT. Edwin Zambrano
PFC Dominick Pititto
Lt. Stephen Scuderi
PVT. Mark Osprea
Lt. Joseph A. Vanderveld, III

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

U.S. Navy:
PO3 Joshua D. Benoit
Lt. Michael Catalano
Lt. John T. Izzo
Lt. Caroline Mayer
PO2 Kristen Tice
PO1 Rasheen Tice

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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.

12/20/15
Actual Collection $24,508.00
Budgeted Collection $23,895.00
+ 613.00
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. ÷ 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.
The Epiphany of The Lord - Cycle C

The Messiah Concert Benefit

THE MESSIAH CONCERT

Benefits

THE MERCY INN SOUP KITCHEN

Generous Hearts Coming Together Can Accomplish Extraordinary Results…..

Thanks to the continuing support of Msgr. Chris Heller, our pastor, Dr. Marie Drohan, our music director, St. Joseph Parish Choir, soloists, trumpeters, harpsichord and the Sophisticated Strings…..and through the generosity of our parishioners and friends, more than $9,171.00 was raised to help feed the hungry at The Mercy Inn Soup Kitchen.

Thank You...Thank You...Thank You...

Wishing Everyone A Very Merry Christmas &

Happy & Healthy New Year.

A Christmas Poem

What Is Joy?

A poem by: Chris Heller
December 2010

My lips smiled when I heard the ad: “How do you spell relief?”
And I laughed each time that Clara Pellar asked us, “Where’s the beef?”
But ads all aim to sell us things, like gadgets or a new toy;
It’s life and what life teaches us that shows us some wondrous joys;
Like those who risk their lives each day saving people from fires,
And deliver them to the arms of relieved kin (some criers).
Like Jill giving her spare kidney to Jack whose own stopped pumping,
Who’d like to exercise again without his present slumping.
Like songsters giving free concerts for their poor adoring fans,
Who line up before 3:00 am to dance with uplifted hands.
Like schoolmates cheering for their peers who win big science contests,
And teachers posing for group pix without bragging who’s the best.
Like parents reminding their kids what those Giving Trees are for,
As Outreach donors supply cards to families for food stores.
Like people gathered ’round a tree and marveling at its height,
Whose voices join in the countdown to the bursting forth in light.
Like those who share the Christmas’ story with the great or small-of-size:
All feel raised up by words of love that brighten their widened eyes.
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, 11:45 am Mass at St. Joseph.
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
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.
Many retired priests miss the Church, especially the parishioners and people within the community. Please let these priests who have given their lives to the Church and community know you are thinking about them!

Parishioners and people of the community are encouraged to send retired priests Christmas, Easter, birthday and anniversary cards!

Please remember the following retired priests who now reside in St. Pius X Residence:

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Please send cards to:
St Pius X Enriched Living Facility
565 Albany Avenue
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 - Court Bishop McDonnell #1403

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 McDonnell # 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

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

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

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!

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 re-open on Monday, January 4th at 9am.

Level 2 children please come to any Mass the weekend of January 9-10 to receive your cross necklace.

Thank you to all the Level 1 families for their generous donations to our Parish Food Pantry. Your generosity touches the heart!

My good deed for the week was: Grace, Camryn, Cole, Alex, Erick, Daniela, Lindsey & Matthew helped decorate for Christmas, Sarah, Deanna, Julian, Fiona, Justin & Aidan raked leaves, Theresa cleaned the table, Carly, Kenny & Eva donated clothes to charity, Colin donated toys to the Salvation Army, Aiden & Dilan were being thankful, Gabriella & Sophia were nice to their cousin, Alessandra & Lara gave food to the poor, Finn & Jack were extra patient and kind to their dad, Kevin, Allie, Madison, Jerry, Frances, Clare, Ainsley, Laken, Kaitlynn, Elizabeth, Rebecca & Nick helped clean, Noah, Emma, Jade, Mark & Justin helped their moms, Casey donated lots of toys to the poor, Daniela gave to the Wounded Warriors, Gianna bought poppy a present for his birthday, Molly celebrated Thanksgiving, Julian helped make sandwiches for the food pantry, Mia & Aaron helped their parents, Jake was behaving, Nick helped his grandparents, Alison cleaned her room, Isabella babysat her cousin, Jon & Matt took out the garbage, Laken helped his cousin with homework, Olivia raised awareness for children's life threatening illnesses, Mike was nice to his brother, Paul & Brooke helped their grandma, Michael & Catherine were nice to each other, Cole set the table, Charlie & Taylor helped with Thanksgiving, Aidan & Ryan did chores and Gerard took care of his brothers.
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 1/4 High School Meeting 7pm in the Madonna Room. Newcomers welcome. Grades 9-12.

