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

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

Holydays See Special Schedule the Sunday before each Holyday

We celebrate the sacraments

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

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

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

Matrimony
Couples are requested to call at least six months before the wedding for an appointment with a Priest or Deacon to set the date and make arrangements. No arrangements can be made by phone.

Anointing of the Sick
Fourth Saturday of the month at the 9:00am Mass or call the Parish Office.

Welcome to all new parishioners. We invite you to register at the Parish Office.

Fifth Sunday of Lent + March 13, 2016
For Our Sick

Altar Rose
In memory of
Kathleen Bossong

For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Barbara Fletcher, Peter Anthony Locascio, Charles Lent & Brian Henesy.

REFLECTION FOR TODAY
In today’s second reading, St. Paul says, “For His sake I have forfeited everything: I have accounted all else rubbish so that Christ may be my wealth.” Does my stewardship suggest that I could say the same?
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.

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

U.S. Army:
SPC Elliot Chodkowski
SSG Josuah Insull
LTC John Kallo
SSG David C. Ray
Eric Stein
LTC Jon J. Uebel
P2y 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!
THE LORD’S PRAYER: A PRAYER REFLECTION IN DIALOGUE
EXAMINED IN THREE PARTS. This week: Part II

US
We’re kinda in a mess down here you know.
Well, I go to church.

GOD
Yes, I know; but, have I got control of you?
That isn’t what I asked you. What about your bad
temper? You’ve really got a problem there, you know.

And then there’s the way you spend your money –
all on yourself. And what about the kind of books you read?

Excuse ME. I thought you were praying for my will to be
done. If that is to happen, it will have to start with the
ones who are praying for it. Like you, for example.

So could I.

Good. Now we’re getting somewhere. We’ll work
together -- You and ME. I’m proud of You.

You need to cut out the bread.
You’re overweight as it is.

Praying is a dangerous thing. You just might get what
you ask for. Remember, you called ME -- and here I am.
It’s too late to stop now. Keep praying. ( . . pause . .)
Well, go on.

Father Chris
PARISH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support Christians in the Holy Land.

Through the Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land.

In these challenging times in the Middle East, your support means that our church will conduct parish ministry, provide Catholic education, feed the hungry, build housing for Christians, maintain shrines and operate refugee centers in the Holy Land.

Christians, along with all of the clergy and religious who serve in the Holy Land, will deeply appreciate your prayers and financial help! The political, religious and military challenges in the Holy Land are more complex than ever. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians.

Our parish will support Christians in the Holy Land through the Good Friday Collection, as requested by Pope Francis. Like Simon of Cyrene, you can help carry the cross under very difficult circumstances in the Holy Land.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!
For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

HOLY WEEK PRAYER SERVICES
FOR FAMILIES, PARENTS, & CHILDREN
ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THESE SERVICES!

Are you seeking a meaningful way for you and your child(ren) to learn about the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus? This community prayer service may be a great way! Please join us for these Holy Week Services:

**Holy Thursday, March 24, 2016**
4:00 PM Church
Recreate the Last Supper and Washing each other’s feet

**Good Friday, March 25, 2016**
11:00 AM Church
Venerate the Cross and Stations of the Cross

**Holy Saturday, March 26, 2016**
11:00 AM Church
Light ceremony and Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Each day, we will do Gospel readings and a reflection led by a catechist. Group participation is welcomed. The services are less than an hour.

This is a wonderful way for children and adults to learn about Holy week and how we pray as a community during the three days. **There are opportunities for children and adults to take a role during these services. If you and/or your child are interested, please contact:** Email: stjosephholyweek@gmail.com

**Thank you,**

Sarah Gillen  Gina Horowitz  Barbara McNulty  Patty Seegers
Bridge for Peace
Presents

“Lord is it I?”

This 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
Saturday, March 19
is the Feast of St. Joseph!

All are welcome to come to
A special Mass at 9am in the Church
followed by a reception in the
O’Connell Room.

Join us as we celebrate the
Feast Day of our Patron Saint!
"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

Music Ministry
St. Joseph's 10:15am 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 a 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 10:15am 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.
Save the Date for the 11th Annual Golf Outing

Monday, May 16, 2016 ~ 10am - 7pm

About Our Honoree . . .

