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

Parish Office
Mon to Thurs. 9:00am to 4:00pm, 7:00 to 9:00pm
Fridays Closed
Sat 9:00am to 1:00pm

Cemetery Office
Monday to Thursday 9:00am to 12:30pm
Please call in advance to make an appointment during these hours.

Faith Formation Office
Mon to Thurs 9:00am to 4:00pm
Fri Closed

Hispanic Office
Fri 7:00 to 9:00pm

Outreach Office
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM
Other times by appt. (669-4544)

Food Pantry
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM
Other times by appt. (669-0068 x 128)

Thrift Shop
Mon, Wed, Fri 10:00am to 3:00pm

Parish Phone Numbers (Area Code 631)
Parish Office ...................... 669.0068
Cemetery Office .................. 699-0068 Ext. 107
Faith Formation .................. 587.4717
Nursery School ................... 661.4559
Outreach .......................... 669.4544
Hispanic Community ............. 669.0068 x131
Thrift Shop ....................... 669.5574
Youth Ministry ................... 669-0068 x 108
Fax ................................. 669.9175
E-mail: parishoffice@stjosephsbabylon.org
Web Site: 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.
Divine Mercy Sunday + April 3, 2016
Second Sunday of Easter - Cycle C

The Sacraments of Life

Newly Baptized
Gia Maria Culver, Michael John Hannigan III & Lia Elizabeth Stephens

Preparing for Marriage
Banns Posted
First Time ~
William Brudi & Christine Malenda
Second Time ~
Odalis Diaz & Elizabeth Esteves
William Parker IV & Lisa DeNicolis

For Our Sick
Please remember in your prayers the sick of our Parish: Robert Dobbins, Joan Cormann, Robert Semeraro, Marie Azicri, Monica Restrepo, Kristy Minningel, Maureen Fizzuoglio, Robert Spilabotte, Regina James, Jane Ferreta, Shannon Saturno, Maryann Thibadeau, Catherine Scelfio, James Kennedy, Joseph Leone, Donna Ardizzone, Ellen Golda, Terence McSherry, Mary Jane Simmons, Ann Kerins, Thomas Cox, Edward Leitch, Roseann Donarumma, Joan Thorman, Marilyn Ann O’Hara, Angela Mancusi, Mary Anne Bonner, Isabel Sampson, Ignacio Guzman, Terry Kaliner, Carmen Cardali and Charles Chertiza.

Altar Rose
In memory of
Helen & Andrea Galonardo

For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Kathleen Crawford, Nancy J. Overholser, Kenneth J. Piechucki, Anthony Joseph Chierico, John Patrick Walsh, Carmella Marie Feaser, & Wilson Gil Torres.

REFLECTION FOR TODAY
“Blessed are they who have not seen and have believed,” Jesus says in today’s Gospel. For those who have not seen to believe, however, we must be good stewards of our faith, living it joyfully and sharing it generously.

Mass Schedule & Readings For The Coming Week

At this Mass, we remember:
Monday, April 4
Is 7:10–14; 8:10, Ps 40:7–11, Heb 10:4–10, Lk 1:26–38
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 Hunter Thomas Bradley

Tuesday, April 5
Acts 4:32–37, Ps 93:1–2, 5, Jn 3:7b–15
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 Ann, Arlene & James Sutton

Wednesday, April 6
Acts 5:17–26, Ps 34:2, 9, Jn 3:16–21
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 George Schellenberg

Thursday, April 7
Acts 5:27–33, Ps 33:1–2, 4–5, 18–19, Jn 6:16–21
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 James J. Marron

Friday, April 8
7:45 Elizabeth Moss
9:00 Lisa Carter & Eileen Bollbach

Saturday, April 9
Acts 6:1–7, Ps 33:1–2, 4–5, 18–19, Jn 6:16–21
9:00 Mary McLoughlin

Sunday, April 10 ~ Third Sunday of Easter
7:00 Victoria Faith McLoughlin
8:45 Marie Pepe
9:30 People of St. Joseph
10:15 Angelique Valdes
11:45 Victoria Tripodi
5:00 Fred Powers
Our Parish Mission Statement
The Parish of St. Joseph is a Roman Catholic Community of Christ's Disciples: We Welcome. We Worship. We Witness.

Liturgy

We Assemble for Prayer

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

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

Rosary
We pray the Rosary before the 9:00am Eucharist 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.

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!

Parish Office News

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!

