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.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time + January 31, 2016
At this Mass, we remember:

**Monday, February 1**
- 2 Sm 15:13–14, 30; 16:5–13, Ps 3:2–7, Mk 5:1–20
- 7:45 Carol & Henri Jacobi
- 9:00 Ann, Arlene & James Sutton

**Tuesday, February 2**
- 7:45 People of St. Joseph
- 9:00 Kathryn Peterson

**Wednesday, February 3**
- 2 Sm 24:2, 9–17, Ps 32:1–2, 5–7, Mk 6:1–6
- 7:45 People of St. Joseph
- 9:00 Intentions of Eileen O'Brien

**Thursday, February 4**
- 1 Kgs 2:1–4, 10–12, (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10–11b, 11d–12, Mk 6:7–13
- 7:45 Hunter Thomas Bradley
- 9:00 Janet M. Elder

**Friday, February 5**
- Sir 47:2–11, Ps 18:31, 47, 50–51, Mk 6:14–29
- 7:45 People of St. Joseph
- 9:00 Brian Vergano

**Saturday, February 6**
- 1 Kgs 3:4–13, Ps 119:9–14, Mk 6:30–34
- 9:00 David L. Marasciullo

**Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)**
- 4:00 Confessions Today
- 5:00 Arthur & Mary Linden
- 5:00 Bryan Bradley

**Sunday, February 7 ~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- Is 6:1–2a, 3–8, Ps 138:1–5, 7–8, 1 Cor 15:1–11 or 15:3–8, 11, Lk 5:1–11
- 7:00 People of St. Joseph
- 8:45 Catherine Tambasco
- 9:30 Frank McKenna
- 10:15 Patricia Egner
- 11:45 Elizabeth Spiezio
- 5:00 People of St. Joseph

REFLECTION FOR TODAY

Jeremiah declares that the Lord knew him before he was born and dedicated and appointed him to his role as prophet even before he drew breath. We too, are known and sent by the Lord. What deeds of love and service are mine to perform?
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 Monday 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.

Sacrificial Giving

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

1/17/16
Actual Collection $22,252.00
Budgeted Collection $23,895.00
(-1,643.00)

God bless you!

Prayers for Our Service Men & Women

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

U.S. Navy:
P03 Joshua D. Benoit
Lt. Michael Catalano
Lt. John T. Izzo
Lt. Caroline Mayer
P02 Kristen Tice
P01 Rasheen Tice

U.S.M.C.:
Sgt. Lauren Colantropo
Sgt. Colin M. Leitch
Malik Rodriguez
Nelson Sanchez, Jr.
PFC Joshua J. Coughlin

U.S. Coast Guard:
P01 Benjamin Tład
Capt. Matthew W. Sibley
F.A. Madison Mulders

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

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

Faith Direct

Why not make a change in the way you support St. Joseph? Sign up with eGiving through Faith Direct, which is the most convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering. Making either one-time or automatic contributions through Faith Direct will also save valuable time. To enroll, please visit Faith Direct’s website www.faithdirect.net

And use our Parish code NY84. You can also fill out and mail a Faith Direct enrollment form, available in the Parish Office.

Thank You!
Father Chris Wants You To Know...

Some Impressions from reviewing surveys:

This week, we begin to report on the survey conducted last month about the newly-reformatted 11:45am Mass. Here are some comments that individuals wrote as they responded to this Survey. We thank the 181 persons who submitted a survey. Next week: more statistics!

Fr. Chris

◊ I enjoy the readings and the Gospel
◊ the music is really upbeat and effective
◊ it's all good
◊ makes everyone happy
◊ find it hard to participate in the singing sometimes
◊ Songs are sometimes a bit too loud and long
◊ has enhanced my love for the Mass
◊ inclusive feeling; music and greeters add warmth
◊ a lot of work effort has been spent to welcome others
◊ modern approach to delivery of "God's Word"
◊ Not working: the separate music book
◊ like the clarity of how Deacon Barry gives the Gospel
◊ music can be off-key
◊ should have earlier Mass because there are a lot of children
◊ who do not like attending the 9:30am Mass
◊ I am participating more
◊ homilies are outstanding
◊ I am very glad the Pastor took this leap of faith
◊ not a lot of people drink the wine
◊ would like homily to be more family-friendly
◊ more relaxed manner; please continue it

