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 John F. Sullivan
Dr. Marie Drohan, Music Director
Mrs. Barbara McNulty, Youth Ministry Director
Ms. Claire Moulé, Faith Formation Director
Mrs. Patricia Taggart, Nursery School Interim Director
Mrs. Kathryn Ranieri, 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

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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter + May 1, 2016
At this Mass, we remember:

Monday, May 2
Acts 16:11-15, Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b, Jn 15:26-16:4a
7:45 James & Anna McGroggan
9:00 Joseph & Helen Hager

Tuesday, May 3
1 Cor 15:1-8, Ps 19:2-5, Jn 14:6-14
7:45 Patricia Caratozzolo
9:00 Ann, Arlene & James Sutton

Wednesday, May 4
Acts 17:15, 22-18:1, Ps 148:1-2, 11-14, Jn 16:12-15
7:45 Ramon Zaldivar
9:00 Hunter Thomas Bradley

Thursday, May 5
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 Katherine Driscoll
12:15 People of St. Joseph
7:30 Alaide Goncalves

Friday, May 6
Acts 18:9-18, Ps 47:2-7, Jn 16:20-23
7:45 Rose Anarado
9:00 Mother’s Day Novena Fr. Ethel

Saturday, May 7
9:00 Diane McHugh

Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)
4:00 Confessions Today Fr. Francis
5:00 Mother’s Day Novena Fr. Ethel

Sunday, May 8 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter - The Ascension of the Lord
7:00 People of St. Joseph Fr. Francis
8:45 Mother’s Day Novena Fr. Chris
9:30 Mother’s Day Novena Fr. Ethel
10:15 Mother’s Day Novena Fr. Francis
11:45 Mother’s Day Novena Fr. Chris
5:00 Mother’s Day Novena Fr. Joe
Sacrificial Giving

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

Month: March 2016
Actual Collection: $83,004
Budgeted Collection: $69,235

Easter 2016
Actual Collection: $57,793
Budgeted Collection: $71,000
Prior Year (2015): $70,735

God Bless You!

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

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:
SFC Elliot Chodkowski
SSG Josuah Insull
LTC John Kallo
SSG David C. Ray
Eric Stein
LTC Jon J. Uebel
PVT Danny Bornschein
Pvt. Edwin Zambrano
PFC Dominic 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!
Pentecost Sunday is 2 Weeks Away: What Are You Doing to Prepare?

Pentecost Sunday, aka “The Birthday of the Church!” It marks the event that empowered the Apostles to go forth from the Upper Room, to preach Christ’s Gospel to the nations without fear or anxiety about the future.

I suggest that this is a perfect time to begin to invoke our Beloved Holy Spirit, the third person of the Blessed Trinity, and ask:

“What of the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit is God asking me to use in my daily life, for the benefit of other people?

Wisdom
Understanding
Fortitude
Counsel
Knowledge
Piety
Fear of the Lord

Ask the Lord to help you pick one, and then ask for it!

Veni, Creator Spiritus!

With love, Father Chris
A Special Thank You to Fr. Chris!

Save these Dates!
In thanksgiving to Fr. Chris Heller for 12 years of priestly service to the St. Joseph Parish Community:

Saturday, June 4 at 7pm in the Church
“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”
A Tribute Concert
Performed by St. Joseph’s 10:15am Choir

Sunday, June 5
Mass of Thanksgiving at 11:45am Mass
With reception following in the O’Connell Room

All are welcome to join us as we express our gratitude to our beloved Pastor!

Watch the bulletin for more details
You Have Saved The Date, Now is the Time To Book
All Parishioners are Invited
to join the Catholic Daughters as they celebrate their
70th Annual Communion Breakfast
Saturday, May 21, 2016

9:00 Mass at the Church of St. Joseph
celebrated by Monsignor Chris Heller

Breakfast Immediately following in the O’Connell Room

Guest Speaker - Father Seth N. Awo Doku

Breakfast Menu
Orange Juice       Bacon       Crumb Cake
Home Fries        Sausage     Fruit Bowl
Quiche            Rolls/butter Coffee/Tea
Scrambled Eggs    Bagels/Cream Cheese

Call Mary Ann for reservations at 631-587-1243
$25.00 per person
Make checks payable to CDA #1403

