Pastoral Staff
Rev. Msgr. Christopher J. Heller, Pastor
Rev. Joseph V. Arevalo, Associate Pastor
Rev. Ethel Anarado, Associate Pastor
Rev. Francis A. Samuel, OIC Resident/Associate
Deacon Barry P. Croce
Deacon Michael J. Leyden
Deacon John F. Sullivan
Dr. Marie Drohan, Music Director
Mrs. Barbara McNulty, Youth Ministry Director
Ms. Claire Moulé, Faith Formation Director
Mrs. Marion Peckholdt, Nursery School Director
Mrs. Kathryn Raniere, Parish Outreach Director
Mrs. Jane Zollo, Parish Operations Manager
Stewardship Services Director

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.

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.

Third Sunday of Lent + February 28, 2016
Preparation for Marriage

Banns Posted

Third Time ~
Peter Jannello & Meghan Higgins

Mass Schedule & Readings For The Coming Week

At this Mass, we remember:

Monday, February 29

7:45  Kenneth Malisky
9:00  Rose Anarado

Tuesday, March 1
Dn 3:25, 34–43, Ps 25:4-5b, 6,7bc, 8-9, Mt 18:21–35

7:45  Alice Frentic
9:00  June Zalud

Wednesday, March 2
Dt 4:1, 5-9, Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20, Mt 5:17–19

7:45  People of St. Joseph
9:00  Eileen McCully

Thursday, March 3
Jer 7:23–28, Ps 985:1-2, 6, 9, Lk 11:14–23

7:45  People of St. Joseph
9:00  Fannie Bevacqua

Friday, March 4
Hos 11:2-10, Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17, Mk 12:28–34

7:45  Kaitlyn-Marie Odwazny
9:00  Hunter Thomas Bradley

Saturday, March 5
Hos 6:1-6, Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b, Lk 18:9–14

9:00  Intentions of Shawn Hanley

Weekend Celebrations  (barring last minute changes)
4:00  Confessions Today  Fr. Joe
5:00  People of St. Joseph  Fr. Francis

Sunday, March 6 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent
Jos 5:9a, 10–12, Pd 34:2-7, 2 Cor 5:17–21, Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

7:00  Henry Renner  Fr. Chris
8:45  Lydia Bruno  Fr. Ethel
9:30  People of St. Joseph  Fr. Joe
10:15  Jordan & McMahon Families  Fr. Ethel
11:45  John Pace  Fr. Chris
5:00  Youth Band Members  Fr. Francis
Past & Present

Nocturnal Adoration

On Friday, March 4th, “Please Join Us for One Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9pm to 10pm in Church”.

Reflection for Today

The parable in today’s Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity!
Our Parish Mission Statement

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

Liturgy

We Assemble for Prayer

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

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

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

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

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

Sacrificial Giving

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

Month: January 2016
Actual Collection: $111,640.00
Budgeted Collection: $115,392.00

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.
PFC Joshua J. Coughlin

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

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

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!
A Reflection for Every Time and Season

As you begin to read this page, consider this question:
on a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 is “not grateful” and 10 is “most grateful, “
what does your Attitude of Gratitude measure TODAY knowing that you might feel
different tomorrow?

Then, take a moment to read this reflection, entitled: Life Is a Gift.

Today before you say an unkind word -
Think of someone who can't speak.

Before you complain about your husband or wife ï
Think of someone who's crying out to GOD for a companion.

Today before you complain about life -
Think of someone who died too early on this earth.

Before you complain about your children -
Think of someone who desires children but they cannot have them.

Before you argue about your dirty house someone didn't clean or sweep -
Think of the people who are living in the streets.

Before whining about the distance you drive -
Think of someone who walks the same distance with their feet.

And when you are tired and complain about your job -
Think of the unemployed, the disabled, and those who wish they had a job.

But before you think of pointing the finger or condemning another -
Remember that not one of us is without sin..

And when depressing thoughts seem to get you down -
Put a smile on your face and think: you're alive and still around.

