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 x 131
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

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.
Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord + March 27, 2016
At this Mass, we remember:

Monday, March 28
Acts 2:14, 22–33, Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11, Mt 28:8–15
7:45 Carole Lo Valvo Joyce
9:00 Thomas Halligan

Tuesday, March 29
Acts 2:36–41, Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22, Jn 20:11–18
7:45 Florence Paul
9:00 Ellen Shay

Wednesday, March 30
7:45 Matilda Salerno
9:00 Peter LoCascio

Thursday, March 31
Acts 3:11–26, Ps 8:2ab, 5-9, Lk 24:35–48
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 Dominick Leotta

Friday, April 1
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 Filipic Anton

Saturday, April 2
Acts 4:13-21, Ps 118:1, 14-15b, 16-21, Mk 16:9-15
9:00 Patrick Burdi

Weekend Celebrations  (barring last minute changes)
4:00 Confessions Today  Fr. Joe
5:00 Joanne Ingerra  Fr. Francis
Dolores Browne

Sunday, April 3 ~ Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)
7:00 People of St. Joseph  Fr. Joe
8:45 People of St. Joseph  Fr. Chris
9:30 Patricia Ira St. Louis  Fr. Ethel
10:15 Michael McCloskey  Fr. Francis
11:45 Ann McCabe  Fr. Chris
5:00 Dr. Colene Young  Fr. Ethel

For Our Sick

Altar Rose
In memory of The Children Lost to Abortion.

For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Francis G. Link.

Reflection for Today
In the second reading today, St. Paul reminds the Colossians that they have been raised with Christ, exhorting them to “be intent on the things above rather than on things of earth.” We too, have been raised with Christ. Let us rejoice and be glad!

Nocturnal Adoration
On Friday, April 1st, “Please Join Us for One Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9pm to 10pm in Church”.

The Sacraments of Life
Preparing for Marriage
Banns Posted
First Time –
Odalis Diaz & Elizabeth Esteves
William Parker IV & Lisa DeNicolis

The Children Lost to Abortion.
Our Parish Mission Statement
The Parish of St. Joseph is a Roman Catholic Community of Christ’s Disciples:
We Welcome. We Worship. We Witness.

Sacrificial Giving
Thank you for your generosity in returning to God and God’s work some of what God has given to you.
Month: February 2016
Actual Collection: $93,294
Budgeted Collection: $92,314
God Bless You!

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 Mondays 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.

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
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
F.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
PVT Danny Bornschein
Pvt. Edwin Zambrano
PFC Dominick Pititto
Lt. Stephen Scuderi
Pvt. Mark Osornino
Lt. Joseph A. Vanderveldt, III

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

Parish Office News

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, March 28th. Normal hours will resume on Tuesday, March 29th. Thank you!

The Parish Office will have limited hours on Wednesday, April 6th. Please note the hours will be 9am - 1pm. Evening hours remain the same, 7pm - 9pm. Thank you!
My New Pastoral Assignment

As I mentioned to you at the end of 2015, because I am finishing twelve years with you this June, I will be leaving you for a new pastoral assignment. Bishop William Murphy, our Diocesan Bishop, is assigning me to the Church of St. Louis de Montfort in Sound Beach.

Geographically, Sound Beach is on the north shore, located between the Village of Port Jefferson and Rocky Point. St. Louis de Montfort has fewer parishioners than St. Joseph does, and many fewer buildings: a church building on a hill with meeting rooms and a nursery school and outreach department in the basement, and a rectory/church office at the far end of the property. There is also a shrine area for meditation. I will become only the third pastor, following the current pastor, Father Charles Papa who is retiring, and the founding pastor, Monsignor John McGuire.

Meet Your New Pastor

The new pastor of our beloved St. Joseph Parish will be Father Charles Mangano, who is currently the Pastor of Curé of Ars (St. John Vianney) Parish in Merrick, right along the same Babylon branch train line. Father Charles comes with a wealth of experience, a love for prayer and spiritual growth, and he and his sister Laurie have been to our parish several times in the past to provide evenings of spiritual renewal. You may have also seen them on Telecare, our Diocesan Catholic television. I know you will welcome Father Charles with the same warmth and joy with which you welcomed me nearly twelve years ago.

