Welcome to all new parishioners. We invite you to register at the Parish Office.

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time + October 2, 2016
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In today’s gospel the apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith. May Jesus increase our faith in Him in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. Faith in Christ is the rock on which we base our lives. Without faith in Jesus we have nothing. If we have faith in Jesus we have everything. Faith in Jesus is not solely believing that He exists, that He’s real. Having faith in Christ is believing His word is true when He says He is with us every day until the end of time. It is believing in the depths of our soul that we are not alone, we are not abandoned, we have a God who is with us, who is in us due to our Baptism. It is believing that our God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, loves us more than we can possibly imagine. As St. Catherine of Sienna said: God is madly in love with His people. All of this is the source of our joy and gives us the purpose for living. Therefore, there is nothing to fear because we follow a mighty God who gives us all we need through the sacramental life of the church, the communion of Saints and the community (the Body of Christ). All this helps us to live the life of grace and so Lord, increase our faith.

As you already know, the 2017 Mass book is opening up soon but we are only opening it up from January to June (6 months). The purpose of doing this is that it gives us more flexibility in the event Mass schedules need to be altered or something needs to be scheduled. This becomes difficult to do if intentions have been taken for a year of Masses.

Two weeks ago a parishioner came up to me and asked how much more money we need in order to reach our Catholic Ministries Appeal goal. He said that whatever our parishioners give financially to the appeal from now until December he would match it so we can reach our goal. This parishioner is giving a great gift for the sake of the ministries of the diocese and our own parish since we will then receive a rebate if we reach our goal. Our Appeal goal set by the diocese is $134,300.00. So far parishioners have pledged $112,059.00. We need $22,241.00 more to reach goal. I invite you to please consider making a pledge to the Catholic Ministries Appeal which helps thousands in need here on Long Island. If you send your pledge directly into the diocese, please make sure you attach a note and write in the memo of your check that it is to be applied to St. Josephs parish in Babylon.

After lengthy discussion with the priests and pastoral team, it was suggested to me that for Thanksgiving this year we have two separate liturgies (Spanish and English) and move the Mass time to 10am. Therefore, the English Thanksgiving Mass will be at 10am in the Church and the Spanish Mass will be at 10am in the Nolan Hall. This by no means is about dividing the communities. Rather the truth is that we are ONE parish under ONE Lord but for pastoral reasons it’s felt by the pastoral team that for this holiday we have separate liturgies and continue the conversation on planning events that will bring everyone together in prayer and fun. Our new Spanish Deacon Julio Murillo will be a blessing for our parish and he will be working closely with Fr. Joe.

As many of you know, as your new pastor I wanted to hear your hopes and dreams for the parish to help give us a focus for the next six years together. Many of you came and did that and I want to say thank you for coming and sharing your heart with me. I was also grateful for the time to share my heart with you. Everything that was shared and written down will now be collated and put into categories. We will look at each item and begin to address them accordingly. Thank you again. One item was me sharing in more detail some of the work that is being done on the property. Therefore, let me share with you the following items.

When I took “Living Your Strengths” I discovered that God has given me the gift of “Restorative” as one of my top 5 gifts. I have come to understand what it means. I have a passion for restoring people and things to their original purpose and beauty to give glory to God. My passion is bringing people to Christ, helping them to enter more deeply into Christ’s love for them. That’s the goal and purpose of the workshop entitled “Unbound” that we are starting this Tuesday night. This workshop is life-changing because it gives us the tools to live and remain free in Christ on a daily basis. See the bulletin for details. It’s not too late to sign up.

In addition to restoring people’s identity in Christ, I also have a passion for restoring God’s house where it needs to be restored. We must give God our best on every level and His house, Church and property should be maintained to the best of our ability. May the beauty and cleanliness of our buildings give God the glory. So for example, there were chunks of paint falling off the wall in the back sacristy vestibule so we had it repaired and painted. The wooden floor under the carpet is spongy and under your feet you can feel that the that floor is warped and rotting. We don’t want anyone falling through the floor or getting hurt, so a new floor will be installed this week. Both sacristies will eventually be painted since walls are cracking and plaster falling.
As many of you know, we have many buildings on the property and our maintenance staff can only do so much, so we have needed help from the outside to assist them in the repairing, upgrading, cleaning and maintaining of our facility. Thank God, due to a parishioner giving the parish some money years ago, we are able to do these repairs and upgrades. Here are some of the things you may have seen and will see over the next few weeks:

