Welcome to all new parishioners. We invite you to register at the parish office.

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time + September 11, 2016
**Newly Baptized**

Jordan Avery Agovino, Olivia Jane Agovino, Valentina Francesca Lorentzen, Matthew Joseph Trotta & Matthew Hans Westendorf

**Preparing for Marriage**

First Time ~
Collin Gregory & Danielle Marie Rodrigues

Second Time ~
Michael Keane & Michele Walter
James Cameron & Nikki Bignami
Anthony Gurrieri & Rosemary Gallagher

Third Time ~
Gerard Maier & Nicole Novello
Scott Embrey & Dayna Genovas Embrey

**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, Sandra Cardona, Norman Gomez, Fred Van Bourgondien, Brandon Davey, Raymond Meigel, Angela Colantrello, Mary Ellen Szwajkowski & Silvio Gomez.

**Altar Rose**

In memory of Nancy Overholser

**For Our Deceased**

Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Felipe Farias, Joseph Riina, Antoinette Cardlin, Michael John Giordano & Jeanette Carahe.

**REFLECTION FOR TODAY**

We can hear God speaking to us today in the words of the father to his elder son: “You are with me always, and everything I have is yours.” What is my response to such remarkable generosity? Do I give joyfully and generously as God gives to me?
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Fifteen years ago today was the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. It was a day we will never forget. Let us remember in prayer today all those who lost their lives and their families. May God grant them eternal joy and may the love of God and the outreach of the community help us heal from such a tragedy.

The month of October is Respect Life Month. The diocese is asking every parish to host a Holy Hour and offer a rosary for life in the month of October. The date I have chosen for our Holy Hour will be on Saturday, October 1st from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Please join me as I lead the parish in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. The power of prayer is great when the church is gathered. May our prayers rise up like incense before the Lord, helping all parents to choose life for their unborn children.

As I am beginning to getting to know you I would love to hear your hopes and dreams for the parish to help give us a focus for the next six years together. My vision for this meeting is for us to gather and as many people as possible share what they would love to see happen in the parish rather than lengthy discussion on one topic or another. Therefore, I will be hosting an open parish meeting for you to share your heart with me. There will be a morning session and an evening session for your convenience. The first will be on Monday, September 26th from 10am – 11am and the second will be on Wednesday, September 28th from 7:30pm – 8:30pm. Both meetings will be held in Monsignor Nolan Hall. All are welcome.

On September 16th there will be a Holy Hour for vocations at St. Ignatius Loyola parish in Hicksville at 7pm. For more information contact vocations@drvc.org – Longislandpriest.com. If you have never been to this Holy Hour, treat yourself, it is such an inspiring night. Fr. Joe Fitzgerald, our vocation director (and who grew up here at St. Joseph), leads hundreds of youth in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

As I shared with you last week, I will officially be installed as Pastor of the Parish on Sunday, October 16th at the 11:45am Mass. I pray you can join me. Refreshments will be served in the gymnasium following the liturgy.

Starting September 12th we will be extending the hours of the parish center office. We will be opening the office on Fridays from 9:30am to 9pm, Saturday 9:30am to 6:30pm and Sunday 9:30am to 1:30pm. We will also remain open during the hours of 4pm to 7pm Monday through Friday. This enables us to provide service to our parishioners over a wider variety of time.

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, Pastor
Saint Teresa

Last Sunday, September 4th, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, Canonized Mother Teresa of Calcutta, India, a saint. In this Year of Mercy who better to canonize but a woman of Mercy, the founder of the Missionaries of Charity. At all the doors and racks of the church are two different pamphlets regarding Mother Teresa. One entitled, "I Thirst" is a reflection written by Mother Teresa on the last words of Jesus from the cross. This is a MUST read. It is absolutely beautiful, one that can change your life. Why? Because it talks about the Lord’s love for us. The second is entitled: "Saint Teresa of Calcutta" which talks about her life and great work.

Our Parking Lot

As you can see we sealed our parking lot. The parking lot had numerous potholes and spider cracks which, if neglected, would only get worse with time. Sealing the lot before the winter prevents further deterioration, which could lead to having to replace the black top which is very costly. As good stewards of what God has given us this general maintenance is necessary.

