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. Barbara McNulty, Youth Ministry 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.

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ + May 29, 2016
At this Mass, we remember:

Monday, May 30
2 Pt 1:2–7, Ps 91:1–2, 14–16, Mk 12:1–12
7:45 Holiday - No Mass
9:00 Elisabeth Fiore

Tuesday, May 31
Zep 3:14–18a or Rom 12:9–16, (Ps) Is 12:2–3, 46b, 5–6, Lk 1:39–56
7:45 Carol & Henry Jacobi
9:00 Patrick & Donald Manning

Wednesday, June 1
2 Tm 1:1–3, 6–12, Ps 123:1–2, Mk 12:18–27
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 Lawrence Peter Ward

Thursday, June 2
2 Tm 2:8–15, Ps 25:4–5b, 8–10, 14, Mk 12:28–34
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 Joseph Connors

Friday, June 3
Ez 34:11–16, Ps 23:1–6, Rom 5:5b–11, Lk 15:3–7
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 Denise Ferguson & Camille Veneziano

Saturday, June 4
2 Tm 4:1–3, Ps 71:8–9, 14–15b, 16–17, 22, Lk 2:41–51
9:00 Charles Verschuuren

Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)
4:00 Confessions Today Fr. Francis
5:00 Hunter Thomas Bradley Fr. Chris
Anne Propper
Valentino Vulaj
7:00 Tribute Concert for Father Chris

Sunday, June 5 ~ Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 17:17–24, Ps 30:2, 4, 5–6, 11–13, Gal 1:11–19, Lk 7:11–17
7:00 Stephanie Losasso Fr. Joe
8:45 Sally Christie Fr. Ethel
9:30 People of St. Joseph Fr. Francis
10:15 George Shannon Fr. Ethel
11:45 Mass of Thanksgiving Fr. Chris
5:00 John R. Bradley Fr. Francis

Nocturnal Adoration
On Friday, June 3rd, “Please Join Us for One Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9pm to 10pm in Church”.

Reflection for Today
In today’s gospel, the disciples suggest that Jesus disperse the crowd so that they might individually seek food and lodging. The miracle of the feeding of the 5,000 is Jesus’ powerful reminder that when we share our gifts in His name there is always more than enough!
Our Parish Mission Statement

The Parish of St. Joseph is a Roman Catholic Community of Christ’s Disciples:
We Welcome. We Worship. We Witness.

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

Month: April 2016
Actual Collection: $87,576
Budgeted Collection: $92,314
God Bless You!

Liturgy

We Assemble for Prayer

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

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

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
Malik Rodriguez
Nelson Sanchez, Jr.
PFC Joshua J. Coughlin

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

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

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

Parish Office News

Monday, May 30th, 2016
The Parish Offices Will Be Closed.
We Will Resume Regular Hours on Tuesday, May 31st.
Dear One and All,

Contained below is the major content of a letter I have sent to CYO current leaders. The publication of this letter in our Parish bulletin and on our website is part of our commitment to fulfill the Child and Adult Protection Policy Charter, initiated by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, in Dallas in 2002. For the sake of our young people, we hope all interested leaders, parents, coordinators and coaches will read this content carefully, and respond to it in a timely way.     Fr. Chris

May 18, 2016

Dear CYO Leadership and Coordinators,

[two paragraphs: one contains my thanks to the adults involved with CYO this past academic year; the second provides those adults with a deadline of June 30 to complete several administrative tasks. Then,]

As for next season and next year, in accordance with Diocesan requirements for all parishes, all proper paperwork must be submitted in advance. This means several things:
A CYO President and Board must first be proposed to and accepted by Fr. Charles Mangano, the new Pastor;

Going forward, Fr. Charles will interact with that CYO President as an ex-officio member of the CYO Board; the CYO President will be the primary and sole representative of our Parish CYO;

Also going forward, the individual coaches of a particular CYO sports division will, in advance, provide the required Diocesan documentation that verifies that each adult involved in that sports division:

♦ has already attended a VIRTUS training session (3 hours in length);

♦ and has provided to our office proof of attendance at the VIRTUS training;

♦ has completely filled out a Parish background check, and provided a copy of his or her driver’s license, with photo ID;

♦ has completely filled out a registration packet, for their entry into our database, all this to be accomplished before their participation in a sport begins.