“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:
“Legal Issues/Elder Law”
Presented by Frederick J. Kramer, Esq.
Friday, May 20th @ 7:30 pm

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

Book Club News

Book Club
Meeting on Thursday,
May 12th, 2016 at 7:30pm in
Room 255.
The book discussion will be on
“The Kitchen House”
By Kathleen Grissom
All are welcome
An Invitation to St. Joseph Parishioners:

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.
Date: Saturday, May 21, 2016
Arrival time at Shrine is 10am
Closing is 4pm
No bus service available -
There is ample parking at the Shrine.
Carpooling will be arranged
upon request
Cost: $10/person donation to Shrine
Day of Prayer includes: Rosary walk,
Mass which includes passing through
the Holy Door,
Stations of The Cross,
Picnic lunch as a group (bring your own)
(cafeteria on premises)
Contact: Joan Graham, 516 526-6132 or
Email - babylonjj@aol.com
Brought to you by:
St. Joseph's Adult Enrichment Ministry

Departure from St. Joseph will be at 5 am
Departure from the Washington DC
will be at 5 pm
Cost: $60/ per person Bus only
( Fee is non-refundable)
Meals not included
(cafeterias on premises or bring your own
lunch/snacks/drinks)
Space is limited so please
register ASAP
Contact: Joan Graham,
516 526-6132 or
Email - babylonjj@aol.com
Organized by St. Joseph's
Adult Enrichment Ministry
Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Saint Joseph the Carpenter Knights of Columbus Council 14771 is Proud to Announce our Annual Scholarship Fund for any Registered Parishioner of St. Joseph Church who will be a freshman attending a Catholic High School in September of 2016. The scholarship award is $500.00

Please mail application and essay to:
Mr. Richard Maerki
14 Buoy Lane
West Islip N.Y. 11795

Before June 30th 2016

Requirements are simple:
100 word essay, describing what "Attending Catholic High school means to me."

Please fill in below application information

Student Name: ________________________________
Address: ________________________________
Telephone No: ________________________________
Date of Birth: ________________________________

School and Grade attending in September 2016:

Eucharistic Minister News

Eucharistic Ministers and Spouses...

Please join us for our
End of Season Wine and Cheese Gathering
Wednesday, May 18, 2016
at 7:30pm
In the O’Connell Room

A very Special Guest will be joining us...
LAZARUS MINISTRY

On Saturday, **May 14, 2016**, at the 9:00 AM Eucharist, we will have our monthly Liturgy for the Commemoration of the Dead. All those who have lost a loved one, at any time in the past, are invited to join us. We especially welcome the family and friends of those who have died in the previous month or whose anniversaries occur during this time. A table will be placed in the Baptistery for family members to place pictures of those who have died. A lectern will be set up for family or friends to write the names of those to be remembered at the General Intercessions. There will also be an opportunity to remember each loved one by name in the Book of the Dead. Members of the Lazarus Ministry will be present to welcome you and to offer guidance; please let them know when you arrive. For questions or further information, please call Barbara Schade, 968-8793.

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Financial Information for the Parish

Financial Information

The Finance Committee has reviewed results of operations for the first half of the current fiscal year (September 30, 2015 – February 29, 2016). A summary follows:

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Revenues are higher than budget due primarily to higher Nursery School enrollment than we expected. Expenses are below budget primarily due to lower health insurance expense and lower heating costs.

The full Parish financial report for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2015 can be found on the parish website. Go to www.stjosephsbabylon.org and under “About” on the home page click the link for Financial Information for the report.

*Thank you for your ongoing and generous support to our Parish. As we move forward, please know that I carry you in prayer every time I celebrate the Eucharist: it is you, each and all of you, who help me to see clearly the faces of the members of the Body of Christ here at St. Joseph!*

*With Love,*

*Fr. Chris*
A very sincere Thank You to all who donated the Memorial Lily that graced our altars during the 2016 Easter Season!

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Please Help Fill Our Freezers

We, at Parish Outreach are so blessed to have freezers recently donated to us to serve the families who come to Outreach for food and necessities. This donation has greatly expanded the options we can now offer the families, seniors and homeless clients who visit Outreach every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, as we have never before been able to offer a variety of non-perishable foods.