Friday 1/8 Open Gym Night 6:30-8pm in the Gym. All in Grades 6-12 are welcome.
   Donation: if you can, please bring a $5 gift card for Dunkin Donuts or McDonalds. Thank you.

Thursday 1/21 PBJ Gang 7pm Madonna Room.

SPECIAL TRIP: Sunday 1/24 we are going to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island - if you would like to join us, please email: youth@stjosephsbabylon.org More details to follow

New Year’s Resolution!
As we move forward into 2016 let’s resolve to add prayer to your daily routine.
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

GET YOUR TICKETS!

Paint n Sip Night Fundraiser: Saturday, 1/31
   at 7pm in the O’Connell Room
Tickets $40 available in the Parish office. (Adults only please)

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
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!

Save The Date

Pasta Dinner
SUNDAY, JANUARY 18th 2016 - 6PM-9PM
PLACE - Monsignor Nolan Hall
Tickets are available in the Parish Office
Adults - $12.00
Seniors - $10.00
Children ages 5-11 - $5.00

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

The Sociable Singles

St. Joseph Sociable Single Seniors
There will be no December Meeting, look for January 20th, 2016 meeting information coming soon.
3 January 2016

**Kids Corner**

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**Practice your Prayers...**

Hail, Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Michelle's Charm World

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Find your way around the maze.

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Connect The Dots

Happy New Year

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**Dog Maths Facts Colouring**

Solve the simple sums and then colour in the picture using the key below!

1. 3 + 6 = 9
2. 2 + 7 = 9
3. 1 + 6 = 7
4. 1 + 7 = 8
5. 1 + 8 = 9
6. 2 + 6 = 8
7. 4 + 3 = 7
8. 6 + 3 = 9
9. 1 + 5 = 6
10. 3 + 4 = 7
11. 3 + 5 = 8
12. 3 + 3 = 6

Key:
- 6 green
- 7 yellow
- 8 brown
- 9 blue
Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Each year the Church begins the New Year on January 1st by celebrating the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. This is, by the way a holy day of obligation which as we all know means we must do our very best to attend mass this day. I know, I know, “but it’s the day after New Year’s Eve!” That’s why I make sure to attend the vigil mass at 5 pm on Christmas Eve! Anyway, why does the Church celebrate this day? Why, or where did Mary receive the title, Holy Mother of God?

From the very earliest moments of the Church Mary had been given the title, Theotokos, which in Greek meant “God bearer.” As Jesus was known as the Son of God Mary, being his mother would be the God bearer. In the fifth century a Catholic bishop, Nestorius began to teach that Jesus had in fact two natures, human and divine that was not united as was and is taught by the Church. Nestorius argued that the Godhead joined with the human rather as if a man entered a tent or put on clothes. Instead of depicting Christ as one unified person, Nestorius saw him as a conjunction of two natures so distinct as to be different persons who had merged. Nestorius was a gifted preacher and his teaching began to grow legs, so much so that the Church called a council, the Council of Ephesus in 431 A.D. The Council insisted, "If anyone does not confess that God is truly Emmanuel, and that on this account the holy virgin is the "Theotokos" (for according to the flesh she gave birth to the word of God become flesh by birth) let him be anathema." At a later council, the Council of Chalcedon in 433 A.D. the assembled bishops of the Church declared Christ was two natures in one person. "We all with one voice confess our Lord Jesus Christ one and the same Son, at once complete in manhood, truly God and truly man, consisting of a reasonable soul and body; of one substance with the Father as regards his Godhead, of one substance with us as regards his manhood, like us in all things, apart from sin…” From it’s earliest moments the Church has declared Mary is the Mother of God and reaffirmed it with Church councils.

Why all this to-do about Mary? Many of our Protestant sisters and brothers believe we Catholics put too much of an emphasis on Mary. Some believe we actually worship her! Of course we understand worship is reserved for God alone, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We venerate, we love our Blessed Mother for of all the creatures of God’s creation she alone was chosen to be the Mother of the Son. She alone would suffer beyond any other human being, with the exception of Jesus as she watched her son suffer and die. And she alone now has a unique role in helping us to grow closer to her son, our Lord Jesus Christ. I credit our Lady with helping me to grow deeper in love with Jesus. I regularly ask her to help me to love her son as she does, to trust Jesus as she does, to proclaim Jesus as she does. After all as St. Louis de Montfort wrote who knows the Son better than his Mother?