Love to one and all,

Father Chris
St. Joseph Nursery School

Registration 2016-17
Classes for 2 1/2, 3 and 4 year old Pre-K
Come see what makes us special!
Tours are available by Appointment Monday - Friday’s.
631-661-4559
41 North Carll Ave., Babylon Village
www.stjosephsnurseryschool.org

Bereavement Conference 2016

Along with Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, we at the Office of Faith Formation are happy to announce that registration is now opened for our upcoming Bereavement Conference. This conference promises to be a very informative and beneficial experience for both the bereaved and those who minister to them. The theme of the conference, as we celebrate this Year of Mercy is "Experiencing Merciful Love in Times of Pain"

We are particularly excited to have as our keynote speaker, Msgr. J. Brian Bransfield. Monsignor is the General Secretary of United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and acclaimed author, including the recently published, Life Everlasting: The Mystery and the Promise. Monsignor's words, including his own personal witness, promises to bring the message of hope to those who grieve and to those who minister to them.

In addition to Monsignor Bransfield's keynote, we have a number of excellent workshops lined up to assist both the bereaved and those who serve them. For more information you may download the brochure that details the workshops.

Please assist us in getting the word out! Thank You!

When:
Saturday April 23, 2016 from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM EDT

Cost:
$35.00 per person

Where:
Kellenberg Memorial High School
1400 Glenn Curtiss Blvd
Uniondale, NY 11553

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
Deacon Darrell Buono
516-678-5800 ext. 200
dbuono@drvc.org
Final Expense Options
"Honest answers to one of the toughest questions in Life"

Today average funeral costs are $8,000-$20,000 ...

Social Security provides just $250 for final expenses...

Life insurance plans that require no medical exam generally do not pay benefits for the first 3 policy years...

so what are your final expense options?
Won't you join us for a frank discussion?

hello! my name is Steven Kaufman
I am a Financial Advisor with the Allstate Insurance Company
and I have spent over a decade specializing in life insurance,
disability insurance, long-term care coverage and final expense insurance. I believe knowledge is power and would like to share with you how just a little planning can help our families cope during some of life's most challenging times.

Steven Kaufman
"Let's talk about Final Expenses"

Final Expense Options
"Honest answers to one of the toughest questions in Life"
is the most recent installment in our series of complimentary estate and life planning talks Presented by the Romanita Agency

Please Join Us - Attendance is free and there is absolutely no obligation

Join us in the Parish Center for a Free Seminar on Tuesday, April 19th 9:45am - 11am
No registration needed.
On Saturday, April 9, 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 Baptistry 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 10:15am 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 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.

CDA 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 - Fr. Seth N. Arwo-Doqu
$25.00 - Checks made payable to CDA #1403

Mary Alice Markham
Chairlady

“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

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH
PARISH CENTER
39 North Carll Avenue
Babylon, NY 11702

“Moving On” Group

“Stress Management”
Friday, March 18 @ 7:30 pm
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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 Marian, 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 a 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.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
11th Annual Golf Outing

Southward Ho Country Club
Bay Shore, New York

Monday, May 16, 2016

ENTRY FORM

NAME: ________________________________
ADDRESS: ___________________________
PHONE: ______________________________
E-MAIL: _____________________________

PACKAGE / SPONSORSHIP / ITEM NUMBER(S):

List of names of golfers:
1. _____________________________________
2. _____________________________________
3. _____________________________________
4. _____________________________________

Solicited By: ____________________________

Ticket(s) for Dinner
at $125 per person

Please send your check, payable to St. Joseph Church and this entry form to:
Theresa O’Donovan
St. Joseph Golf Outing
39 N. Carl Avenue
Babylon, NY 11702

For all Golf Outing questions please call 631-669-0068 ext. 107 or email: parishoffice@stjosephs Babylon.org

SPONSORSHIPS

6. Driving Range Sponsor ............. $500
7. BBQ Sponsor .................. $500
8. Beverage Cooler Sponsor ....... $500
9. Putting Green Sponsor ......... $250
10. Hole Sponsor ................. $150
11. Family Sponsorship ......... $100

EVENT PACKAGES

12. Event Sponsor ................. $1,000
   Includes 4 Dinner Tickets
13. Award Sponsor ............. $500
   Includes 2 Dinner Tickets

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

14. Golf Only ................. $400
15. Dinner Reception Only ....... $125
   Cocktails, Dinner and Awards
   Our Golf Outing Event Includes:
   - Golf with Cart, Driving Range, Lunch, Cocktails, Dinner, Awards, Goody-bag, Prizes, Sunshine!
   - Caddies available at extra cost.
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

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

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 16™, 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
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.

