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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 ........................ 669-0068 Ext. 107
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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.

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.
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time + July 31, 2016
At this Mass, we remember:

Monday, August 1
Jer 28:1–17, Ps 119:29, 43, 79-80, 102, Mt 14:13–21
7:45 Robert J. McCrosson
9:00 Diane Froehlich

Tuesday, August 2
Jer 30:1–2, 12–15, 18–22, Ps 102:16–23, 29, Mt 14:22–36 or
15:1-2, 10-14
7:45 Jason Rotzman
9:00 Sister Eileen Koehler O.P.

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9:00 Dr. Thomas McLoughlin

Saturday, August 6
Dn 7:9–10, 13–142, Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9, Pt 1:16–19Lk 9:28b–36
9:00 Tobias Anthony Croce

Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)
4:00 Confessions Today Fr. Joe
5:00 People of St. Joseph Fr. Francis
Patrick & Donald Manning and
Dorothy & Joseph Boening

Sunday, August 7 ~ Nineteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Wis 18:6–9, Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22, Heb 11:1–2, 8–19 or 11:1–2, 8–12Lk 12:32–40 or 12:35–40

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Nocturnal Adoration
On Friday, August 5th, “Please Join Us for One Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9pm to 10pm in Church”.

REFLECTION FOR TODAY
Good stewards follow the advice of St. Paul and conduct themselves - by wise use of their time and talents - in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ. “If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.”
Thank you for your generosity in returning to God and God's work some of what God has given to you.

Month: June 2016
Actual Collection: $93,584
Budgeted Collection: $92,314

God Bless You!

Our Parish Mission Statement

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

Liturgy

We Assemble for Prayer

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

Rosary
We pray the Rosary before the 9:00am Eucharist Mondays through Saturdays.

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

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.

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 Rodrigo
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

PV2 Danny Bornschein
Pvt. Edwin Zambrano
PFC Dominick Pititto
Lt. Stephen Scuderi
PV2. 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

LAZARUS MINISTRY

On Saturday, August 13, 2016, at the 9:00 AM Eucharist, we will have our monthly Liturgy for the Commemoration of the Dead. All those who have lost a loved one, at any time in the past, are invited to join us. We especially welcome the family and friends of those who have died in the previous month or whose anniversaries occur during this time. A table will be placed in the Baptistry for family members to place pictures of those who have died. A lectern will be set up for family or friends to write the names of those to be remembered at the General Intercessions. There will also be an opportunity to remember each loved one by name in the Book of the Dead. Members of the Lazarus Ministry will be present to welcome you and to offer guidance; please let them know when you arrive. For questions or further information, please call Barbara Schade, 631-968-8793.
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome, Father Telesphore!

We are happy to welcome Fr. Telesphore Kerketta, who will be assisting us here at St. Joseph Parish from August 1st until September 30th. Fr. Telesphore was ordained in 1997 for the Diocese of Varanasi, India. He has held various ministerial positions in the Varanasi diocese, including staff positions at both the Minor and Major Seminaries. Father studied in Rome and has a Doctorate in Canon Law. It was a joy to have Father ministering at Curé of Ars last summer. It’s my joy to now have him ministering at St. Joseph’s. Please join me in welcoming this happy and holy priest.

I came upon this poem which I thought was inspiring in trying to help us focus on Jesus through the summer.

“Summer”

*May the openness that Summer brings
Be a gift to us –*

To open the windows of our lives to other people,

To open our homes to share the gift of hospitality.

To open our minds and revel in the beauties of Nature – the smell of newly moved grass,
The morning dew on the rosebud,
The scent of lilac blossoms on the evening air,
The open spaces offering relaxation and a change of pace.

To open our hearts to Your love oh God
And may Your Spirit rest with each one of us.

May the summer months draw us close to the heart of God. Let us relax into his merciful love so we can be mercy for others. Have a great week walking with God. With God in you, you can do the unthinkable, unimaginable and even forgive what you think is unforgivable.

Peace and blessings,

*Fr. Charles*
Join us for a course of study on

Christology

Who is Jesus Christ and what do we know?
What does the Church teach us about Jesus?
How does this impact my prayer and my faith life?

Location: Church of St. Joseph
39 North Carll Avenue, Babylon, NY
O’Connell Room

Instructor: Fr. Ethel Anarado
Associate Pastor, St. Joseph

This course is approved by the Diocese's Pastoral Formation Institute. Certificates will be awarded at the conclusion of the course.

