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

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time + October 16, 2016
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today I give thanks to God, to His mother Mary and Saint Joseph for bringing me to the parish family of St. Joseph here in Babylon. Today at the 11:45am Mass I will be officially installed as Pastor of the parish. I look forward to praying and working with all of you as we ask Our Lady and St. Joseph, the Patron of our Parish, to journey with us in a special way these next 6 years.

As I mentioned last weekend, the moving of our Tabernacle back to the center of the sanctuary is a gift from one of our parishioners, Doug Chapey and family. Please say a prayer for him and his family, that God richly bless them for their generosity to us. I was called last week to be informed that the Tabernacle would be moved and in place by Sunday, October 16th. As I write this column early in the week it is my hope that it will indeed be done by Sunday. If so, I know it will look beautiful. If not, I hope it will be done next week. The marble column that the tabernacle used to sit on along with the mosaic behind it will be brought over to the Hall and placed in the center of that sanctuary where we presently have weekend Masses, Confirmation, Christmas and Easter Masses. The presiders chair will be moved to the side so we can center the tabernacle. The tabernacle in the middle of the sanctuary reminds us that Jesus is to be the center of all our lives and that the Eucharist is the summit and source of the Christians life. The Eucharist is God’s mercy among us.

At one of our open parish meetings a few weeks ago it was suggested that I consider giving all of our Catechists a 20% reduction for their children in our program. After discussion with Claire our Director of Faith Formation and her staff, I would like to share that we were in total agreement to offer this to all of our catechists starting September 2017. Thank you to all our Catechists in sharing your faith and helping our children come to know Jesus Christ.

I would like to thank our Chrysanthemum Ball committee for all their hard work in making our ball such a success. Starting next weekend we will be posting our weekly collection total and the weekly budget total in our weekly bulletin. This will enable us to see if we are meeting budget each week.

If you own a business, please consider taking an ad in our weekly bulletin. There are 10 spots still open. To do so please call The Church Bulletin at 631-249-4994 or their website is www.thechurchbulletininc.com.

We are so blessed in the parish to have a vibrant Nursery School. Please consider our nursery school for your children or grandchildren. We have great programs overseen by Patricia Taggart our Director. She gives 150% of herself to all she does. Praise God, Patricia has a wonderful support team of staff and teachers.

You will see a very large statue of the Blessed Mother as Our Lady of Grace in the Msgr. Nolan Hall. The statue is on loan from Our Lady Queen of Peace prayer group in Greenlawn which is a Long Island Wide prayer group. She arrived on Wednesday, October 12th. The statue used to reside at Our Lady of the Island shrine in Eastport for many years then went to Cure of Ars in Merrick for several years and now Fino Giordano, the head of the prayer group, would like the beautiful statue of our Lady to reside here at St. Joseph, a parish named after Her earthly spouse. I am so grateful to Fino for bringing the Statue to us. Thank you Fino.

Please join me and our respect life committee on December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception for the National Night of Prayer for life. See the bulletin for details.

When I took Living Your Strengths I discovered that God has given me the gift of Restorative one of my top 5 strengths. Through reading, prayer and reflection I have come to understand what it means in my life. I have a passion for restoring people and things to their original purpose and beauty and so give glory to God. My passion is bringing people to Christ, helping them to enter more deeply into Christ’s love for them, helping people see themselves as God sees them, made in His image and likeness.

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 today and forever.
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:

1. The wooden awning over the parish outreach door at the back entrance of the rectory was rotted and pieces of wood missing. This has been repaired with plastic (trex) so it won’t rot in the future and painted the same color brown as the metal fire escapes.

2. Some parishioners have asked me if we purchased new vestments after seeing what I wear on Sunday. The vestments I wear are my personal vestments bought for me from my family and friends as gifts through the years. We did purchase a funeral set for the parish because we were in need of it. Anyone willing to memorialize the priest vestment, stole, deacon dalmatic or funeral pall please feel free to call Alice at (631) 669-0068 Ext. 171.

3. In the church there is a concrete foundation below the brick. It was painted years ago but you can see how the paint has been chipped away along the edge of the carpet. We hope to have this painted in time for Christmas.

4. The walls in both Church sacristies have huge long cracks and plaster peeling. They will soon be repaired and painted.