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.
PO1 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 Joshua Insull
LTC John Kallo
SSG David C. Ray
Eric Stein
LTC Jon J. Uebel

U.S. Air Force:
Maj. Matthew G. Bland
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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
EASTER!

Extraordinary event: A timeless one in time Saving us from darkness Through the Cross’ Power. Eternal life Christ Proclaims: Risen, just as He promised.

Happy Fifty Days of Easter to one and all, and a special Thank you to all who ministered so faithfully and well during Lent and Holy Week and Easter.

Father Chris
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
Thank You

Our 40 Cans for Lent Food Drive has ended and together we collected just over 7,700 pounds of food for the Parish Food Pantry.

We would like to thank the following:

All those who contributed food during the drive.

The Knights of Columbus for organizing the drive and their cash donation.

The Catholic Daughters of America for their assistance with the food drive.

Those that gave cash donations.

Lazarus Ministry

LAZARUS MINISTRY

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.
CDA 70th Annual Communion Breakfast

Saturday, May 21, 2016
9:00 AM Mass at Church of St. Joseph
Breakfast Immediately following in the O’Connell Room
Guest Speaker - Fr. Seth N. Awo Doku
$25.00 per person -
Please make checks payable to CDA #1403
Mary Alice Markham
Chairlady

Memorial Mass

Rose Anarado
We graciously request your presence at a Memorial Mass & Wake for
Rose Anarado
the mother of Fr Ethel Anarado,
who passed away a few weeks ago after a brief illness in Nigeria at the age of 66.
Venue: St Joseph's Parish,
Date: Friday, April 8 beginning with 7pm Mass.
Reception to follow in the O’Connell Room
May Mrs. Rose Anarado rest in perfect peace, Amen!
We continue to pray for her peaceful repose.
Fr. Ethel Anarado
Come join us at the 11th Annual St. Joseph Golf Outing, honoring Richard (Dick) Maerki on Monday, May 16th at Southward Ho Country Club in Bay Shore. If you cannot join us for golf, please consider supporting the outing with sponsorship (tee sign) and attending the awards dinner later that evening – this will be one of your last opportunities to dine with Father Chris before he leaves the Parish! All proceeds from the event will benefit the Outreach Ministry. We hope to make this event a great success, but we need your participation. Please contact Laura Spencer Brennan at lbrennan@rlt-law.com for a brochure or call Keith Busch at (516) 523-3566 for more information.
Parking on Grove Place for Weekend Masses

You may have noticed the No Stopping sign on the south side of Grove Place. In addition to no stopping, that also means no parking. **We respectfully ask you to please not park on the south side of the street where the Church and rectory are located.** We want to keep the traffic moving, as well as preserve the safety of all pedestrians. In addition, parking on both sides of the street makes it impossible for any emergency vehicles to pass through should an emergency arise.

Also, please note that there is a sign at one end of Grove Place noting that, on Sundays traffic is one way (east to west) from 9am to 1pm.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep everyone safe and in following the signage posted by the Village as we come to worship at St. Joseph Parish!

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
We welcome all our Catholic sisters to add their names to the roster of the largest Catholic women’s organization in the world through Court Bishop McDonnell #1403

Tell a friend!
Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month - September thru June.
Come and visit one of our meetings and mingle with our members and learn how we work in UNITY and CHARITY to help others less fortunate.

For more information:
Contact: Stephanie Conley 631-422-0175

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

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED!
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
With sincere appreciation, the Parish Outreach would like to acknowledge the following Donations that were made by the following people in loving memory of Dolores Browne:

Catholic Daughters #1402
Ministry of Consolation
Vito & Pat Colletti
Mary Alice Markham
Rachel & Edward Taylor
Bill & Linda Burke

These gifts are truly appreciated and will be used to assist families in our parish who are struggling. Thank you!

A Special Thank You

The work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is only possible thanks to the generous donations we receive from you. While we regularly send out “Thank You” letters to our donors, we have no way of identifying roughly half of our benefactors since the donations are received in the form of cash. Please consider this a Very Special Thank You to all the anonymous “angels” that help to relieve the suffering of our neighbors in need through your donations.

We are grateful for your demonstration of awareness of the personal difficulties that can befall anyone at any time and your compassion to help. Your gifts assist us in supporting our many program efforts such as providing necessary past due bill payments, furniture, food, auto repairs and more.

Please know that you are remembered in our prayers.

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.

The next meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is on Monday, April 11, 2016 at 9:35 am in room 256 of the parish center. All are invited to attend.