Richard (Dick) Maerki began his journey in the Catholic faith when his family moved to East Meadow and he decided to attend catechism classes. At the age of 13, he was baptized, made his First Communion, and became a practicing Catholic. He became a parishioner of St. Joseph Parish in 1968 when he and his late wife Marlan, with their young family, moved to West Islip. Dick is the proud father of three sons, two daughters and has fifteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Dick began his career in aviation with Lockheed as a mechanic after attending The Roosevelt School of Aviation, where he obtained an aircraft and engine mechanic license. In 1952, he moved to TWA and soon became a flight engineer. Realizing there was a future for him as a pilot, he enrolled in pilot school and was soon flying the very planes he once maintained. In 1986, after 34 years of flying, Captain Dick Maerki retired from TWA fulfilling his childhood dream of flying.

Dick is a man of many interests including golf, skiing, bowling, boating, fishing, carpentry, electrician, and all around handyman. When Super Storm Sandy destroyed the first floor of his home, he served as the Project Manager while his sons and sons-in-law restored his home.

Dick is a daily communicant at the 7:45 Mass, many times arriving early to ensure everything is in its place. In addition, he serves as a Eucharistic Minister at the 10:15 Sunday Mass and is a member of the Ministry of Consolation, where he serves as a Eucharistic Minister at funeral masses. He has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for 63 years and a member of St. Joseph the Carpenter Council #14771 since its inception. He covers security/parking lot duty faithfully on Wednesday afternoons for Faith Formation, even on the coldest or rainiest of days. Always the learner, Dick is a student in the Little Rock Scripture Studies, which is part of the parish Adult Enrichment Ministry. Dick can also be seen on the dance floor at the Annual Chrysanthemum Ball and on the fairways at the Parish Golf Outing.

On January 2nd of this year, surrounded by family and friends, Dick celebrated his 90th birthday. For his commitment and dedication to the parish, we are pleased to recognize Richard Maerki as the 2016 St. Joseph Golf Outing Honoree.

Golf Outing Committee Members
Laura Spencer Brennan - Chairperson
Keith Busch - Vice Chairperson

Douglas Chapey
Sam Descovich
Martin Kennedy
Edward Leitch
Laraine Leitch
Steve Markham

Richard Maynard
Linda Merkel
John O’Hanlon
Charles Spencer
Rita Underhill
Raymond Young
The Easter Lily
A symbol of Christ’s victory over sin and death.
Once again we will adorn our altars with lilies to commemorate Jesus’ Resurrection and the promise of life everlasting.

If you wish to make a donation toward an Easter Lily plant in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a living person, please fill out the form below and return it to either the Parish Office or in the Sunday collection basket.
The suggested donation fee is $20 per family or person being remembered. The list of memorial donations will be published in the bulletin after Easter.

Our deadline for collecting donations is Mon. March 21.
Checks can be made payable to St. Joseph Church.
Thank you for your generosity during this Easter season!

Name of Donor ______________________________________ Phone __________________
Name of Person to be remembered:
______________________________________________
______________________________________________
# of Plants __________
Amount Enc. ($20 per donation)______
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

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.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas - Court Bishop McDonnell #1403
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Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas
All girls 10 to 17 years old are “WELCOME”
Next general meeting is on Tuesday, March 15th 7:30pm-9pm in the O’Connell Room.

Join in the plans for our RETREAT “Exercising Our Faith”
Saturday, April 16th at the Tabor House, 8:30am until 6 pm.

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.

5 NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED! 5

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:

| Canned Vegetables: all varieties | Ready-Made Pasta: macaroni & cheese, ravioli, spaghetti-o’s | Mayonnaise, Ketchup Coffee |
| Canned Fruit: all varieties | Sauces: all varieties of tomato, pasta, gravy | Milk Products: powdered, shelf stable, Velveeta, canned milk |
| Canned Meat: tuna, chicken, ham, beef-stew, turkey, spam | Boxed Instant Mashed Potatoes | Peanut Butter / Jelly / Jam |
| Soups: all varieties | Pasta, Rice and All Varieties of Dry Beans | Boxed Cereals, Pancake Mixes: all varieties |
| Juices: all fruit varieties (need for apple, orange), ‘fusion’ vegetable juices | Hamburger Helper: all varieties | Canned Protein Shakes |
|                             | Bean Products: refried, ranch, pork & beans | Paper Towels |

NOTE: We cannot accept expired food or raw food.
The Thrift Shop sells gently used clothing, household items, baby items, books, toys, jewelry, etc. at very reduced prices. All proceeds help to support Parish Outreach. Our volunteers are happy to help you. Come in and look around on Mon., Wed. & Fridays 10am – 3pm.