5. I have had numerous parishioners ask me to please consider purchasing new chairs for the Monsignor Nolan Hall. As you know, we have two Masses in the hall each week along with Parish Confirmation, Christmas and Easter Masses. After discussing this with our religious education formation team they were in total support of getting new chairs. Therefore, we are looking into this as a real possibility.

6. Over the next new few weeks a handicap ramp will be built by the back entrance of the rectory which the priests use so the rectory can be handicap accessible. The diocesan preference is that every building be handicap accessible. Included in this project will be the redoing of the back steps which will be incorporated into the ramp. The steps are presently very steep and awkward to climb.

7. 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 so dry out 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 has been refinished. On the door is beautiful decorative brass hardware which needs to be removed and refinished. If you or someone you know is willing and able to do that please call Alice at (631) 669-0068 Ext. 171.

8. 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. A new railing will also be installed that will be in keeping with the beauty of the church’s architecture.

9. The side rectory stoop by the white door is going to be repaired and enlarged since the top step is very short and dangerous. Two people almost fell coming out of the rectory.

10. 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 are being painted.

Have a great week walking with God. Remember, 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 17
Eph 2:1–10, Ps 100:1b–5, Lk 12:13–21
7:45 Deceased Members of the Graham Family
9:00 Ann, Arlene & James Sutton

Tuesday, October 18
2 Tm 4:10–17b, Ps 145:10–13, 17–18, Lk 10:1–9
7:45 Waltrud Sherlock
9:00 Intentions of Audrey McHugh

Wednesday, October 19
Eph 3:2–12, (Ps) Is 12:2–3, 4b–6, Lk 12:39–48
7:45 Evan Daniel Reilly
9:00 Carmen Aurecchione

Thursday, October 20
Eph 3:14–21, Ps 33:1–2, 4–5, 11–12, 18–19, Lk 12:49–53
7:45 Martha Muggleston
9:00 James Miller

Friday, October 21
Eph 4:1–6, Ps 24:1–4b, 5–6, Lk 12:54–59
7:45 Tommy Meehan Jr.
9:00 Douglas Coville

Saturday, October 22
Eph 4:7–16, Ps 122:1–5, Lk 13:1–9
9:00 Marianne Steiner

Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)
4:00 Confessions Today Fr. Joe
5:00 Jean Fallen Brown Fr. Ethel
John Chadwick
Robert Lambert

Sunday, October 23 ~ Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 35:12–14, 16–18, Ps 34:2–3, 17–19, 23, 2 Tm 4:6–8, 16–18, Lk 18:9–14
7:00 People of St. Joseph Fr. Ethel
8:45 Marguerite & John Roche Fr. Joe
9:30 Patricia Scott Fr. Francis
10:15 Denise Fergueson & Fr. Ethel Christen Johnson
11:45 Donald & Patrick Manning Fr. Francis
And Grandparents
5:00 Megan Anderson 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
PO2 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
PVT Danny Bornschein
Sgt Edwin Zambrano
PFC Dominick Pititto
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

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.

2017 MASS INTENTIONS

The 2017 Mass Book will be open for Mass Intentions on Thursday, October 27th at 10am in the O’Connell Room of the Parish Center. Please note that the Mass Book will be open for intentions for January through June 2017 only.
56th Chrysanthemum Ball

Congratulations to our 2nd & 3rd Early Bird winners

Fr. Chris Heller & Richard P. Eilers.

Here is a picture of Fr. Charles and Deacon John selecting the 2nd winning ticket and Fr. Charles and Sharon Saragnese selecting the third winning ticket. Thank you all for your support.

Thanksgiving Liturgies

Thanksgiving Mass & Celebration

Thanksgiving

Please mark your calendar: There will be two liturgies. The Spanish liturgy will be at 10am in the Nolan Hall, the English liturgy will be at 10am in the Church.

St. Joseph Cemetery Memorial Mass

There will be an All Souls’ Day Mass at St. Joseph Cemetery on Wednesday, November 2nd at 9am.

The Cemetery is located on Old Farmingdale Road, just west of Livingston Avenue, south of Sunrise Highway.

For your comfort, it is recommended that lawn chairs be brought to the cemetery.

All are invited.

