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.

RCA (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.

Seventh Sunday of Easter + May 8, 2016
At this Mass, we remember:

**Monday, May 9**
Acts 19:1–8, Ps 68:2–3b, 4–5acd, 6–7b, Jn 16:29–33
7:45  Mother’s Day Novena
9:00  Mother’s Day Novena

**Tuesday, May 10**
Acts 20:17–27, Ps 68:10–11, 20–21, Jn 17:1–11a
7:45  Mother’s Day Novena
9:00  Jean Aurechione

**Wednesday, May 11**
7:45  Edward Hoyt
9:00  Ann & Arlene Sutton

**Thursday, May 12**
7:45  Chiara, Agnese & Antonietta Vricella
9:00  Cassandra Leigh Walter

**Friday, May 13**
Acts 25:13b–21, Ps 103:1–2, Ps 113:1–8, Jn 15:9–17
7:45  Ravi Maharaj & Brandon Lochan
9:00  Yolanda & Joseph Ciccia

**Saturday, May 14**
Acts 1:15–17, 20–26, Ps 113:1–8, Jn 15:9–17
9:00  Tobias Anthony Croce

**Sunday, May 15 ~ Pentecost Sunday**
Acts 2:1–11, Ps 104:1, 24, 29–31, 34, 1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13 or Rom 8:8–17 Jn 20:19–23 or Jn 14:15–16, 23b–26
7:00  Alexander Roberts  Fr. Chris
8:45  Anita Beck  Fr. Ethel
9:30  Raymond E. Baldwin, Sr.  Fr. Francis
10:15  Frank Tesoro  Fr. Ethel
11:45  Carrie & Fred Smykla  Fr. Chris
5:00  Mary T. Waters  Fr. Ethel

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**Newly Baptized**
Madison Enid Bonilla, Ezra Terry Boswell, January She Kropp, Elizabeth Bea Kroski
George Robert & Kaylee Rose Winn

**Prepared for Marriage**

**First Time ~**
Jeffery W. Thompson & Rosa Moscona
Jaime Balbat & Cherry Anne Delos Santos
Edward Montalvo & Michelle Guarino
Anton R. Murphy, Jr. & Stefanie Salak

**Second Time ~**
Christopher Palmieri & Kathryn Hidalgo
Ubense Canizalez & Priscilla Flores
Richard E. Knutson & Mildred Cybulski

**For Our Sick**
Please remember in your prayers the sick of our Parish: Robert Dobbins,
Robert Semeraro, Marie Azicri,
Monica Restrepo, Kristy Minningel, Maureen Fizzuoglio,
Robert Spilabotte, Regina James, Jane Ferreta, Shannon
Saturno, Maryann Thibadeau, Catherine Scelfo, James
Kennedy, Joseph Leone, Donna Ardizzione, 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,
Sean Regan, Anne Aguis and Charles Chertiza.

**Altar Rose**
In memory of Frances Vidonic

**For Our Deceased**
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Edward J. Farrell.

**Reflection for Today**
Today’s reading contains the somber warning that Jesus is coming soon and will bring to each person the reward that his or her conduct deserves. Has my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me been such that I could respond joyfully, “Amen!”?
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: $577,793
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.

Liturgical

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.

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

Prayers for Our Service Men & Women

We continue to pray for the following military personnel and their families:

U.S. Navy:
PO3 Joshua D. Benoit
Lt. Michael Catalano
Lt. John T. Izzo
Lt. Caroline Mayer
PO2 Kristen Tice
PO1 Rasheen Tice

U.S. Army:
SFC Elliot Chodkowski
SSG Josuah Insull
LTC John Kallo
SSG David C. Ray
Eric Stein
LTC Jon J. Uebel
PV2 Danny Bornshein
Pvt. Edwin Zambrano
PFC Dominick Pititto
Lt. Stephen Scuderi
PV2. Mark Ospina
Lt. Joseph A. Vanderveldt, III

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

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

Parish Office News

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, May 18th, 2016 from 11:45am - 2:00pm.
Thank you!
Wedding Bells Will Ring; Wedding Bells Will Chime!

This is a notice to one and all:

On Sunday, May 22 of this year, at the 10:15am Mass,

we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony

for a couple who worships together at that Eucharist:

Richard Knutson
and
Mildred Cybulski

Please come and share in the joy

of the Eucharist and God’s Eternal Love

on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity,

from whom all blessings flow!

Father Chris
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.

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 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. Carll Avenue
Babylon, NY 11702

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

Monday, May 16, 2016
10:30am to 12:00 Registration & Breakfast
12 Noon - Shotgun Start
5:30pm - Cocktails, Dinner & Presentations

GOLF PACKAGES

1. Principal Underwriter .......... $5,000
   Foursome, recognition as the principal event underwriter(s), four-hole sponsorships.