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

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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”

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Members of the senior CDA brought their sewing machines to assist JCDA girls in making “pillowcase dresses” for little girls in Haiti. For some of the girls this was their very first experience sewing!

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Catholic Daughters of the Americas - Court Bishop McDonnell #1403

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GOLDEN AGE CLUB

The GOLDEN AGE club meets every Wednesday 12:30PM - 2PM in the O’Connell Room, St. Joseph’s Babylon. Seniors are invited to play cards or bingo and enjoy desserts and friendship with us.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED! 5

Sponsored by the CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS of the AMERICAS Court Bishop Mc Donnell # 1403
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
Thank you!
We are truly blessed! Thanks to your overwhelming response to the “40 Cans for Lent” appeal, our shelves were FULL. Our Easter distribution was a great success, and we were able to assist more than 80 families with Easter food and goodies. We would like to thank the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters for organizing and sponsoring this tremendous program. Thank you to the St. Joseph Nursery School and the Catholic Daughters who provided beautiful Easter baskets for our families. Thank you to the St. Vincent De Paul members who helped stock the pantry shelves and assisted our clients in filling their wagons. Thank you to Torta Fina bakery who provided sweet loaves for each of our families. Thanks to all who donated food, gift cards and cash donations. It is heart-warming to witness the generosity and compassion of our parishioners.

We wish you a joyful Easter Season.

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

Our members have had the joy of seeing so many of our needy families pick up their food for the Easter season. Their grateful words and and sincere appreciation are a true testimony of the work that we do to help them. It adds so much meaning to this beautiful Easter season. Thanks to all of you who donated additional food during the season of Lent. May you have a Joyful Easter filled with God’s love and grace!

The next meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is on Monday, April 4, 2016 at 9:35a.m. in room 256 of the parish center. All are invited to attend!

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
Bag Sale $5.00
Clothing, Shoes & Handbags Only

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.

New Family Registration Meeting – Monday, April 4th @ either 10am or 7pm in room 257. Please bring the original baptismal certificate for each child you plan to register, even if your child was baptized here at St. Joseph. The annual registration fee is $130 for one child, $195 for two children and $250 for three or more. We would appreciate payment or partial payment on April 13th.

Re-Registration forms have been mailed out. Please return your completed forms to the Faith Formation Office before May 2nd to enter into a drawing for a free registration. Please register early and reserve your class day and time. We cannot guarantee you will get your first choice if you wait too long to register.

Catechist Evaluation Meeting & Ice Cream Social – Tuesday, April 12th from 7-9pm in the O’Connell Room. I would like to thank all of our catechists for sharing their faith with the children of the parish this year. The Faith Formation Program depends on volunteers to make this program a success. Please come to the evaluation meeting to enjoy some prayer, social interaction with other catechists and to evaluate the program so that we can make it even better next year. Your opinion matters and we use the feedback from this meeting in planning for next year.

Many thanks to our hall monitors and to the Knights of Columbus for helping to keep our children safe.

My good deed for the week was: Reese gave his brother the pen he was using, Chris listened to his parents, Olivia did chores, Mark helped his cousin, Justin took care of his brother, Nicholas & Sabrina did good in school, Hailey & AJ were nice, Brady, Caedan & Shae cleaned the backyard, Christian behaved, Trevor didn’t argue with his sister, Alexa helped her friend with math, Dean played with his brother, Kierstin helped build her cousins house, Shane took care of the dog, Dilan was good to his parents, Jacob took out the garbage, Erin helped with the laundry, Ava helped her parents, Milayna made scones for girls scouts, Kayla helped her friend, Brianna helped her parents, Bretten made his bed, Riley cleaned, Roy returned someone’s bag, Danny helped his mom, Madeline helped her grandma, Peter helped his family, Virgilio helped his brother read, Rocco walked the dog and Vincent did chores and made a card.