(In case of rain, there is a 9:00am Mass in the Church)

Monday, November 2nd, is All Souls Day. The pamphlet, “Prayers For Visiting A Cemetery” will be available in the Church, Msg Nolan Hall and St. Joseph Cemetery from now until the end of November.
Knights of Columbus Dinner Dance

The Knights of Columbus
St. Joseph the Carpenter Council #14771 Presents Its

DINNER &
DANCE PARTY
All of your Favorite Dance Music
Performed by Sweetwater

Dinner Buffet, Coffee and Dessert
Beer, Wine & Soda
RAFFLES & 50/50

Saturday, November 12, 2016
7:00 PM-11:00PM

St. Joseph’s Church-Msgr. Nolan Hall
39 North Carll Avenue, Babylon

Tickets will be sold after all Masses October 22/23, October 29/30
and November 5/6

Help Us Support Local Charities
$35 Per Person
Adults Only- 21 and over (No Tickets Available At Door)

CONTACT: Dom 631-669-1092, Frank 631-587-6384
or Bill 631-539-8734
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**
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)
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 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

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

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!
Special Prayer Events

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

National Night of Prayer for Life

On Thursday, December 8th, which is the feast of the Immaculate Conception, join our Pastor, Fr. Charles, as we join parishes throughout the Nation in prayer during our prayer vigil for life. It will take place in the church here at St. Joseph. This National Night of Prayer will begin with the 7:30pm Feast day Mass. The prayer service will continue after Mass from 8:30p.m. to 11:30p.m. The prayer vigil will consist of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the rosary, scripture readings, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a spiritual slide presentation, music, other prayers, Benediction and much more.

Please join us as we pray for those whose lives are being mistreated or abused in any way, such as: the elderly, the poor, and especially the unborn. Let us together bow down before the Blessed Sacrament and ask our Lord and Lady's help for these, our brothers and sisters. Let us spend these four hours with our Lord and promote the value of all life by praying for all those in need. If you can NOT join us for all four hours, please join us when you can. All are welcome.

“Moving On” Group

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH
PARISH CENTER
39 North Carll Avenue
Babylon, NY 11702

“Moving On” Group
An After-Bereavement Group for Widows and Widowers Will Present:

“Healthy Eating”
Presented by Northwell Health
Friday, October 21st @ 7:30 pm
For further information please call
Geri Olson at 631-661-8994
**Boys and Girls:**

**Is Jesus Calling You To Serve?**

Have you ever thought you might like to serve at Holy Mass by assisting the priest? Have you ever thought you might want to participate in a special way in the Mass? If you are in fourth grade or above and are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please contact Deacon Barry Croce at bcroce@stjosephsbabylon.com

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

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

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

St. Joseph’s Nursery School

Toddling Twos

(Children 2-3 yrs)

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

Thrift Shop News
Dishes & All Halloween - 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.

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells His disciples to pray always without becoming weary... indeed our prayer must always be an expression of our love for God, our family, our world, and especially the suffering poor.
Please remember to pray for the poor and homeless who have no one to pray for them.
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.**

Level 8 Reconciliation – took place yesterday, Saturday, October 15th if your child missed the celebration, please contact the Faith Formation Office to find out how to make it up.

Level 8 Confirmation Candidates – parents and/or sponsors need to hand in their Palanca Letter’s as soon as possible. These letters will be given to the Confirmation Candidates at the retreat on November 8th.

Level 2 are asked to attend Mass the weekend of October 22 & 23 - Please bring a donation for the Food pantry and remember to bring your child’s Mass attendance envelope and place it in the collection basket.

There are no Faith Formation classes on Monday, October 31st – Happy Halloween!

Catechist Meeting for level 1-6 catechist’s on Thursday, November 3rd - please come to room 257 at either 11am or 7pm. Matt Zinser from Loyola Press will be giving us an overview of the Finding God series.

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

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!*
Youth Ministry

Activities open to those in Grades 6 - 12

Service Opportunities:

Saturday 10/15: Help in Church at Reconciliation Service
Adults & 2 Teens  10:30 - 2pm)
Advent Night: Tuesday, 11/22  adult & teen help needed

*** NEW DATE:   PBJ Gang Thursday 10/27

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 17th and October 24th.
Ring bell at Hospitality Center doors and come on up!

MIDDLE SCHOOL MEETING:  New Program! FunD FaithD Friends
Join us for our 1st night:  Wednesday, October 19th at 7:30 in Room 260

Diocesan Youth Kick Off é   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!!
Sign up on the Website Youth Ministry Calendar to reserve your spot!