This means the heads of each sports program becomes responsible to the Pastor for signing off and verifying that he or she has taken care of the above administrative requirements. Registrations forms should be submitted to the Parish Office; all volunteer screening paperwork is submitted to Anne Zakrewski at the Parish Office.

Unless the above requirements are met during this coming summer, no CYO programs can begin in the Fall, and security key fobs cannot be programmed or distributed until a CYO President and Board are in place. We want you to know this so that you can plan accordingly now. Thank you for your service and cooperation, and for keeping all concerned in CYO sports programs safe and protected.

Sincerely,

Father Chris  Fr. Chris Heller, Pastor

cc: Fr. Charles Mangano
Father Chris Wants You To Know...

Congratulations, Fr. Francis Samuel!

Father Francis Samuel, who has been our resident/associate priest for several years, has received a five-year extension to his assignment here in Babylon. We are happy with and for Fr. Francis, who continues to teach at Dowling College AND to celebrate the sacraments for our parishioners. We ask God to continue to bless him with good health and apostolic zeal!

Father Chris

St. Joseph Cemetery Mass

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY MEMORIAL MASS

There will be a Memorial Day Mass at St. Joseph Cemetery Monday, May 30th, 2016 at 9 am.

The Cemetery is located on Old Farmingdale Road, just west of Livingston Avenue, south of Sunrise Highway. For your comfort, it is recommended that lawn chairs be brought to the cemetery. In the event of rain, please join us at the 9 am Mass in Church. All are invited.

Lazarus Ministry

LAZARUS MINISTRY

On Saturday, June 11, 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.
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!
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.
ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR A PILGRIMAGE DAY TRIP TO THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IN 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
Payment is due July 25th, 2016
Space is limited so please register ASAP

Contact: Joan Graham, 516 526-6132 or Email - babylonji@aol.com
Organized by St. Joseph’s Adult Enrichment Ministry

An Evening of Centering Prayer

“Be still and know that I am God!”
Psalm 46

Do You Have a Desire to:

- Rest in God’s presence?
- Communicate with God through silent, contemplative prayer?

Then Join Us For
An Evening of Centering Prayer
Friday, June 17th, 7:30 pm
The Parish Center - Room 257

Presented by Sr. Margaret Rohde, r.c. ~ Including a video by Thomas Keating O.C.S.O
Sponsored by St. Joseph’s ‘Moving On’ Group
For information, call Geri Olson 631-661-8994
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: ____________________________

Attention Parents & Grandparents

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.
The Ten Commandments of Mercy

Among the Ten Commandments, one begins with the word “remember”: Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day. It reminds us to recall something we already know. There are commandments of mercy written into our very DNA. We already know them, but we need to remember them more explicitly. What are they?

1. **Remember that mercy lies deepest in God’s heart.**

Few things so much approximate the essence of God as does mercy. Mercy is God’s essence. Scripture uses words such as loving-kindness and compassion to try to define what constitutes God’s mercy, but the central biblical concept, captured in the Hebrew concept of hesed, connotes a relationship that loves, embraces, and forgives even when, and especially when, we cannot measure up or deserve what’s given us.

2. **Remember that mercy is the essence of all true religion.**

Inside religion and spirituality, within all faiths, three things try to lay claim to what’s central: proper religious practice, outreach to the poor, and compassion. Ultimately they are not in opposition, but complementary pieces of one religious whole. But for religious practice and outreach to the poor to be an extension of God’s love and not of human ego, they need to be predicated upon compassion, mercy. Deepest inside of every religion is the invitation: Be compassionate, merciful, as God is compassionate.