Won't you help our brothers and sisters who are experiencing difficult times and help us fill our new freezers? Any donation of food that can be frozen is gratefully accepted and everything is given out quickly to our families.

We are sorry, but we cannot accept home-cooked foods, we can only accept store bought pre-packaged items.

Since the items must be frozen, we ask you to please come to the Outreach office, located directly behind the Church, between the hours of 9:30am and 1:30pm on Mon-Wed-Friday. If you cannot drop off your donations between those hours, then come to the Parish Office when it's open during the day, Mon. through Thurs. 9am to 4pm or Saturdays 9am to 1pm and we'll hold it until Outreach opens.

Not sure what to donate?
Here are some suggestions...

Frozen Pizza
Bread
Hamburgers and hot dogs
Ground beef, turkey
Frozen fish
Chicken - any kind
Chicken nuggets, tenders and fries
Prepared frozen foods like lasagna and chicken & vegetable stir fry
Pork chops
Ham steaks
Frozen vegetables
Frozen mac n cheese
Frozen waffles
Frozen fruit

OR, just select food items that your own family would enjoy!
All foods must be unexpired.

All of us here at St. Joseph thank you and your family for your generous hearts! And a very special thank you to parishioner Vito Colletti, who facilitated getting these freezers donated to our Parish!

Coffee and mayonnaise are always in demand, too! Thank you for your donations.
**Save the Date**

St. Joseph Thrift Shop Tag Sale
June 11, 2016
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Gym

Join us for a day of fun and community. Find great deals on household items, toys, books, jewelry, baby items and more. All proceeds go to Parish Outreach.

Would you and your family be interested in helping with our Tag Sale? Volunteers are welcome. Call Outreach at 669-4544 for more information.

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**Social Ministries**

**St. Vincent de Paul**

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

In recent months very generous donations have been made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society from our own recently deceased friends. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Ann Elizabeth Sutton, George E. Shannon, and Dolores P. Browne and their families for including the St. Joseph Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in their legacies.

The next meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is on Monday, May 23, 2016 at 9:35 am in room 256 of the Parish Center. All are invited to attend!

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**Thank you for your Food Pantry Donations!**

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

Thank you for your past and future donations.

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**Thrift Shop News**

All Clothing ~ 1/2 Price
Linen ~ 1/2 Price
Shoes ~ 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!
New Family Registration – 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 when registering. All new families must be registered with the parish before registering with Faith Formation.

Re-Registration for Faith Formation is now in progress. 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.

Congratulations to all the children who celebrated their First Holy Communion this year. We celebrated with a Going Forth to Make the World a Better Place Celebration on Sunday, April 24th @ the 9:30am Mass and had hospitality in the gym afterwards. Here are some pictures of the event:

My Good Deed for the Week was: Kaitlyn encouraged her friends to run, Domenick & Alex helped mow the lawn, Rohan emptied the dishwasher, Alyssa, Jack & Julianna cleaned their rooms, Adam helped those in need, Brady fed the dog, Nick donated tabs for DDD, Jade helped her mom, Paul helped his dad, Elizabeth played with her baby sister, Amelia cleaned the house, John did chores without complaining, Gianna made her friend feel better when she was missing her mom, Piper donated food for the food pantry, Kierstin helped carry her friend’s books, Ava and Riley cleaned, Rori was patient and forgiving, Morgan kept his room clean, Alessandra & Laura helped around the house, Angelina helped put away the groceries, Francesco cleaned the book shelf in his room, Cameron helped his brother with baseball, Reese found someone’s phone in the park and returned it, Kaitlynn helped with the laundry, Kate helped her mom and dad, Luigi made PBJ sandwiches for the homeless and Joseph took the garbage pails in.
Youth Group is open to all in grades 6 – 12. Some activities are grade specific. Most are open to all. Check the website for more details www.stjosephsbabylon.org

BLAZE PIZZA NIGHT
1047 West Montauk Hgwy (near Red Robin)

Wednesday, May 11th  4:30—8:00 pm

Come on down and get your dinner!
Blaze Pizza is donating back 20% of proceeds from your meal back to our YOUTH GROUP

Our Flyer is on the website: www.stjosephsbabylon.org

Teens keep busy—Feeding the Hungry by making PBJ Sandwiches
feeding themselves Spiritually by attending Holy Hour, Mass, and reading together “Re-Discover Jesus”
And just having fun—with Movie Night and Game Night.