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.
From our families to yours -
a very Blessed Easter!

Upcoming Events:

Newcomers welcome!

- **Monday 3/28**  No High School Meeting. Next meeting 4/4 at 7pm in the Madonna Room

- **Friday 4/8** – OPEN GYM NIGHT. RSVP on the website please.

- **Saturday 4/9** – MASKED MERCY – a day of reflection and fun 10am – 3pm
  Cost $15 plus a donation for our Birthday Blessing Bags (cake mix, icing, candles, balloons, etc)
  **All in grades 6 – 12 are welcome to join us. RSVP BY 3/31**
  We will be joining our friends from St Matthew’s and St William the Abbott!

- **Monday 4/18** – Evening of Prayer for Peace and Justice. Middle Schoolers welcome.
  We will meet in the Church at 7pm. More details to follow.

- **Tuesday 4/19** – Chris Stefanik will be in Valley Stream. If you are interested in attending, please let me know so we can reserve your ticket.

- **Thursday 4/21** – PBJ Gang........Need someone to deliver sandwiches on Saturday 4/23 please

Check the website for more details and for more pictures.
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.
**Catholic Ministries Appeal 2016: Loving Others as Christ Would**

**ST. JOSEPH’S CYO TRACK**

*Join the St. Joseph's Speedy Soles!*

**ONLINE REGISTRATION From March 16 - April 3:**

http://stjosephscyobabylon.siplay.com/site

Boys & Girls, Grades 1 thru 8  
Program runs April - June 2016  
Weekly Practices Tuesdays & Thursdays 7:00 - 8:00pm  
All practices held at the newly renovated Babylon High School Track  
FIRST PRACTICE APRIL 12th

**REGISTRATION FEE:**  
$60 first child, $40 second child (each additional child free)  
New Uniform Fee: $28 per child

Not sure of the size?  
Uniform sizing available in the St. Joseph Gym, Wednesday, April 6th 6:30 - 8:00pm

**ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT:**  
Coach: Kathleen Ringstad, (516) 317-6461  
Coach: Joe Callahan, (516) 510-5216  
Coordinator: Susan Tahaney, (631) 383-6163

**Catholic Ministries Appeal Update**

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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

“If there is no resurrection of the dead, then neither has Christ been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then empty [too] is our preaching; empty, too, your faith” (I Cor. 15:13-14). These words of St. Paul definitively state that the very basis of our faith, of our believing in and calling Jesus of Nazareth the Christ, our Lord and Savior finds its fulfillment in The Resurrection. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: “The Resurrection above all constitutes the confirmation of all Christ’s works and teachings. All truths, even those most inaccessible to human reason, find their justification if, Christ by his Resurrection, has given the definitive proof of his divine authority, which he had promised (CCC #651). Our ancient enemy, an enemy that for eons was considered by most as unconquerable has been defeated! It no longer has the last word. The Resurrection of our Lord gives us the last word and that word is life, eternal life!

A while ago I responded to an article written by Rabbi Marc Gellman of God Squad fame in his column in Newsday. The rabbi had written about people who are devastated at the death of a loved one. In my reply I commented that I had ministered to people who were overwhelmed by the death of a loved one and I believed faith helps us deal with such a loss. The rabbi replied he had dealt with people of faith who have been completely devastated. I did not reply; my reply would have been centered on the central Christian belief, The Resurrection. I would have stated I find it extremely difficult to understand how an individual who is a Christian could be completely overwhelmed by the death of a loved one.

“And when this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about: Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” (1 Cor. 15:54-55). My family of origin have all passed, have all gone home to our Lord: my younger brother first, my mom next and then seven months later my dad. I miss them terribly, particularly when I have my grandchildren sitting on my lap and I tell them about their great grandparents. But I believe; no, I know without a doubt I will see my family again. And I look forward with anticipation and excitement to that moment when we will be reunited (though, I’m not looking to rush things!). It is that singular truth of our faith, The Resurrection, that gives me strength, hope and belief that I will see my loved ones when I leave this world and go home to our Lord.

