Church of St. Joseph
39 North Carll Avenue • Babylon • NY • 11702-2701

Pastoral Staff
Rev. Charles N. Mangano, 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 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 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 . 669-0068 Ext. 107
Faith Formation . 587-4717
Nursery School . 661-4559
Outreach . 669-4544
Hispanic Community . 669-0068 x 131
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
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
Couple’s 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.
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time + August 21, 2016
**Newly Baptized**

Austin Scott Bendl, Aidan James Cullen, William Edward Glasser, Hailey Grace Herman, Hailee Grace Khan & Aidan Joseph Ostrem

**Preparing for Marriage**

Banns Posted

- First Time ~
  - Kevin Eikevik & Laura Carberry
- Second Time ~
  - Liam A. Cuff & Kathleen A. Hoffman
- Third Time ~
  - Thomas Garguilo & Chelsea Wood

**For Our Sick**

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our Parish: Robert Dobbins, Robert Semeraro, Marie Azicri, Monica Restrepo, Kristy Minningel, Ann Kerins, Thomas Cox, Edward Leitch, Roseann Donarumma, Joan Thorman, Marilyn Ann O’Hara, Angela Mancusi, Mary Anne Bonner, Isabel Sampson, Ignacio Guzman, Frank McCluskey, Sean Regan, Anne Aguis, Clare Hubert, Kathleen M. Elsner, Tom Fleury, Evelyn Scalise, Mary Blasko, Richard D’Alessandro, Dan Aranda, Charles Chertiza, Marcella Dwyer, Jenien Horner, Dorothy Meloni, Joy Lichten, Kristy Minninger, Sandy Cardona, Norman Gomez, Fred Van Bourgondien

**Altar Rose**

In memory of Frank Galonardo

**For Our Deceased**

Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Margaret B. O’Brien, Margaret Zimmerly, Arnold Scarpati, Louis Calderaro, James Pennell & John C. Jordan.

**Mass Schedule & Readings For The Coming Week**

**At this Mass, we remember:**

**Monday, August 22**
2 Thes 1:1–5, 11–12, Ps 96:1-5, Mt 23:13–22
- 7:45 Annabelle Milano
- 9:00 Thomas G. McLoughlin

**Tuesday, August 23**
2 Thes 2:1–3a, 14–17, Ps 96:10-13, Mt 23:23–26
- 7:45 Gregory Doyle
- 9:00 John Nardi

**Wednesday, August 24**
Rv 21:9b–14, Ps 145:10-13, 17-18, Jn 1:45–51
- 7:45 William Charles Rowe
- 9:00 Jean Reis

**Thursday, August 25**
1 Cor 1:1–9, Ps 145:2-7, Mt 24:42–51
- 7:45 Marion Gregory
- 9:00 John Nardi

**Friday, August 26**
1 Cor 1:17–25, Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11, Mt 25:1–13
- 7:45 Dorothy & John Edward McKeever
- 9:00 John Nardi

**Saturday, August 27**
1 Cor 1:26–31, Ps 33:12-13, 18-21, Mt 25:14–30
- 9:00 Carolann Alma

**Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)**

- 4:00 Confessions Today  ~ Fr. Telesphore
- 5:00 Shannon Saturno  ~ Fr. Philip

**Sunday, August 28 ~ Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Sir 3:17–18, 20, 28–29, Ps 68:4-7, 10-11, Heb 12:18–19, 22–24a, Lk 14:1, 7–14
- 7:00 People of St. Joseph  ~ Fr. Telesphore
- 8:45 Gaspare Mannina  ~ Fr. Joe
- 10:15 People of St. Joseph  ~ Fr. Telesphore
- 11:45 Rose Cerone  ~ Fr. Philip
- 5:00 Maureen Zigon  ~ Fr. Joe

**REFLECTION FOR TODAY**

Today’s reading from Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord “in clean vessels.” The gifts of myself - my patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God - is as important as the monetary gift I offer.
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: June 2016

Actual Collection: $93,584
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.