Social Ministries

St. Vincent de Paul

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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. Please remember to return the catechist guide and binder. If you are unable to make the meeting, please drop these off at the Faith Formation Office.

First Holy Communion Masses & Rehearsals – the Masses will take place on April 9, 16 & 23 and the rehearsals will take place on the Wednesday prior to the weekend. If your child is at the 11:30am Mass, the rehearsal will be at 4pm and if your child is at the 1:30pm Mass, the rehearsal will be at 5pm.

Please remember to bring your child’s banner to the rehearsal and your donation envelope if you are able to make a donation. Thank You!

My good deed for the week was: Nick read to his brother, Landon shared his iPod, Dylan cleaned the living room, Alex did community service, Nicholas helped his great grandma, Alexa, Lucas & Taylor went food shopping with their mom, Luca helped his dad, Gabriella cleaned the playroom, Kaitlynn helped with the groceries, Kaylee & James helped with the laundry, Athena & Milayna helped make dinner, Victoria helped her sister with her project, Thomas helped a friend, Aidan & Deanna did good in school, Sydney cleaned the house, Sedona helped her sister, Kristina, Paige & Maria cleaned, Julianna was nice to her sister, Dulce helped his sister learn her ABC’s, Olivia helped her parents, Shannon did chores, Gianna invited her nanny to a school auction, Julian donated canned food, Jake, Jerry & Frances listened to their parents, Olivia spent the day with her grandma, Ronan took care of the cat, Kevin & Liam cleaned their rooms, James helped around the house, Kate helped her friends with homework, Paul cleaned the table, Emilio was kind, Christopher, Nolan & Summer helped their parents at work, Taylor helped his grandma, Madison was being responsible, Andrew helped cook dinner & Justin prayed more during holy week.
Thank you to all of the Teens who volunteered at the Holy Week Services!
Julia, Charles, Luc, Ryan, Kevin, Patrick, Greg, Kate, Nicolette, Peter, Hope,
Maegan, Maria, Penelope, Hayley, Alex, Jose, Helen
Your witness of Faith to the younger children and to the adults who were there was amazing!

Upcoming Events:

Newcomers welcome!

Movie starts promptly at 7pm – doors open at 6:30.
Feel free to bring a snack to share.
Newcomers welcome! 8th Graders welcome to join us!

RSVP on the website please or by email.

-Saturday 4/9 – MASKED MERCY – a day of reflection and fun 10am – 3pm
Cost $20 plus a donation for our Birthday Blessing Bags
(cake mix, icing, candles, balloons, hats, games, etc)
All in grades 6 – 12 are welcome to join us.
Deadline extended to: TOMORROW 4/4...
must reserve your spot because we need to purchase lunch and all supplies
Day will take place at St William the Abbot in Seaford – about 15 minutes away.
We will be joining other Teens from different parishes. Bring a friend! It’s going to be a great day.
You can RSVP by email: youth@stjosephsbabylon.org Or call the Youth Office at 631-669-0068 ext 108
Thank you.

-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.
-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. www.stjosephsbabylon.org
Second Sunday of Easter - Cycle C

Holy Week

HOLY WEEK FAMILY SERVICES

Many thanks to all who participated in the Holy Week Family Services. The Church was packed each day, with almost 100 people joining us on Good Friday.

Thank you to our Catechists: Gina Horowitz, Sarah Gillen, Patti Seegers
And our Musicians: Alicia Hunt and MaryAnn Burrows
THANK YOU to our Teens who helped lead the Services, and most of all THANK YOU to the Parents who took time off from work to teach their children. Also thanks to the Grandparents who brought their grandchildren and to everyone who joined us giving a great example of the importance of Faith in our lives.

HOLY THURSDAY—

We washed one another’s feet, just as Jesus did.

GOOD FRIDAY—

We walked through the Church in prayer at each Station. We venerated the Cross, and left the

HOLY SATURDAY—

We decorated the Altar, learned about those entering the Faith, and prayed for one another.