◊ total experience effective. The music is an adjunct that immerses us deeper into the experience
◊ think a better understanding of parts of Mass would help
◊ like the songs, prayers, new songbook
◊ Just resumed going back to church as I was diagnosed with brain cancer- it feels good being back
◊ my 11 year old enjoys the music and so do I
◊ like the songs before Mass
◊ everything is fantastic I love it. Brilliant idea
◊ the wonderful singers, musicians who show such love and dedication to this Mass. God bless them and Ann Marie!
◊ towards the end all the hymns sound alike after awhile, repetitious
◊ connecting with other people is effective
◊ brings parishioners more closer to God
◊ positive message of acts of kindness
◊ the ease in which you teach the Word, making it easy to understand
◊ hear words of hope and encouragement
◊ leaves me feeling peaceful
◊ a good beginning
11:45 AM Mass Survey News
There were 181 readable surveys.

Part One: Information Flow for the 11:45am Mass: How did people learn about it?

- 37 received a printed invitation
- 49 were personally invited by word of mouth
- 109 read about it in the bulletin or on the website
- 22 saw a flyer in a local store
- 63 saw the sign on parish property
- 21 saw Fr. Chris on News 12
- 33 sent or gave invitations
- 3 heard about it in church at 11:45am Mass
- 1 heard about it at a Mass other than 11:45am
- 1 is a member of the 11:45am Mass Publicity Committee
- 3 did not say

Rediscover Jesus

How About Leading a Discussion on the book we gave out at Christmas: Rediscover Jesus: An Invitation by Matthew Kelly

Come to a facilitators’ meeting on Wednesday, February 3, 2016
From 7:45pm to 9:30pm in Room 253 A.
We will decide on a common list of discussion topics or ideas.

Book Discussion Times:
- Mon Feb 8 7:00pm to 9:00pm
- Sat Feb 13 10am to 12:00 noon
- Sun Feb 21 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Group size limit: 15 people.
Bring your copy of the book

To register: call 631.669.0068, ext 105 or by e-mail: azakrewski@st.josephsbabylon.org

Father Chris
ST. JOSEPH PARISH PRESENTS:

MARDI GRAS

“The Feast Before the Fast”

Tuesday, February 9
6pm - 8:30pm in Msgr. Nolan Hall

Admission $8 per person, ages 2 and up.

Tickets available soon at the Parish Center
Register With Our Parish!

Register with the Parish!

Do you get the Christmas and Easter schedule mailed to your home, along with letters from Fr. Chris about Parish events like the Chrysanthemum Ball?

Do you get weekly collection envelopes sent to your home?

If you answered NO to these questions, then you may not be registered at St. Joseph Parish as a Parishioner!

Let’s make it Official!

We invite you to join the Parish by coming to the Parish Center during regular business hours to fill out a registration form.

Our Office Hours are:

- Mon-Thurs. 9am to 4pm
- Mon-Thurs. eve. 7pm-9pm
- Saturdays 9am-1pm

“How wonderful it is when sisters and brothers live in unity”.

Psalm 133:1

Calling All Scouts

Scout Sunday Mass

Sunday, February 7th, 2016
9:30am in Msgr. Nolan Hall

All Parish Boy and Girl Scouts and their families are invited to attend this Mass. A special blessing will be given to all as they continue on their journey to make the world a better place through scouting!

We’d like to hear from any Girl and Boy Scout Leaders so that we can plan for the Mass. If you’re a Scout Leader and would like your troop to participate, please let us know by calling Anne at (631) 669-0068 x105 and leave your number of people attending & contact information.
Cemetery News...

The Christmas flowers, trees, sprays, wreaths, blankets, etc. will be removed from the graves starting the week of February 8, 2015.

If there is something that you would like to personally remove and keep, please remove said item before the week of February 8th.

If you have any questions regarding the Cemetery, please call: 631-669-0068 ext. 107 and I will be happy to assist you.