With sincere appreciation, Parish Outreach would like to acknowledge the following:

A donation was made by Joyce Markham in Loving Memory of Thomas Markham

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
Linen ~ 1/2 Price
Toys ~ 1/2 Price
Easter Items ~ 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!
The Faith Formation Office will be closed on Easter Monday, March 28th. We would like to wish all the families a wonderful Easter.

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.

We would like to thank all the level 3 & 4 families for their generous donations at the Instructional Mass last week. We collected over $850 and donated the proceeds to the Parish Outreach Office.

Operation Rice Bowls ✿ our level 4 students will be participating in Catholic Relief Services ✿ Operation Rice Bowl ✿ during Lent. 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: Piper & Julia donated food to the food pantry, Sienna taught her friend how to play chess, Corey got off the phone when he was supposed to, Elizabeth, Sarah, Lucy, Jay, Rori, Luke, Kate, Storm, Michael, Megan & Ashley helped clean, Laken helped his grandma, Abby tried to be nice to her mom in the morning, Julia prayed for the world to be free, Jimmy shared in gym, Riley & Ronan made gifts for their sick cousin, Angelique & James took care of their brothers, Julia & Anthony helped with the laundry, Matthew was respectful towards his mother, Olivia helped her babysitter, Grace was nice to her sister, Paige did her homework, Anna listened to her parents, Kylie took care of her cousin, Ava helped a classmate, Kennith listened, Kristi, Jade & Brian helped their moms, Kevin helped his teacher, Alexa helped her community, Kayla helped her dad around the house, Maggie was kind, Evangeline rubbed her mom’s head when she had a headache, Joseph helped his sister, Carly helped her family, HollyAnne & Hyncinth cleaned a friend’s yard, Liz helped 8 kindergarteners, Jonathan helped take care of the chickens, Amelia vacuumed, Vincent fed his pets and Ryan, Megan helped set the table, Alexander helped friends & family with chores, Sophia helped her parents around the house, Alison made her bed, Gia helped her mom when she hurt her arm, Ryan was kind to his sister, Angelina folded clothes without being asked and Joseph gave someone a compliment every day.

Visit our website @ www.stjosephsbabylon.org for information regarding upcoming meetings, events and other parish news. You may find all the information in our handbook on the website.
Youth Group is open to all in grades 6 – 12. Some activities are grade specific. Most are open to all.

SPECIAL NOTE: Our PBJ Gang will NOT be meeting in March. Please join us Thursday, March 24th for Family Holy Thursday Service at 4pm in the Church.

High School group meets every Monday 7pm in the Madonna Room. Please join us 3/14 & 3/21. Newcomers welcome!! No Meeting 3/28. We are reading Re-discover Jesus if you need a copy please let me know.

SERVICE TEAM -
Continue to check the Parish Website for Community Service Opportunities. Please do NOT wait until the last minute. Www.stjosephsbabylon.org

Are you helping us with Holy Week Family Services? Holy Thursday is 3/24, Good Friday 3/25 and Holy Saturday 3/26. If you can help we need to know by 3/15 because there will be a rehearsal.

Please continue to pray for our Teens
Especially those who are making their College Decisions.

THANK YOU to all who attended the Lenten Retreat offered by Chris Padgett and The Giant Roller Skating Party, and those who helped at the Parish Dance. Pictures will be on the website!
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.
THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY:
EXAMINING YOUR CONSCIENCE

The spiritual exercise of examining our conscience is something that every Christian should do on a regular basis. The habit of reviewing our actions or behaviors each day to see how our life is, or is not, in accord with the way God asks us to live can be a wonderful opportunity for spiritual discernment and growth.

Of course, as the Rite of Penance reminds us, “the inner examination of heart and the outward accusation must be made in the light of God’s mercy.” (6) In other words, the way for us to begin to examine our conscience and to uncover the areas of sin in our life that need to be healed by God’s forgiveness is to start with God’s love. God has created each and every one of us, redeemed us through the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus, and has given us all that we need to live a good and moral life. In the light of God’s goodness and mercy, we should never be afraid to be brutally honest with ourselves about what our sins are.

