We Celebrate the Eucharist

Sunday Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil - 5:00pm Church
Sunday Church - 7:00am, 8:45am, 10:15am, 12:00pm, 5:00pm
Nolan Hall - 9:30am
Nolan Hall - 11:30am - Misa Dominical Español

Weekday Mass Schedule
Mon. to Fri. - 7:45am, 9:00am Church
Saturday - 9:00am Church

We Celebrate the Sacraments

Baptism
Parents are requested to call the Parish Office at least two months before child’s birth to make arrangements. New Parents’ Instruction Class will be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 7:30pm to 8:30pm in Room 257. Baptism is celebrated every Sunday of the month at 1:45pm.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Anyone who wishes to join the Catholic Church should call the Parish Office.

Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturday 4:00 to 4:45pm in the Church or call the Parish Office for an appointment.

Matrimony
Couples are requested to call at least six months before the wedding for an appointment with a Priest or Deacon to set the date and make arrangements. No arrangements can be made by phone.

Anointing of the Sick
Fourth Saturday of the month at the 9:00am Mass or call the Parish Office.

Welcome to all New Parishioners. We invite you to register at the Parish Office.
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I pray you will be able to join us for our Parish advent mission. It is this Monday and Tuesday after the 9am Mass and 7:30pm each night. Confessions will follow the Monday night session and Hospitality will be Tuesday night. All are welcome. See the bulletin flyer for details.

Next weekend, December 10/11, we are having Christians from the Holy Land (Bethlehem) selling Olive Wood Carvings in the gymnasium. All the money from the sale goes to help the Christians who are suffering in the Holy Land. A representative will be speaking at all the Masses next weekend.

Thank you to all who have given to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, helping us get closer to our parish goal of $134,300.00. As you know, one of our parishioners said he would match whatever we raise from now until December up to $10,000. If you have not had the opportunity to give to the CMA, please consider doing so. Every dime given is used for the ministries throughout the diocese.

Since we increased the lighting in the parking lot, Joe, our night time security guy, said that people are no longer hanging out and there have been no incidents in the parking lot. I was so happy to hear that. Praise God.

You may have noticed that the dead tree in the back of the church has been taken down because we were concerned about it falling during the winter months. Shortly after the tree was removed, someone called me and expressed that they wanted to memorialize a statue of our Lady. We picked out Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, she is five feet tall and ivory in color. It’s Mary holding Jesus (and he’s about three or four years old) and Jesus is holding a chalice in his hand with a host suspended above the chalice. It is very beautiful and inspiring. The goal is to create a grotto to our Lady with a bench for people to sit and pray in the area where the tree was. In speaking to the parishioner, she also expressed a desire to have running water in the grotto which I think is a great idea. There won’t be any pooling of water or small pond but rather water that runs down rocks and disappears into rocks on the ground. It recycles itself. I am also aware that where the tree was taken down was a garden dedicated to Fr. Gorman by the Children of our Nursery School and in memory of the Children in Oklahoma City. These memorials will remain in the new grotto. That will not change. Our Lady will be added to the garden along with running water and additional landscaping. Exactly when the grotto will be done, I am not sure. It depends on when the statue comes in and the weather.

I wanted to remind everyone that the work you see being done on the property: the painting, concrete work, the new smokeless candles soon to be installed in the south entrance of the church, the new church railings soon to be installed outside and inside, the new processional candles next to the altar in the church is all being paid for by a parishioner who left money to the parish in her will. She specifically wanted it to be used for the upkeep, maintenance and needs of the parish. People have asked me, where are we getting the money to pay for these things, so I wanted to share with you once again where it is coming from. It’s not coming from Sunday collections. At the same time, we need to save and not touch some of the money that was willed to us by this generous parishioner, and so that is also happening.

As you already know, we have added a ramp to the back of the rectory so all of our buildings are becoming handicap accessible. In doing so we had to unfortunately remove the tree. We were doing everything to try and work around the tree. When we took down the dead tree behind the church we pruned the rectory tree with the intention of keeping it. Once the mason actually started the ramp, it became clear that the tree had to be removed along with the old root system which was creating a problem. I was sad to see it removed but we will be planting new trees in that area come the spring. Unfortunately, I couldn’t share this information with you sooner in the bulletin because all this happened right before I went on retreat.