Father Chris
Annual Adult

St. Patrick ~ St. Joseph Dinner Dance

Saturday March 5, 2016

7pm-11pm
Church of St. Joseph
Msgr. Nolan Hall
39 N. Carll Ave., Babylon, NY
631-669-0068

Tickets on sale after all Masses Feb. 20/21 and Feb. 27/28
Tickets are also available at the Parish Office

Tickets are $25 per person
Includes: Buffet dinner, beer, wine, soda, coffee, tea,
Irish soda bread and cookies

HURRY: Only 300 tickets will be sold

Music by Tom White and the “Spin Around Sound”
Entertainment by: “Mise Eire Step Dancers”
and
“AOH Saffron United Pipe Band”
Bring some pocket money for: Raffles and
“50/50”

For information and tickets contact:
Dom (631) 669-1092, Frank (631)587-6384 or
Larry (631)539-8565
St. Joseph Catholic Church
Invites You to a Parish Mission

March 7, 8, & 9, 2016
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
There will be a different and additional morning session on
Wednesday at 10:00 AM

“The Road to Emmaus”
Presenters:
Deacon Glenn & Linda Harmon

We welcome Deacon Glenn and Linda to our parish. They have been in full time ministry for 24 years giving over 500 parish missions and retreats. They have shared the love of the Lord and their Catholic Faith to well over 100,000 people around the United States and Canada. They have written 2 spiritual books that have been read by people around the world. Deacon Glenn and Linda have been married for 45 years and have been blessed with 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren. Their style of teaching and preaching is very practical and down to earth. They come across to their listeners as a couple who has personally experienced the love, mercy, forgiveness, hope, and healing of our Lord Jesus Christ. This parish mission is designed to strengthen our relationship with God, our Church and one another. It will also assist you in spiritually experiencing the Holy season of Lent.

Come Prepared to Be Blessed!!
This spring, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at liturgies on Sunday, April 10 at the Church of St. Lawrence the Martyr in Sayville and on Sunday, April 24th at the Church of Maria Regina in Seaford. Both liturgies will begin at 2:30pm. Couples may register for One liturgy. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the Parish Office. Registration must be received by the Office of Worship by March 25th for the April 10th liturgy and by April 8th for the April 24th liturgy. If you have any questions you may call 516-678-5800, extension 207.

On Saturday, March 12th, 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.
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 at 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.
Bridge for Peace

Presents

“Lord is it I?”

Sunday, March 13th, 2016

3pm

Bring the family and friends to this dramatic presentation of The Last Supper at

St. Joseph, Msgr. Nolan Hall
39 North Carll Ave., Babylon, NY 11702

Free will offering to support the ongoing ministry of Bridge for Peace

Information call Sharon at 631-321-8986 or Bfp @ 631-730-3982

Bridge for Peace - Healing to the Nations

www.bridgeforpeace@optonline.net
Liturgy...

STATIONS

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

“Father, forgive them, they do not know what they are doing.”

Please note the new time this year for Stations of the Cross
It takes place at 2pm on Fridays during Lent in the Church.
All are welcome.

Bereavement Support Group

WIDOW AND
WIDOWERS
BEREAVEMENT

Support Group 50 and over
8 Week Program
Fridays, March 4th - April 29th, 2016,
7:30pm, in the Parish Center

For more information please call
Valerie Stone
631-617-9246

Book Club News

Book Club

Meeting on Thursday,
March 10th, 2016 at 7:30pm in
Room 255.
The book discussion will be on
“The Gods of Guilt”
By Michael Connelly
All are welcome
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

Our girls are sewing "pillowcase dresses" for girls in Haiti as part of the Annual Mother/Daughter celebration.

Look for more information soon.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas - Court Bishop McDonnell #1403

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH!

Tell a friend!

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, March 2nd
At 7:30pm
Doors open at 7pm
In the O'Connell Room

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!

Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Bishop Mc Donnell # 1403
The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters of St. Joseph Parish are sponsoring a food drive during Lent, which we are calling “40 Cans for Lent”.

The food drive will start on Ash Wednesday February 10, 2016 and run until March 20th.