When going to the Sacrament of Penance, it is important to spend time examining our conscience before we go to Confession. It’s not helpful to think about our sins for the first time only while we are waiting on line, for example. If examining our conscience is a regular part of our prayer life, this preparation for the sacrament will come easy.

In examining our conscience, we should look at our relationships both with God and with other people. We should ask ourselves if we are really growing to be a better, more loving, and less self-centered person, and if we are growing closer to God. We should pray to the Holy Spirit for the Spirit’s guidance to see those areas of our life where sin has damaged our relationship with God and with others.

Sometimes we will discover that our sins are quite specific and have to do with concrete actions; other times we will discover that our sinfulness is related to a general pattern of behavior or attitude. To help us in discerning what our sins are, the Ten Commandments are a great place to start, as are the Beatitudes, as found in Matthew 5:1-12, for example. There are also many guides to examining one’s conscience that can be found in spiritual reading and in other Catholic resources. For example, the Bishops of the United States have provided some guides for the examination of conscience on their website:


Remember that not all sin is equally serious. Sin might be serious enough such that I have broken off my relationship with God (mortal sin), or it might be less serious and only damage my relationship with God (venial sin). Whichever it is, we should never hesitate to confess all our sins openly.

Our celebration of the Sacrament of Penance will be all the more fruitful and beneficial to the degree we have done the work ahead of time in examining our conscience.
WE ARE FORGIVEN – ALL OF US

In our Gospel reading today (John 8:1-11), Jesus was left alone with the woman. He stood up. Surely she was wondering what He would say or do. He asked, as if He had not seen them leave, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you? “She replied, “No one, sir.”

Jesus last words to her were full of compassion, neither condoning nor condemning, “Neither do I condemn you, go your way, and from now on do not sin again.”

What happened to this woman? John does not tell us. Jesus opened the door for her to a new way of life, but the decision was her’s to make. It is ever so. We see it over and over again. Jesus invites, but does not coerce. God will honor our freedom even at the risk of our rejection. Love that is not freely given is not love, and our love is what God wants most.

Poets have reflected on this woman, and what might have happened to her. One puts the following words in her mouth. “Then they led me to the market place where Jesus was teaching. It was their desire to hold me up before Him as a test and a trap for Him. But Jesus judged me not. He laid shame upon those who would have had me shamed, and He reproached them. And He bade me go my way. And after all the tasteless fruit of life turned sweet to my mouth, and the scentless blossoms breathed fragrance into my nostrils, I became a woman without a tainted memory, and I was free, and my head was no longer bowed down.” (Kahlil Gibran)

St Paul wrote, “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” It is the miracle of grace that when we expect judgment, and feel we deserve it, we hear the divine voice of compassion. Instead of condemnation, in Christ, we are given the freedom to live forgiven.

Sin no more, easier said than done.

Deacon Mike
BRIGHTENING OUR DAYS

Surrounded by educators on all levels, I am able to see that, despite some reports to the contrary, many of the young people in our world are headed in the right direction. While some are justly motivated to have a life of financial security, others are led to serve others. Knowing families where one child goes one way and another in the exact opposite direction, I often wonder about such causation. I think it comes down to finding or knowing the gifts that we have been given from God. Some of us have a hard time making the realization; others find it sooner.

Grace is a high school senior and in her essay that she sent to college admission offices she concluded with “I am told that from an early age, I had a natural inclination to assist others. One may call it a talent, some may call it an interest, perhaps it could be both. I believe it is just who I am.” Grace has used to those talents in many ways, often with children with autism with her swimming skills in a program called (I think quite appropriately) ANCHOR. Less concerned with the backstroke or the Australian crawl, Grace tries to make a connection with her charges, knowing that is the first step to any success she would later experience. Grace also works with other children as well and recently helped a first grader with his math and science.

Brady had a little trouble with his numbers from one to ten, but, with Grace’s help, his scores improved. Grace thought she was on a roll until the science part arrived. The topic seemed simple enough: how light was reflected. Grace talked about the sun, a lamp, a flashlight, but Brady had trouble understanding what she meant. For most of the hour, Grace did her best to make the relationship of the sun to light, but Brady simply wasn’t getting it. At the end of the session, Brady seemed to be in thought and finally said to Grace, “The Lord gives light.”

Since that moment, Grace’s smile is giving light.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us remember that, with God in our hearts, our light can lead others to the same wonderful place that we are seeking on this earth. Let realize our gifts, put them to good use, and become, “just who I am.”