Sisters and brothers, I do not know how people without faith deal with the difficulties of life. In particular I don’t know how they are able to deal with the passing of someone they love dearly. Friends, there is a God! A God whose love for us would compel God to become one of us in the person of Jesus, who would live as we live, would suffer and die as all we will die. And then Jesus would rise from the dead: death would be forever conquered and would never again have the last word! We are a resurrection people and alleluia is our song!

Our Greek Christian sisters and brothers proclaim, Christos Anesti! And they reply Alithos Anesti! Christ is Risen! Truly, he is risen! And we have risen with him!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!!
EASTER 2016

In a way, Easter has snuck up on us this year. That somewhat complicated formula of determining the actual date landed it before March could even go out like a lamb. Yet here it is and we once again celebrate Christ’s victory over death.

The oldest Christian holiday and certainly the most important, what occurred on that early morning after the Sabbath is, perhaps, the crux of our faith. The people of the time did not really understand what happened; in fact, the Apostles initially did not even believe it actually occurred. Yet for us, the reality of Easter is really the basis of our faith in the truest sense of the word.

Faith.

Simply we are asked to believe that if we live the life Jesus has called us to live we will spend eternity with Him in the Kingdom He has prepared for us. Sounds good, right? But how do we really know it will happen?

We don’t.

How do we stay focused when it seems the world is falling apart around us.

We must.

That’s why we need faith.

In the Gospel we see times when the least likely people make immense declarations of faith in Jesus. We have been blessed to have the gift of faith in our lives and it has been nurtured by our participation in the various aspects of our parish. Our task is simple: to believe the message of Easter...He is with us in everything we do.

Wrote Isaiah: “The things of the past shall not be remembered or come to mind. Instead, there will always be rejoicing and happiness in what I create.

PRAYER

Risen Lord, Your victory over the cross remains a vibrant message of encouragement for each of us to follow as we live the life You described for us in the Good News of Salvation. As we celebrate this Paschal Mystery, let us be mindful of the many ways that You come to us: in happiness and in sorrow. Amid our joy on this Easter Sunday, we ask that You give us the Grace that we need to recognize Your presence in our lives and to be grateful for the gift of faith that You have given each of us. 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, like St. Paul, give witness for the “good news” of salvation, especially through extending mercy to others.
Our student parishioners have earned Honor Roll status during the second quarter of the 2015-2016 school year at St. Anthony's High School and St. John the Baptist High School. Congratulations, we are very proud of these students from our Parish!

Father Chris

Alyssa Adamo
Christopher Adamo
Elise Annett
James Boos
Elizabeth Castello
Jacqueline Colon
Joseph DeVita

John DeVito
Katelyn McKevitt
Christopher Mulford
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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!
LAS HORAS DE OFICINA DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO SON:
DOMINGOS DESPUÉS DE LA MISA
FONO: (631) 669-0068 Ext. 131
PADRE JOSEPH AREVALO Ext. 104

REFLEXION
En la segunda lectura de hoy, San Pablo recuerda a los Colosenses que ellos han sido resucitados con Cristo, exhortándolos a que “piensen en las cosas del cielo no en las de la tierra”. También nosotros hemos sido resucitados con cristo. ! Regocijémonos y alegrémonos!

Estamos muy agradecidos esta semana de todos los administradores de nuestra parroquia que, como San Pablo, dan testimonio de la "buena nueva" de la salvación, especialmente al extender misericordia a los demás.

Intercesiones por la Vida
Por todos los que habitan en la oscuridad del pecado, pero especialmente los encarcelados por pecados contra la vida: que Dios pueda llenarlos con asombro ante el milagro de la vida, desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural;
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.
Month: February 2016
Colecta $ 93,294.00
Gastos: $ 92,314.00

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.


CATEQUESIS 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)669-0068 Ext. 100.

CURSILLO DE CRISTIANDAD: Los invita a vivir un fin de semana con Cristo. Tenemos Utrilya 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 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. 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.

HERMANAS UNIDAS: Todos los segundos domingo de cada mes, en el salón # 256, después de la misa.

EL APOSTOLADO DE LA CRUZ: Todos los jueves de 9:00 - 11:00am en el Salón # 252A. Comunicarse con Adriana Mascari al Tel. (631) 587-3072 o Luz Marina López al (631)321-6861.