All food collected will be delivered to the St. Joseph Food Pantry and Outreach. Throughout the year our Parish Outreach Program serves many in need of food, and in need of hope.

We invite you to join us in this Lenten food drive. During these 40 days of Lent we are asking each family to consider setting aside one can of food for each day of Lent. So when you come to Mass to feed your soul, you can also help feed those in need.

We will be setting up collection stations for non-perishable food items at three locations on our Church grounds. They will be marked by the “40 Cans for Lent” banners, and located at the main entrance to our Church, at Nolan Hall and in the hall near our Parish Office.

For every 1,000 lbs. of food we collect, the Knights of Columbus will also donate $100 to St. Joseph Food Pantry, up to a $500 total donation.

**A Suggested ‘Grocery List’ for Our “40 Cans for 40 Days” Lenten Food Drive:**

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<th>Canned Vegetables: all varieties</th>
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<td>Canned Fruit: all varieties</td>
<td>Sauces: all varieties of tomato, pasta, gravy</td>
<td>Milk Products: powdered, shelf stable, Velveeta, canned milk</td>
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<td>Canned Meat: tuna, chicken, ham</td>
<td>Boxed Instant Mashed Potatoes</td>
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<td>beef-stew, turkey, spam</td>
<td>Pasta, Rice and All Varieties of Dry Beans</td>
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<td>Soups: all varieties</td>
<td>Hamburger Helper: all varieties</td>
<td>Canned Protein Shakes</td>
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<td>Juices: all fruit varieties (need for apple, orange), ‘fusion’ vegetable juices</td>
<td>Bean Products: refried, ranch, pork &amp; beans</td>
<td>Paper Towels</td>
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**NOTE:** We cannot accept expired food or raw food.
St. Vincent de Paul

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

The St. Vincent de Paul Society consists of members that contribute in different ways. Our meetings are held every two weeks on a Monday morning, but attendance is never mandatory. Our work consists in helping families in need, making home visits, and assisting with food collection and distribution. These opportunities to help are communicated through email so that members can volunteer at their own convenience. If you would like to join us in serving the poor, please contact us at: SVdPEdC@aol.com

We would like to thank an anonymous donor for their very generous gift to St. Vincent de Paul.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, March 7, 2016 at 9:35 am in room 256 of the parish center. All are invited to attend.

We are on Facebook
St Joseph Thrift Shop.
Please "like" our page!

Social Ministries

Thank you for your Food Pantry Donations!
Our Food Pantry is most in need of these items:
Coffee, Apple Juice, Mayonnaise, Jelly, Mac & Cheese, Ketchup, Mustard, Pasta Sauce, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper & Rice. Gift Cards from supermarkets are in demand and would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your past and future donations.

Thrift Shop News
Vases ~ 1/2 Price
Frames ~ 1/2 Price
All Clothing ~ 1/2 Price

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

Like us on Facebook, We have a page!
Level 7 Community Service Pledges are due at any Mass this weekend.

Level 3 & 4 – are required to attend an Instructional Mass on Monday, February 29 @ 6pm in Nolan Hall.

Level 1 Forgiveness Celebration – Thursday, March 3rd @ 7pm in the Church.

Level 6 Interview Sheets are due at any Mass the weekend of March 5th-6th.

Level 7 Confirmation Interviews – will take place on Monday, March 7 & Thursday, March 10 from 4-7pm and Saturday, March 12 from 10am – Noon in Nolan Hall. A letter went out this week with your child’s scheduled day and time. Please call the Faith Formation Office @ 587-4717 if you need to reschedule.

Level 2 children are required to attend any Mass the weekend of March 12 & 13 to receive a prayer card.

Level 1 children are required to attend the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, March 13 to receive their Easter Activity Book.

Level 2 Parent Meeting – Monday, March 14 @ either 10am or 7pm in room 257. We will be going over the final requirements for First Eucharist.