2. Dinner Underwriter ............ $2,500
   Foursome, recognition as the dinner underwriter, three-hole sponsorships.

3. Eagle Foursome .................. $2,000
   Foursome, sign recognition as a major partner, two-hole sponsorships.

4. Birdie Foursome ................. $1,850
   Foursome, major sponsor recognition, one-hole sponsorship.

5. Par Sponsor ...................... $1,600
   Foursome, one-hole sponsorship.

SPONSORSHIPS

6. Driving Range Sponsor .......... $500
7. BBQ Sponsor ...................... $500
8. Beverage Cooler Sponsor ...... $500
9. Putting Green Sponsor ....... $250
10. 1 Hole Sponsor ................. $150
11. Family Sponsorship .......... $100
12. Event Sponsor ................. $1,000
   Includes 4 Dinner Tickets
13. Award Sponsor ................. $500
   Includes 2 Dinner Tickets

EVENT PACKAGES

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.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS
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
To honor the last 12 years of music making with our Pastor, Fr. Chris Heller, St. Joseph’s Choir, the Sophisticated Strings and friends from the Babylon Methodist Church with others will come together under the direction of Dr. Marie Drohan to present an hour concert program of diverse music selections. The one hour concert will take place in the church, Saturday evening, June 4th at 7 PM. The program will feature solos on piano, cello and saxophone instruments accompanying the choir on glorious sacred music and exhilarating spirituals. Come one and all to be part of this special evening honoring our beloved Pastor.
This 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 for more information. Remember, half of the collected funds stay right here to support diocesan media projects.

Thank You

Calling All Young Adults

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS (Ages 21—35)

We are starting up a Young Adult Group here in our Parish and you are welcome to join us!

Get in on the ground floor and help us design the group!

First get together will be at Blaze Pizza on Wednesday, May 11th at 7:30.

Blaze is in West Babylon on Montauk Highway near Red Robin.

Our Youth Group is having a fundraiser there that day so getting something to eat will also help support our Teens!

If you can’t make it May 11th, but want to get involved, please send me an email at youth@stjoehpsbabylon.org

Thanks. See you there. Barbara McNulty
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 7:30 pm
in Room 255.
The book discussion will be on
“The Kitchen House”
By Kathleen Grissom
All are welcome

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.

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 Lilies that graced our altars during the 2016 Easter Season!

Donated By | In Loving Memory of
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Fred and Patricia Henning | Bernard and Anne Clarke
Fred and Patricia Henning | Dorothy and Walter Henning
Fred and Patricia Henning | Eileen and Terry Dunne
Fred and Patricia Henning | Francis Farrell
It’s that time of year! Getting ready for Graduation.
Our Teens are becoming Young Adults starting college with a lifetime of opportunities in front of them.

We would like to help our Teens keep a faith connection while they are in college. Many will be away from home and out on their own. What better way to help them stay grounded and give them a safe place to meet new friends than through the Newman Connection.

Newman Centers are Catholic ministry centers at non-Catholic universities throughout the world. They provide pastoral services and ministries to their Catholic student population.

If you would like to make that connection, all you need to do is send an email to

Barbara McNulty at youth@stjosephsbabylon.org

Include your teens first & last name and the name of the college or university they will be attending in the fall. The information will be forwarded to the proper Newman Center and your teen will be welcomed in the fall when they arrive at their school.

Simple. And a great way to keep our teens connected.

CDA 70th Annual Communion Breakfast

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

9:00am 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

Topic: THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTER IN THE YEAR OF MERCY:
LEARNING AND LIVING THE COMPASSION OF CHRIST

Breakfast Menu

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Call Mary Ann for reservations at 631-587-1243
$25.00 per person ~ Make checks payable to CDA #1403
Chair Lady ~ Mary Alice Markham
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.

With sincere appreciation, Outreach would like to acknowledge the following:
Ed & Carol Pagnini made a donation to Outreach in loving memory of Dolores Browne.

St. Vincent de Paul

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

This Sunday, our members are collecting food at Stop and Shop in Babylon with the Babylon Rotary. Food donations will be brought to St. Joseph’s Food Pantry to help our own families in need.

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.

Thrift Shop News

Arts & Crafts ~ 1/2 Price
Kitchenware’s ~ 1/2 Price
Toys & Jewelry ~ 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 as soon as possible. We will be putting the classes together soon and cannot guarantee you will get your first choice if you wait too long to register. Please register early and reserve your class day and time.

Level 4 students – there will be a special blessing for you and you will be receiving a prayer card at Mass the weekend of May 21st & 22nd.

Please remember to bring your Mass attendance cards.