Check out the website at:   www.stjosephsbabylon.org
St. Joseph the Carpenter Council #14771 is a Membership Organization of St. Joseph Parish. Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age and older.

Meetings are normally held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 8PM in the O’Connell Room.

For membership information contact: Larry Dell’Erba at 631-539-8565.
For additional information about the Knights of Columbus and St. Joseph the Carpenter Council: Just Google “Knights of Columbus St Josephs”

Catholic Daughters of the Americas - Court Bishop McDonnell #1403

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. Ladies, be our guest the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm 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.

Happy Birthday to the Golden Age Group Ladies

JCDA is hosting their annual COAT DRIVE on SUNDAY, OCT 23

Please bring your gently used coats to any Mass this day. Girls will be available 15 min before each mass, alongside the large boxes in the back of the church and Nolan Hall, to collect your donations. Your donations help warm the bodies and hearts of men, women & children in our local area. Many thanks from JCDA court 1403.
Diocese of Rockville Centre Wants You To Know

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

Wednesday November 16, 2016 at 7PM at St. Matthew in Dix Hills

Catholic High Schools Open House Schedule

Catholic High School Open House Schedules

October 2016

Saturday, October 15th
9am - 12pm at McGann-Mercy Dioc. H.S.

Sunday, October 16th
10:30am - 2pm at St. John the Baptist H.S.
2pm - 4:30pm at St. Mary’s High School
NEVER GIVE UP

This parable has been called the parable of “the Importunate Widow,” importunate meaning annoying or intrusive or determined. It might be better be called the parable of “the Callous Judge.” This was clearly not a Jewish judge, because ordinary Jewish disputes were taken before the elders, not into the public courts. The judge in this parable was apparently one of the paid magistrates appointed by either Herod or the Romans. These judges were notoriously corrupt. To get your case settled in your favor you needed influence and money with which to bribe. These judges were said to pervert justice for a dish of meat. This particular judge, said Jesus, feared neither God nor man – that is, he was not swayed by religious conviction or by public opinion.

The woman in the parable, a widow, is a symbol of all who are poor and defenseless. She is obviously without the kind of resources that might move the judge. The only weapon she has is her stubbornness. She uses it well. Time after time she comes to the judge insisting, “Give me justice!” At first the judge does nothing. After all, she is only a woman, and a widow, at that. The only status women had in this world was in relation to some man. Widows, therefore, had no power at all. This woman has nothing. Next case, please! But she does not quit. She becomes a plague to the judge. Finally, he says, “Although I do not really care about this woman or her case, because she is driving me crazy and has become utterly exhausting, I will give her what she wants.” Her persistence pays off.

Jesus is saying that if this flawed and unsavory judge could be moved to act by this woman’s persistence, how much more will the heavenly Father respond to people’s needs and petitions.

Do not lose heart

Deacon Mike
LOVE IN BLOOM

Quite often I am reminded that God puts people in our lives at different times and probably for different reasons. Some last for a lifetime, others seem to be here one day and gone the next. Each, I suggest, is there for a reason.

As I approach the beginning of my eighth decade on this wonderful planet, I realize how deeply blessed I have been. I also seem to becoming more aware of those around me, especially those that I have known the longest. At this age, nothing is guaranteed, and some of my friends from long ago are no longer in the marital union that once they were. In the space of two days recently, I learned of three of my college friends who suddenly have what might be a life companion after being alone for a considerable time. And the ways God placed that certain someone in the life of each is as different as the three individuals whose stories I will now relate.

Joe, always the life of the party, has been on his own for over 35 years and has developed a lifestyle that appeared to be best lived by himself. Never thinking otherwise, a long-time friend invited him to the wedding of his grandson and asked, as a favor, to occupy the time of his recently single sister. Much to the utter shock of the big brother, Joe and the sister are now trying out a coast to coast relationship and thinking it might just work.

Tom, single since cancer took his wife away some years ago, felt that he was never meant to be alone. With dating services now specializing in just about every category, Tom, an avid golfer, tried golfmates.com and somehow got paired with a woman whose son played soccer at the same time his daughter played soccer for the same high school. Each Saturday they would both be at soccer games for the same school but on different fields. Small world, but not so small golf courses. Now Tom wins golf tournaments when he is paired with the new object of his affection.