3. **Remember that we all stand forever in need of mercy.**

There is more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who converts than over ninety-nine righteous persons. Does God love sinners more than the righteous? There are no righteous persons. It’s rather that we feel God’s love more when we admit that we’re sinners. None of us ever measure up. But, as St. Paul so consolingly teaches, the whole point is that we don’t have to measure up. That’s what mercy means. It’s undeserved, by definition.

4. **Remember that, having received mercy, we must show mercy to others.**

We only receive and appropriate God’s mercy and the mercy of others when we extend that same mercy to others. Mercy has to flow through us. If we don’t extend it to others we become self-indulgent and too harsh on others.

5. **Remember that only the practice of mercy sets us free.**

Receiving and giving mercy is the only thing that frees from our congenital propensity to self-seek, self-justify, and judge others. Nothing frees us more from the tyranny of ego than does the practice of mercy.
6. Remember that mercy is not opposed to justice, but is its fulfillment.

Mercy, as Walter Kasper so aptly puts it, is not “a kind of fabric softener that undermines the dogmas and commandments and abrogates the central and fundamental meaning of truth.” That’s the accusation the Pharisees made against Jesus. Mercy is where justice is meant to terminate.

7. Remember that only the practice of mercy will make God’s Kingdom come.

Jesus promised us that someday the meek will inherit the earth, the poor will eat plentiful, rich food, and all tears will be wiped away. That can only happen when mercy replaces self-interest.

8. Remember that mercy needs too to be practiced collectively.

It is not enough for us to be merciful in our own lives. Mercy is marginalized in a society that doesn’t sufficiently attend to those who are weak or needy, just as it is marginalized in a church that is judgmental. We must create a society that is merciful and a church that is merciful. Mercy, alone, enables the survival of the weakest.

9. Remember that mercy calls us to do works both spiritual and physical.

Our Christian faith challenges us to perform mercy in a double way, corporeally and spiritually. The classic corporal works of mercy are: Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, cloth the naked, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. The classic spiritual works of mercy are: instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, comfort the afflicted, admonish the sinner, forgive offenses, bear wrongs patiently, and pray for the living and the dead. God has given us different gifts and all of us are better at some of these than at others, but mercy is manifest in all of them.

10. Remember that our lives are a dialogue between God’s mercy and our weaknesses.

The only thing at which we are adequate is being inadequate. We are forever falling short at something, no matter the strength of our sincerity, good intention, and willpower. Only mercy, receiving it and giving it, can lead us out of the choppy waters of our own anxieties, worry, and joylessness. Only in knowing mercy do we know gratitude.

This year, 2016, Pope Francis has asked us all to live a year of mercy, to contemplate the mystery of mercy “as a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace.” Mercy, he believes, is the secret to putting a credible face to God, to putting a credible face to our churches, and to walking with steadiness inside our own lives.

Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher, and award-winning author, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. He can be contacted through his website www.ronrolheiser.com. Now on Facebook www.facebook.com/ronrolheiser
Our student parishioners have earned Honor Roll status during the third quarter of the 2015-2016 school year at St. Anthony’s High School. Congratulations, we are very proud of these students from our Parish!

Father Chris

Christopher Adamo
Alyssa Adamo
Elise Annett
Elizabeth Castello
Jacqueline Colon
Joseph DeVita
Sofia LaRocca
Katelyn McKeveit

Christopher Mulford
Dylan Murtagh
Emilio Niland
Roselyn Rodriguez
Emma Seegers
Caroline Lindell

TRAVELING WITH THE POPE

Join local resident Bart Jones, Newsday’s religious writer for a special program.

Bay Shore - Brightwaters Public Library
Wednesday, July 7th at 7pm

Bart Jones was selected among hundreds of journalists worldwide to be aboard Pope Francis’ plane for his historic Cuba-U.S. trip back in September 2015. Jones traveled from Rome to Havana to the U.S. and back to Rome with the Pope. He chronicled the trip. He was at the Pope’s Mass in Havana, inside the Oval Office briefly when Obama met with the pontiff, and at Madison Square Garden for Francis’s Mass. Please join us as Mr. Jones tells his inside story of his travels with the Pope as part of the Vatican Press Corps.

PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE, IN PERSON OR CALL THE LIBRARY AT 631-665-4350.
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.

Jewelry
Please consider donating your unused or unwanted jewelry to the Thrift Shop. Remember that all Thrift Shop proceeds go directly To Parish Outreach. Thanks in advance.

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

When we give to the needy, God indeed pours his love, peace, and joy into our hearts, into our lives and into the souls of the poor. We remain grateful to all our parishioners who continually give so generously to the poor box. This help continues our mission of serving our friends and neighbors in need all through the year. God bless you!

Our next meeting is Monday, June 6, 2016 at 9:35 am in room 256 of the parish center. All are invited to attend.

Thrift Shop News
Handbags ~ 1/2 Price
Vases & Frames ~ 1/2 Price
All Clothing ~ 1/2 Price

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please DO NOT leave any donations on the outside steps when the Thrift Shop is closed. Like us on Facebook, We have a page!
The Faith Formation Office will be closed on Monday, May 30th in observation of Memorial Day. We would like to wish all the families a happy and safe Memorial Day weekend. Thank you to the veterans who made great sacrifices for our freedom.

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 5 students will be receiving an inspirational bracelet at Mass the weekend of June 4th & 5th.

Level 6 students – Return prayer petitions to Mass the weekend of June 11 & 12. We will place all the prayer petitions in a binder and they will be brought up with the gifts at Mass the following weekend, June 18 & 19. Any level 6 family that would like to bring up the gifts the weekend of June 18 & 19, please contact the Faith Formation Office.

My Good Deed for the Week was...

For the next few months we will be choosing the most unique good deed for the week and feature it in the bulletin instead of trying to list them all.

We didn’t want to reveal the name on this unique good deed but it was really a good one (honesty is the best policy):

Anonymous: I told the teacher I was involved in a class prank that someone got in trouble for.

Thank you for being so honest.
Youth Ministry

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

Special Thanks to everyone who has supported our teens this year!
Many include them in daily prayer.
Others have donated cases of water, twizzlers, cookies and pizza for the Teens.
Still others continue to bless us with financial donations and scholarship for our retreats.

Your thoughts, prayers and support are very much appreciated by our Teens!

COME HOLY SPIRIT...FILL THE HEARTS OF THY FAITHFUL!

Attention YOUNG ADULTS (21—35)
We are forming a new group just for you! If you are interested, please contact Barbara McNulty at youth@stjosephsbabylon.org or call me at 669-0068 ext 108 for details.

Join us for some Faith! Fellowship! And FUN
Membership Organizations

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 cordially invited to witness the Installation of Officers
JCDA Court Bishop McDonnell #1403
Tuesday, June 7, 2016, 7:30pm
in the O’Connell Room
Refreshments to follow

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

Catholic Daughters of the Americas - Court Bishop McDonnell #1403

Catholic Daughters will march in the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30th. Please meet at Foster Blvd. at 10:30am. (Wear a white shirt please)
**St. Joseph Sociable Single Seniors**

St. Joseph 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.

**Cruisin' Thru the Fifties**
Aboard 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.

**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

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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Pastor, Monsignor Christopher Heller for having served as our Pastor for the last twelve years. Many of us may not realize that soon upon arriving here at St. Joseph Church in Babylon Father Chris was honored with the title, Monsignor. And while it is proper for a priest honored with this title to expect to be addressed with this appellation our Pastor has continued to use the title he was ordained with, "Father." I find this fitting for as I have had the privilege of working with and observing Fr. Chris over these last twelve years I can attest that he has truly served as a spiritual father for us.

Father Chris came to St. Joseph at a time when our Parish was going through some difficulties. Our Parish was experiencing divisions and factionalism. Today we are united in our differences and that is due in large part to the leadership of our Pastor. Please allow me to explain.