My Good Deed for the Week was: Karlyn helped her classmates, Erica, Chris, Kevin & Machlin cleaned up the yard, Emma folded the laundry, Kaitlyn shared with her sister, Samantha took care of the dog, Dulce let her sisters draw in her book, Steven helped his dad clean the boat, John & Stephen visited the nursing home, Lucy volunteered to lead a pre-k dance class, Jack attended his friends First Holy Communion Mass, Connor, Maddy & Kayla helped their moms, Giovanni & Daniel washed the dishes, Kiera played with her little brother, Matt, James & Aaron took out the trash, Maggie helped a friend pick up books, Alex made his dad laugh, Michael was nice to his brother, Juliette helped out in the kitchen, Jade lent a pen to someone, Paul helped his dad, Dylan cleaned up the park, Faith & Lea did laundry, Elizabeth, Lauren & Brooke unloaded the dishwasher, Joanna cleaned her room, Justin helped around the house, Catherine & Michael helped their friends, Aidan & Lily prayed for the sick, Shawn was nice, Gianna helped her nanny with gardening and dusting, Olivia was respectful to her family and friends, Dean & Sara were good listeners, Rory cleaned the kitchen, Connor helped around the house, Alexander helped his family, Matthew played in the church band, John helped his mom with a garage sale, Jack helped his dad, Anna baked for her family, Maggie played with her friend, Morgan fed the dogs, Maximus recycled for Earth Day, George helped with his brother, Daniel vacuumed, Katherine taught her sister how to play a new game, Emily gave her friend a ball, Cara & Dylan mowed the lawn, Taylor helped her neighbor read a book, Stephanie & Justin did spring cleaning, Aidan got good grades in school, Joseph entertained, Deanna did her homework, Teagan gave someone a snack, Sarah served at Mass as an altar server, Kaitlynn did homework without being asked, Gianna cooked, washed dishes, folded laundry and listened.
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 20% of proceeds from your meal back to our YOUTH GROUP
Just show this flyer - you can also show the flyer from your phone by going to our website.

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!
Our prayer today is for all Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers, Aunts, Daughters, and Special Care-givers - may the Blessed Mother wrap her Mantle of Protection Around You and may you feel especially loved today!

Bake Sale fundraiser
After all Masses next week May 14th & 15th— if you can bake for us, please let me know.
Barbara McNulty  631-669-0068 ext 108
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 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 4\textsuperscript{th} 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”

Happy Mothers Day to all our beloved Mothers God Mothers Grand Mothers and Mothers to Be in our community.

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.
**The Sociable Singles**

**St. Joseph Sociable Single Seniors**

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

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**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.

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**Cruisin’ Thru the Fifties**

**Spirit Cruises**

**Wednesday, June 8, 2016**

$95.00 Per Person

Trip includes:

♦ Buffet lunch aboard Spirit Cruises
♦ Music & Dancing
♦ 50’s Trivia
♦ Prizes
♦ Leisure Time after the cruise in NYC

Hosted by Rendezvous Travel Staff
Deluxe Motor coach Transportation
All Tip & Taxes (including bus driver)

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

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**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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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Recently I attended a First Communion service in another parish. It was a beautiful service; for me any service that involves children is a beautiful service. The priest celebrant did a wonderful job with the kids. I especially enjoyed his homily. He spoke about the difference between a house and a home, pointing out the warmth of a home and how we must be “homes” for the person in need, for our neighbor. I believe our parish, St. Joseph Church in Babylon is more than just the House of God; I believe we’ve made it the Home of God. Our pastor, Fr. Chris has set the tone for us. I had the pleasure of meeting our incoming pastor, Fr. Charles Mangano and I was immediately taken by his warmth and personality. I’m sure we’ll continue to make our Parish a home filled with genuine concern for the other. And that, I believe is the key to making a house a home: genuine concern for the other person.

I Recall Jesus being questioned about which is the greatest commandment and His reply to love God and the other person (in Luke’s Gospel it is framed in this context: “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself” (Luke 10:27). How do we love the other person? By serving them, making the other person’s needs as important to me as my own needs and on occasion making the other’s needs even more important than my own. And those occasions should be more frequent than I realize. I, we, have to pull for one another, assist one another, pray for one another. We must ask for the grace to avoid jealousy or envy and especially fear. I have heard of individuals in one ministry who hope that another ministry within the parish doesn’t do as well as themselves. This is often caused by envy or jealousy. This cannot be our lot. A particular ministry may not be my cup of tea; a particular mass on a Sunday may not be my favorite because of the music or the format. However, if the folks of this ministry or mass are looking to help others find the Christ or to deepen their relationship with the Christ, I have to do what I can to assist them, at least by praying for them and not wishing them any ill will.

I’m also reminded of the teaching given us in the Book of Acts by Gamaliel, a Jewish Pharisee. Speaking of the early Church, the followers of Jesus Gamaliel warns his fellow Pharisees about working to stop this movement because it may be of God and they would, therefore be working against God (Acts 5:34-39).