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 Rodriguez
Nelson Sanchez, Jr.
PFC Joshua J. Coughlin

U.S. Coast Guard:
CPO Benjamin Had
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
Lt. John J. Uebel
PVT Danny Bornschein
Sgt Edwin Zambrano
PFC Dominick Ptitto
Lt. Stephen Scuderi
PVT. 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 message from
Pat Weiss and Sharon Saragnese...
Hello everyone!
For the past 7 years we have had a lot of laughs and fun organizing and hosting St. Joseph annual Pasta Party that takes place in January. Due to an increase of responsibilities in other ministries, we are stepping down from this event. We are asking for at least two people or two families to take our place so the tradition and fun can continue for our St. Joseph family. We have everything you need for a smooth transition and we will guide you along the way, if you so desire.
Please call Pat Weiss 631-661-0255 or Sharon Saragnese 631-321-8986 to set up a meeting.
It has been our pleasure serving you...we look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at Mass and other events.
Peace, Love and Blessings,
Pat and Sharon
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 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
ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR A PILGRIMAGE DAYTRIP 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, cafeterias on premises or bring your own lunch/snacks/drinks.

Father Charles Mangano will be our special guest.

Bus is filling up, please get your payment in as soon as possible.
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
The Diocese of Rockville Centre

Golden Wedding Liturgy
Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years or More

Sunday, October 23 — Church of St. Rose of Lima in Massapequa
Sunday, November 6 — Church of Christ the King in Commack

Both liturgies will begin at 2:30 pm / Couples may register for ONE liturgy.

- Stop by St. Joseph Parish Center Office for form to be filled out.
- Approximately one week before the liturgy, you will be mailed a letter confirming your registration and directions.
- There will be reserved seating for the registered couples only. Family and friends will be seated on a first come-first served basis.
- After the liturgy, there will be an opportunity to have a photo taken with the celebrating bishop if you wish.
- You will be mailed a complimentary photo and certificate approximately four to six weeks after the liturgy.

Please mail completed form to:
Office of Worship
Diocese of Rockville Centre
PO Box 9023
Rockville Centre, NY 11570

Registration for the October 23rd liturgy must be received by October 7th.
Registration for the November 6th liturgy must be received by October 21st.
For questions, please call Suzanne at 516-678-5800, ext. 207.

Bereavement Support Group for Widows & Widowers

Widow and Widowers Bereavement Group

Support Group 50 and over
8 Week Program, September 3 - October 22
Saturday’s at 9am, in the Parish Center

For more information please call Valerie Stone at 631-617-9246.
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 evenings 7 - 9:15 (in room 254 of the Parish Center)
Director: Dr. Marie Drohan, 631-539-0957; musicdirector@stjosephsbabylon.org
Choir resumes in the fall. First rehearsal is September 8th. An Open House is scheduled for Thursday September 22nd in the Parish Center with a short rehearsal, refreshments and camaraderie. Fall rehearsals will include choral music for Sunday liturgies; Confirmations (11/29/16); Mercy INN Soup Kitchen Benefit Concert (12/11/16) performing Pergolesi's Magnificat and Handel's Messiah and more; and Christmas Eve mass and prelude 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.

Contemporary Music Ensemble
Mass: Sunday 11:45 in the church.
Rehearsal: Wednesdays 7 - 9 (in the church)
Directors: Stephen Yusko/Stephen Martino
We are in need of additional male vocalists and a bass player. If you are interested to audition, contact Stephen Yusko via email: stesoyusko@gmail.com. Our members are committed to meet weekly for practice as we prepare new arrangements and add to our repertoire.
CYO News

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.

Book Club News

Meeting on Thursday, September, 8th, 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!
**St. Joseph Sociable Single Seniors**

St. Joseph Sociable Single Seniors are hosting a “Ladies Night Out.”
This is strictly women only (leave your men at home.)
Come Join Us and Bring Along a Friend. Hang with old friends and make new friends!