♦ Before Msgr. Chris left, he approved the proposal of repairing the parking lot so I was grateful he did that since it was in great need.
♦ You will notice that on the rectory and back of the gymnasium are fire escapes. They are full of rust. Rust eats away the metal, so to protect and preserve the fire escapes since they are vital to our protection, they will be painted soon.
♦ The back door of the church leading into the sacristy is so weathered that its wooden finish is being destroyed. The vertical wooden panels on the door are starting to dry out so that they are shrinking and you can see daylight through the cracks of the door. If left, the door would need to be replaced and would be very costly since that is one of the original doors of the church. That door will be soon refinished before winter comes in.
♦ Over the winter, salt is put on the front steps of the church to melt the ice. If you look at the steps you can see a huge amount of build-up of lime coming forth from the blue stone. It’s not only white in color but yellow. When a stone company looked at it recently they said the type of salt we are using on the steps is the wrong type of salt because its pulling the lime out of the stone. Therefore, the steps will be power washed and cleaned.
♦ The front railing of the church is going to be removed and a new railing installed. We will also install short railings on either end of the staircase since presently the railing is only in the middle of the steps. The railing will be more decorative in keeping with the beautiful architecture of the church.
♦ The location of our dumpsters were moved due to the unsightly view when pulling into our parking lot. The village of Babylon was supportive of the new location next to the Parish Center staff entrance.
♦ Trying to increase security in our parking lot at night, we have added more lighting. Our evening security guy Joe is very happy now because he has expressed to me that since we added more lights there has been less problems in the parking lot.
♦ Parish Center hours were extended to better service our parishioners. Hours were reduced a couple of years ago for budgetary reasons, but in recently looking at the finances with the Diocese, we have reallocated money so we were able to open the Parish Center for longer hours.
♦ The handicap ramp leading into the south side of the church by the candles is going to be resurfaced due to its numerous cracks, discolorment and wearing.
♦ The side rectory stoop by the white door is going to be repaired since the top step is very short and dangerous. Two people almost fell coming out of the rectory.
♦ In our cyclone fencing there is a maroon colored privacy slot. These slots will be removed soon and brown slots will be replacing them to better blend in with the color and beauty of our church.

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.

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
At this Mass, we remember:

Monday, October 3
Gal 1:6–12, Ps 111:1b–2, 7–9, 10c, Lk 10:25–37
7:45 Ann Sprague-Bukowski
9:00 Gaspare Maninna

Tuesday, October 4
7:45 John J. Campbell
9:00 Hunter Thomas Bradley

Wednesday, October 5
Gal 2:1–2, 7–14, Ps 117:1bc, 2, Lk 11:1–4
7:45 Sue Ann Cardinali
9:00 Bridget Kelly

Thursday, October 6
7:45 Intentions of Maria Nicole Bowen
9:00 Robert King

Friday, October 7
Gal 3:7–14, Ps 111:1b–6, Lk 11:15–26
7:45 George Schellenberg
9:00 Harriette Vickers & Julia Walsh

Saturday, October 8
9:00 Elizabeth Bossong & Sister Joan Kellenberg

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

Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)
4:00 Confessions Today Fr. Ethel
5:00 People of St. Joseph Fr. Charles

Sunday, October 9 ~ Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Tm 2:8–13, Ps 98:1–4, Lk 17:11–19
7:00 Amelia Covino Fr. Jerome
8:45 Nicholas Pugliese Fr. Ethel
9:30 People of St. Joseph Fr. Francis
10:15 Elizabeth Bossong Fr. Ethel
11:45 Coiro Family Fr. Francis
5:00 Harold Scully Fr. Charles

Nocturnal Adoration
On Friday, October 7th, “Please Join Us for One Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9pm to 10pm in Church”.

REFLECTION FOR TODAY
When will I have given enough - of my income, of my time, of my talents? Today’s Gospel suggests that only total stewardship will do: “When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say ‘We are useless servants. We have done no more than our duty.’”

Prepared for Marriage

First Time ~
No Banns

Second Time ~
Christopher W. Smith & Katherine E. Schneller

Third Time ~
Peter Mantista & Amy DeRosa

For Our Sick

Candles
In Honor of Marcella Dupui Maynard

Altar Rose
In memory of Nancy Overholser

For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Joseph A. Kelly & Patricia Sorce.