PRAYER

Bountiful Father, You told us to become “The light of the World”, yet sometimes our lights are hidden…even to ourselves. Give us the Grace we need to find within us all of the wonderful gifts that You have bestowed upon us. Help us to develop these talents, to recognize the needs that are before us, and match our light with those needs so the Kingdom that You envisioned may be closer to becoming a reality. This we ask in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Stewardship...

Stewardship Sound Byte

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who, each evening during this Lent, have examined their consciences in the light of how loving…and forgiving…they were throughout the day.
AN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE IN PREPARATION FOR THE
CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF Penance
(WITH CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION)
ST. JOSEPH CHURCH - BABYLON, N.Y.

I. IN RELATION TO GOD:

1. Have I faithfully prayed my morning & evening prayers? Do I encourage others to pray to God each day?

2. Have I used all the time and talents that God has given me in the most beneficial ways?

3. Have I kept the Lord’s Day holy by coming to Mass each week?

4. Do I come on time for Mass, and stay for the entire Mass, and sing and pray actively during Mass?

5. Have I always spoken respectfully of God and holy things? Have I taken God’s name in vain in any way?

6. Have I put my relationship with God before my relationships with other persons, family members, employers, and those in lawful authority? Have I served money, power, sexuality or any other lesser good as if it were the supreme good to be sought? Do I ever allow other people or relationships or objects to come before God?

7. Have I spoken to others about the wonders that God has done for me? Or do I think that my faith is just a private relationship between God and I that involves no one else?

8. Do I work and pray and act to spread God’s justice on earth, as a person of virtue and true Christian values?

9. Have I turned over my will to God in times of trouble, tragedy, sickness, and in my everyday life? Do I renew my surrender to God each day in prayer, and truly try to live the words “Thy will be done?”

10. Have I faithfully prayed for and practiced the virtues of faith, hope and love?

II. IN RELATION TO MY NEIGHBOR:

1. Have I shown respect in speech and action toward my superiors, parents or employers, and all others?

2. Have I been patient toward others who have pointed out one of my faults? Have I honestly tried to correct those faults? Have I accepted good advice when it was offered to me?

3. Have I offended or threatened anyone through my words or my actions?

4. Have I held the reputation of every person as a sacred trust, or have I lessened someone’s reputation by speaking any sort of detraction or slander against him or her?

5. Have I devalued others because of the way I treated them or spoken to them? Have I given scandal to others by teaching or encouraging them to devalue others in speech or action?

6. Have I refused to carry stories about other people to my friends and neighbors? Or do I continue to spread gossip, so that I contribute to discord and misunderstanding between neighbors?

7. Have I encouraged others to practice Christian virtues? Or have I enjoyed or encouraged provoking others to swear, to curse, or in any ways to offend God?
AN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE - ST. JOSEPH CHURCH – BABYLON, NY

8. Do I recognize the dignity of every human person? Do I mock or make fun of others because they have physical or spiritual imperfections or disabilities?

9. Do I speak up in the name of justice when I see or learn that something wrong is happening at work, at school, at home? Do I remain silent when bad things happen to others, because I am afraid of what others will think about me?

10. Do I generously share with others the gifts of time, talent and treasure? Am I consciously grateful for all that I have received from God’s generosity?

11. Do I try to bring peace into my home, my recreational group, my extended family?

12. Do my words and actions toward others confirm that I believe in the goodness of all people, regardless of their race, nationality, belief systems or gender?

13. Have I taken things that do not belong to me, and have I made restitution for all that I have stolen? Have I given credit to others whose ideas I use, or do I take their ideas and pass them off as my own?

III. IN RELATION TO MYSELF:

Am I actively engaged in my parish, committed to the mission of Jesus Christ as it is communicated in homilies, publications and meetings?

2. Have I made progress in listening to the thoughts and opinions of others, or are my thoughts and opinions always the only correct ones?

3. Do I apologize to others for the wrongs I have done, and make proper restitution for the damage that my actions have caused others?

4. Am I a vain person? Do I need constant affirmation to feel good about myself? Is my physical appearance the standard I use to judge my value or worth? Have I taken pleasure in hearing myself praised, or yielded to thoughts of vanity?

5. Have I overindulged myself in food, drink or sensuality? Do I have trouble knowing when “enough is enough” for myself? Have I acknowledged and obtained help for all my addictions?