Thank you,
Theresa O’Donovan

Music Ministry

St. Joseph’s 10:15 Choir would like to take this opportunity to welcome Catholic singers to join a community of likeminded Catholic voices. If you are age fourteen or older and can easily carry a tune you are invited to be part of the renowned St. Joseph’s Choir. Male voices are particularly needed this time however, all voices are invited! They are currently preparing for the glorious music of the highest Holy Days of the liturgical year and the winter is a wonderful time to join them! The choir has the privilege of enhancing the sung worship each Sunday at the 10:15 mass, Holy Week, First Eucharist celebrations, Confirmation, Christmas Eve, and perform a renowned yearly December Benefit Concert for the benefit of the Mercy INN Soup Kitchen. (Concert generated donations of $9200 in December) You may call Dr. Drohan at 631-539-0957 or send an e-mail to musicdirector@stjosephsbabylon.org. You may also see her after the 10:15 Sunday mass or attend the next rehearsal on Thursday in room 254 of the Parish Center. You are promised a most enjoyable evening.

The Church of St. Joseph, Babylon would like to invite a musician who can lead our youth on instruments and in song at the Sunday 5 PM liturgy. Guitar and vocal skills are desired; music degree preferred but will consider one’s experience and musical talent. Rehearsals are held in the church prior to mass. The candidate should exude spirituality, enthusiasm, and enjoy working with teenagers. Other optional worship opportunities may arise during the year that highlights the band. Send all contact information with your résumé and letter(s) of recommendation to the Pastor: By mail to Msgr. Rev. Chris Heller at Church of St. Joseph, 39 N Carll Ave, Babylon, NY 11702; or via e-mail at CHeller@stjosephsbabylon.org with “Youth Band Leader Position” in the subject area.
St. Joseph Sociable
Single Seniors

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17th, 2016 at 7pm in the O’Connell Room.

Stay tuned for more information.

Bible Study

Little Rock Bible Study
Isaiah

The primary role of a prophet is to speak for God, to see and hear as God sees and hears, and then to pronounce words of correction and hope. In Isaiah we will encounter the holiness of God, hope for a messianic king, prophecies of restoration, and challenges for exiles returning to their homeland.

13 Sessions
Thursdays, 2/18/16 – 5/26/16
(No sessions 3/24/16 & 4/28/16)
7:30 – 9:00 PM
O’Connell Room
$17/person for Study Materials

Please register so materials can be ordered for you. Contact Carol Pellegrino at 631-587-3511 or email - jcjmpell@optonline.net

70th Annual Communion Breakfast

Saturday, May 21, 2016
9:00 AM Mass
Church of St. Joseph
Breakfast Immediately Following
The O’Connell Room
Guest Speaker - TBA
$25.00
Mary Alice Markham
Chairlady

Eucharistic Ministers Meeting

Next Eucharistic Ministers Meeting is Saturday, February 6th in room 256 after the 9am Mass. There will be sign ups for Ash Wednesday and The Instructional Mass set for Monday, February 29, 2016. Please attend EM Meeting.

Thank You!

Little Black Lenten Book

Our Little Black Lenten Book is available for $1.00
Please see Usher.

Thank you!
LAZARUS MINISTRY

On Saturday, February 13th, 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.

Special Collection

The Church in Need Collection

Next weekend, on February 13 & 14, a collection will be taken for “The Church in Need.” The monies collected at this time will be shared among people in three areas of the world where there are particular needs for help:

- **Church in Central and Eastern Europe** - the Collection provides support for basic pastoral programs and makes scholarships available for students studying to serve their local church. These students become vital participants in the renewal of the Church in the region.

- **The Church in Latin America** faces many difficult challenges. Natural disasters in many areas caused lasting damage to the Church, while a significant loss of parishioners to migration and to other faiths, the inability to support itself financially, and a lack of priests and religious to help effectively minister to the large number of Catholics continue to trouble the region.

- **The Church in Africa** - the funds will go to assisting African countries where poverty, sickness and political strife prevent people from living in dignity.

Thank you for your generosity

Lazarus Ministry

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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

We invite teen girls to join in the fun at our meeting Tuesday, February 2nd at 7:30pm in the O’Connell Room as we plan the baking of treats for Super Bowl Sunday.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas - Court Bishop McDonnell #1403

Home Baked
Court Bishop McDonnell #1403 will have fresh baked treats available after morning Masses Sunday, February 7th, 2016. Be sure to pick up your favorite dessert and a Super Bowl snack as well.