The Sacraments of Life

Newly Baptized
Emilia Grace Alberti, Landon Michael Bellezza, Jackson Parker Grober, Eloise Therese Ligon, Mason Edward Mineo, Chase Rocco Reilly & Jaylanna Grace Rodriguez

Preparing for Marriage

Banns Posted

Mass Schedule & Readings For The Coming Week
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 Pietto
Lt. Stephen Scuderi
PFC Mark Ospina
Lt. Joseph A. Vanderveldt, III
2LT Anthony C. DiBiasi

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

Fatima
Our Lady, the Mother of Jesus, appeared to Three Children in Portugal, Fatima in 1917 (Lucia, Jacinta and Francesco). On Thursday, October 13th, the 99th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Island Shrine out east in Manorville. 10:00am begins the rosary procession at the Rosary Walk, 11:30am Mass at the outside Rock, 12:30pm Lunch break, 1:30pm Conference, 3:00pm Holy Hour. For more information call the Shrine at (631) 325-0661.

Vocation Events
November 11-13: PRO Young Men’s Retreat at the Seminary in Huntington
November 18: Vocations Holy Hour at St. Aidan’s, Williston Park at 7pm
December 21: College \ Young Adult Encounter at the Seminary at Huntington
January 20: Vocations Holy Hour at St. Patrick’s, Bay Shore at 7pm
For more details call (516) 678-5800 Ext. 214 or log onto www.longislandpriest.com

Mass Time Change
Starting the first Sunday of Advent, November 27th the 11:45am Mass will become the 12noon Mass giving more time following the 10:15am Mass to set up the sound equipment for the next Mass. Baptisms will start at 1:45pm.
56th Chrysanthemum Ball
St. Joseph Parish
56th Annual Chrysanthemum Ball
Saturday, October 15, 2016
Cocktails 7:00 PM
Dinner and Dancing
8:00pm until Midnight
Southward Ho Country Club
Bay Shore, New York

Please submit your Ball reservation no later than Tuesday, October 4th. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

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 Msgr. Nolan Hall.

✶ 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 Children's 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.
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.

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

St. Joseph Annual Christmas Pageant

Please join us on Mondays in the Church from 6:30pm until 8pm starting on October 3rd for the Children's Christmas Pageant rehearsals. The pageant is open to all the children from 1st grade thru 8th grade. We are performing in the Church on Sunday, December 11th at 3 pm. We need a few volunteers to work backstage, costumes, music and programs.

If interested please call/text or email the coordinator - Teresa Hansen at 808-429-8806
Email - ethkids@yahoo.com
Thank you!
Blessing of the Animals

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
God loves all creations! Furry, feathered, soft shell, hard shell, 2 or 4 legged and long or short tail. Let’s see them all!

Special Blessing of the Animals on

Sunday, October 2nd
at 3:30pm in Kelly Plaza (next to the gym). **Please note the day and time change.** Rain or Shine!

Save The Date

SAVE THE DATE
The Knights of Columbus Presents
Your Favorite Dance Party Music, Dinner & More
Saturday, November 12th, 2016
7:00-11 p.m.
Msgr. Nolan Hall

Book Club News

Book Club
Meeting on Thursday, November 10th, 2016 at 7:30pm in Room 255. The Fall Book discussion will be on

“A Man Called Ove”
By Fredrik Backman
Usher Meeting

CALLING ALL USHERS

Our first meeting for the 2016-17 year will be Saturday, October 8th at 9:45am in room 256. We will renew our commitment to usher and go over new procedures. See you there! If you have any questions please contact Theresa Kaliner at 631-587-0321. Thank you!

Honor Society News

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

Peace and blessings, Father Charles

Elizabeth Castello
Sofia LaRocca
Katelyn McKeivitt

Christopher Mulford
Emilio Niland
Emma Seegers

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2016: Loving Others as Christ Would

Please: Make a Difference in Someone’s Life by donating to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish: __________________________ Pledge: $________
Name: __________________________ Down payment: $________
Address: __________________________
City, State, Zip: __________________________
Phone: __________________________

Signature: __________________________ Date: ________

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Toddling Twos

(Children 2-3 yrs)

parent/caregiver and child classes

We are now registering for the Fall Session of our Toddling Twos parent/caregiver and child classes.

Toddling Twos will meet for 1 and 1/2 hours Mondays at noon, where they will be able to socialize and participate in learning activities. This program will include an introduction to various art techniques, songs and story time.

Please call Anne at the nursery school for more information or to register call 631-661-4559. We look forward to hearing from you!
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!