6 Sessions
Thursdays, 9/8/16 – 10/13/16
7:00 – 9:00 PM
$20/person for Class Materials

Please register by 8/15/16 so materials can be ordered for you.
Contact Carol Pellegrino at 631-587-3511 or jcjmpell@optonline.net

Brought to you by the Adult Enrichment Ministry
St. Joseph’s Parish
39 North Carll Ave, Babylon, NY, 11702

Christine Jansson- 422-7022
Jeanmarie Florio- 321-1089

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION
K-5th GRADE
August 8th - 12th from 9am - 12pm

Name of Child: ____________________________ Date of Birth: ________________
Address: __________________________________ Telephone #: __________________
______________________________ __________________________________
Parent/Guardian Names: Mother: ____________________________
Father: __________________________________________________________________

Email: ___________________________________________________________________

Circle Grade Entering Sept 2015:  K  1st  2nd  3rd  4th  5th  6th

Does Child have any allergies?: YES _____ NO _____
Does Child have food allergies?: YES _____ NO _____
Please List All Allergies: ____________________________
Does your child have any other needs? YES _____ NO _____
If yes- How can we help?

Emergency #: ____________________________ Person to Contact: ______________________

Parent Signature: __________________________________________________________________

Registration Fee: $40 PER CHILD
Family Maximum- $90
Fee Paid: $___________ CHECK / CASH
T-Shirt Size: S M L XL (children’s sizes)

All children must be entering kindergarten in September 2016. VBS camp runs August 8th - 12th from 9am - 12pm. Please hand in your registration form(s) in to the Parish Office by August 3rd, 2016. **Placement Requests May Not Be Met**
Thank you!
VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING SCHEDULE

If you did NOT attend the meeting we had in JUNE you MUST Attend the July 20 meeting

July 20 Wednesday- Orientation meeting (for those who missed June meeting)

July 27 Wednesday 7pm-9pm - Retreat / Training Night
August 4 Thursday 7:30pm - Craft night (get t-shirts)
 August 7 - Mass 10:15

All volunteers are expected to attend one orientation meeting and meetings on July 27, August 4 and Mass August 7.

Please call us with any questions. Thank you,
Miss Jeanmarie 631-321-1089 and Miss Chris 631-422-7022

Vacation Bible School

Brooke Baldassare
Zachary Baldassare
Alec Gany

Hollis Hansen
Kali Maroney
Joseph Young

Samuel J. Ferrara
Jesse J. Nettuno
Andrew J. Pace
Emmet P. Chapey
Matthew J. Donarumma

The following student parishioners have earned Honor Roll status during the final school year of 2015 - 2016 at Kellenberg Memorial High School and Chaminade High School. Congratulations, we are very proud of you and pray that God will continue to bless your studies.

Father Charles
ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR A PILGRIMAGE DAYTRIP TO THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPATION 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 buy July 25th, 2016
(cafeterias on premises or bring your own lunch/snacks/drinks)

Space is limited so please register ASAP

Contact: Joan Graham at 516-526-6132 or Email - babylonjj@aol.com
Organized by St. Joseph's Adult Enrichment Ministry
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
Mass: Sunday 9:30 AM Family Mass in the Hall.
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. "Young people in grades 2-8 and beyond are welcome to join"

St. Joseph’s Choir (minimum age: 14)
Mass: Sunday 10:15 AM in the Church.
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.
A reminder to all those involved in CYO: Please note that in order for any and all CYO programs to begin in the Fall, we need to have an active CYO Board in place. This would include a leadership group comprised of individuals who are registered members of the Parish, have regular board meetings and will have completed background screening paperwork and a Virtus session.

Knights of Columbus News

Dominick Giusto, Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, presents Father Anarado, with a Certificate of Appreciation at their recent Priest Appreciation Night. The Knights also presented a contribution to the parish that evening.

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all those who gave blood during our summer blood drive. The drive was very successful and we were able to raise sixty eight pints of blood for the blood bank.

Book Club News

Meeting on Thursday, September, 15th, 2016 at 7:30pm in Room 255. The Summer Book discussion will be on “The Summer Before the War” By Helen Simonson

All are Welcome!
2016 Catholic Ministries Appeal
One Faith – Family - Community

LIVING AND SHARING OUR FAITH
Your gift could help support a Seminarian’s or Deacons education.

BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD
Your gift could help support youth, young adult and campus ministry programs.