Saturday, September 10, 2016 6:30 PM to 10:30 PM. The O’Connell Room, St. Joseph RC Church, 39 No. Carll Ave, Babylon (631-669-0065)

Pot Luck Dinner (food contribution) plus $20/person towards a DJ and beverages (cold & hot drinks, beer, wine, & water)
DJ, Line dancing w/dance instructor, dinner, 50/50, games and prizes. (Adults only, please)

**Questions:** Call Lorraine DeCanditis – 631-553-0160
Checks should be made out to
*St. Joseph RC Church* and mail
To: Lorraine DeCanditis, 132 Foster Blvd., Babylon, NY 11702

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**Catholic Ministries Appeal 2016: Loving Others as Christ Would**

**Catholic Ministries Appeal Update**

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**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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Please join us for ENDOW!

Now is the time to join the exciting educational ministry that brings women together to pray, study, learn, share, and laugh! Enjoy the faith and fellowship! Each class is 8 weeks long and there is no homework!

There will be two course offerings on Monday evenings:

Name of Class:  Setting the World Ablaze:  St. Catherine of Siena
Name of Class:  Mother of the Redeemer
Location: St. Joseph Parish Center
Time: Mondays from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. (8 weeks with no session on Columbus Day and Halloween)
Start Date:  September 12, 2016

Name of Class:  Mother of the Redeemer
Location:  St. Joseph Parish Center
Time:  Wednesdays 9:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
Start Date:  September 14, 2016

To register or for more information call Sally Pokorney at (631) 379-3863 or visit our parish website: stjosephsbabylon.org or the national ENDOW website www.EndowGroups.org

Endow ~ Love the Learning ~ Build the Friendships ~ Live the Faith

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

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

Wednesday November 16, 2016 at 7PM at St. Matthew in Dix Hills
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.
For the past six years, I have had the pleasure of serving this Parish as Director of Parish Social Ministry. I am sorry to say that I have resigned my position due to family reasons, specifically “grandmothering responsibilities”! Thank you to all who have supported Outreach so generously. You are truly a compassionate, loving community. Special thanks to the members of St. Vincent De Paul Society who work alongside Outreach to meet the needs of those who are struggling financially. Thanks to Catholic Daughters, the St. Joseph Nursery School, the Youth Group, Faith Formation, the Knights of Columbus and all the ministries here that work so closely together to care for others. Thank you to Torta Fina Bakery for making our clients and us feel so special.

I have been fortunate to work with some of the most dedicated, gracious volunteers in the Outreach office, the Thrift Shop, the Respite Program and the Listening Hearts ministry. I know you will continue with the good work you do. Thank you, too, to the wonderful staff who offer support in everything Outreach does.

The time I spent at St. Joseph was truly a blessing for me, and I consider it an honor to have worked here. Thank you to all.

God Bless!

Kathy Raniere

Thrift Shop News

Everything in the Thrift Shop is 1/2 Price
On Monday, August 22, the thrift shop will close at 1pm.

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!

St. Vincent de Paul

Is there a family you know who needs assistance?
Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul 631-669-4544.

The next meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul 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 donation!
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 SERVICE TEAM

Are you in grades 6—12?

Do you need Community Service Hours?
Do you just enjoy helping others?
Then sign up for our Youth Service Team!

Registration form and Permission Slip can be printed from the website—everyone who registers will receive a Team t-shirt.

There are many opportunities to serve your parish and the surrounding community throughout the school year and the Youth Service Team is the first group called!

Each school year the list is renewed—so even if you were on the Team last year, you must re-register for this school year.

E-mail: youth@stjosephsbabylon.org
or call 631-669-0068 ext 108 for more information.

Parents—your help is needed too—chaperones, bakers, event coordinators
If you can spare an hour or two, please let me know!

Barbara McNulty

The Service Team in Action!
Gardening, Mardi Gras, Pool Party, Advent Night, Soup Kitchen, Arthritis Walk, Holy Week Services, Parish Events, And MORE!

Join us!
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:
“Knights of Columbus St Josephs”

Catholic Daughters of the Americas - Court Bishop McDonnell #1403

Just having summer fun.

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
Kids Corner

Practice your Prayers...

Hail Mary
full of grace
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour
of our death.
Amen

Connect The Dots

Find your way through the maze to help these seeds reach the apples.