6. Is my conversation a positive and civil exchange with others? Or am I proud or troublesome to others?

7. Have I wasted time in selfish play? Or have I deliberately wasted time on activities of lesser importance, knowing full well that there were activities of major importance that would not be accomplished?

8. Have I harbored hatred within my heart, holding onto hurts, grudges and resentments to the detriment of my life and the lives of others?

9. Am I someone who is jealous of other peoples’ possessions, accomplishments or opportunities?

10. Do I safeguard the secrets that others entrust to me?

11. Do I remember that I am a child of God’s grace, and that God loves me unconditionally at all times?
Life in the Spirit Seminar
Brought to you by the Adult Enrichment Ministry
“He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” Matthew 3:11

3 Saturdays
April 9th, 16th & 23rd
10 AM - 2 PM in the O’Connell Room following the 9 AM mass in Church (refreshments served)
To receive the full benefit of this seminar, we ask that you attend all three sessions

Do you desire what God has to offer?
Come and...
Reawaken your spiritual gifts received at Baptism and Confirmation.
Deepen your relationship with Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Hear fellow parishioners share their journey touching on each of the following topics:

† God’s Love
† Baptism in the Holy Spirit
† Salvation
† Growth
† New Life
† Transformation
† Receiving God’s Gifts
† Growth

Please call or email Sharon Saragnese to register:
631-321-8986  LMSS@optonline.net
Church of St. Joseph 39 North Carll Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702

CDA Caribbean Night

A NIGHT IN THE CARIBBEAN
LIVE MUSIC PERFORMED BY “NEXT LEVEL”
DINNER BUFFET, BEER, WINE, SODA, COFFEE & DESSERT WILL BE SERVED RAFFLES AND 50/50
SATURDAY, APRIL 16th, 2016 7PM - 11PM
ST. JOSEPH CHURCH ~ MSGR. NOLAN HALL
39 NORTH CARLL AVE., BABYLON, NY $35.00 PER PERSON/ ADULTS ONLY (21 AND OVER)
CONTACT: MARY ANN AT 631-587-1243
THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS COURT BISHOP MCDONNELL #1403
HELP US TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH AND LOCAL CHARITIES.
THANK YOU!
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CDA #1403
St. Joseph Sociable Single Seniors

PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE IN DATE FOR THE APRIL MEETING.
WE WILL BE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27TH AT 7:00 PM IN THE O'CONNELL ROOM. THIS CHANGE IS FOR APRIL ONLY. FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

For any questions please call Lorraine DeCanditis @ 631-553-0160. Thank you!

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.

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2016: Loving Others as Christ Would

Please: Make a Difference in Someone’s Life by donating to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal
Parish _______________________________ Pledge: $_______
Name _______________________________ Down payment: $_______
Address _________________________________________________________
City, State, Zip: _________________________
Phone: ________________________________

Signature: __________________________________ Date: ________

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New Mass Experience

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

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
Quinto domingo de cuaresma - Ciclo C

LAS HORAS DE OFICINA DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO SON:
DOMINGOS DESPUÉS DE LA MISA
FONO: (631) 669-0068 Ext. 131
PADRE JOSEPH AREVALO Ext. 104

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.


CATEQUISES 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.

UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS: Llamar a la oficina principal (631)669-0069 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. Más 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 más 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. Comuníquese 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.

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. Comuníquese 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.
HORARIO DE LA SEMANA SANTA

**Domingo, 20 de marzo**
Procesión en el Estacionamiento del Salón Nolan
@ 11:15am

**Lunes, 21 de marzo**
Reconciliación en la Iglesia Mayor
3:00 pm—7:00 pm

**Martes, 22 de marzo**
Ensayo del Jueves Santo, 7:00pm - Iglesia Mayor

**Jueves Santo, 24 de marzo**
Misa de la Última Cena
8:00 pm (Bilingüe) - Iglesia Mayor
Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento hasta las 11:00 pm

**Viernes Santo, 25 de marzo**
Via Crucis en el Lago Argyle (Bilingüe)
@ 1:00pm
Solemne Celebración de la Pasión y Muerte de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo
3:00 pm - Salón Nolan

**Sábado Santo, 26 de marzo**
Confesiones: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm–Iglesia Mayor
Liturgia de la Vigilia Pascual
8:00 pm (Español) - Salón Nolan

**Domingo de Resurrección,**
27 de marzo
11:30pm
Salón Nolan
The rapist.