CARING FOR GOD’s PEOPLE
Your gift could help Catholic Charities and Parish Outreach Programs feed and serve the poor and needy.

Please consider donating to the Appeal and a difference in someone’s life. Thank You!

Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal
Parish _______________________________ Pledge: $ ______
Name _______________________________ Down payment: $ ______
Address ______________________________
City, State, Zip: ______________________________
Phone: __________________ Signature: __________________ Date: ______
SCHOOL SUPPLIES

This year, Outreach will again be distributing gift cards to help parents purchase their children’s school supplies. We are requesting cards from the following stores:

**Target**  **K-mart**  **Staples**  **CVS**

Please consider sponsoring a child whose family is struggling by donating a gift card for school supplies. You may drop the cards at the Parish Center or Parish Outreach Office in an envelope marked “School Supplies.”

*Thank you in advance for your generosity.*

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**Please Help the Homeless**

Please remember the homeless clients who stop in for help at our Outreach Center. We are happy to provide them with small emergency kits of ready-to-eat food, that is, food that doesn’t need to be heated or refrigerated. Unfortunately, our stock is running low.

*Please help us by donating the following items:*

- Bottled water
- Canned soda or juice
- Granola or cereal bars
- Small cans (pop-top) or packets of tuna
- Liquid Instant Breakfast
- Snack size fruit cups
- Snack size puddings
- Small bags chips, trail mix, pretzels, cookies, etc.
- Cheese and cracker packages
- Toothbrushes
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Cleansing wipes
- Razors
- Deodorant

*Thank you in advance for your ongoing help*

*Your support is truly appreciated!*
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.

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

With sincere appreciation, Parish Outreach would like to acknowledge the following donations that were made in loving memory of John Nardi

by
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Berry
Ms. Dawn Frank
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Beardslee

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

St. Vincent de Paul

Is there a family you know who needs assistance?

Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul 631-669-4544.

St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to give a huge “Thank You” to the Babylon Rotary Members and the generous people of our community for a truckload of blessings for those in need. The drive held on Sunday, July 10th at Stop and Shop in Babylon was one of our most successful. We were able to collect and unload a huge truck of food directly to our food pantry, thanks to our St. Vincent de Paul volunteers. Thanks to all who helped!!!

The next meeting of the St. Vincent Society is on Monday, August 22, 2016 at 9:35 am in room 256 of the parish center.

All are invited to attend!

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

Children’s Clothes - 1/2 Price
Toys & Books - 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 for the summer beginning Friday, July 7th and will reopen on Tuesday, September 6, 2016. We will leave a cart in the hallway with registration forms and a box to collect them. We will be coming in periodically to update paperwork and return any correspondence. We pray that all the people of St. Joseph parish will enjoy a rejuvenating and peaceful summer, filled with many good graces.

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 7 Confirmation forms should have been handed in by now. If you haven’t completed all the necessary paperwork, please drop it off in the box on the cart outside the Faith Formation Office.

Petition to the Bishop – were due the last weekend in June.

Sponsor forms are to be 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 – please continue with your good deeds through the summer months, they are contagious! We will continue printing your good deeds beginning in September.
Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry is open to all in grades 6—12. Please check the website for an up to date calendar!
www.stjosephsbabylon.org

Our Youth Group has been busy! (More pictures on the website.)

CRUISE TO NOWHERE
Our Teens joined teens from 12 other parishes and set sail with Captain Lou out of Freeport to enjoy a 4 hour tour with music, dancing, food, and Prayer!
We had 150 Teens and a lot of fun. The weather was beautiful and lasting friendships were formed!

PBJ GANG & MOVIE NIGHT
In July our Gang prepared 225 sandwiches.
Thank you very much to the people who came together to make this happen.
Afterwards, in the spirit of summer, we cleaned up and enjoyed watching "Brother Bear."

SERVICE AT THE SOUP KITCHEN
On Saturday 7/23 our Teens and some of their parents, gave of their time to serve the needy at Hospitality Too Soup Kitchen in Brentwood.