Divine Mercy Photo

You will see in the sanctuary a photo of Jesus as the Divine Mercy. The photo on canvas was a going away present for me from a parishioner of my last parish. I displayed the photo as a reminder to all us that we are in the Jubilee Year of Mercy. In 1931 Jesus appeared to Sr. Marie Faustina Kowalska in Kraków, Poland. He appeared to her as the image displayed in the sanctuary. He reminded her of His great mercy for the world, for all sinners. He said: The greater the sinner, the greater my mercy. Jesus also said: Ask for mercy (for yourselves and others), be mercy for others and completely trust in my mercy. It’s the message of this Year of Mercy (receive it for yourself but then go out and share it with all you meet). Once again, it confirms our parish mission statement: We Witness!!!! We must witness to the effects of God’s mercy in our lives. Peace and blessings, Fr. Charles

Red Rose for Jesus

Every week a beautiful red rose is memorialized by a parishioner and placed under the cross on the high altar. I moved the rose now to beside the tabernacle because there are many beautiful flowers on the high altar and nothing next to the tabernacle which is housing the true presence of Christ (the Eucharist: his true body, blood, soul and divinity). A candle is lit over the tabernacle to bring our attention to the fact that the presence of Christ is here in the church but having the flower next to it shows our additional acknowledgment and love for Christ with us.

Peace, Fr. Charles
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 Rodriguez
Nelson Sanchez, Jr.
PFC Joshua J. Coughlin

U.S. Coast Guard:
CPO 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
Sgt 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

As of September 12th, 2016 the Parish Office will have new hours of operation:

Monday - Thursday - 9:30 - 9pm
Fridays - 9:30am - 7:30pm
Saturdays - 9:30am - 6:30pm
Sundays - 9:30am - 1:30pm
56th Chrysanthemum Ball
St. Joseph Parish
56th Annual Chrysanthemum Ball
Saturday, October 15, 2016
Cocktails 7:00 PM
Dinner and Dancing
8:00 pm until Midnight
Southward Ho Country Club
Bay Shore, New York

If you have not yet received your invitation or raffles in the mail, you may obtain them at the Parish Office. Please remember to mail in your raffle before September 28th in order to be eligible for the Early Bird Drawing!

For more information, please call Sharon Saragnese at 631-321-8986 or Annette Wexler at 631-662-1704
UNBOUND: Freedom in Christ
is
Coming to St. Joseph’s Church

- Do you find yourself struggling with the same area of sin time after time?
- Do you sometimes feel hopeless in finding freedom from anger, resentment, fear, jealousy, etc.?
- Do you long to be free from destructive habits and ways of thinking?
- Do you feel frustrated in your spiritual growth or feel held back because of the work of the enemy?

THERE IS AN ANSWER!!! UNBOUND: Freedom in Christ. The UNBOUND conferences are the result of years of experience helping people discover the freedom they have been given in Christ.

♦ We invite you to join us for this 8 week series to learn the spiritual tools necessary to become and remain free in Christ Jesus, Our Lord. We will learn the five simple keys of the UNBOUND model in the book UNBOUND by Neal Lozano. Fr. Charles, our Pastor, and the UNBOUND team will be facilitating the workshops and using the DVD’s and workbooks provided by Neal Lozano. This 8 week series will be on Tuesday, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov 8, 15, 22, 29 at 7pm in Room 256 of the Parish Center.

♦ To register for this 8 week series please call the Parish Center at 631-669-0068 Ext. 100. There is no fee for these workshops, but a free will offering will be accepted. It is strongly recommended for your personal benefit to read the book UNBOUND by Neal Lozano prior to the workshop.

♦ For your convenience, books will be available at the Parish Center for $10 or you can get them through Amazon.com or heartofthefather.com (610-952-3019).

♦ For more information please contact Jody at 516-641-6999 (preferably after 6:00pm)

♦ In the spring we will be hosting a 2 day UNBOUND: Freedom in Christ Conference led by Neal and Matt Lozano. More information will be given at the workshops and future bulletins.
**FALL 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. Young people in Grades 2 through 8 and Beyond are welcome to join us singing weekly at the Family Mass. No vocal auditions are necessary. Come also talk to us about your wind and string abilities!