Friends, our Parish is a place of welcome and warmth, a home, THE home of God. Let us continue to make it God’s home AND our home by welcoming the stranger and pulling for and praying for and with one another.
MOTHER’S DAY 2016

Emily will be moving upstate in a few months. In all of her 21 years of life, this will be the first time that she will live in an abode other than the one that has been what she has known as her home. Familiarity is an important aspect of Emily’s young life because her mental skills are quite limited as a result of a debilitating childhood illness. Her parents, Emily’s devoted caregivers for all of her young life, have done their due diligence in both evaluating the resources available to Emily when the move is completed and preparing her for what life will be like when the family leaves Long Island. Their collective thought, however, is now focused on the options that will be available to Emily when they are no longer able to give Emily the care that she will always need. Love is also being practical.

When Gary and Jean married I am sure that they never envisioned the situation that Emily’s illness would bring. While the degrees of severity will differ, it might be safe to say that every couple has some traumatic event that happens in their life. Such an occurrence might be deemed a test of faith, and, unfortunately used by some to be the reason the individual will be a person of faith no longer. “If there is a God,” goes the lament, “how could He let this happen to us?” Rather than a chance to expand our gifts and talents, some see such a challenge as a burden...and the person needing care as the reason for such a demanding life.

My late and great mother was 42 when I arrived, complete with a club foot that would necessitate my being in a cast from the time I was two weeks until I was two years. Surgeries would follow for the next 30 years, but I never got the impression that any of this bothered my parents...especially my mother. It was only when I began my own parenthood that I realized how the challenges of your own child could be heartbreaking. My mother never let on that all the extra things she had to do for me were in anyway bothersome or that what I had to endure got to her. I am sure that it was her faith that helped her along each difficult step that I would literally often have to take.

I know that revisions in the Bible have changed, and some of the classic lines that I learned in my youth are written no more. One passage that has always stayed with me best sums up, I suggest, what mothers are really like: “And Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.” No matter what challenge a mother faces, she does so lovingly and with the knowledge that Jesus and His Blessed Mother are there at all times.

PRAYER

Generous and Loving Father, You gave us Your own Blessed Mother as the ultimate example of how earthly mothers should be. Thank You for putting such wonderful people in our lives. Give them the Graces they need to love, protect, and instruct their children...no matter the age...that You are always in the lives of all our Your children. Let them realize Your powerful love for them. This we ask in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Stewardship Sound Byte

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish whose giving - whether of alms or of service - will be an expression of both spiritual and corporal works of mercy, making them missionaries of mercy to a world in such need of it.
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
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Immaculate Conception,
Washington, DC

ALL ARE
WELCOME TO
JOIN US FOR A
DAY
TRIP TO
WASHINGTON, DC
SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 24, 2016

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

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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
La Segunda lectura de hoy contiene la sombría advertencia de que Jesús viene pronto y traerá a cada uno el premio que su conducta se merece. ¿Ha sido mi administración de los bienes de Dios, confiados a mi tal como para responderle gozosamente. “¡Amen! ¡Ven, Señor Jesús!”?

Estamos muy agradecidos esta semana por todos los administradores de nuestra parroquia cuya donación, ya sea de limosnas o de servicio es una expresión de obras espirituales y corporales de misericordia, misioneros de la misericordia dan a un mundo que necesita de ella.

Intercesiones por la Vida
Por los niños pequeños que están olvidados o maltratados: Que podamos apreciarlos como un regalo de Dios y trabajar para protegerlos cada día de nuestras vidas;
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”

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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)

CATEQUESES 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.

UNCION DE LOS ENFERMOS:
Llamar a la oficina principal (631)669-0068 Ext. 100.

CURSILLO DE CRISTIANDAD:
Los invita a vivir un fin de semana con Cristo. Tenemos Ultreya todos los domingos a las 12:30pm. en el Salón # 256. Mas información llame a Cristina Vera @ 631-327-6141.

RENOVACION CARISMATICA:
Tiempo de encuentro con Dios. Les invitamos a experimentar el amor de Dios de una manera diferente al escuchar un mensaje de buenas noticias y esperanza para su vida y la de su familia. Todos los viernes @ 7:15 p.m. Para mas información llame a Ana Ramos. (631)617-2129.

COMUNIDAD DE MARIA:
Siguiendo los mensajes de Maria Reina de la Paz y sobre temas de Maria en general) - Sábados de 7:00pm-9:00pm. Comunicarse con Adriana Mascari, al (631) 587-3072 - (631)681-0005.

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

ROSARIO:
Domingos a las 11:00am en la Capilla.

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

EL APOSTOLADO DE LA CRUZ:
Todos los jueves de 9:00 - 11:00am en el Salón # 252A. Comunicarse con Adriana Mascari al Tel. (631) 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

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Los niños son bienvenidos

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