WORD SEARCH

SUMMER SUNSHINE SWIMMING TRAVEL VACATION

BEACH CAMPFIRE CAMPING FAMILY PICNIC

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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Growing up I guess you could say I was a bit of a sports fanatic. My dad was an athlete, playing semi-pro football and doing a bit of boxing. Dad taught me all about sports, football, baseball; he taught me a bit about boxing. I’ll always remember the time when I was about 8 yrs old and dad accidentally “tagged” me and I walked into the house with a bloody mouth; mom gave dad the dirtiest look! I wore that “fat lip” as a badge of honor, telling everyone how I fought off five bad guys! “Bless me Father for I have sinned...four Our Fathers and Five Hail Marys!”

I had a number of idols that were professional athletes. Of course the Mick topped the list, Mickey Mantle. After the Mick I like Bobby Richardson and Whitey Ford: I was, I am a Yankee fan. I played football into college so I had football idols like Sam Huff, Ray Nitschke, and Dick Butkus. And yet I had one hero in life: my dad.

My dad was the youngest of eight children of my grandparents. My grandfather sold ice in the summer for the forerunner of refrigerators, iceboxes and sold coal in the winter for coal furnaces/stoves. My dad’s family was poor, to put it mildly. Dad was born at the start of the Depression and would be considered by Tom Brokaw as growing up with the Greatest Generation. When dad was four yrs old my grandmother died from a cerebral hemorrhage. My grandfather was distraught and turned to alcohol, an addiction grandpa was never fully able to kick. The poverty in dad’s family grew and became crushing. And yet I can honestly say I never heard him complain, not about his childhood nor as I grew up.

My father never had a fancy job, never made a lot of money. We didn’t have a lot of money and yet I don’t recall us suffering. It seems mom and dad rarely exchanged gifts at Christmas or their birthdays. Again, though, I never heard either one of them complain. And I know if dad had two nickels (which it seemed he rarely did) and someone asked if they could borrow one dad would give it to the person without hesitation.

Towards the end of his life dad was diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease. It is a degenerative disease and they didn’t have the medications then that are now available. The disease progressed; then dad suffered some mild strokes that left him completely debilitated. We were forced to put him in a nursing home, the most difficult decision my mom and I ever had to make.

My mom would care for dad going to the home and staying all day every day. I believe my mom is a saint even if the Church hasn’t given her the official title. Then in February of 2003 mom suffered a massive heart attack and passed. It devastated us, especially dad. I still recall having to go to the home to inform him his beloved wife of 56 years had gone home to the Lord.

Dad’s condition continued to deteriorate. I would go to the home to see him; he was suffering so terribly, it would fill me with rage. I would come home and go into our bedroom, close the door and rage at God asking Him why this good man had to suffer so much. Dad would die in November of 2003; it was a blessing for him and all of us, me, my wife and children.

I’ve spoken with people who have had a love one suffer in some way, physically, emotionally, or psychologically. I’ve ministered to people who’ve encountered true difficulties in life. I’m often asked the question why shouldn’t we get angry with God, why does God allow all this suffering. I’ll share my story of my dad with them and they ask me why I’m not bitter. And I explain because I know the Parkinson’s disease, all my dad’s suffering, none of it had the last word; my dad has the last word and that word is life! How am I so sure of this: the Resurrection!

My sisters and brothers no suffering of any type, death never has the last word in our lives. We have the last word and it is life because of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ! We are a people of hope as St. Paul tells us because of our Lord’s victory! We are a resurrection people and alleluia is our song!

There are times I close my eyes and imagine I see my mom and dad together in our Father’s Kingdom. Mom is with my brother who passed quite a while ago, smiling, while dad is smoking one of those “expensive” White Owl cigars he loved. Sometimes I can almost smell them, a smell I truly enjoy! 