**St. Joseph’s Choir** (minimum age: 14)

**Mass:** Sunday 10:15 AM in the church.
**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.
St. Joseph’s Nursery School

St. Joseph’s Nursery School would like to thank: Logan, Frankie, Scott, Jason, Liam, Ainsley, Nick, Grace, Brendan S, Jack, Dolores, Christi, Brendan and Daniel for all their help moving furniture and organizing our space to get ready for a new school year!

Thank You So Much

St. Joseph's Nursery School

Bouncing Babies

Join the fun of gentle exercises, music and play!

- Child and parent/caregiver class
- 4 months to 12 months (non walkers)
- Monday mornings 10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

Parish Play Group

- Children and parent/caregiver
  - Birth to pre-k
  - Wednesdays 12:00-1:00

These are free classes! School begins the week of September 12th

Please call for more info. 631-661-4559
Little Rock Bible Study

Touching the Mysteries: Scripture and the Rosary

We invite you to join us in a study that concentrates on the biblical stories that provide background for the mysteries of the rosary. The stories of Jesus are the best way to focus our prayer, and the rosary has provided a traditional format for doing this over the centuries. After an overview session, we will devote each of the 4 remaining sessions to a set of mysteries - Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious.

5 Sessions
Thursdays, 10/20/16 – 11/17/16
7:30 – 9:00 PM
O’Connell Room
$17/person for Study Materials

Please register by 10/3/16 so materials can be ordered for you.
Contact Carol Pellegrino at 631-587-3511 or jcjmpell@optonline.net

Endow

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
Remembering and Caring for our Senior Priests

Do you ever think about a favorite Pastor or Parish Priest and wonder how they are and where they may be living?

Well, for 14 of our Senior Priests who are living at St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility in Amityville, life is good and sometimes very busy.

As an example, Father Martin Hall had spent many years in Notre Dame in New Hyde Park before he was assigned as Associate Pastor at St. Bernard’s in Levittown, where he was an important part of that Parish community. Father Hall, however, is also fondly remembered for being instrumental to the establishment of the Apostolate for the Deaf. Born to parents who were deaf, Father Hall learned how to sign at a very early age and intimately understood how important it was for Catholics with hearing impairments to be able to practice and be connected to their faith and their church.

Although retired, Father Hall continues to be involved with that ministry and frequently joins Monsignor Tom Costa, Vicar of Senior Priests, when he says Mass for people with hearing impairments, either at St. Ignatius Loyola, on the 1st Sunday of every month, or at St. Frances de Chantal on the 3rd Sunday of every month. Father Hall is always met with great fondness and affection.

Many members of the St. Pius Community also continue their ministry much closer to home. Father Marty Klein and a number of other retired priests joyfully celebrate Mass on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of every month for all of the lay residents of Dominican Village and they also lead Holy Hour prayers every Friday evening and offer Reconciliation during the Advent and Lenten seasons.

While these important services for the Lay residents of Dominican Village help bring Christ’s message of love and service to many people who may not be able to attend Mass outside, they also allow our Senior Priests to work directly with the people that they have devoted their entire lives to serving.

St. Pius X provides the opportunity for our senior priests residing there to remain fully engaged members of our Diocesan community, serving as our teachers, counselors, and spiritual leaders.

The special collection for retired priests living at St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility will take place the weekend of September 25th. Please be as generous as possible! Thank You!

www.drvc.org/stpiusx
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, ex. 207.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION MEETING

Our first meeting for the 2016–2017 season will be on Saturday, October 1st after the 9am Mass. We will gather in Room 258 for refreshments and move to Room 257 for our meeting. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Thank you!
# Outreach

## 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:

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Thank you in advance for your ongoing help! Your support is truly appreciated!

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## Social Ministries

### Thrift Shop News

**Shoes - 1/2 Price**

**Toys - 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!

### Thank you for your Food Pantry Donations!

**Our Food Pantry is most in need of these items:**


Gift Cards from supermarkets are in demand and would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your past and future donations.

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### 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 DePaul provides a wonderful opportunity to serve the less fortunate as well as to meet and socialize with other members. Please consider coming to one of our meetings. No commitments are required! Our next meeting is Monday, September 26, 2016 at 9:35 am in the Parish Center. **All are invited!**

St. Vincent de Paul Society has begun another year of serving the poor and needy. We meet every other Monday morning at the Parish Center. Our agenda includes helping with the food pantry when needed, organizing special food distributions during the upcoming holidays to our regular clients. There are opportunities to volunteer to collect food donations for about an hour once every two months for the Rotary food drive at the local supermarkets.