Social Ministries

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

Handbags - 1/2 Price
Shoes - 1/2 Price
Toys - 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!

St. Vincent de Paul

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

SVdP Society and the Outreach Program have been given generous donations from the estate of Dolores Browne. She passed away on March 12, 2016. Dolores was a very active member of St. Josephs Parish Community. She volunteered at Outreach as our bookkeeper. She was a member of Catholic daughters, the Consolation ministry, and the Eucharistic Ministers also bringing Eucharist to the homebound and nursing homes. Dolores cared deeply about the poor and needy. It is with great appreciation, that we receive her very generous gift so that we can continue our mission of helping the less fortunate.
The Faith Formation classes have begun. If you still need to purchase textbooks, please come during our office hours: **Monday-Friday 9am-4pm.** If you come between the hours of 9am – 9:30am, you will need to call the office to enter the building: 631-587-4717 or 631-245-1075.

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 went out with a letter in the mail. If you did not receive the letter, please come to the office to pick it up. Level 1 will be required to attend 6 designated Masses during the year and level 2 will be required to attend 7 Masses during the year. Please see the Faith Formation Handbook for more details.

Level 2 Covenants are due at any Mass this weekend, October 1st – 2nd. Please remember to bring your Mass attendance envelopes and place them in the collection basket.

The Faith Formation Office will be closed on Monday, October 10th in observance of Columbus Day.

Level 5 Parent & child meeting – Thursday, October 13th – please come to Nolan Hall at either 4pm or 7pm. We will be giving out the Mass Booklets and going over the level 5 requirements.

Level 8 Reconciliation – Saturday, October 15th – those with last names that begin with the letters A-L, come at 11am and those with last names beginning with the letters M-Z, come at 1pm. Please arrive in the Church 10-15 minutes prior to allow time to sign in.

Level 1 Welcome Celebration – Sunday, October 16th @ the 9:30am Mass in Nolan Hall followed by hospitality in the gym afterwards. Please remember to bring your child’s covenant and Mass attendance envelope.

Please consider volunteering! We need Hall Monitors and Catechists. If you are interested in helping to guide our children in the catholic faith, please call the Faith Formation Office. We appreciate our volunteers! Thank you!
Activities open to those in Grades 6—12
Adult Helpers needed! Please let me know if you are available. Thank you.

Teens, here are some things to put on your calendars:

HIGH SCHOOL MONDAY MEETING   7pm in the Madonna Room.
All in grades 9—12 are welcome to join us!
October 3rd, October 17th and October 24th.
Ring bell at Hospitality Center doors and come on up!

MIDDLE SCHOOL MEETING: New Program!
Join us Wednesday, October 19th at 7:30 in Room 260
Fun—Faith—Friends

Diocesan Youth Kick Off … Friday 10/28 at St. Agnes in Rockville Centre.
We get together with about 300 other Teens.
APeX Ministry will be our
guest speaker this year – check them out on YOUTUBE!
Tickets are $10. Please sign up now.

Halloween Party…Friday 10/21 in the Madonna Room.
Tickets are $5. Wear a costume, bring a spooky desert, and come have fun!!

MOVIE: Grassroots film: OUTCAST. Highlighting poverty in our world.
Thursday, November 10th   Tickets $5   7:30 – 9:30pm (no school next day!)
It is going to be a great night – teens from all across Long Island will be joining us
along with the Franciscan Friars. One Hour film followed by Q & A with the producer.
There will be snacks available to purchase.
**Service Hours available if you attend and hand in a completed questionnaire.
MUST SIGN UP IN ADVANCE. See me for questionnaire.**

Service Opportunities:
PBJ Gang 10/20, 11/17.
Advent Night: Tuesday, 11/22 – adult & teen help needed.
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

"Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you."
- St. Augustine

The Junior Catholic Daughters of America invite young women between the ages of 10 - 17 to join us as we pray and work together. We meet in the O'Connell Ron on the first and third Tue of each month. Come discover yourself in service to others!

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 Living Rosary,

Wednesday,

October 12, 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
Faith Formation

Special Needs Catechist Appeal September 2016 for “Big Brothers” and “Big Sisters”

Faith Formation is ready to begin. In addition to the typical groups in various levels of study we offer one-on-one faith tutoring for children with special needs. This is a multi-level/ungraded program of study customized for each child according to their abilities and needs. Our gifted and talented volunteer Catechists receive training and preparation in order to enable them to creatively present lessons of Faith to children.