After twelve years of working closely with Fr. Chris I cannot state which end of the spiritual spectrum one would find him. I don't know if his spirituality leans towards traditionalism or progressivism. This, my friends is in my opinion one of Fr. Chris' greatest strengths and part of his gift of being a pastor. Rather than impose his view of spirituality upon our parish he encouraged each of us to find our spirituality, our strengths and then to utilize them to grow with our Lord. What a gift this has been for us! Today St. Joseph Parish in Babylon has a wealth of different ministries and different groups that come together and the spirituality of these groups extends through the full spiritual spectrum. I find this so healthy for our God is "bigger" than any one type of spirituality and includes all of His children. The guidance of our spiritual shepherd, Fr. Chris has helped our Parish to become so dynamic and many people within our Diocese recognize this truth.

I would be remiss, though, if I didn't comment as a deacon of the Parish. On many occasions Father Chris has referred publicly to we deacons here at St. Joseph as "brothers." More importantly he has treated us as brothers, displaying true collegiality. A simple definition of collegiality would be cooperative interaction among colleagues. Colleagues; I must admit as I consider the fact that we deacons have been treated as colleagues by our Pastor and his associates fills me with emotion. We have been encouraged to discover and utilize the gifts our God has given us to help build up and serve the mystical Body of Christ. What a blessing this has been for us personally, and, I believe a blessing for our Parish.

I am excited and I look forward to the arrival of our new Pastor, Fr. Charles Mangano. I look forward to serving him as our Pastor. And as our current Pastor, Fr. Chris, goes forward to shepherd the people of St. Louis de Montfort Church in Sound Beach I want him to know he goes with my eternal gratitude and prayers. Thank you, Heavenly Father, for the gift of Monsignor Christopher Heller! God's speed, Father Chris!

Deacon Barry
WRITTEN IN STONE

Though we probably cannot tell by the recent weather, this Memorial Day Weekend is the semi-official kickoff to the summer season. With most college graduates having already walked across the stage, high school seniors ramping up for their proms, and junior high students soon to be "moving up," schools will soon be out for the summer and the students will have more time on their hands than they might actually need.

Time on their hands.

How about us? Do we have time on our hands?

As you know, I am genetically predisposed to go to wakes and funerals: sometimes both for the same beloved. For perhaps the third time in my career, I recently went only to the graveside service. The occasion was the final departure of one of the all-time greats of St. Joseph School, Sr. Anne Frances Pulling, RSM, whom first I met when Dan was in second grade. An educator, an author, but most notably a character, Sr. Anne was last stationed at Misericordia College in Dallas, PA., where I believe the wake and funeral were held. She was interred in the family plot which seemed to be only fitting.

Anne Frances Pulling grew up in Central Islip, and, in fact, wrote her first book, "Central Islip, My Home Town" in 1976. She had since written eleven more, including "Babylon By the Sea," (which, by the way, was placed in our time capsule that will be opened in 2062). So that is why I found myself at the Cemetery of St. John of God in Central ten days ago.

The small crowd seemed to be on one side of the grave, so I moved around to the other side to give some balance to the group. When I did, I was able to see something rather startling. On the bottom of the tombstone, already etched, read "Sr. Anne Frances Pulling, RSM." Apparently whenever the tombstone was first purchased, all of the names of those who would wind up there were listed. Talk about planning ahead!!!

Members of the Pulling family were people of great faith and knew each family member was destined to find their eternal reward in heaven. They realized their frailty and lived lives that were directed to be with God. Might the same be said about us?

PRAYER

Eternal Father, You have a path to salvation for each of us, yet often we stray, losing sight of our goal and thinking that we can cut some corners. Give us the Grace we need to be true to Your Ways and make them our ways. Have mercy on the soul of Sr. Anne Frances and all of the wonderful Sisters of Mercy, Franciscan Brothers, and devoted lay teachers who served the children of St. Joseph School. This we ask in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Stewardship...

