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. Patricia Taggart, Nursery School Interim Director
Mrs. Kathryn Raniere, Parish Outreach Director
Mrs. Jane Zollo, Parish Operations Manager
Stewardship Services Director

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

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

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

Hispanic Office
Fri 7:00 to 9:00pm

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

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

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

Parish Phone Numbers [Area Code 631]
Parish Office .......................... 669.0068
Cemetery Office ....................... 699-0068 Ext. 107
Faith Formation ........................ 587.4717
Nursery School ....................... 661.4559
Outreach .............................. 669.4544
Hispanic Community .................. 669.0068 x131
Thrift Shop ............................ 669.5574
Youth Ministry ....................... 669-0068 x 108
Fax ...................................... 669.9175
E-mail:parishoffice@stjosephsbabylon.org
WebSite: www.stjosephsbabylon.org

we celebrate the eucharist
Sunday Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Church
Sunday Church 7:00am, 8:45am, 10:15am, 11:45am, 5:00pm
  Nolan Hall 9:30am
  Nolan Hall 11:30 am Misa Dominical Español

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.
Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time + June 5, 2016
At this Mass, we remember:

Monday, June 6
1 Kgs 17:1–6, Ps 121:1b–8, Mt 5:1–12
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 Ann & Harold McNulty

Tuesday, June 7
1 Kgs 17:7–16, Ps 4:2–5, 7b–8, Mt 5:13–16
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 Ann, Arlene & James Sutton

Wednesday, June 8
1 Kgs 18:20–39, Ps 16:1b–2b, 4–5b, 8, 11, Mt 5:17–19
7:45 Margaret Bloecher
9:00 Geraldine Fahny

Thursday, June 9
1 Kgs 18:41–46, Ps 27:7–9c, 13–14, Mt 5:20–26
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 In Thanksgiving for Joe & Vicky Miller’s Anniversary

Friday, June 10
1 Kgs 199a, 11–16, Ps 27:7-9c, 13-14, Mt 5:27–32
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 Robert Sokolowski

Saturday, June 11
This Eucharist is the monthly bereavement Liturgy where we remember those who have died at any time and especially those who have died in the previous month or whose anniversaries occur during this time. Lazarus Ministry will be present to welcome you and offer guidance.

9:00 Hugo Martin

Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)
4:00 Confessions Today
5:00 Robert Stevenson
Patricia Sussman

Sunday, June 12 ~ Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Sm 12:7–10, 13, Ps 32:1–2, 5, 7, 11, Gal 2:16, 19–21, Lk 7:36—8:3 or 7:36–50
7:00 Justine Shurman
8:45 People of St. Joseph
9:30 June Zalud
10:15 Intentions of Marilyn & Bill McDonald on their 68th Wedding Anniversary
11:45 Ciro DeRosa
5:00 People of St. Joseph
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.

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

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

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

U.S.M.C.:
Sgt. Lauren Colantropo
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:
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 2. Mark OSPina
Lt. Joseph A. Vanderveldt, III
2LT Anthony Christopher DiBiasi

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

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!
A Wonderful 11th Annual Parish Golf Outing

Many Thanks to our Co-Chairpersons, Laura Spencer Brennan & Keith Busch. Congrats to Richard (Dick) Maerki, this year’s honoree, pictured here with his niece, Chelsea Laggan.

Fr. Chris

THANK YOU TO MARY ALICE MARKHAM FOR THE PICTURES BELOW!
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

Ducks Game

Take me out to the Ball Game!

Would you like to join us at a Ducks game?
The Youth Group has tickets for Thursday, July 28th at 6pm. Tickets are $14
And a portion of the proceeds will go back to Youth Ministry.
Hurry, the tickets are going fast.
We will stop selling them on June 15th.
Checks may be made payable to St Joseph’s Youth Ministry.
Contact Barbara McNulty for additional details.
669-0068 ext 108. Thank You!

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 by 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
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 us 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 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 Kolbeiner, 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.ouroblate.com. Now on Facebook www.facebook.com/ronkolbeiner.
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.