So, my question today is, would you like to sit one on one, hand in hand, eye to eye to share your faith with a child? Are you a good story teller? The children would enjoy listening to you tell the tales of the Bible stories. Together we will teach the children to pray and offer them the opportunity to fully participate in the Sacraments and Christian living. We meet Tuesdays at 5pm for an hour and the weekly preparation takes another ½ hour.

We have all the materials you will need and I will personally prepare you for this ministry. If the Lord is speaking to your heart now, call Faith Formation for details 631.587.4717

Many Blessings, Kathy Knott 631.279.0614
Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I received this letter in the last couple of weeks and with permission I wanted to share it with the Parish.

Dear Deacon Barry,

It was a pleasure speaking with you at the baptism class last month. My husband, Mark, and I have since welcomed our second son, Braden, into our family. As our family grows it is reassuring to know that we have the support of the Saint Joseph’s family behind us.

As we discussed Mark and I chose to become parishioners at Saint Joseph’s when we moved to West Babylon, despite the fact that there is another church closer to us, because of the sense of community we felt from the first time we ever attended mass. Father Chris was always so open and welcoming, and made such an effort to make everyone in attendance at mass feel included. When Father Seth would end mass by thanking everyone who was there for coming, you could tell how genuinely grateful he was for the role that each person played in the mass. We always were made to feel like we were a part of the family, and as practicing Catholics in a society that often challenges our values, knew that this was something that we wanted for us as individuals and as a new family.

We were and still are particularly appreciative of support that was offered to us last winter when our oldest son, Hunter, was stillborn. Instead of planning for a baptism, we had to plan for a funeral for our baby and the support offered by the Ministry of Consolation was incredible. Kathy May came and sat with us in the hospital, and at his service, she and Joan Graham made sure that my husband and I were provided for, and our guests at the funeral service were warmly received. Even this February on his first birthday, we received a card from the ministry to let us know that people were still thinking about him and praying for our family. That meant more to us than we could ever express.

We look forward to being able to bring our son to mass with us in a few weeks, and are grateful for the opportunity that Saint Joseph’s will afford us to raise him in such a loving and supportive community.

The letter is signed, Mrs. Mary Bradley, on behalf of her and her husband Mark. Mary spoke of deep truths, such as each of us having a role at Mass and in the life of the Parish. Friends, too often in the Church, the clergy, bishops, priests and deacons receive lots of fanfare. Yet it is those who aren’t in the limelight, YOU, my sisters and brothers who make all the difference in the world at helping a house of God become a home. Following the example and teaching of our Lord, you are stepping up and allowing the grace of God to work in and through you, by loving God and loving each other. Thank you, my beloved friends for making St. Joseph not just a house of God, but also a home for God and God’s children.

Deacon Barry
When driving in the car with our youngest granddaughter Abigail, we always play a CD of songs to which we all sing. One tune, “And Bingo Was His Name-o” brings back haunting memories of when the boys were in St. Joseph School and the parents had to work at Bingo on Friday nights, once every six weeks. This involvement increased geometrically when I was President of the Parents Association and was called into action when other parents did not show up. While the need to raise funds to support the school was real, being in that smoke-filled, often hostile auditorium made me think that if I ever went to another bingo game it would be too soon.

That changed, of course, when our grandchildren arrived and our yearly vacation plans included “Family Bingo Night” at the place where we stayed. What was quite unique about this time around was (besides no smoking and far less competitive players) was the bingo caller. Renita had a way of gaining enormous groans from the crowd by the way she called a “2”. She elongated the “t” to make it sound like “tuuuooo”. As the games went on, the playful moans continued and, of course, intensified when “22” was called.

This year I noticed that Renita was late in arriving, and when she did her gait was a bit slower. At the end of the third game she took a moment to thank everyone for the prayers which she said got her through a medical situation that placed her in a hospital for six months. She repeated her appreciation three more times and emphasized her healing would not have been possible without prayer.

In this often too politically correct environment in which we find ourselves, it was refreshing for me to hear someone in a somewhat public forum express the power of prayer. Renita truly spoke from the heart and, although I do not know all of the details of her condition, she believes it was prayers as much as the medical team’s skills that brought her back to the bingo room.

Two things. Renita was not shy about sharing her faith, even in a very broad circle. Can we say the same about ourselves? And knowing that prayer really does work, do we still not take the time we should to ask God for the things we need? To thank Him for all he does for us? To praise Him for His power and majesty? To ask His forgive us for our sins?