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

HORA SANTA: Cuarto domingo del mes, inmediatamente después de la misa de las 11:30am.
Domingo de la Resurrección de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo

Pascua 2016

Estimados Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo Resucitado,

Este es el día que hizo el Señor. ¡Gocémonos y alegrémonos, Aleluya! ¡Aleluya!

¡San Pablo nos dice que En Cristo Jesús somos una nueva creación! Hoy sabemos con el criterio de la fe y sentimos con nuestros corazones llenos de alegría de lo cierto que es y de dónde viene este regalo maravilloso y único. Es el regalo de Dios que muestra el inmenso amor que Él tiene para nosotros cuando en la plenitud de los tiempos envió a su Hijo, nacido de una mujer. Sin el amor obediente del Hijo que se hizo uno como nosotros en todo menos en el pecado, nunca podríamos haber sido salvados en la forma extraordinaria que de hecho hemos sido salvados. Hemos sido salvados por uno como nosotros. Esto significa que todo lo que somos y todo lo que experimentamos en esta tierra ha sido abrazado por Jesús, el Dios-Hombre. Sólo Él podía salvarnos como Hijo de Dios. Sólo Él, plenamente humano como todos nosotros, nos puede transformar, El comparte nuestra humanidad, ofreciéndonos la manera de compartir en Su divinidad.

Clavado en la cruz, Él venció la antigua maldición de la muerte universal. Su muerte se convirtió en el medio que destruye la muerte y abre el camino a la vida eterna para nosotros y para toda la humanidad. Ahora Él rompe las cadenas de la muerte al salir de la tumba en su estado glorificado. Ahora los ángeles pueden decir a los primeros apóstoles, ¿Por qué buscastes entre los muertos al que está vivo? ¡No está aquí, entre los muertos! ¡Él ha Resucitado como lo había dicho!

Nicodemo le preguntó una vez a Jesús ¿Cómo puede una persona nacer de nuevo siendo ya viejo? ¿Puede acaso entrar por segunda vez en el vientre de su madre y volver a nacer? Así es Nicodemo, eso que dices es verdad. Pero Jesús ha hecho del Santo Sepulcro, Su tumba, la matriz de la cual Él viene en su estado glorificado y que comparte con nosotros. Nosotros, los que hemos entrado en la fuente del bautismo y emergido de las aguas del bautismo somos Su nueva creación compartiendo la vida de Aquel que hoy proclamamos que verdaderamente es el Hijo de Dios, el Vencedor del pecado y de la muerte, el Salvador de toda la humanidad.

Como Su nueva creación, Pablo con razón nos llama Embajadores de Cristo. En este Año Jubilar de la Misericordia, en este Día de Pascua al regocijarnos quisiera invitarles a renovar nuestro compromiso de ser ministros de reconciliación en nuestras familias y nuestras comunidades, pero sobre todo en nuestra Iglesia y en nuestra nación. Desmañados miembros de nuestra Iglesia se involucran en polémica y tratan de dividirnos como si los obispos fueran perseguidores de los laicos o hombres y mujeres consagradas estuvieran en desacuerdo con sacerdotes y pastores. Estas actitudes y estas divisiones niegan la nueva creación que Cristo Resucitado nos ha dado. Nuestra nación se ha hundido a una bajezas tal en el discurso público cuando los líderes políticos y grupos de presión se burlan y se categorizan entre sí o acusan a aquellos que no están de acuerdo con las fuerzas imperantes como "enemigos" y "fóbicos".

Que cada uno nosotros el Domingo de Pascua, en la presencia de Cristo Resucitado, en la Misa, en nuestros hogares y en nuestros corazones, dejemos a un lado esas actitudes y nos comprometamos con el ministerio de la reconciliación, evitando el mal gusto y la degradación, y reafirmando el respeto y la dignidad de todos, pues Él vino a ser el Salvador de toda la Humanidad y hoy en nuestro corazón y en nuestro mundo, proclamamos

JESUCRISTO HA RESUCITADO Y ES EL SEÑOR PARA SIEMPRE. ¡AMEN!

Obispo de Rockville Centre