Vacation Bible School
Save the date for Vacation Bible School. August 8th ~ August 12th. Keep checking the bulletin. More details to follow.
SUMMERTIME FOOD FOR THOUGHT . . . .

JOINING THE MUSIC MINISTRY

We are fortunate to have several music ensembles at our parish that enhance the weekly worship. No matter what your age or ability or instrument, there is a place for you! Director's phone numbers are below. You may also consult the parish website for more information: stjosephsbabylon.org.

Adult Folk Group
Mass: Saturday 5:00 PM in the church.
Rehearsal: 4:15 PM (prior to mass in the church)
Director: Alicia Hunt, 516-729-2380
Singers, guitarists and other instrumentalists are invited to come any Sunday.

Angels and Saints Childrens Choir
Rehearsal: 8:45 AM. (prior to mass in the hall)
Director: Ann Marie Pillsworth, 631-277-0523
Choir resumes in the fall on September 18th. Elementary age children are invited to sing at the Family Mass.

St. Joseph’s Choir (minimum age: 14)
Rehearsal: Thursdays 7:00 PM (in room 254 of the Parish Center)
Director: Dr. Marie Drohan, 631-539-0957
Choir resumes in the fall. First rehearsal is September 8th, Open House is scheduled for Thursday September 22nd in the Parish Center with a short rehearsal, refreshments and camaraderie. Fall rehearsals will include music for Sunday liturgies, confirmations (11/29), Benefit Concert (12/11/16) and Christmas Eve program.

Youth Band
Mass: Sunday 5:00 PM in the church.
Rehearsal: 3:00 PM (prior to mass in the church-if there is a wedding meet in hospitality center)
Director: Ben Myers, 631-455-0365
We invite any 7th-12th graders interested in singing or playing an instrument with the SJYB to call Ben about joining! We are also looking for donations of music instruments.
Please Help Fill Our Freezers

Outreach now has freezers. Please consider donating frozen prepackaged meals/foods. 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.

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

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

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

Toys ~ 1/2 Price
Shoes ~ 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!

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

Level 7 Petition to the Bishop are due at Mass the weekend of June 25 & 26.

Level 7 Sponsor forms are to be returned to the Faith Formation Office as soon as possible. They are to signed by the sponsor and stamped with the parish seal from the sponsor’s parish along with the pastor’s (or delegate’s) signature.

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. The most unique good deed this week was from Rohan, he spent time with a friend that was going through a hard time.
Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry is open to all in grades 6—12. Some activities are grade specific. But many are open to all. Check the website for our Calendar of Events!

Very busy time of year for our Teens. Please keep them all in prayer as they complete Final Exams, SAT’s, ACT’s and their college choice decisions.

PENTECOST BAKE SALE
Thank you to all who helped and donated! With your support, the Teens raised a little over $1,000!

SERVICE TEAM
Great job helping at the Arthritis Walk at Belmont Park. Thank you!
If you are interested in signing up for the SERVICE TEAM for the next school year, please check the website.

END OF YEAR BLESSING & DINNER
Sunday, May 22nd many of our Youth Group Teens prayed together at our 5PM Sunday mass. Our High School graduating Seniors received a special Blessing along with a gift of a Youth Catechism (YOUCAT). Afterwards we celebrated with our families in the Madonna Room and the Seniors added their handprints to the Youth Room wall! Wonderful night and wonderful faith-filled Teens! Please keep them in your prayers.

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”

Catholic Daughters of the Americas - Court Bishop McDonnell #1403

Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 7:30 pm in the O’Connell Room (Doors open at 7:00pm)

Installation of Court Officers

Regent                  Dorothy Buckley
Vice Regent             Andrea McGurk
Treasurer               Sandy Nieves-Bianco
Finance Secretary       Terry Hoffmann
Recording Secretary     Kathleen Post

All are welcome to pray and bless the newly installed Officers of Court Bishop McDonnell #1403. These women along with many committee chairs will lead the members of the Court in their work in UNITY and CHARITY.