Operation Rice Bowls: our level 4 students will be participating in Catholic Relief Services “Operation Rice Bowl” during Lent. We are inviting any parishioners who would like to participate in this Lenten project to pick up a Rice Bowl in the Church or hall. The proceeds from the rice bowls are given to Catholic Relief Services, an organization that helps people around the world. The rice bowls will be collected at the Masses on the weekend of March 19 & 20.

My good deed for the week was: Thomas was kind to his sisters, Julia listened to her dad, James helped make dinner, Delaney walked the dog, Shelby kept her parents company while shopping, Jack, Paige, Jade, Shae & Caedan helped their moms, Caitlyn & Alyssa put the laundry away, Gabby, Julianna, McKenna & Seamus helped with housework, Andrew gave his mom a valentine, Aidan was kind to his friend, Ryan shoveled snow, Elizabeth helped with her baby sister, Catherine did chores, Louis helped a friend with homework, Paul helped his dad, Victoria gave her family a valentine gift, Shawn & Joseph were kind, Stephanie helped with the dishes, Ronan tucked his dad into bed, Charlie helped his brother, Madeline played with her sister, Chris, Connor & Carly helped at home, Jack & Abigail put clothes away and walked the dog, Shane fed the dogs, Giovanni helped a friend after losing his mom, Nicholas helped others, Owen & Emmett took care of a friends pet, Mia helped here brother with homework, James took care of his Grandma’s dog, Kate made her bed, Connor was nice, Stephanie helped a teacher with kindergarten, Kaitlynn did homework without being asked and Athena bought lunch and snack for a friend.
PBJ GANG ᵇ Many thanks to all who came out and to all who donated supplies. We had over 80 people working to feed the hungry and we made over 700 sandwiches.

Our next night will be Thursday, March 3rd at 7pm. Please sign up on the website so we know how many people to expect. Supplies may be donated by dropping off at the Rectory or Religious Ed Office. We are most in need of disposable rectangular table cloths, small latex gloves, and fold-over sandwich baggies. Thank you. **Please continue to pray for the hungry and the homeless.**

Another item we are collecting is gently-used, clean, bath towels. These will be made into wash cloths and included in Blessings Bags for the homeless.

Family Ministry is looking for 2 or 3 more Adults to work with our Core Team to plan future events. If you can spare some time for this wonderful Ministry, please e-mail skilianfamilylife@yahoo.com.
Third Sunday of Lent - Cycle C

Pasta Party

Once Again, Our Pasta Party Was a Big Success!

Many thanks to Pat Weiss and Sharon Saragnese, and all those who worked with them to make our 2016 Pasta Party such a wonderful experience. There was lots of food and fun in the midst of our faith community and our guests. This event has become an annual one, held the Sunday night before the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday!

Fr. Chris

A very big THANK YOU TO OUR Parishioners and local businesses!

Please patronize these generous businesses: They provided us with food, treats and services for our Pasta Party Raffle Baskets.

Babylon Bean Coffee House  Babylon Village Meat Market  Bagel Buzz  Café Il Villaggio  Captree Gourmet Deli  Captree Opticians  Cold Stone Creamery

Don Ricardo’s  Gemelli Fine Foods  Girasole Salon  Glen’s Dinette  Kilwins  Mulberry Street  Murphy’s Sports Shack  Music & Arts

New Fire Nails & Skin Care  Ooh La La  Plessers  Railroad Bagel Express  Starbucks  Steve Leonard’s Wines  Terrace Diner  The Greek Garden

Torta Fina  Tricia’s Café  Village Art & Frame  Wine masters  You & I Nails  Yuni Nails & Spa  West Islip Wines & Liquors

Annette & Bruce Wexler  Barbara Grywin  Bill Bradley  Geri Proto

Laraine Leitch  Leslie Inkpen  Pat Weiss  Sharon & Len Saragnese

Lisa Weiss  Stephanie Conley  Joan and John Stroh  Lorraine DeCanditis

“Moving On” Group

An After Bereavement Group For Widows and Widowers Will Present:

“Stress Management”
Friday, March 18 @ 7:30 pm
For further information please call Geri Olson 631-661-8994

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Bishop McDonnell #1403 express a very grateful “Thank You” to all who so generously supported our bake sale on Super Bowl Sunday. We hope everyone enjoyed our home made goodies. We were able to raise money for our many worthy causes.