More pictures on the website at: www.stjosephsbabylon.org

Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven...whoever receives such child in my name receives me..... MATTHEW 18: 2-5

“Moving On” Group

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

‘Moving On’ Group
An After Bereavement Group for Widows and Widowers
Will Present:
“Staying Safe When You Are On Your Own”
Friday, April 15th @ 7:30 pm

For further information please call Geri Olson at 631-661-8994

Important Notice

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People of the Diocese of Rockville Centre is committed to assist those who have been victims of abuse by Clergy, Religious, Lay Employees and Volunteers. To report an incident of abuse, regardless of when it occurred, please call the Hotline Number: 516-594-9063. Your call will be returned by licensed mental health counselor. If you suspect someone is in immediate danger, call 911.
All calls remain confidential.
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: $______
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City, State, Zip: ________________________________
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Second Sunday of Easter - Cycle C

Deacon’s Corner

LOVE IS FROM THE INSIDE OF ALL

Jesus said: “Blest are they who have not seen and have believed.” What did he mean by that? On the face of it, the statement seems like a call for blind faith. It sounds as if Jesus was asking his followers to close their eyes, to blow out the light in their minds. But how can we believe that about him? No one ever thought more clearly or more objectively than he did. He would never ask his followers to stop thinking. Jesus was simply speaking about that dimension of life which lies beyond the range of human vision. All of us, every day, believe in things and deal with things that we have never seen.

Love for example. All of us have seen demonstrations of love. We have felt its presence. We have been changed by its transforming power. But none of us has ever seen love. We have not even seen the people we love. They too are invisible. We have seen their bodies. But we have not seen the personalities that dwell in those bodies. When a loved one dies, the visible part of that person remains. But something invisible has gone. The personality that we truly love is no longer there. Life itself is invisible.

No one would minimize the importance of things that can be seen. We could not survive without them. The food we eat and the water we drink are visible. And both are essential to the continuation of life. But they are not enough. Even your pet dog cannot live on food and water alone. He needs an occasional pat on the head. That gesture is nothing more than a symbol of affection. If your pet needs that, how much more do you and I. We also need a faith to live by, a purpose to live for, and friends to live with.

Love never fails.

Deacon Mike
THANK YOU

The first day I arrived on the campus at Farmingdale I had a conversation with the man who would become my mentor, John Coyne. He was an Assistant VP for Administrative Services and as such handled a host of legal and corporate activities. John explained that he was somewhat overwhelmed with his workload and asked if I could help him out by preparing some of the routine correspondence for his signature.

So it was in those early years with John that I “ghost” wrote letters to vendors, insurance companies, delinquent debtors, SUNY officials, and anyone else whose inquiry crossed John’s desk. Somewhat challenged in those first weeks, I eventually was able to prepare letters at almost a moment’s notice. It was then I realized that I had a gift to compose...but I never imagined where that might lead.

Years later I found myself involved in what some might call the launch phase of Stewardship in our parish. The goal was to include as many of the flock as possible, and that the bulletin might be a good way of keeping everyone informed and encouraged to do more. I agreed to take on that responsibility, and somehow I found myself filling the left hand column of page 3 every week with thoughts about using our strengths and knowing that God loves us.

So week after week, barely meeting deadlines but having been blessed with a Parish staff that would find and correct my errors, enhance the finished product, and always tolerate my tardy ways, I penned a message for the people of St. Joseph. Over the years my thoughts have been found in different spots in the bulletin, and formats of the presentation have occasionally changed. The only constant has been my sheer joy in sharing my thoughts, observations, and, hopefully, my encouraging words with you.

So that is how all of this began. I discovered I had a talent in one place, I used it in another. This is how God works; often others see something in you and help you realize the gift yourself. And once you do, you are off to the races.

Since by trade numbers always surround me, I have approximated that this is the 1,000th time I have submitted my thoughts for our bulletin. Fr. Richardson gave me this wonderful platform, and Fr. Barrett and Msgr. Heller have been generous in allowing me to continue. What a blessing!!!

It’s all about our talents. Our God-given talents.

Please discover them. Please use them. Please thank God for planting them in our hearts.

PRAYER

Generous and Loving God, we thank You for the many gifts that You have given us and for the Grace that has allowed us to find them within ourselves. Help us to never stop trying to find other talents within so we can continue to do the good work that You have asked us to do. May each of us find a John Coyne and a Fr. Ron in our lives to help us see what we might miss. This we ask in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Stewardship Sound Byte

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who put our faith into action - especially through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy - even when they may not “see” the fruits of their service, relying on God’s grace to do the rest!
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!

St. Joseph’s Sociable Single Seniors

Ocean City, MD
Ocean City stretches along 10 miles of beautiful beach from the inlet to the Delaware state line. The 3 mile wooden boardwalk offers nearly 3 miles of food, games & shopping.

Ocean City is a popular tourist destination for families, groups & everyone looking to relax, enjoy the coastline and visit the local area!

Relax at our oceanfront Hotel in Ocean City. Each room offers a kitchen, balcony (to enjoy the sunrise and sunsets) & comfortable amenities to make your stay in Ocean City as special as it can be!