The Teens have also come together in prayer at Eucharistic Adoration and at Mass. Our Youth Leaders are busy planning their calendar for next year.
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”

Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Vice President; Kelli Barrett, Treasurer; Hanna Volpe, Secretary; Marissa Dillon & President; Faith Gany share happy moments with chaplain Deacon Mike after their installation ceremony.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas - Court Bishop McDonnell #1403

Court Bishop McDonnell #1403 Welcomes the New 2016 Board; Chaplain Dcn. Mike Leyden, Secretary: Kathleen Post, Vice Regent: Andrea McGurk, Regent: Dorothy Buckley, Treasurer: Sandy Nieves-Bianco, Financial Secretary: Terry Hoffmann
Please: Make a Difference in Someone’s Life by donating to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal
Parish ___________________________ Pledge: $______
Name ______________________________ Down payment: $______
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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

“For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens.” These are the words of St. Paul from his letter to the Ephesians, chapter six verse twelve. Paul reminds us, the Spirit reminds us we have a spiritual enemy, an enemy that cannot be seen but is as real as you or me. An enemy that looks to sow fear, discord and lies: “When he tells a lie, he speaks in character, because he is a liar and the father of lies.” These are the words of our Lord, John 8:44, who is perfect truth. Our spiritual enemy is real and it desires to spread division and lies.

I speak with many young couples, some engaged and some married. They seem to have a universal complaint: their parents and/or in-laws. I often hear how parents or in-laws seem to forget or ignore the fact that their daughter or son is now married and has other priorities. My mother still wants me to come over three times a week for dinner; she doesn’t seem to understand I now have a wife and my first responsibility is to her! My dad wants me to call him every day! Many parents do seem to have difficulties adjusting to a child’s marriage, or a child falling in love. What is the source of this difficulty? Fear. Fear of change, fear of the unknown, fear of having to adjust to something new in life; fear of loss, etc.

The word fear is used over 400 times in the Bible, and in many instances it is used in the context of avoiding fear: Be not afraid! While fear can be advantageous, such as fear of getting too close to the edge of the cliff, or fear of looking into the mirror each morning and seeing less and less hair—fear can also keep us from growing and experiencing life in its fullness. And our spiritual enemy loves to sow fear; it exploits our fears, whispering its insidious lies into our hearts and minds. It looks to sow division, division in families, among friends, in a parish.

“I pray...so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me” (John 17:21). The 17th chapter of John is referred to as the prayer of Jesus by biblical scholars, seeing in it an intimate look into the nature and relationship of our loving Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Jesus’ most intimate desire for us is the unity God experiences: unity with our God and with one another. Our enemy does all it can to destroy unity, to sow division and discord.

Twelve years ago our parish was in discord; there were divisions and factionalism present. Today we are a dynamic vibrant parish and this is in large part due to the unity we have become by the grace of God. We are different; we have different spirituality (this is the beauty of God’s creation! Imagine how boring it would be if we were all the same!), different ways we find to grow closer to our Lord, different ways of praying. And still we are one! We must not allow our enemy to sew discord and division among us; we must not allow ourselves to succumb to fears; we must seek to be one as our God is one!

In speaking with young couples I tell them they have to be patient with their parents, change is never easy for us human beings. However, I also counsel them not to enact complete change overnight. They should continue to maintain some of the routines they have enjoyed with their families; go to dinner with mom once a week instead of three times, talk with dad on the phone every other day, etc. Most of all let them know you still love them, I urge, letting them know they are still so important to you and will always be an integral part of your life.

My dear sisters and brothers St. Joseph Church in Babylon is a dynamic parish and it will continue to be dynamic if we do not allow ourselves to become fearful. We are a bastion of God’s love AND God’s truth and with the help of God working through our pastor, our priests, deacons, EACH ONE OF US we can continue to be a beacon of love and truth!

“You are my friends if you do what I command you…love one another as I love you”.

Deacon Barry
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

I am not sure how we celebrated our 19th anniversary, but I know it was hardly as memorable as what my friend Maggie did on hers. This loving mother of three boys, this very socially aware and devoted Catholic, this simply amazing young lass chose that day to donate her kidney to her son Michael who was 17 at the time.

For years, Michael had been suffering from kidney disease, and the doctors said that the only option would be a transplant. Matches were sought, and, though others were eligible to donate, Maggie was the best match and did not want to put others at risk. She lovingly and joyfully volunteered to donate her kidney and now, quite modestly...as has always been her nature...downplays her role in Michael’s much improved health. Today Michael is a college graduate, works in Sales in Manhattan (lives in Brooklyn), and seems to have the faith of his mother. While in college, for example, he went on a mission trip to Uganda to help children of that country.