The Bake Sale Committee
THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY:  
CONTRITION AND CONVERSION

In his very first Angelus address as Pope, Pope Francis reminded us that God never gives up on us; he told us, “God understands us. He waits for us. He doesn’t get tired of forgiving us, if we repent and go to him with a truly open heart.”

Think about that: the Lord never gets tired of forgiving us! Sometimes, though, we get tired of asking for forgiveness, but we shouldn’t. God pursues us relentlessly with love and mercy. The Holy Father wrote this: “In the parables devoted to mercy, Jesus reveals the nature of God as that of a Father who never gives up until he has forgiven the wrong and overcome rejection with compassion and mercy. We know these parables well, three in particular: the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the father with two sons (cf. Luke 15:1-32). In these parables, God is always presented as full of joy, especially when he pardons. In them we find the core of the Gospel and of our faith, because mercy is presented as a force that overcomes everything, filling the heart with love and bringing consolation through pardon.” (Misericordiae Vultus 9)

Such mercy on the part of the Father should empower us to undertake the journey of true conversion and contrition. Conversion means a turning around, a metanoia which involves a real change of direction, a complete reversal of a former way. It is conforming our life to Christ’s life more and more, so that more and more we live His life and allow His grace to grow in us.

“We can only approach the kingdom of Christ by metanoia. This is a profound change of the whole person by which we begin to consider, judge, and arrange our life according to the holiness and love of God, made manifest in his Son in the last days and given to us in abundance.” (Rite of Penance 6)

There is nothing better than experiencing the new beginning God gives us when we reorient our life back toward Him. There is a real exhilaration that comes with changing our life and celebrating a return to Him. All this is made possible because of God’s mercy and forgiveness, but we must cooperate with His mercy through our sorrow (contrition), which aptly expressed in the Sacrament of Penance.

When we look over the actions of our life, and realize that we have sinned, and that we want to do better, we are experiencing contrition. That’s when God’s grace urges us to try to change the areas of our life that cause us to sin. Then, our conversion and reorientation back to God is made complete by celebrating the Sacrament of Penance; without this sacrament, the grace-filled experience of truly expressing our contrition is lacking something real and tangible. We should never cheat ourselves out of the full experience of contrition and conversion by missing out on expressing our contrition in the Sacrament of Penance. ✯
Billy Graham’s Einstein Speech

In January 2000, leaders in Charlotte, North Carolina, invited their favorite son, Billy Graham, to a luncheon in his honor. Billy initially hesitated to accept the invitation because he struggled with Parkinson’s disease. But the Charlotte leaders said, “We don’t expect a major address. Just come and let us honor you.” So he agreed.

After wonderful things were said about him, Dr. Graham stepped to the rostrum, looked at the crowd, and said, "I'm reminded today of Albert Einstein, the great physicist who this month has been honored by Time Magazine as the 'Man of the Century.'

Einstein was once traveling from Princeton on a train when the conductor came down the aisle, punching the tickets of every passenger. When he came to Einstein, Einstein reached in his vest pocket. He couldn't find his ticket, so he reached in his trouser pockets. It wasn't there, so he looked in his briefcase but couldn't find it. Then he looked in the seat beside him. He still couldn't find it.

The conductor said, 'Dr. Einstein, I know who you are. We all know who you are. I'm sure you bought a ticket. Don't worry about it.' Einstein nodded appreciatively. The conductor continued down the aisle punching tickets. As he was ready to move to the next car, he turned around and saw the great physicist down on his hands and knees looking under his seat for his ticket.

The conductor rushed back and said, 'Dr. Einstein, Dr. Einstein, don't worry, I know who you are. No problem. You don't need a ticket. I'm sure you bought one.' Einstein looked at him and said, 'Young man, I too, know who I am. What I don't know is where I'm going.'