Friends, fear not whatever comes, no matter how crazy things seem to be or get, no matter how deep the difficulties seem; for our Lord has the last word; suffering, death has been defeated. And recall His solemn promise to us: “I am with you always even to the end of the age” (Matt. 28:20b).
HOW GOD WORKS...CASE 68
THE GOOD NEWS: I made an appointment to see the doctor for my annual physical
THE BAD NEWS: One test had to be redone, so I had to make another appointment to the Rockville Centre office.
THE GOOD NEWS: My granddaughter agreed to play golf with me at Robert Moses
THE BAD NEWS: In the excitement of our date, I lost my New York State Access Pass that allows me to play for free
THE GOOD NEWS: I was able to download an application for a new Access Pass
THE BAD NEWS: Believe it or not, even though I have had an Access Pass for 20 years, each time I renew it, I have to have a doctor certify that I am still an amputee
THE GOOD NEWS: Since I was going to the doctor for the retest, I could get a signature on the application
THE BAD NEWS: I wasn’t sure how to get the required 2x2 photo of me for the application
THE GOOD NEWS: I have a daughter who can figure such things out
THE BAD NEWS: I was running late and wasn’t sure if I would get to the post office in time to mail the application
THE GOOD NEWS: When I got to the post office, I found $200 on the ground
THE BAD NEWS: Telling the postal clerk about my find and leaving contact information, meant the find might be temporary
THE GOOD NEWS: Silence IS golden, and my new Access Pass arrived within a week

We all have hills and valleys in our lives, but God is with us at each turn. Let us remember this when things look bleak. We never know what will happen next.

PRAYER
Author of Life, You have a different path for each of us to follow, but each will lead to an eternity with You in Heaven if we can but not let temporary setbacks lead us astray. Give us the Grace to have confidence in ourselves by knowing that You have given us all we need to get to where we are supposed to be. This we ask in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Reflections

Stewardship...
Preparing for Marriage?

Engaged Encounter is an effective Pre-Cana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Couples are given the opportunity to explore many aspects of their relationship through a series of presentations, writings and dialog. There are no group discussions. Our next weekend will be held at the Montfort Spirituality Center in Bay Shore, September 16-18. For information/registration please call 631-563-1032 or visit www.engagedencounterli.org

Counseling & Therapy

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

Father Donald Baier, Pastor of St Frances Cabrini is hosting a pilgrimage by bus from Long Island to the Shrines in Montreal and Quebec in Canada. We only have until September 30 to fill the bus so we ask that as a courtesy if and when space permits in the next 5 weeks you please put in your bulletin. A sample of what you might put in is below. Many thanks and God bless.

Catholic Pilgrimage by bus from Long Island to the Shrines in Montreal and Quebec in Canada. November 14 – 19, 2016. Included is bus transportation from Long Island, Hotels, touring, most meals and Holy Mass everyday. For a Flyer or more information please call Cathie or Mike Milano
Intercesiones por la Vida
Por todos los que trabajan por la vida: que Dios los recompense por su paciencia, su fervor y su celo por la verdad;
Roguemos al Señor:
Señor, escucha nuestra oración.

Contribución Mensual
Agradecemos a todos y a cada uno de ustedes por aportar su contribución para nuestra parroquia de San José.
“La unión hace la fuerza”
Mes: Agosto 2016
Colecta actual:$93,584.00
Presupuesto:$92,314.00

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

LAS HORAS DE OFICINA DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO SON:
DOMINGOS DESPUES DE LA MISA
FONO: (631) 669-0068 Ext. 131
PADRE JOSEPH AREVALO Ext. 104

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


CATEQUESIS DE NIÑOS Y ADULTOS: Llamar a la oficina del Ministerio Hispano. (631) 669-0068, ext. 131.

MATRIMONIO: Las parejas que desean casarse, deben inscribirse con seis meses de anticipación. Llamar al Padre Joe Arévalo al (631) 669-0068 ext. 104.

PRE-CANA: 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)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.
ENCUENTRO DIOCESANO 2016

SEMINARIO DE LA INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN, HUNTINGTON
Lunes, 5 de Septiembre, 2016 (LABOR DAY)
DE 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

CELEBRACION EUCARISTICA: 10:00 AM

Seguida por el Picnic en el campo del Seminario.
Todos están invitados a participar, favor de pasar la invitación en sus comunidades y grupos.

INVITA LA OFICINA DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO
Y LA PASTORAL DIOCESANA DE JÓVENES

Para más información favor de comunicarse con la Oficina del Ministerio Hispano
516-678-5800 ext. 560, 606, 618
Con los Agentes Pastorales o encargados de los Grupos de Jóvenes en sus parroquias.