JOIN US!

Bake Sale Fundraiser
May 14th ~ If you can bake for us, please let Barbara McNulty know at 631-669-0068 ext. 108.

TEEN WEEKEND ——
Our Teens are attending Steubenville NYC retreat June 24–26
AND some of our Teens are attending YOUTH LEADER TRAINING
June 27–30

Thank you for the generous scholarship we have received this far.

All donations gratefully accepted —
if you would like to sponsor a Teen or can provide partial scholarship, please
Call Barbara McNulty at 631-669-0068 ext 108 or email youth@stjosephsbabylon.org

Your support is truly appreciated!
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”

You are invited to the MOTHER DAUGHTER BREAKFAST
Church of St. Joseph
Saturday, May 7th following the 9am Mass
In the O’Connell Room
Please call for ticket reservations call 631.279.0614 ~ $15pp
Ask your friends to bring their Moms out for the morning too.
We are blessed to have as our guests, engineers and medical staff volunteers instrumental in the original development of water lines and clinics in Haiti. Carrying on in their supportive tradition, we will display our “pillowcase dresses” for young girls, made by our members.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE TRADITIONAL MAY CROWNING OF MARY
OUR BLESSED MOTHER
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2016
NOLAN HALL, 7:30PM
Doors open at 7pm
Please come enjoy the music, prayer and flower procession from back in the day.
St. Joseph Sociable Single Seniors

The April meeting will be held on April 27th @ 7:00 PM in the O’Connell Room. NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE: THIS WILL BE THE FOURTH WEDNESDAY IN APRIL. We will be serving Chicken Cutlet Hero w/Mozzarella and Roasted Red Peppers. The cost is $12.00/person and of course, will be served with salads and dessert.

A CHANGE IN OUR MAY DATE DUE TO ROOM AVAILABILITY. THE MAY MEETING DATE IS WEDNESDAY, MAY 4TH at 7:00 PM. We will be serving Pizza and Salad and for this meeting only, we will collect at the door, but you must let us know in advance (at the 4/27 meeting) if you are attending. Cost will be $10.00. PLEASE CALL LORRAINE AT 631-553-0160 FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

St. Joseph’s Sociable Single Seniors Invites all parishioners that are interested to join us on the following two trips:

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!

Monday - Thursday ♦
October 3 – 6, 2016
$525 Per Person Twin / $775 Per Person Single
**(price correction made)**

Travel Insurance is Available at $34 Per Person If purchased at time of deposit pre existing condition is waived.

Call Lorraine DeCanditis at 631-553-0160 for further information and details.

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 Motor Coach Transportation
♦ All Tips & Taxes (Except Bus Driver & Tour Manager)

Call Lorraine DeCanditis at 631-553-0160 for further information and details.

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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Saint Francis de Sales: Divine solitude

Always remember to retire at various times into the solitude of your own heart even while outwardly engaged in discussions or transactions with others. This mental solitude cannot be violated by the many people who surround you, since they are not standing around your heart but only around your body. Your heart remains alone in the presence of God.

Such was the exercise King David practiced amid his many occupations, and he testifies to it countless times in the psalms, as when he says, “O Lord, I am always with you”; “I see the Lord always before me”; “I have lifted my eyes to you, O my God, who dwells in heaven”; “My eyes are ever toward God.” Indeed, our tasks are seldom so important as to keep us from withdrawing our hearts from them from time to time in order to retire into this divine solitude. (Introduction to the Devout Life, Doubleday)

Deacon John
PROCLAIMING

Last weekend I was proud to participate in two events that celebrated the same occasion: the centennial anniversary of the Easter Rising in Dublin, Ireland. My Gaelic roots continue to deepen as I learn more about the proud traditions that surround the Maher name and those of others in the Irish/American community. It is indeed a rich heritage to which I am blessed to belong.

Much has been written, debated, and immortalized about the Easter Rising, so all of that is available for those who want to learn more. It has never been my intent to be at all political in this space, so I will not start now. I can report, however, that the focal point of each celebration was the reading of The Proclamation of the Republic. This was a document issued by the leaders of the rebellion and was proclaimed by Padraig Pearse outside of the General Post Office on what was then Sackville Street (now called “O’Connell Street for those planning a visit to the Old Sod) which was Dublin’s main thoroughfare. Beginning with “Irishmen and Irishwomen: In the name of God...” and again invoking God’s name at its conclusion, the Proclamation is in many ways similar to our own Declaration of Independence.