You may have noticed in the Msgr. Nolan Hall that our tabernacle is back. It looks like a new tabernacle but its not, we just had it refinished. They did a beautiful job restoring it.
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. My thought was to paint it the color of the electrical conduits on the brick walls. It is like a brick red color. The color is such a good match to the brick that it causes the conduit to fade away into the brick. It doesn’t stand out. I would like to try this color on the concrete base below the brick so the base matches the brick. Let me know what you think of the color. Feel free to call me at the parish center or place a note in my mail box. Thanks so much.

On Thursday, December 8th, which is the feast of the Immaculate Conception, please join me and the Respect Life Committee 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’s. 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.

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

Advent Mission

2016 Advent Mission
Church of St. Joseph
Monday, December 5th – Tuesday, December 6th
Topic: Mary ~ Embracing God’s plan with a contemplative heart.

During the season of Advent, our Blessed Mother stands as a model for us as one who stands in awe before the mystery of God and is able to surrender to that mystery. She who is full of grace teaches us how to open our hearts to that very same grace that empowers us to surrender. Our mission will offer us the opportunity to explore contemplative prayer as a means of opening our hearts to that life-giving divine encounter.

Presenter: Father Anthony Stanganelli

Mission Schedule

Monday, December 5th:
9:00am Mass, Presider - Fr. Tony
9:30am Mission Talk
7:30pm Mission Talk by Fr. Tony with Confessions Following

Tuesday, December 6th:
9:00am Mass, Presider - Fr. Tony
9:30am Mission Talk
7:30pm Mission Talk by Fr. Tony

~Hospitality to follow in the O’Connell Room after the close of the mission~
Newly Baptized
Sadie Frances DiMartino, Cora Ann Farrelly, Brayden Dean Goelz, Ava Rose Jaramillo, Savannah Christina Johnston, Jaiden Michael Anthony Keezer, Edward Anthony Otte, Camryn Grace Serina, Brian Anthony Smith, Charles Declan Sweeney, Layla Grace Votta & Madison Rae Zeni

Preparing for Marriage Banns Posted
First Time ~
No Banns
Second Time ~
No Banns
Third Time ~
Robert Farrell & Andrea Mancuso

For Our Sick
Please remember in your prayers the sick of our Parish: Robert Dobbins, Robert Semeraro, Marie Azicri, Monica Restrepo, Kristy Minningel, 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, Kathleen M. Elsner, Tom Fleury, Mary Jane Simmons, Evelyn Scalise, Mary Blasko, Richard D’Alessandro, Dan Aranda, Charles Chertiza, Marcella Dwyer, Jenien Horner, Dorothy Meloni, Joy Lichten, Kristy Minninger, Sandy Cardona, Norman Gomez, Brandon Davey, Raymond Meigel, Angela Colantrrello , Mary Ellen Szwejkowski, , Fr. Joseph Arevalo, Gertrude Albert, Sabina Dojlidko, Kathleen Gallagher, Lee Dorn, Dorila Cardozo, Anne Marie Suttmeier, Frank Ferguson & Silvio Gomez.

Altar Rose
In memory of Anthony & Betty Miele

For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Margaret M. Sheridan & Linda Ruland.

Reflection for Today
We must be good stewards of God’s gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today: “Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”
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

Lt. Michael Catalano
Lt. John T. Izzo
Lt. Caroline Mayer
PO2 Kristen Tice
PO1 Rasheen Tice

U.S. Army:
SPC Elliot Chodkowski
SSG Joshua Insull
LT John Kello
SSG David C. Ray
Eric Stein
LT Jon J. Uebel
PV2 Danny Bornschein
Sgt Edwin Zambrano
PFC Dominick Piteito
Capt. Stephen Scuderi
PFC Mark Ospina
Lt. Joseph A. Vandelveld, Jr.
2LT Anthony C. DiBiasi
PV2 Alexandra Diaz

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

Parish News

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 12th from 5pm - 7pm. Thank you!