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
On the Feast of St. Agnes, The Vatican News published a letter of the Holy Father approving a change in the norms for the washing of feet at the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper. As your Bishop, I want publicly to thank the Holy Father for this act that clarifies in a positive way a norm that was written in 1955 when Pope Pius XII issued his own reforms for the celebrations of Holy Week. This act of Pius XII was a true watershed moment in the renewal of the Roman Liturgy for Holy Week, the most important and central part of our life as a worshipping community. The 1955 norms called for a renewal of the liturgical action of “washing the feet” of twelve men (the Latin is VIDI, males.).

In subsequent years in many dioceses of the United States, including our own, the practice grew up of washing the feet of both men and women, young and old members of the parish community. Over 25 years ago, the U.S. Bishops Conference wrote to the Congregation for Rites asking for a clarification of the word, VIDI, and pointed out that pastoral practice in our country had varied and the bishops would hope that the Congregation would take this into account. The Congregation responded at that time saying that no decision was available at that time and that dioceses might continue to follow whatever the local practice was until there would be a clarification. Thus our Diocese was acting correctly in continuing the practice of including male and female.

While the Congregation’s rescript of January 21 will not change our practice, the Pope has resolved in a very positive way a certain doubt that lingered among some of our brothers and sisters about what is permitted or not. What we have done we will continue to do, now with the blessing of Pope Francis whose sensitivity has removed that doubt.

Media reports, once again, have added their own “spin” to this simple but helpful act. They claim that some “traditional Catholics” fear this will discourage vocations to the priesthood. This is patent nonsense. That reminds me to remind you that I have asked every Catholic in our diocese and every Catholic family to pray daily for vocations to the priesthood for our Diocese. Media also cite some unidentified persons who hail this as a “change” that is a step toward ordaining women to the priesthood. This is equally nonsensical and irresponsible.

Finally some opine that perhaps we should include persons of any other religious background or none. That too stretches a rite of deep symbolic meaning for Christians that would not be held by persons of other faiths, be they Jews or Muslims or non believers. It is a privilege I have had for many years now to serve as one of the members of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue and as Consultant for the Commission for religious relations with Jews. A basic principle of our dialogues is mutual respect for one another’s traditions, a respect that does not try to dilute their meaning in each tradition by a false irenicism that empties the actions of a specific religious tradition in favor of a populist syncretism that ultimately distorts the traditions of us all.

Conclusion: Thank you Pope Francis for this clarification that endorses what we have been doing for some time here. Thanks to all my brother priests whose pastoral sensitivity will lead them to invite men and women, young and old, religious and laity, all members of their parish communities to have their feet washed as a symbolic remembrance of the Lord who washed his apostles’ feet to show concretely that he who is Lord and Master has come to serve and not to be served...
St. Vincent de Paul

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

We are happy to report the donation of 3 FREEZERS from the Mercy Inn to Outreach!
These will allow us to receive freezable donations, as well as to offer our clients frozen food items in addition to non-perishable food.

Many thanks to the Mercy Inn and to the volunteers who transported these freezers to our location.

The next meeting of St. Vincent de Paul Society is on Monday, February 8, 2016 at 9:35am in room 256 of the Parish Center. All are invited to attend.

Outreach

Whenever the temperature drops, the volunteers here at Outreach can’t help but wonder and worry about our homeless population. We continue to offer support through referrals for services, advocacy, listening and offering direct help. Along with socks, hats, and local vouchers, we supply “emergency food bags” containing food that can be consumed without the benefit of heating or refrigeration. Please help us by donating the following items:

- Individual cans or pouches of tuna or chicken
- Granola or cereal bars
- Liquid instant breakfast
- Water bottles
- Snack size fruit, pudding, and jello
- Small size snacks – chips, pretzels, cheese and crackers, cookies
- Individual canned soda or juice.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Social Ministries

Thank you for your Food Pantry Donations!
Our Food Pantry is most in need of these items:
- Gift Cards from supermarkets are in demand and would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your past and future donations.