Having said that, Billy Graham continued, "See the suit I'm wearing? It's a brand new suit. My children, and my grandchildren are telling me I've gotten a little slovenly in my old age. I used to be a bit more fastidious. So I went out and bought a new suit for this luncheon and one more occasion.

You know what that occasion is? This is the suit in which I'll be buried. But when you hear I'm dead, I don't want you to immediately remember the suit I'm wearing.

I want you to remember this: 'I not only know who I am... I also know where I'm going.'"
SPREADING THE WORD

Most of us are familiar with the parable about the sower. In case you need a brief reminder, Jesus was with his disciples and the crowds were clamoring to hear His words. He got in a boat, took it a few feet off shore, and told those assembled about a man who was spreading seeds. Some fell in a place where the birds feasted on them; others went where the soil was not deep enough to sustain growth; some went among the thorns and had no chance of survival; and finally some found good soil, and the crop was substantial. Jesus likened the seeds to God’s word and the good soil as those who heard it.

Life is still like that parable. Take my friend Mark for example.

It is fairly easy to be idealistic; often difficult to live such a life. Mark has found a way to do so, however. He has made a career of working with youth in various stages of misfortune. Some have been the result of bad choices, others really had no choices at all. In addition to giving them counseling, his Vermont based agency now provides temporary housing until the individual can make do on his or her own. To do things the right way takes money...a lot of money. So part of Mark’s responsibilities includes fundraising...as we all know, no easy task. A gifted writer and well versed in front of a microphone, Mark’s efforts to explain what his agency does have been favorably received by the media, and he ends every presentation with a brief appeal for funding.

Ira is a retired corporate executive who now lives in Florida, somehow found one of Mark’s You Tube presentations, and decided to donate. Mark was pleasantly surprised when the rather significant check arrived on his desk unexpectedly, but became almost dumbfounded when ones of similar amounts appeared on a semi-regular basis.

After two years of such generosity, Mark made it a point to visit Ira in his home to thank him in person. Eventually, Mark asked Ira why chose his organization. “I heard what you had to say, and I decided that I want to be a part of what you do.” Mark’s words had fallen on the good soil.

Let’s take this parable two ways: Let’s hear the word of God and keep it in our hearts and minds. Let us also speak words that will help others find their way to the Kingdom that God has promised for each of us. As Mark learned, unless you put it out there, no one will ever know.

PRAYER

Generous and Loving Father, too often we fail to hear what You are saying to us either when we are in the pews or when we are alone with just You. Give us the Grace we need to realize the Scriptures are the easiest way for us to actually hear what You want us to hear. And help us to wisely choose the words we use so we can attract others to the same promise that You have given to us: an eternal life with You in Heaven. This we ask in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

28 February 2016

Reflections

Stewardship...

Stewardship Sound Byte

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who love actively. How? By serving in a soup kitchen, food pantry, homeless shelter, hospital or assisted living facility.
Please: Make a Difference in Someone’s Life by donating to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal

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The Sociable Singles

St. Joseph Sociable Single Seniors

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16th, 2016 at 7pm in the O’Connell Room. More details to come.

For my address or any questions please call Lorraine DeCanditis @ 631-553-0160

News From Outside the Parish

Pilgrimage Through the Holy Doors of Rome

Bishop DiMarzio will be leading a journey through the Holy Doors of Rome and Assisi from September 15th -23 and an optional extension to the Holy Doors of the Holy Land from Sept 23rd - 29th.

Please call Susan from Select International for further information regarding this pilgrimage at 1-800-842-4842.

Self-Esteem

Women from Deer Park and the surrounding communities are invited to attend a peer support group entitled, “Self Esteem in Relationships,” sponsored by Women’s Ministry at Ascension Lutheran Church. This Free and Confidential program will begin May 9 and continue for eight weeks.

Pre-Registration is a must! For information, please call Vicki at the Church Office, 631-667-4188, weekdays between 9:30am - 2pm.
Tercer domingo de cuaresma - Ciclo C

**RELEXION**
La parábola en el Evangelio de hoy nos advierte claramente que nosotros, al igual que la higuera, seremos juzgados por nuestros frutos. Mientras que Dios, misericordiosamente nos provee el tiempo y la oportunidad, demos testimonio de nuestra fe con hechos de bondad y generosidad.