Andy, quiet, reserved and convinced he would remain a widower for the remainder of his days, was joining his high school classmates to collectively celebrate their 70th birthdays at the home of one of the birthday boys. He ventured into the kitchen for a beer when he met the host’s sister…a recent widow. That’s how it began, and who knows how it will end. But Andy is suddenly less quiet and reserved.

All six people seemed to have found a new happiness in life. This, I believe, is how God works; when we are down, He allows us to pick ourselves up off the mat. In some cases it might be a life partner, but at other times it might be simply a friend. Let us be open to those we suddenly find in our lives who are put there to bring out the best we have to offer.

PRAYER

Loving and Generous Father, just as Simon appeared to help Your Son at one of His weaker moments, so do You allow others to be there for us when we feel most alone. Give us the Grace we need to recognize such wonderful gifts and to understand that we are to help them on their journeys as much as they help us on ours. This we ask in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Stewardship Sound Byte

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who seek to discover their own individual gifts and personal vocation/role in this life.
Eagle Scout Project a Great Success!
A hearty and heartfelt thank you to
Peter Gillen, Boy Scout Troop #1 along with their crew of family and friends, Mr. & Mrs. Gillen,
Mr. DeLorenzo from Wayside Fence, and Mr. Doug Chapey for all your hard work and generous donations for the brand new St. Joseph Cemetery markers!
And thanks as well to Theresa O’Donovan, Parish Cemetery Manager, for her enthusiastic coordination, and Bob from Catholic Cemeteries, for pinpointing the location of the markers.
Thanks again!
Thank you Boy Scout Troop #1

Sunday, October 16, 2016
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

Catholic Ministries Appeal

Three 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. Blessings Fr. Charles
Adopt – A – Retired – Priest

Many retired priests miss the Church, especially the parishioners and people within the community. Please let these priests who have given their lives to the Church and community know you are thinking about them!

Parishioners and people of the community are encouraged to send retired priests Christmas, Easter, birthday and anniversary cards!

Please remember the following retired priests who now reside in St. Pius X Residence:

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Please send cards to:
St Pius X Enriched Living Facility
565 Albany Avenue
News From Outside the Parish

PROFESSIONAL THERAPY AND COUNSELING

Professional therapy, provided by New York State licensed therapists including therapists who specialize in Bereavement, Bipolar Disorders and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, is available to our parish and 147 other parishes. This program, under the direction of Dr. George Giuliani, has been conducted in the diocese for the past 41 years for the convenience of parishioners. It is provided by the Catholic Counseling Center, a proprietary professional corporation, which is independent of and not controlled or supervised by the parish or diocese. Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. We are currently looking for licensed therapists in Nassau, Suffolk and Queens. 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.

VENDORS WANTED

for Christmas Craft Fair!
St. John the Baptist DHS í West Islip
SPACES STILL AVAILABLE
SUNDAY DECEMBER 11, 2016
10am - 4pm
Fr more information, please contact Kathy at (516) 241-1294

50th Anniversary Celebration of Maria Regina High School

Please join us Saturday, November 5, 2016 for Mass and a cocktail party celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the opening of Maria Regina High School (1970-1984).

Mass will begin at 4:00 PM, followed by a cocktail party from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Mass will be concelebrated by Msgr. James Lisante ‘70.

Admission is free, but registration is requested for preparations to be made. Register online at www.kellenberg.org/mariaregina

For more information, please contact Mrs. Denise Miles at (516) 292-0200 ext. 245 or email MrsMiles@Kellenberg.org.
**Intercesiones por la Vida**

Por cada niño, y especialmente los que son abusados u olvidados, para que Dios nos dé la sabiduría y la convicción de proteger y cuidar de ellos,

Roguemos al Señor:

Señor, escucha nuestra oración.

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**La Paz empieza con Nosotros**

Dios escucha incluso la oración muy silenciosa de un corazón sincero.

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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:** Llamas a una preparación espiritual de conversión a la fe católica. Llame a la Sra. Julietta Mieles, al (631) 669-0068, ext. 131.

**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 Jose 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 Ulyrea todos los domingos a las 12:00pm en el Salón # 256. Más 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

**MONAGUILLOS O ACOLITOS:** Ver a Felipe y Claudia Rodas. Deben haber recibido la Primera Comunión.
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. 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.