Stewardship Sound Byte

We are grateful this week for all stewards who continually develop their relationship with Jesus through prayer and the Eucharist.
2016 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Monday is Memorial Day and we would like to recognize and show our sincere appreciation to all of the men and women who are serving their country to help insure the freedoms we all enjoy. Please take a moment tomorrow to pray for all of those who have and are serving our country in the military as well as for their families.

As we honor and celebrate their service and sacrifice let us also be thankful that through generous donations to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, and Catholic Charities Project Veterans Independence, our Church has been able to help homeless veterans find permanent housing, gain independence and live in dignity.

Thank you for your support and God Bless America!!!

FAMILY, MARRIAGE AND INDIVIDUAL THERAPY

Family, marriage and individual therapy, provided by New York State licensed therapists including therapists who specialize in Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, Panic Attacks and Parent Skill Training, are available to our parishioners at 147 other parishes. This program, under the direction of Dr. George Giuliani, has been conducted in the diocese for the past 41 years for the convenience of parishioners. It is provided by the Catholic Counseling Center, which is independent of and not controlled or supervised by the parish or diocese. Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. For confidential information and appointments, please call Dr. Giuliani at the Catholic Counseling Center at (631) 243-2503 or go to our website at: http://www.thecatholiccounselingcenter.com.

News From Outside the Parish

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - Cycle C

Catholic Ministries Appeal

All Young Adults –
Join us for Catholic Pub Trivia!
Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 7pm
Lily Flanagan’s Pub
345 Deer Park Avenue, Babylon

Think you know your Catholic Faith? In for a little competition? Join us on **Thursday, June 9 at Lily Flanagan’s Pub in the “Upper Room”** for some **Catholic Trivia**! Doors open at 7 pm … Game begins at 7:30…Come early have something to eat or drink and get your team ready. Your team can be from 2-5 players. Don’t have a team? Don’t worry about it, come in, meet new friends and “create a team”! Game on! Questions? Contact Marianne Sheridan at 516-678-5800, ext. 615 or msheridan@drvc.org. Follow us on Instagram @Youngadultsdrv and Facebook https://www.facebook.com/DRVCYA
REFLEXIÓN
En el Evangelio de hoy, los discípulos le sugieren a Jesús que despidan a la multitud para que así puedan buscar individualmente comida y alojamiento. El milagro de alimentar a las cinco mil personas es la advertencia poderosa de Jesús que cuando compartimos nuestros dones en Su nombre hay siempre más que suficiente.

Intercesiones por la Vida
Por el don de la fe: que todos los que están tentados al aborto, asesinato, o negligencia puedan recibir la gracia de amar a los olvidados con la compasión del Señor Jesucristo; 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”

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

EL Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo - Ciclo C

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.


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: 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 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.

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.
EL CUERPO Y LA SANGRE DE CRISTO

Meditación del Papa.- Jesús no es un rey terrenal, que ejerce su dominio, sino un rey que sirve, que se acerca hasta el hombre para satisfacer no solo el hambre material, sino sobre todo un hambre más profundo, el hambre de orientación, de sentido, de verdad, el hambre de Dios.

Queridos hermanos y hermanas, pidamos al Señor que nos ayude a redescubrir la importancia de alimentarnos no solo de pan, sino de verdad, de amor, de Cristo, del cuerpo de Cristo, participando fielmente y con gran conciencia de la Eucaristía, para estar cada vez más íntimamente unidos a Él. En efecto, no es el alimento eucarístico el que se transforma en nosotros, sino que somos nosotros los que gracias a él acabamos por ser cambiados misteriosamente. Cristo nos alimenta uniéndonos a Él; "nos atrae hacia sí". Al mismo tiempo, oremos para que nunca le falte a nadie el pan necesario para una vida digna, y que se terminen las desigualdades no con las armas de la violencia, sino con el compartir y el amor. Nos confiamos a la Virgen María, a la vez que invocamos sobre nosotros y nuestros seres queridos, su maternal intercesión. (Benedicto XVI, 29 de julio de 2012).