Thrift Shop News

Bag Sale $4.00
Includes Clothes, Shoes, Handbags Only

IMPORTANT NOTE:
Please DO NOT leave any donations on the outside steps when the Thrift Shop is closed.
There will be no Faith Formation classes on Tuesday, February 9th or Wednesday, February 10th. Tuesday is the Mardi Gras Celebration and Wednesday is Ash Wednesday (please see the bulletin and/or website for Mass times).

Level 2 – please come to any Mass this weekend and bring donations of paper goods for our Outreach Office (paper towels, toilet tissue, paper plates, napkins…). Please remember to bring your Mass Attendance Envelopes.

Catechist’s Workshop – Thursday, February 4th at either 10am or 7pm in room 257. Matthew Zinser from Loyola Press will be doing a presentation to help catechists with their lesson planning, classroom supervision, how to apply discipline and how to help children to grow in their faith and to experience the presence of God in their lives. He will be giving out a free copy of Joe Paprocki’s book The Catechist’s Toolbox to everyone who attends but you must RSVP by calling the Faith Formation Office @ 587-4717. All current catechists and anyone interested in becoming a catechist are welcome to attend.

Level 1 children are required to attend the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, February 7th. Children will receive a prayer book. Please remember to place your Mass attendance envelopes in the collection basket.

Level 4 Parent & child meeting – Thursday, February 11th @ either 4pm or 7pm in Nolan Hall. We will be doing a review of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and talking about what to expect for Operation Rice Bowl.

My good deed for the week was: Sean gave his dog her medicine, Jake, Riley & Ronan were honest about their feelings, Charlie & Anita helped a friend, Anthony & Hailey were helpful, Alex helped his dad, Sofia got pizza for her mom and brother, Erik shared, James, Meghan, Emmanuel, Allie & Mallory helped around the house, Christopher & Julia cleaned their rooms, Andrew helped his dad paint, Isabella, Jade, Paul, Skylar, Kat, Catherine & Angelina helped their moms, Julianna & Olivia did the laundry, Victoria donated 12 inches of her hair, Alex had his friends over, Brendan & Julia helped their grandparents, Salvatore & Grace helped cook dinner, Alexandra & Jackson took care of their mom when she was sick, Gianna was nice to her parents, Michael helped others by working with them, Matthew helped his mom make breakfast, Thomas donated toys, Lindsey walked the dog, Kale calmed his sisters fears, Giovanni & Virgilio helped read at the library, Peter played with his sister, Matteo donated a coat at the school coat drive, Julia lit a candle for her mom, Taylor studied, TJ cleaned his friends room, Maxwell was a good friend, Nailea did better in school, Julianna & Olivia did the laundry, Victoria donated 12 inches of her hair, Alex had his friends over, Brendan & Julia helped their grandparents, Salvatore & Grace helped cook dinner, Alexandra & Jackson took care of their mom when she was sick, Gianna was nice to her parents, Michael helped others by working with them, Matthew helped his mom make breakfast, Thomas donated toys, Lindsey walked the dog, Kale calmed his sisters fears, Giovanni & Virgilio helped read at the library, Peter played with his sister, Matteo donated a coat at the school coat drive, Julia lit a candle for her mom, Taylor studied, TJ cleaned his friends room, Maxwell was a good friend, Nailea did better in school, Rebecca helped with a Sweet 16, Brooke emptied the dishwasher and Jason cleaned his room and put away his sneakers.

Sansai, Christina & Emily were helpful, Cassidy & Kayla helped and shared at home, Ella helped someone at school, Ronan listened to his parents, Shannon took care of her pet, Jack was kind, Lexie was polite, Mia was nice Harley, Markus, Sarah & Alex helped clean the house, Marta did well on her tests, Faith helped her dad, Carly, Connie & Christopher did extra chores, Violet helped her brother clean up the toys, Grace helped her friend with her homework, Aidan was nice to his brother, Peyton, Mia, Jonathan & Briana cleaned their rooms, Aidan & Lily helped their mom, Brady fed the dog, Patrick emptied the dishwasher and cooked dinner, Ryan & Erin played with the dog and helped their mom, Milayna read to her brother, Paul took out the garbage, Alexandria used her manners, Cameron babysat, Gianna cleaned the playroom and Olivia took care of the puppy.
Youth Group is open to all in grades 6 - 12. Some activities are grade specific. Most are open to all.