We discuss best ways to help our clients and volunteer on occasion to do a home visit.
The Faith Formation is back from summer vacation. We hope that all of you enjoyed a wonderful, restful and fun summer and that you are feeling renewed and refreshed in God’s great love.

Textbooks will be available for purchase in the Faith Formation Office during office hours: Monday-Friday 9:30am - 4pm and at Hospitality Sunday on September 18th after the 9:30am, 10:15 and 11:45 Masses. Every child in levels 3-7 will need a set of Mass Attendance Envelopes for the year. Please pick up your envelopes in the Faith Formation Office when you come to purchase the textbooks. Mass Attendance Envelopes for levels 1 & 2 will go out with a letter in the mail this week. Level 1 will be required to attend 6 designated Masses during the year @ the 9:30am Mass in Monsignor Nolan Hall and level 2 will be required to attend 7 Masses during the year. Please see the letter for more details.

Catechist Meeting: Tuesday, September 13th @ either 10am or 7pm in the O’Connell Room. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. We are using a new book series and will have a representative from Loyola Press at the meeting to give us an overview of the new program. You will also receive your class list and catechist guide.

Catechist Meeting for new catechists will be on Wednesday, September 14th @ 7pm in room 257. Please rsvp: 587-4717. This meeting is for new or nearly new catechists desiring a little more instruction on classroom management and how to be a more effective catechist.

Blessing of Catechists @ all Masses the weekend of September 17-18th. We hope and pray that this year will be one of many great blessings for you and the children of the parish. Please come to any Mass to receive your blessing and to pray for a safe and happy year for us all!

Level 2 Parent Meeting will be on Monday, September 19th at either 10am or 7pm in Room 257. This is an important year as we prepare for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

Level 8 Gold Sheets are to be handed in at any Mass the weekend of September 24-25. This information is sent to your child’s Church of Baptism so that their Confirmation can be recorded in the Baptism Registry.

The Faith Formation classes will begin the week of September 26th. Catechists will receive their class lists at a meeting on September 13th and will then contact the parents of the children in their group regarding the time and place of their child’s sessions.

Level 7 Parent & Child Meeting – Thursday, September 29th @ either 4pm or 7pm in MNH. We will be handing out the Confirmation packets and going over the requirements for the preparation of Confirmation.

New Registrations – new families must first register with the Parish Office before coming to the Faith Formation Office. All new registrants must bring:
Baptism certificate (no registration can be processed without it.
For children in levels 2 and up we need a letter of transfer from your previous parish. Check or cash for the registration fee: 1 child - $125, 2 children - $ 185 & for 3 or more children $235. If you have any questions please call the Faith Formation Office @ 587-4717.
Youth Ministry is open to all in grades 6—12. Some activities are grade-specific. Many are open to all. Check the website for our Calendar of Events!
www.stjosephsbabylon.org/calendar-1

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEENS (Grades 6, 7, 8)
This Fall we are starting something new and having weekly Middle School Youth Nights. Continue to watch the bulletin and calendar for more details. We will also continue monthly PBJ Gang and Open Gym Nights.

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)
Monday Nights 7–8:30pm in the Madonna Room. (begins in October)
PBJ Gang, Soup Kitchen, Gym Night, Prayer & Fun

PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS
Everyone’s help is welcome in Youth Ministry!
Please call Barbara McNulty at 631-669-0068 ext 108 or email youth@stjosephsbabylon.org

Service Team
We Welcome. We Worship. We Witness.

Need Service Hours?
Community Service is a big part of putting our Faith into Action!
Join the Service Team and find out where you can help.
Registration Form and details are on the website
http://www.stjosephsbabylon.org/community-service
**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”*

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*Catholic Daughters of the Americas –
Court Bishop McDonnell #1403*

We welcome all our Catholic sisters to add their names to the roster of the largest Catholic women’s organization in the world through Court Bishop McDonnell #1403 here in Babylon.