Reflexión.- Hoy celebramos la solemnidad del Corpus Christi. Antiguamente –y todavía hoy en muchos países católicos– se celebra esta fiesta con una procesión solemne, en la que se lleva expuesto al Santísimo Sacramento por las principales calles de la ciudad, acompañado con flores, cirios, oraciones, himnos y cánticos de los fieles. Sin duda todos hemos participado o presenciado alguna procesión del Corpus. Pero no estoy tan seguro de que todos conozcamos el origen y el significado de esta celebración. Se celebraba en día jueves, dado que esta fiesta nació como una prolongación del Jueves Santo, y cuyo fin era tributar un culto público y solemne de adoración, de veneración, de amor y gratitud a Jesús Eucaristía por el regalo maravilloso que nos dio aquel día de la Ultima Cena, cuando quiso quedarse con nosotros para siempre en el sacramento del altar.

La solemnidad del Corpus Christi se remonta al siglo XIII. Se cuenta, en efecto, que el año 1264 un sacerdote procedente de la Bohemia, un tal Pedro de Praga, dudoso sobre el misterio de la transustanciación del Cuerpo y de la Sangre de Cristo en la Hostia santa y en el vino consagrado, acudió en peregrinación a Roma para invocar sobre la tumba del apóstol san Pedro el robustecimiento de su fe. Al volver de la Ciudad Etarna, se detuvo en Bolsena y, mientras celebraba el santo Sacrificio de la Misa en la cripta de santa Cristina, la sagrada Hostia comenzó a destilar sangre hasta quedar el corporal completamente mojado. La noticia del prodigio se regó como pólvora, llegando hasta los oídos del Papa Urbano IV, que entonces se encontraba en Orvieto, una población cercana a Bolsena. Impresionado por la majestuosidad del acontecimiento, ordenó que el sagrado lino fuese transportado a Orvieto y, comprobado el milagro, instituyó enseguida la celebración de la solemnidad del Santísimo Cuerpo y Sangre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

Al poco tiempo el mismo Papa Urbano IV encargó al insigne teólogo dominico, Tomás de Aquino, la preparación de un oficio litúrgico propio para esta fiesta y la creación de cantos e himnos para celebrar a Cristo Eucaristía. Fue él quien compuso, entre otros himnos, la bellísima secuencia "Lauda Sion" que se canta en la Misa del día, tan llena de unción, de alta teología y mística devoción. El año 1290 el Papa Nicolás IV, a petición del clero y del pueblo, colocó la primera piedra de la nueva catedral que se erigiría en la ciudad de Orvieto para custodiar y venerar la sagrada reliquia. Yo personalmente he tenido la oportunidad de visitar varias veces –aquí en Italia- la basílica de Bolsena, lugar del milagro eucarístico, y el santo relicario de la catedral de Orvieto, en donde se palpa una grandísima espiritualidad.

Después de esta breve noticia histórica, parece obvio el porqué de esta celebración. La Iglesia entera –fieles y pastores, unidos en un solo corazón- quiere honrar solemnemente y tributar un especial culto de adoración a Jesucristo, realmente presente en el santísimo sacramento de la Eucaristía, memorial de su pasión, muerte y resurrección por amor a nosotros, banquete sacrificial y alimento de vida eterna. La Iglesia siempre ha tenido en altísima estima y veneración este augusto sacramento, pues en él se contiene, real y verdaderamente, la Persona misma del Señor, con su Cuerpo santísimo, su Sangre preciosa, y toda su alma y divinidad. En los restantes sacramentos se encierra la gracia salvífica de Cristo; pero en éste hallamos al mismo Cristo, autor de nuestra salvación.

El Papa Juan Pablo II publicó "Ecclesia de Eucharistia" dedicada precisamente al misterio de Jesús Eucarístico. "La Iglesia vive de la Eucaristía". "Esta verdad no expresa solamente una experiencia cotidiana de fe, sino que encierra en síntesis el núcleo del misterio de la Iglesia".