**THIS Wednesday—February 3rd**

**PANERA BREAD FUND-RAISER !!!**

1025 West Montauk Highway, West Babylon

We had such wonderful support last year that we are bringing us together again.

Please stop by Panera between 4 - 8, present our flyer.

You can print the flyer or show it from the website using your smart phone!

Help Youth Group raise funds for upcoming retreats.

_High School group meets every Monday 7pm in the Madonna Room._

Please join us 2/1, 2/8. Newcomers welcome !! No Meeting 2/15.

Our HS Teens will be working at the Soup Kitchen on February 20th—to join us please email: youth@stjosephsbabylon.org Thank you.

**PBJ GANG**—

We made 348 Sandwiches and delivered them BEFORE THE STORM! Many thanks to our PBJ Core Team of Teens and Adults who shared their tips & routines with leaders from Saint Kilian's Parish who will be starting up their own PBJ Gang.

Next PBJ Gang: Thursday 2/18—yes it is during School Winter Recess.

YES! Our Teens helped with shoveling out their neighbors!

DID YOU?

Send pictures to youth@stjosephsbabylon.org
My dear Brothers in Christ:

This letter is written to share with you our upcoming diocesan efforts to foster Vocations to the priesthood. In the coming months, we will continue a diocesan-wide initiative to create a greater Culture of Vocations on Long Island with a few special events. I was encouraged by our Diocesan Fall Family Festival in October at the Seminary and the follow-up last weekend at Saint Joseph’s in Ronkonkoma.

Once again, I invite you to join me in continuing to encourage that conversation of priestly discernment within families and your communities. We all share co-responsibility to nurture and foster vocations. This mission is not limited to one priest, one bishop, or one office. Rather, it has to be the culture of our parishes and in the homes of those families whom we serve.

On February 12th – 14th the diocesan Vocations Office and I will be hosting the annual priestly discernment retreat for young men (ages 16-35) at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington. In this Year of Mercy, our retreat will focus around the themes of Mercy and Joy of priesthood. At the conclusion of the retreat, we will have an added element of an informational dialogue for parents and family members. I ask that you help me promote this retreat by identifying and inviting young men in your communities to join us for the weekend.

Additionally, on Friday, February 19th, I will be presiding over the Holy Hour for Vocations at Saint Ignatius in Hicksville. I am encouraged by the enthusiasm and the response to these monthly Holy Hours, particularly among our youth, and I am looking forward to praying with our young people. Please consider attending and inviting your parishioners to this night, and/or one of the remaining Holy Hours for Vocations on March 18th or April 15th.

For more information about these events or other upcoming Vocations initiatives, contact the Vocations Office at 516-678-5800 x 214 or e-mail vocations@drvc.org.

Brothers, I am asking that you support these efforts and include these Vocations initiatives in your personal prayer time. I have committed to praying the vocations prayer card each day and ask you to do the same. If you would like more prayer cards for your parishes, the Vocations Office is able to provide them at your request.

Yours fraternally in Christ,

[Signature]

Bishop of Rockville Centre
A Letter from the Bishop...

Creating a Culture of Vocations on Long Island

UPCOMING EVENTS 2016

1. MONTHLY HOLY HOURS FOR VOCATIONS
   JAN 15., FEB 19., MAR 18., APR 15, 2016 | ST. IGNATIUS, HICKSVILLE
   500+ YOUNG PEOPLE GATHER TO PRAY FOR DRVC VOCATIONS

2. VOCATIONS RETREAT W/ BISHOP MURPHY
   FEBRUARY 12-14, 2016 | SEMINARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
   WEEKEND DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR YOUNG MEN

3. OPERATION ANDREW MASS AND DISCUSSION
   “PRIESTHOOD: THE FOUNT OF MERCY”
   MARCH 9, 2016 | ST. CHRISTOPHER, BALDWIN
   MASS & DINNER FOR MEN THINKING ABOUT THE PRIESTHOOD
   BISHOP NELSON PEREZ, PRESIDER

4. HOLY WEEK DISCERNER’S RETREAT
   MARCH 24-26, 2016 | DOUGLASTON & DUNWOODIE SEMINARIES
   TRAVELING OVERNIGHT HOLY WEEK RETREAT EXPERIENCE

5. DIOCESAN ORDINATIONS TO PRIESTHOOD
   JUNE 25, 2016 | ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL, ROCKVILLE CENTRE

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THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
Deacon’s Corner

THIS FOURTH SUNDAY IS NOT ORDINARY

“We know this man. He is Joseph’s son. We’ve known him all his life.” And with that line of reasoning, they dismissed him as irrelevant. It was this that prompted Jesus to say: “No prophet gains acceptance in his native place.”