Estamos muy agradecidos esta semana por todos los administradores de nuestra parroquia que aman activamente. ¿Cómo? Al servir en un comedor, despensa de alimentos, refugio para desamparados, hospital o centro de asistencia.

**Intercesiones por la Vida**
Por todos los que no tienen hogar, olvidados o abandonados: que podamos venir a ver a Cristo presente en sus vidas y que se regocijen en los dones que traen a nosotros;
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”
Month of January 2016
Colecta: $111,640.00
Gastos: $115,392.00

**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. 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.

**CATEQUESIAS 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.

**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) 681-0005 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.
EL AÑO DEL JUBILEO DE LA MISERICORDIA: CONTRICION Y CONVERSION

En su primer Angelus como Papa, Francisco nos recuerda que Dios nunca se da por vencido con nosotros; nos dijo: "Dios nos entiende. Él nos espera. Él no se cansa de perdonarnos, si nos arrepentimos y vamos a Él con un corazón verdaderamente abierto".

Piense en lo siguiente: el Señor nunca se cansa de perdonarnos! A veces, sin embargo, nos cansamos de pedir perdón, pero no debemos. Dios nos persigue sin descanso con el amor y la misericordia. El Santo Padre escribió esto: "En las parábolas dedicadas a la piedad, Jesús revela la naturaleza de Dios como la de un padre que nunca se da por vencido hasta que ha perdonado el mal y supera el rechazo de compasión y misericordia. Sabemos que estas parábolas, tres en particular: la oveja perdida, la moneda perdida, y el padre con dos hijos. (Lucas 15: 1-32). En estas parábolas, Dios siempre se presenta como lleno de alegría, especialmente cuando él perdona. En ellos encontramos el núcleo del Evangelio y de la fe, porque la misericordia se presenta como una fuerza que supera todo, llenando el corazón de amor y trae consuelo a través del perdón. "(Misericoridae Vultus 9)

Tal piedad de la parte del Padre nos debería dar el poder para emprender el viaje de la verdadera conversión y arrepentimiento. La conversión significa un giro alrededor, una metanoia que implica un verdadero cambio de rumbo, una inversión completa de una manera antigua. Se está conformando nuestra vida a la vida de Cristo cada vez más, de manera que “Solo podemos abordar el reino de Cristo por la metanoia. Se trata de un cambio profundo de toda persona por la que empezamos. Se trata de un cambio profundo de toda persona por la que empezamos a considerar, juzgar y organizar nuestra vida de acuerdo a la santidad y el amor de Dios, manifestado en su Hijo en los últimos días y se nos da en abundancia." (Rito de la Penitencia 6)

No hay nada mejor que experimentar el nuevo principio Dios nos da la oportunidad de reorientar nuestra vida de nuevo hacia él. Hay una verdadera euforia que viene con el cambio de nuestra vida y la celebración de un retorno a él. Todo esto es posible gracias a la misericordia y el perdón de Dios, pero hay que cooperar con Su misericordia a través de nuestro dolor (contrición), que se expresa acertadamente en el Sacramento de la Penitencia.

Cuando miramos más de las acciones de nuestra vida, y nos damos cuenta de que hemos pecado, y que queremos hacer mejor, estamos experimentando contrición. Fue entonces cuando la gracia de Dios nos impulsó a tratar de cambiar las áreas de nuestra vida que nos causan al pecado. Entonces, nuestra conversión y reorientación de regreso a Dios se completa con la celebración del Sacramento de la Penitencia; sin este sacramento, la experiencia no se llena de gracia y al expresar nuestra verdadera contrición le falta algo real y tangible. Nunca debemos engañarnos a nosotros mismos de la experiencia completa de la contrición y conversión mediante perdemos de expresar nuestra contrición en el Sacramento de la Penitencia.
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