Thank you for your support as we feed the hungry, clothe the poor and comfort all those in need.
St. Joseph Sociable Single Seniors

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

♦ 3 Nights Ocean Front Hotel *(All rooms Ocean Front with a Balcony & Refrigerator)*
♦ 3 Full Breakfasts
♦ Welcome Reception
♦ 3 Dinners including…. *All You Can Eat Seafood Buffet*
♦ Narrated Tour of Assateague Island
♦ Ocean City Boardwalk

♦ Local Sightseeing in the Ocean City Area
♦ Cape May Ferry
♦ Victorian Cape May
♦ Washington Street Mall
♦ Professional Tour Manager
♦ Baggage Handling
♦ Deluxe Motor coach Transportation

*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.*

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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Sunday, June 5, 2016
LET PITY MOVE YOU

While Jesus is clearly seen as an agent of the miraculous power of God, the absence of any requirement of faith might suggest that the Messiah is merely a wonder worker, one who goes around doing good but who requires nothing of the people. It is clear from the gospel accounts that the miracles of Jesus are not the primary focal point of his ministry. The proclamation of the reign of God is. The miracles merely demonstrate the presence of that reign here and now in the lives of the people who believe.

There are no limits to the healing love of God, it embraces all, regardless of race or gender. Neither the prophet nor Jesus withheld this power because of special social convention. No questions were asked, there was no hesitation. When it comes to the reign of God, all are invited. It is not a question of who is worthy, all are welcome.

Do we allow biased social or religious customs to restrict our ministry, thereby withholding the healing love of God? Are we “faithful” to the law, but unfaithful to the to the call of Christ? Who are the “least” in the community? They may, in fact, be Christ in disguise. Jesus risked becoming ritually contaminated in order to prevent further marginalization. What are we willing to risk for the sake of service to others?

Let humility raise you up.

Deacon Mike
FAREWELL, FR. CHRIS

Though little is known about the saint whose name our Parish bears (by the way, more parishes are named after St. Joseph than any other saint... there are five in Rockville Centre [six if you count St. Joseph the Worker in East Patchogue]), we do know that St. Joseph was a carpenter, a builder if you will.

So it might not have been by chance that the man who will leave us in a few weeks was a builder as well. He built ministries, built facilities, he built consensus, and, perhaps most importantly, he built an approach in which we could best find the gifts that God has given to us.

Msgr. Christopher Heller arrived at a time when the Parish of St. Joseph had to recapture its essence. Scholarly, disciplined, and homiletic, Fr. Chris (as he would be more affectionately known) chartered a very inclusive course that expanded the ways in which people in the Parish could participate. Rejecting the more popular belief that a person should select a ministry within a comfort zone, Fr. Chris set up opportunities for parishioners to take a personal inventory to learn what skills and talents each possessed. Based on those results, new ministries became available to many of us, and we suddenly found ourselves doing things we never thought we could do... and enjoying each minute of it. In addition to deepening our own faith, thanks to Fr. Chris we let others see how committed the Parish is to those within our community. More liturgical opportunities were introduced under his tenure, which have clearly helped us to live up to our mission statement:

We Welcome. We Worship. We Witness.

We have been truly blessed over the past twelve years to have had a pastor who cared for us and those around us, whose vision of financial security for the parish became a reality, and who made a mean Italian dinner for successful auction participants and their guests. His departure is somewhat bittersweet. Bitter: we selfishly want him to stay with us; sweet: we know that his new locale will allow him to do some of the things that the demands of this parish seem always to place on the backburner.

We will miss his voice, his homilies, his direction, his encouragement, his sense of humor, his foresight, his presence, his invitations, his heart, his concern, his realism, his holiness, and most of all

We will miss him.

May God remain with Msgr. Christopher Heller.

PRAYER

Generous and Loving Father, Your Holy Spirit blessed us with the selection of Fr. Chris Heller as our Pastor in 2004. Since then we have thrived as a Parish under his careful guidance. Give us the Grace we need to follow the paths that he has made for us and bless Fr. Chris as he shepherds another flock. Help him to know that he will always be in the good thoughts and prayers of the people of St. Joseph. This we ask in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Brian Maker

Stewardship...