When asked about the entire situation, Maggie always credits the success of Michael’s transplant to the loving God in Whom she has believed since childhood. Though Maggie is faithful in her prayer life, she has always acted out her faith in her family, in the classroom where she teaches kindergarten, and in her community. Her sons have likewise followed in their mom’s footsteps (the footsteps of the Lord, actually), and are productive within the communities they serve.

With Maggie, it has always been about faith. Believing is clearly an important part of our Catholic faith, but as found in The Book of James, Chapter 2 “…How does it help, my brothers, when someone who has never done a single good act claims to have faith? Will that faith bring salvation?” James implies that it will not. We have been given a variety of gifts and talents to use to help carry out God’s plan for salvation. Unfortunately, you need only to look around to see that many are doing the exact opposite. We must be active in our faith and, by doing so, let others see that we are carrying out the important work of the Lord to help make our world truly a better place to live. Our acts may not seem to be as impressive as Maggie’s, but God sees things differently. All acts of giving are welcomed in His eyes.

PRAYER

Powerful and Loving Father, there are many times in our lives when we meet a crossroad that seems somewhat overwhelming. We are, at first, not sure what to do. These are the times that we must remember that you are always with us; that Your loving Nature is with us every step of the way. Give us the Grace that we need to always remember that You are there and that You never give us more that we are asked to endure. Help us to recognize those around us who have overcome far more difficult obstacles that confront us. Let our faith be as strong as theirs; let us realize that their faith was nurtured by a lifetime of good and selfless acts. This we ask in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Reflections

Stewardship...

Stewardship Sound Byte

We are grateful this week for all stewards who receive God’s mercy in such a profound way that it moves them to share mercy with others, especially during this Jubilee year.
Gennesaret Retreat for those facing serious illness. A retreat especially designed for persons who live with a serious illness is planned September 23rd, 24th & 25th at Montfort Spirituality Center in Bay Shore, N.Y. This retreat offers a respite, a quiet time, an oasis, to enable one to continue the journey. The retreat focuses on God's love, His forgiveness, and His faithfulness. To register or receive more information about this weekend, please call Colette Fanelli at 631-665-7052.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

St. Mary’s Parish in East Islip is offering a free 8 week support group for adults who are struggling to cope with the death of a loved one. Registration is required for this group, which begins on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 through October 26, 2016 from 7:00-9:00 pm. Refreshments will be served. For information and/or registration, please call the rectory @ (631) 581-4266, x-100. Please note the groups are open to people of all faith denominations. In order to participate in this group, the death must have occurred prior to June 7, 2016.

PROFESSIONAL THERAPY AND COUNSELING

Professional therapy, provided by New York State licensed therapists including therapists who specialize in Bereavement, Bipolar Disorders and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, is available to our parish and 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, a proprietary professional corporation, 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
Décimo octavo domingo del tiempo ordinario - Ciclo C

REFLEXION
Al ver a Cristo transfigurado Pedro quiso hacer algo para marcar el evento. Pero la Voz de la nube dijo claramente, que la primera tarea de los que reconocen a Jesús como Señor, es de escuchar a Jesús - y luego actuar!

Intercesiones por la Vida
Por todos los que habitan en la oscuridad del pecado, pero especialmente los encarcelados por pecados contra la vida: que Dios pueda llenarlos con asombro ante el milagro de la vida, desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural;
Roguemos al Señor:
Señor, escucha nuestra oración.

Contribución Semanal
Agradecemos a todos y a cada uno de ustedes por aportar su contribución para nuestra parroquia de San José.
“La unión hace la fuerza”
Month: June 2016
Actual Collection: $93,584
Budgeted Collection: $92,314
God Bless You!

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.


CATEQUESIAS 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.

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 María Reina de la Paz y sobre temas de María en general) - Sábados de 7:00pm-9:00pm. Comunicarse con Adriana Mascari, al (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) 681-0005 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.
COMUNIDAD HISPANA DE LA IGLESIA SAN JOSE DE “BABYLON”

LES INVITA A UN

DIA DE CAMPO

FECHA: Domingo, 7 de agosto de 2016
HORA: 9:00AM - 5:00PM
LUGAR: PARQUE DE PHELPS LANE
NORTH BABYLON, NY 11703

CELEBRACION EUCARISTICA 10:00AM

“Dedica tiempo a ORAR…
es la mayor fuerza de la tierra”
“Dedica tiempo a DISFRUTAR…
es el secreto de la eterna juventud”
Será un día de celebración,
alegria, comida, diversión y música.

TODOS ESTAN INVITADOS