Try prayer. It really works.

PRAYER

Loving and Generous Father, You have given us the seven sacraments as the primary means of obtaining Grace. The other means is prayer. Let us take advantage of this simple, easy to use method of obtaining the Grace we need so badly to carry out the life that You have called each of us to live. In this Year of Mercy, let prayer become a part of our life each day so we can praise Your name, confess our sins, thank You for Your constant Love, and tell You of our needs. This we ask in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Reflections

Stewardship...

Stewardship Sound Byte

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who recognize their unique combination of God-given gifts and use them to participate in, and support, all our various parish ministries.
Lazarus Ministry

LAZARUS MINISTRY

On Saturday, October 8, 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.

News From Outside the Parish

Holy Trinity High School 50th Anniversary All Year Reunion

Please join us on Saturday, October 15th as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Holy Trinity High School with a reunion celebrated with all of our alumni. For more information, please check our website at www.HolyTrinity.org or call our advancement office at (516) 433-7361. Register online at http://www.mcssl.com/store/holytrinitydiocesan/reunion-homecoming-celebration-oct-15-2016
Intercesiones por la Vida
Por los médicos que se esfuerzan por hacer lo correcto, y por sus pacientes; que el Evangelio de la vida pueda ser su guía:

Roguemos al Señor:
Señor, escucha nuestra oración.

La Paz empieza con Nosotros
Iglesia que no se une a los pobres con el fin de hablar del lado de los pobres, en contra de las injusticias contra ellos no es la verdadera Iglesia de Jesucristo.

Arzobispo Oscar Romero

Baúl de la fe:
CAFE Y RECUERDOS: 20€
Sábado 4 de diciembre a las 18:00h. en la Capilla. Llamar a Russel Biester al (631)669-0068 ext. 131.

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

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

REGENERACIÓN ESPIRITUAL:
Llamar a Adriana Mascari al Tel. (631) 681-0005.

COMUNIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS:
Ver a Herminda y Ana Elia López después de la misa.

HORA SANTA:
Cuarto domingo del mes. 12:30pm.
Es importante que nos demos cuenta de los diferentes cambios que la sociedad, familia y los matrimonios han tenido en estos últimos tiempos. Por lo tanto estamos invitando a todas las parejas casadas o no casadas a conocer estos desafíos que los vivimos día a día y como aprender a enfrentarlos positivamente.

Rudolfo y Aracely González (516) 395-1041, Blanca y Neptali Zuna (516) 554-4503
María Teresa Y David Torres (516) 965-7311, Eddie y Arely Cantos (917)385-0236

**FECHAS DE LAS CLASES**

Los grupos de estudiantes que asistirán al Centro de Formación se reunirán solamente cuando un voluntario del Centro esté presente. Las clases se dictarán durante 26 domingos: 2, 9, 16, 23 y 30 de octubre, 6, 13, y 20 de noviembre, 4, 11, y 17 de diciembre, 8, 15, 22, y 29 de enero, 5, 12, y 26 de febrero. 5, 12, 19 y 26 de marzo, 2, y 9 de abril.

**FECHAS DE LOS EVENTOS**

TALLER “VIRTUS”
Padres y estudiantes adultos
Sábado, 19 de noviembre de 2016
Confirmación 2016
29 de noviembre de 2016 @ 1:30pm
Prender el Árbol de Navidad
4 de diciembre de 2016
Miércoles de Cenizas
1 de marzo de 2017
Jueves Santo
13 de abril de 2017
Vía Crucis en el Lago “Argyle” Padres/estudiantes
14 de abril de 2017 a la 1:00pm
Reconciliación y ensayo candidatos de la Vigilia
15 de abril de 2017 a las 10:00am
Vigilia Pascual
15 de abril de 2017 a las 8:00pm
Reconciliación y Ensayo Primera Comunión
6 de mayo de 2017 a las 10:00am
Primera Comunión
7 de mayo de 2017 @ 11:30am
Confirmación 2017
4 de junio de 2017 @ 11:30am

Por favor sean puntuales. El horario está sujeto a las condiciones climáticas. Si desea alguna información por favor llame a la oficina de Educación Religiosa @ (631) 669-0068 Ext. 131.

ES ESENCIAL LA ASISTENCIA A LA SANTA MISA TODOS LOS DOMINGOS COMO COMPLEMENTO DEL PROGRAMA.