Stewardship Sound Byte

We are grateful this week for all stewards who continually develop their relationship with Jesus through prayer and the Eucharist.
Please join us for

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**At THE BABYLON VILLAGE POOL** (located at the end of Fire Island Ave)

Tuesday night, July 12th from 7:30pm – 11pm

Donation: $5 per family please.

*Bring your own food, beverages, and chairs. Please bring a dessert for the dessert table. There will be games, coffee, tea and entertainment.*

**All children 17 and under must be accompanied by a parent.**

If you would like to volunteer to help make the night a success, please call Jane at 669-0068 ext. 159.

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**News From Outside the Parish**

**WHITE COAT MASS COMING UP**

On SUNDAY, JUNE 26 at the 11:00am Mass, Our Lady of Lourdes Church (455 Hunter Avenue; West Islip, NY 11795) will be hosting a special **“WHITE COAT” Mass** for all those involved with the health-based ministry. All doctors, nurses, dentists, emergency medical personnel and those who care for the sick are invited. Refreshments to follow. Wear your uniforms! There will be light refreshments to follow. For more information, call Fr. Brian at 631-661-3224.

**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.
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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<td>Que a través de la recepción de la Santa Comunión, podríamos aceptar y regocijarnos en el don de la creación, y darnos nosotros mismos libremente para la defensa de la vida desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural;</td>
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<td>Roguemos al Señor:   Señor, escucha nuestra oración</td>
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<td>“¿Quién dicen ustedes que soy yo?” Jesús pregunta a Pedro en el Evangelio de hoy. ¿El uso que yo hago de los dones y talentos confiados a mí refleja con exactitud mi respuesta a esa misma pregunta? ¿Qué tan de buena gana me niego a mí mismo, tomo mi cruz y le sigo sus pasos?</td>
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<td>Agradecemos a todos y a cada uno de ustedes por aportar su contribución para nuestra parroquia de San José.</td>
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<td>“La unión hace la fuerza”</td>
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<td>TODOS LOS MARTES DE:</td>
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<td>Para mas información llamar @ Antonia (631) 422-5433</td>
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<td>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 cuaremas.</td>
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<td>CATEQUESIS DE NIÑOS Y ADULTOS: _Llamar a la oficina del Ministerio Hispano. (631) 669-0068, ext. 131.</td>
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<td>MATRIMONIO: Las parejas que desean casarse, deben inscribirse con seis meses de anticipación. Llamar al Padre Joe Arevalo al (631) 669-0068 ext. 104.</td>
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<td>PRE-CANIA: Llame a Ruth y Salomón Aguilar @ 631-592-9474.</td>
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<td>RECONCILIACION: Sábado a las 4:00pm o llamar para una cita, al Tel. # 669-0068 ext. 104.</td>
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<td>UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS: Llamar a la oficina principal (631)669-0068 Ext. 100.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>ROSARIO: Domingos a las 11:00am en la Capilla.</td>
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<td>HERMANAS UNIDAS: Todos los segundos domingo de cada mes, en el salón # 256, después de la misa.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>INTENCIONES PARA UNA MISA: Ver a Herminda y Ana Elia López después de la misa.</td>
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<td>HORA SANTA: Cuarto domingo del mes. 12:30pm.</td>
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MISERICORDIA,
ATRAVIESA LA PUERTA SANTA,
que nadie se quede afuera...
Nos esperan los brazos amorosos de DIOS,
hoy todos somos el hijo pródigo y
Dios nuestro padre.

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Bienvenidos todos al año de la MISERICORDIA,
A LA SANTA PUERTA DEL PERDON, nadie se debe quedar afuera ...
Esperamos los brazos amorosos de Dios, hoy todos somos el hijo pródigo
y Dios nuestro padre.

18 de junio de 2016

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45 Church Street
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Lugar: Santuario de Nuestra Señora de la Isla
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