Come and join us for our first meeting of the season, **Wednesday, September 14, 2016 @7:30 pm in the O’Connell Room. (Doors open at 7pm)**

*Mingle with our members, and learn how we work in UNITY and CHARITY to help others less fortunate.*

*For more information: Contact: Dorothy Buckley @ 631-539-8522*
**Outreach**

**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

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**Faith Formation**

**Attention Teen Boys & Girls**

**CAN YOU GIVE 1 HOUR PER WEEK?**

You can earn community service hours by being a “Big Brother” or a “Big Sister” AND SHARE YOUR FAITH WITH A CHILD WHO NEEDS ONE ON ONE TUTORING IN FAITH FORMATION TUESDAYS, 5:00 to 6:15 pm, AT THE CENTER?

WE PROVIDE FREE TRAINING IN CREATIVE LESSON PRESENTATIONS.
THE CURRICULUM AND ALL SUPPLIES ARE SUPPLIED FOR YOU.

SPEND THE BEST HOUR OF YOUR WEEK WITH US.

THIS IS ALSO A GREAT INTERNSHIP FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS INTERESTED IN FUTURE TEACHING AND MEDICAL CAREERS.

CALL THE FAITH FORMATION CENTER 587-4717 or KATHY KNOTT 279-0614 NOW --- TRAINING STARTS IMMEDIATELY!
Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

An article in the journal Psychology Today authored by Dr. Peter Gray states the changes are highly significant statistically and sufficiently large that approximately 70 percent of students today score higher on narcissism and lower on empathy than did the average student thirty years ago. I believe this doesn’t come as a shock to many of us. It seems there is a general unhealthy self-absorption that has developed, some would say even encouraged within society. However, before we begin to point fingers, perhaps as Christians, followers of the Christ we do well to recall the words of our Lord: “Why do you notice the splinter in your brother’s eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own” (Luke 6:41).

Psychology defines narcissism as an extreme selfishness, with a grandiose view of one’s own talents and a craving for admiration, as characterizing a personality type. While we may believe we know someone who exhibits narcissistic traits we should first examine our own lives for signs of unhealthy self-absorption. There are folks who use a list of a series of questions that examine the conscience before entering the Sacrament of Reconciliation to help them confess themselves. As a follower of the Christ I believe there is one question we should ask ourselves in this regard of self-absorption: am I doing my best to make the needs of the other person as important to me as my own needs? Or better, in true Christ-like fashion: am I doing my best to make the other needs more important than my own? Isn’t this what Jesus did and taught?

There are numerous verses found in the New Testament that teach us we are to serve and not seek to be served, to make the needs of the other more important than our own. Jesus teaches this Christological truth at the Last Supper. In Luke’s Gospel Jesus, after instituting the Eucharist speaks to His followers, to me and you about serving: He said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them and those in authority over them are addressed as ‘Benefactors’; but among you it shall not be so. Rather, let the greatest among you be as the youngest, and the leader as the servant. For who is greater: the one seated at table or the one who serves? Is it not the one seated at table? I am among you as the one who serves (Luke 22:25-27). And then, of course we have the greatest sign of self-denial humanity will ever witness: the Crucifixion!

Our Lord is telling us that He, Jesus, God the Son, the Incarnate Word has come to serve and not be served(Matt. 20:28) and we as His followers must seek the grace to follow Jesus’ example and words. This is not easy, friends for we have inherited concupiscence, the innate desire to self-absorption and sin from our first parents. And it happens to all of us; even those among us who truly seek to follow Jesus. I recall the words of Fr. Benedict Groeschel, one of the founders of the Franciscans of the Renewal religious order and a doctor of psychology: Humility is a funny thing; just when you think you’ve found it you’ve lost it!

When I begin to think of myself as more important than another; when I believe I’m holier than another or my mission, my work is more important than the other; if I begin to believe I need to subordinate the needs of the other to my needs, my mission I have begun down the road of unhealthy self-absorption. And for a person of faith this road can be far more treacherous than for a secular person for we can fool ourselves into believing this is God’s will because I’m so important. So what are we to do?

I find a most beautiful and powerful answer to this question in what St. Therese of Lisieux called the little way. Therese, a doctor of the Church sought to serve God, to find God, to prepare to eventually meet God through service to others: On the day of my conversion Charity entered into my heart and with it a yearning to forget self always; thenceforward I was happy (Story of a Soul, Chap. 5).