“Holy Mary, Mother of God pray for us. Amen!”
THREE OUT OF THREE

By all accounts Christine was a good teacher. She was an adjunct professor at a Long Island college and was well prepared, solid in terms of subject matter, and, most importantly, had the best interests of her students as her top priority. Christine could also gauge the overall abilities and temperaments of the class and knew who would eventually succeed and who would not.

Shannon was one of Christine’s best students. A single mother of two, Shannon adopted her three younger siblings when her mother passed away. Somehow Shannon was able to manage working, going to school, and raising her now expanded family. Christine felt blessed just to be in Shannon’s presence and was honored when Shannon asked her to write a letter of recommendation of a scholarship; Christine knew it would be an easy letter to pen.

Demands of the full time job and a perpetually over filled adjunct email account caused Christine to miss Shannon’s gentle reminders to write the letter. When Christine finally did open her latest email, she froze… the deadline for the letter had been the prior day; Christine blew it.

Rather than totally panicking, Christine contacted the foundation that was granting the scholarship and asked for an extension. She was told the closing date was firm. Amid her guilt and torment, Christine decided that perhaps she could scrape up what she thought the scholarship amount would be: in the neighborhood of $500. She met Shannon, apologized profusely and sincerely, and found Shannon to be completely understanding about what had occurred; not one negative thought. Then came the shocker: the scholarship was worth $40,000!

Determined to right her wrong, Christine persistently pursued every available avenue and somehow was able to speak to the CEO of the foundation. She explained her blunder, assured the CEO that Shannon is exactly the kind of student that the foundation sought, and was given a 24 hour extension to submit the letter of recommendation. The awardee will be named at a later date.

I am having a hard time figuring out who’s the best person in this wonderful story. Christine acknowledged her shortcomings and demonstrated determination; Shannon showed amazing forgiveness and responsibility; the CEO revealed heart and great flexibility.

For the new year, pick one of these great people and try to emulate him or her.

PRAYER

Loving Father, as we begin a New Year...our Jubilee Year of Mercy...we thank you for the many gifts that You have provided us. May we use them to do Your Will. Give us the Grace we need to recognize the good examples that You place in our lives and take from them their most positive character traits. We thank you for these blessings in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

3 January 2016

Reflections

Stewardship...

Stewardship Sound Byte

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who develop their talents to the fullest in order to use them to benefit church and community by assisting the poor, feeding the hungry, consoling the sorrowful and teaching the young.
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.

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Appeal Update | St. Joseph Church, Babylon | $136,000 | $129,680.00 | 325 | $123,993.00 | $386.54 | 94.98%

News From Outside the Parish

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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.

St. James Parish and Catholics for Freedom of Religion invite you to:

“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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Please check website or stop in to inquire about fun classes for all ages.
52 Maneras de vivir de manera práctica el Año del Jubileo de la Misericordia

(una para cada semana):

1. Evite el burlarse de alguien, pues es lo contrario a la misericordia.
2. Comparta sus posesiones con los necesitados.
3. Llame a alguien que usted sabe que está solo. No importando por qué está en esta situación.
4. Escriba una carta de perdón. Si no puede enviarla póngala en las manos del Señor.
5. Diga constantemente esta oración: “Amado Dios, bendice a…y ten misericordia de mí.”
6. Planee una mini-peregrinación a las puertas santas y en esas visitas muestre acogida al extraño.
7. Haga algún favor a alguien que no le cae bien o que le haya ofendido de alguna manera.
8. Sea misericordioso en sus comentarios y publicaciones vía internet u otros medios.
9. Ponga intenciones en las misas por aquellas personas que usted sepa que tienen una necesidad sean estos conocidos o extraños.
10. Permita que alguien le ayude en algo, la gente necesita sentirse útil.
11. Si se comportó de manera fastidiosa con alguien, admítalo y pida perdón a esa persona.
12. Lleve en su cartera una tarjeta pre-pagada de un restaurant de comida para regalarlo al primer desamparado que encuentre.
13. En oración contemplativa, visualice las cualidades positivas de esas personas que les han sido difíciles de tratar.
14. Envíe tarjetas, flores u otro regalo a aquellos que perdieron sus seres queridos especialmente cuando cumple tres o seis meses de fallecidos y que probablemente ya la gente se olvidó.
15. Ofrezcase a cuidar un bebé o una mascota a alguien que quiere tener un tiempo de respiro.
16. Compre un certificado de compra a alguien que acaba de tener un bebé, o una visita de personas que le hizo incurrir en gastos extras.
17. Controle su lengua cuando vaya a decir algo que puede herir a otros.
18. Ofrezcase para hacer los mandados a alguien que este abrumado de tareas o se encuentre imposibilitado.
19. Tómese un tiempo para escuchar a quien tiene necesidad de desahogarse.
20. En una comida colectiva, tome la porción más pequeña y sirvále la mejor pieza al que lo necesite.
21. Explíquele a alguien que no sepa las 14 obras de misericordia corporal y espiritual.
22. Pidale a Dios un corazón acogedor para que pueda aceptar lo que otros hacen o dicen sin perder la paciencia.
23. Ofrezcase a llevar una persona envejecer o discapacitada a la misa.
24. Extienda a otra persona el beneficio de la duda. Recuerde cuando usted la necesitó.
25. Quite de en medio cualquier distracción (teléfono, computador, televisor…) y escuche a alguien mirándole a la cara.
26. Cuando prepare un refrigerio para invitados sea sensitivo ofreciendo bebidas que no les sean dañinas a la persona atendiendo a su condición de salud particular.
27. Cuando vaya a la tienda, compre productos en oferta que puedan ser regalados luego a personas que los necesiten.
La Epifanía del Señor - Ciclo C