At the local celebration, St. Joseph’s own Leo Murphy, our Reigning Resident Irishman, brought out a very interesting point. While the reading of the Proclamation essentially started the failed rebellion, I always envisioned that it was addressed to a large crowd with the intent to appeal to their emotions, to take up arms, and to begin the battle. Leo explained, however, that Mr. Pearse simply stood on the sidewalk in front of the GPO, not on the steps leading up to it where he would have obviously been more visible, and read the Proclamation to no one in particular. An occasional passerby might stop to hear what was being said, but there was no great swell of people who were inspired into action. Pearse simply stated the truths that he and his comrades believed essential for Ireland to be a free state and which later led to her independence in 1922.

Quite often a true message is delivered but not heard immediately. This happens in big situations (select any large scandal and find the whistleblower) and more often in our own personal lives (has someone said to address a health issue?). Most importantly, God, through His Son Jesus Christ, has delivered abundant messages to each of us about how we are to live. How we are to treat people. How we are to keep ourselves close to Him. Might we be more open when we first hear such a suggestion?

PRAYER

Ever-Present Father, though Your message is always clear, we seem to find ways to delay, misunderstand, or ignore its meaning. Give us the Grace we need to be more open to Your Words, in the Scriptures, from the pulpit, and mostly in our hearts. This we ask in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Stewardship...

Stewardship Sound Byte

We are grateful this week for all stewards who practice the corporal work of mercy - to clothe the naked - by making clothing donations to thrift stores, organizing a drive to send sport uniforms to children in developing countries or sacrificing the purchase of new clothing to donate to agencies that provide clothing to those in need.
Dioceese of Rockville Centre Wants You To Know

**Come join the Deacons of the Diocese of Rockville Centre for a Jubilee of Mercy Holy Hour**

Wednesday September 14, 2016 at 7PM at St. Edward the Confessor in Syosset

Wednesday November 16, 2016 at 7PM at St. Matthew in Dix Hills

**Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign**

Next weekend, Saturday, May 7th and Sunday, May 8th, you will have the opportunity to participate in the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Collection proceeds support a wide variety of media projects that spread the Gospel message and connect communities and individuals to their faith and to the Church. Please contribute generously in the Collection, and visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) for more information. Remember, half of the collected funds stay right here to support diocesan media projects.

**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

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**Bautismo:** Tercer domingo de cada mes. **Clase:** Segundo domingo de cada mes. Venir a la oficina del Ministerio Hispano con dos meses de anticipación o llame @ (631) 669-0068, Ext. 131. Traer el certificado de nacimiento original del niño. No en cuaresma.


**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:** Proximo curso: 7 de mayo a las 8:00am - 4:00pm en el Salón 256. Llame a Ruth y Salomón Aguilar @ 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 Ultreya todos los viernes @ 7:15 p.m. Para más información llame a Ana Ramos. (631)617-2129.

**Comunión de María:** 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.

**Comité:** El primer sábado de cada mes a las 10:00am en el salón # 256. Para la agenda, llamar a Ana Ramos al Tel. (631)617-2129.

**Rosario:** Domingos a las 11:00am en la Capilla.

**Hermanas Unidas:** Todos los segundos domingo de cada mes, en el salón # 256, después de la misa.

**El Apostolado de la Cruz:** Todos los jueves de 9:00 - 11:00am en el Salón # 252A. Comunicarse con Adriana Mascari al Tel. (631) 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. 12:30pm.
Les invitamos a usted, amigos y familiares a que nos acompañen a un taller que se celebrará el 14 de mayo de 2016 desde las 11:30am hasta las 4:30pm en la Parroquia “San José” O’Connell Room en 39 North Carll Avenue Babylon, NY 11702.

Donación $ 10.00

Para más información comunicarse con Toni Robles (631) 422-5433, Remberto Rodríguez (631) 316-5135, Enrique Aldoradin (631) 903-2485

_Los niños son bienvenidos_

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Familia, Vida y Fuerza de la Comunidad