We may wonder how they did that. It is not uncommon for us to live with greatness or beauty and fail to recognize it. Some people dwell within view of a Rocky Mountain range and never see it. Day after day, those snow covered peaks rise up before them, but seldom, if ever, thrill them. If some visitor should comment on their breath-taking beauty, the response might be: “Oh just the mountains, I see them every day. I’ve lived with them all my life, no big deal.”

It is a pity that we take the beauty and majesty of nature for granted. What is worse, is that we do the same with people. That is what the people of Nazareth did with Jesus. They lived in the presence of greatness and never knew it. We would never do that, would we? It just seems unthinkable that we could actually take Jesus for granted. But do we take our families for granted? When was the last time you looked at your husband with admiration? How long has it been since you felt genuine gratitude for your wife?

The tendency with all of us is to live with people for a long time and conclude we know all there is to know about them. This is how it was with Jesus. But that attitude did not last long. Jesus took them on a brief tour of the Scriptures and boredom disappeared, forever.

Appreciate one another

Deacon Mike
KATIE 1, TRUCK 0

Though I have mentioned her at least twice on this page, I only met Katie one time, yet she is a person I will never forget.

A few years ago I decided I would march with Providence College in the 250th St. Patrick Day parade in New York City. I had done so a few times before, but that year I had my doubts because I was having some difficulty with my prosthesis. This happens every so often; occupational hazard of being an amputee I suppose. Anyway, into the NYC I went, arrived at the cross street from which we would enter onto 5th Avenue, and immediately saw Art McKenna who was in the class behind me at PC. Just before we were to step off, Art’s wife and daughter showed up to join the contingent.

It was a glorious, sun-filled day, and the cheers greeted us as we marched. It wasn’t long after we began that I started to fall back from our group. Suddenly I found an arm within mine...it was Art’s daughter, Katie. She gently encouraged me to continue, and with renewed enthusiasm, I picked up my pace and caught up to our marchers. Fall back, I did again...and again, and each time Katie was there to lift both me and my spirits.

At the time I did not realize that Katie was quite the trooper. She was 25 and riding her bike to work on a Brooklyn street when an 18-wheel truck ran over her (twice actually when the back wheels crossed her already crushed chest). Emergency surgery, an extensive hospital stay, countless hours of rehabilitation, and a multitude of prayers to every saint in heaven later, she found herself on 5th Avenue helping a total stranger.

Last week I learned that Katie had published a memoir of her feat, aptly titled “How to Get Run Over By A Truck”. While the book does chronicle her ordeal, she does make a simple and true point: at one (or more) time in our lives we all feel like we got run over by a truck. Katie suggests that we have a choice: “...either mourn the life you lived or fight to create a new life...” It is obviously clear to all of her readers the path that Katie has taken...and rather joyfully I might add.

A person of faith, Katie and her family know that God’s hand was a large part of her triumphant saga. It can be the same for us as well.

If your truck has not arrived yet, it is on its way. Let’s pray for the same score:

YOU 1, TRUCK 0

PRAYER

Loving and Merciful Father, we sometimes find that the path You want us to take is not always easy; that sometimes we are tempted for forsake You. Give us the Grace we need to realize that, no matter what is happening, You are always at our side...especially at those moments when we see those rear wheels coming our way. Bless the Katies of the world who show us that all things are possible with You at our side. This we ask in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

31 January 2016

Reflections

Stewardship...

Stewardship Sound Byte

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who practice a spiritual work of mercy by having Masses said for departed friends and loved ones, praying for the living and the dead.
ATTENTION RETIRED TEACHERS!
The Opening Word Program, an ESL Program for women sponsored by the Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville, is looking for experienced volunteer teachers to assist the students one day each week.
Place: Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Parish
Wyandanch, New York
Days: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
Time: 9am - 12pm
Please call Sister Judy or Sister Lucille at 631-920-0916 if you are interested.