28. Haga un hábito el pedir perdón al final del día a cada persona con la que vive aunque usted no esté consciente de las cosas que pudieron ofender al otro.

29. Haga una lista de sus “enemigos” (personas que les son adversas) y todos los días pida a Dios por ellos.

30. Propóngase sonreír, saludar o iniciar una conversación con personas que no pertenecen a su círculo diario de conocidos.

31. Regale algo que a usted le cueste desprenderse a alguien que usted sepa que le puede ser más útil o que lo pueda disfrutar más.

32. Haga la Corinilla de la Divina Misericordia por una persona que usted sabe que necesita intercesión aunque no se lo haya pedido.

33. Practique la humildad aceptando cualquier desprecio, injuria, injusticia, olvido, burla o humillación que le llegue en estos días.

34. Escriba cada día una lista de cosas grandes y pequeñas por la cual usted está agradecido.

35. Haga un examen de conciencia cada noche, incluyendo un listado de situaciones en la que Dios ha sido misericordioso con usted en este día.

36. Responda a los demás con el mismo respeto que usted desea que lo traten a usted.

37. Medite y haga suya la frase de Jesús: “Bienaventurados los misericordiosos, pues ellos obtendrán misericordia”

38. Tome unos minutos frente al Santísimo cada semana para hablarle a Jesús de personas que necesitan un favor de Él.

39. Hágale un favor a una persona que a usted no le agrada.

40. Escriba una carta de agradecimiento a alguien que le ha ayudado mucho, dejándole saber lo importante que ha sido esa ayuda para usted.

41. Busque una persona que esté desanimada o deprimida y léale frases del diario de Santa Faustina que sean motivadoras.

42. Pídale al Espíritu Santo valor para orar por alguien que te ha herido.

43. Inicie una conversación hablando bien de una persona que todos conocen y dando detalles de cualidades que tal vez sean desconocidas.

44. Cuando las conversaciones se inclinen al chisme cambie discretamente el tema.

45. Visite personas abandonadas por sus familiares y solas dándole tiempo para escucharles.

46. Sea misericordioso con usted mismo(a), vaya a un retiro y trate de llenarse de paz y serenidad para poder afrontar las dificultades cotidianas.

47. Revise su corazón buscando cualquier sentimiento de envidia hacia alguien y pida para que Dios le dé todavía más bendiciones a esa persona y que le proteja de todo mal.

48. Ofrézcase para orar con alguien que necesite ese momento de comunicación con Dios aunque esta sea una persona desconocida.

49. Tenga tarjetas de la Divina Misericordia, medallas u oraciones consigo para darla a cualquier persona que encuentre y que su corazón le diga que puede necesitarla.

50. Comparta su testimonio de fe con cualquier persona que luzca que puede necesitarlo.

51. Haga algún pago (luz, teléfono, transporte… etc.) de una persona que esté apurada porque no puede hacerlo.

52. Lleve en su carro bolsas de regalo con objetos que pueden ser útiles para personas pobres que encuentre en la calle (barras de cereal, material de higiene, medias, guantes, etc.) y regáleselo a aquellos que encuentre en su camino.