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- 3 Nights Ocean Front Hotel (All rooms Ocean Front with a Balcony)
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- 3 Dinners including...
- **All You Can Eat Seafood Buffet**
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  - Narrated Tour of Assateague Island
  - Ocean City Boardwalk
  - Cape May Ferry
  - Victorian Cape May • Washington Street Mall
  - Professional Tour Manager • Baggage Handling
  - Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
  - All Tips & Taxes (Including Tour Manager, Local Assateague Guide & Bus Driver)

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St. Joseph’s Sociable Single Seniors

Ellis Island
With Lunch in Chinatown

**Wednesday • September 14, 2016**
$105 Per Person for 40 or More Passengers

**Trip Includes**
- Ellis Island Immigration Museum
- Universal Audio Tour of Ellis Island
- Lunch In Chinatown
- Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
- All Tips & Taxes (Except Bus Driver & Tour Manager)

**Sample Itinerary**
7:45 AM Depart your pickup for Battery Park in Manhattan. 10:00 AM Approximate time of Security Check Point before Cruise. 10:30 AM Depart for Ellis Island on Stater Cruises - Ferry schedule may vary. 1:30 PM Approximate time Board the Ferry for the return trip to Battery Park. 2:15 PM Depart for lunch. 2:30 PM Lunch included at Golden Unicorn in Chinatown. 4:30 PM Leisure time for exploring and shopping in Chinatown on own. 5:30 PM Approximate time we depart for home.

**Golden Unicorn Family Style Cantonese Luncheon Menu**

**Dim Sum**
- Steamed Crystal Shrimp Dumpling • Steamed Pork Sui Mai
- Beef on Skewer with Sate Sauce • Roast Pork Pie

**Main Course**
- Sautéed Chicken with Mixed Vegetables • Orange Flavored Beef Szechuan Style
- Baked Pork Peking Style
- Bacon with Vegetable Fried Rice • Arroy Style Mai Fun

**Desserts**
- Egg Custard, Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter

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News From Outside the Parish

Chinese Auction/Pasta Dinner
Sunday April 10, 2016/ 1PM-5 PM

To Benefit: The Life Center of LI
Hosted: Knights of Columbus Councils of the 8th District
Our Lady of Grace Parish
Fr. Patrick Shanahan Hall
666 Albin Avenue
West Babylon, NY 11704

Tickets available at the Door. Please call 516-798-9100 for more info and tickets.

St. Sylvester’s Big Band “Jump into Spring” Social & Dance
When: Saturday April 16, 2016 at 7pm to 10pm.
Admission: $15.00pp beverages and snacks are included.
Where: St. Sylvester’s Parish Center, located at 68 Ohio Ave. Medford, NY 11763.
Directions: L.I.E. exit 64, one light south on Rte. 112, RT on Robinson Ave. one block in.
Visit us on our website, www.goodolddanceband.com or call Mike at (631) 730-3333
**REFLEXION**
Bienaventurados los que no han visto y han creído”, dice Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy. Para aquellos que no han visto, que creen, sin embargo, hay que ser buenos administradores de nuestra fe, que viven con alegría y compartirlo generosamente.

Estamos muy agradecidos esta semana por todos los administradores en nuestra parroquia que ponen nuestra fe en acción, sobre todo a través de las obras espirituales y corporales de piedad, incluso cuando no pueden “ver” los frutos de su servicio, confiando en la gracia de Dios para hacer el resto!

**Intercesiones por la Vida**
Que a través de la intercesión de la Virgen de la Anunciación, todas las mujeres embarazadas puedan confiar en el amor de Dios por el niño que está en su vientre;

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: February 2016

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**CURSO BIBLICO**
TODOS LOS MARTES DE:
7:30PM — 9:30PM
SALON # 256
Para mas información llamar @ Antonia (631) 422-5433

**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.

**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.

**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 Ulltreya 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.

**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.
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Desde California
Dra. Martha Reyes
Sicóloga, Teóloga, Cantante Católica

Sábado, 30 de abril, 2016
8:30 AM—3:00PM
Centro Pastoral, Catedral Santa Inés,
29 Quealy Place
Rockville Centre NY 11590

Más información y boletos:
María Teresa Gutiérrez - 516-678-5800 ext. 560
Ana Luisa Taveras - 516-561-2434 - 516-642-9656 (c)
Verónica Reyes - 631-480-6200

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Será un día de muchas bendiciones
Separe sus boletos con tiempo!!