Nurturing your Vocation to Special Motherhood
A two day retreat with Leticia Velasquez, author of A Special Mother is Born
February 21st - February 22nd, 2016
Location: St. Edmund’s Retreat Center, Ender’s Island, Mystic, CT
Cost: $120 shared, $150 private room
To register call (860)536-0565 ext 167

Catholics, Capitalism, and Climate
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Cardinal Peter Turkson
February 17, 2016 at 2 p.m.
Molloy College | Madison Theatre
1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre
Event is free, but reservations are recommended. For more information, or to make a reservation, please contact Molloy College’s Office of Advancement at 516.323.4600 or event@molloy.edu

Long Island Coalition for Life
The LI Coalition for Life invites you to hear guest speaker Jean Marie Prince at its meeting on January 25th. Ms Prince, abandoned as a 2-day old infant in Korea, is a songwriter and host of her TV show “Inspired Blessings." The LICL meeting starts at 7:45PM at St. Regis Council K of C (Rosevale Ave. & Pond Rd., Ronkonkoma). No charge. Information: 631-243-1435; info@prolifeLI.org.

Spiritual Care Companion
Would you like to learn how to become a Spiritual Care Companion? Catholic Health Services of Long Island sponsors a free 3 week training workshop. Information session: Saturday, February 20th from 1:00 - 3:00pm
Catholic Health Services, 245 Old Country Rd. Melville
For more information or to register, contact Carol Cella at 631-465-6307, Christine Torns at 631-465-6306 or Jo-Andrew D’Alessandro Accary at 631-465-6308

alzheimer’s association
alz.org | 1.800.272.3900
Care Giver Support Group
First Wednesday of the month
6:30pm - 8:00pm
Our Lady of Consolation
111 Beach Drive
West Islip, New York 11795
Visit alz.org/longisland to learn more about caregiver programs and resources.
**LAS HORAS DE OFICINA DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO SON:**

**DOMINGOS DESPUÉS DE LA MISA**

**FONO:** (631) 669-0068 Ext. 131

**PADRE JOSEPH AREVALO Ext. 104**

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**Intercesiones por la Vida**

Por el arrepentimiento de engaño y el amor por la verdad: que todos los católicos puedan defender el don sagrado de la vida todos los días de sus vidas; Roguemos al Señor:

Señor, escucha nuestra oración

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**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 01/24/16: $ 22,252.00

Gastos: $ 23,895.00

$ (1,643.00)

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**CURSO BIBLICO**

**TODOS LOS MARTES DE:**

7:30PM — 9:30PM

**SALON # 256**

Para más información llamar @ Antonia (631) 422-5433

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**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. No en cuaresma.

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

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

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

**PRE-CANA:** Llame a Ruth y Salomón @ 631-592-9474.

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

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

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

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

**COMUNIDAD DE MARIA:** Siguiendo los mensajes de 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)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. Para la agenda, llamar a Ana Ramos al Tel. (631)617-2129.

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

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**HORAS 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. 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
Versión en el Lago “Argyle” Padres/estudiantes
25 de marzo de 2016 a la 1:00pm
Reconciliación y ensayo candidatos de la Vigilia
26 de marzo de 2016 a las 10:00am
Vigilia Pascual
26 de marzo de 2016 a las 8:00pm
Reconciliación y Ensayo Primera Comunión
23 de abril de 2016 a las 10:00am
Primera Comunión
1 de mayo de 2016 @ 11:30am
Confirmación de adultos 2016

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.

EL PROGRAMA DE OPENING WORD
1434 Straight Path
Wyandanch, NY
Tel. 920-0916

El programa Opening Word es un programa para mujeres quienes desean aprender o progresar en el Inglés mientras sus hijos están en la escuela. Tendremos las registraciones, los días:

Jueves, 4 de febrero
Martes, 9 de febrero

Desde las 1:00pm — 3:00am.
SALON PARROQUIAL
Por favor debe traer una identificación y $ 25.00 en efectivo.

El horario de clases es de lunes a viernes de 9:00am hasta las 2:00pm.