To forget self always thenceforward I was happy. I’ve always found it amazing (but then God is always amazing!) that when, by the grace of God I’m able to forget my needs and serve the other needs I’m happier and find true fulfillment and contentment. And just as amazing the work I’m doing seems to grow and become more efficacious. Why should this amaze me, for it is exactly what our Lord Jesus Christ said: “Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it” (Matt. 10:39).
SEPTEMBER 11...FIFTEEN YEARS LATER

A few weeks ago I was at the funeral of the father of one of my PC classmates. We have remained in contact for most of the years since we graduated, and over this period we have co-mingled friends from time to time. One of his that I met, Mary Pat, had a sister who was a teacher at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut and was one of the courageous victims of the mass shooter who took 26 innocent lives in 2012. Though Mary Pat and I have met on a few occasions since that tragedy, we never spoke about it. That said, each time that we are together I get a rather unique feeling of being in the presence of someone who has been able to understand that God’s plan for all of us is not always what we consider to be fair; what we consider to be insurmountable; and/or what we consider to be in our own best interests. Mary Pat’s calm, assured, and generally optimistic approach to life is always a shot in the arm for me. Knowing what she carries with her every day of her life further convinces me that God is with us at the most challenging times.

This weekend we remember another devastating day in our country’s recent history, and there will be a number of commemorations to ensure that we do not forget what happened, to whom it happened, and how we can make strides to at least make peace in our own circles. Our area was severely impacted by that September Tuesday, and many of us know some who remain deeply affected. When we take the time to consider milestones like these in our lives, we usually turn to God and ask for something...healing, strength, forgiveness, understanding...something that will somehow make us grow to be a better person, to be a better friend, to be a better Christian. While the enormity of that attack might never be measured, we cannot let ourselves think that we can do nothing. We must remember that with God all things are possible.

Sometimes I remember Mary Pat in my prayers as I know there must be some very sad moments for her from time to time. I likewise have a list that I developed 15 years ago. In this Year of Divine Mercy, let us pray for those who have suffered a tragic loss, not just this weekend when we might be more mindful than at other times, but also throughout the year. When nights are long, our prayers will bring much needed light to someone in need.

PRAYER

"God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the earth. Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred. God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events. Grant that those whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost here may not have been lost in vain. Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all.” (From Pope Benedict’s Prayer at Ground Zero, April 20, 2008)

Stewardship...

Stewardship Sound Byte

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who give not because they possess a lot and can afford it, but rather a desire to share what they have with others.
**VIRTUS TRAINING**

*For all adults who volunteer or plan to volunteer at St. Joseph are required to attend one session/ all others welcome to enhance the safety and protection of our children.*

*(Register on line or walk in early)*

The next VIRTUS sessions at St. Joseph will be on

**TUESDAY, September 27th.**

There will be 2 sessions:

9:30am and 7:00pm in the O’Connell Room.

All new employees and volunteers are required to attend - all parents are welcome to attend - **WALK-INS must arrive early to register.**

***NO ONE ADMITTED LATE***

To register for one of the sessions, please sign up online at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org).

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**Pasta Party News**

*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
**Intercesiones por la Vida**

Estamos siempre listos para la venida de Cristo en gloria, que podría funcionar para preservar la vida humana desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural;

Roguemos al Señor:

Señor, escucha nuestra oración.

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**CURSO BIBLICO**

TODOS LOS MARTES DE:

7:30PM — 9:30PM

SALON # 256

Para mas información llamar @ Antonia (631) 422-5433

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**REFLEXION**

Podemos oír a Dios hablarnos hoy en las palabras del padre a su hijo mayor: “Tu estas conmigo siempre y todo lo que tengo es tuyo.” ¿Cuál es mi respuesta a tan extraordinaria generosidad? ¿Doy gozosamente y generosamente como Dios me da?

Estamos muy agradecidos esta semana por todos los administradores de nuestra parroquia que tienen o poseen mucho y se lo pueden permitir, y lo comparten con los demás.

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

**RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS:** Les invitamos a una preparación espiritual de conversión a la fe católica. Llame a la Sra. Julietta Mieles, al (631) 669-0068, ext. 131.

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

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

**PRE-CANA:** Llame a Ruth y Salomón Aguilar @ 631-592-9474.

**RECONCILIACIÓN:** Sábado a las 4:00pm o llamar para una cita, al Tel. # 669-0068 ext. 104.

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

**CURSILLO DE CRISTIANDAD**

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

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

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

**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.
9-11-01

Nunca serán olvidados