Handicap Ramp
This week a handicap ramp was 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 was the redoing of those back steps which were incorporated into the ramp. The steps were very steep and awkward to climb. The curbing was also redone since so much of it had chunks of concrete missing along with areas of concrete that had lifted making it a tripping hazard. Now it will be safer for people to walk over and on the curb.

Sacrificial Giving

Thank you for your generosity in returning to God and God’s work some of what God has given to you.

11/20/16
Actual Collection $22,357.00
Budgeted Collection $25,923.00
(- 3,566.00)

11/27/16
Actual Collection $23,633.00
Budgeted Collection $25,923.00
(- 2,290.00)

God Bless You!

Sunday, December 4, 2016
Welcome
Our pastor, Fr. Charles Mangano, his brother priests, Fr. Joe Arevalo, Fr. Ethel Anarado, Fr. Francis Samuel and our Pastoral Team welcome you to St. Joseph. If you are visiting us for the first time, you are our honored guests and we pray that you will consider making St. Joseph your church home. We are here to assist you in your spiritual growth and maturity as together we give glory to God through our worship, prayer and service in the name of Jesus Christ. We are committed to the fullness of Roman Catholic teaching and to the promise of salvation that the Church offers to all believers. May God accomplish a great work in you among us.

Office Hours/Parish Office
(631) 669-0068
Mon. to Thurs. 9:30am to 9:00pm
Fridays 9:30am - 7:30pm
Sat. 9:30am to 6:30pm  Sun. 9:30am -1:30pm

Cemetery Office
(631)669-0068 Ext. 107
Monday to Thursday 9:00am to 12:30pm
Please call in advance for an appt. during these hours.

Faith Formation Office
(631)587-4717
Mon. to Fri. 9:00am to 4:00pm

Hispanic Office
(631)669-0068 x131
Friday 7:00 to 9:00pm

Outreach Office
(631)669-4544
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
9:30am to 1:30pm
Other times by appt. (631-669-4544)

Food Pantry
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
9:30am to 1:30pm
Other times by appt. (631-669-0068 x 128)

Thrift Shop
(631)669-5574
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
10:00am to 3:00pm
Nursery School - (631)661-4559
Youth Ministry - (631)669-0068 x 108
Parish Office Fax - (631)669-9175
E-mail: secretary@stjosephsbabylon.org
WebSite: www.stjosephsbabylon.org

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

Calling All Cake Bakers
The Ministry of Consolation would like to invite you to join our team of cake bakers.
The delivery of a home-made cake to a bereaved family in our local area is such an unexpected, pleasant surprise that says—

We are a welcoming community, we understand your pain and sadness. Your act of kindness is never forgotten by the family receiving your gift.
The Ministry of Consolation is such a beautiful and loving Ministry. Please join us so we may continue to lighten the burden for families at a difficult time in their life.
Bakers are on a rotating schedule. Please call Barbara Schade, 631-968-8793 or 631-669-0068, ext. 160.

If you’re not a baker, but would like to know more about us, please call us about other opportunities.

Lazarus Ministry

LAZARUS MINISTRY
On Saturday, December 10, 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.
The Messiah Concert Benefit

Sunday, December 4, 2016

Please Join us for
THE MESSIAH BENEFITS MERCY INN SOUP KITCHEN

Through the generosity of the Church of St. Joseph, St. Joseph’s Choir and friends from the Babylon Methodist Church will present a free concert on Sunday, December 11th at 7:00 PM. The program will feature highlights from Handel’s MESSIAH and Pergolesi’s MAGNIFICAT directed by Dr. Marie Drohan and accompanied by soloists, Sophisticated Strings, harpsichord and flute. The concert will include other beautiful choral selections and will be preceded by a moving candlelight procession so early arrival is encouraged.

The choir has sung on Fox 5 and on European national television and in the presence of many prominent figures, including Pope Benedict XVI, Pope John Paul II, Cardinal Bevilqua, Cardinal Egan, the late Cardinal O’Connor, Helen Hayes, Ossie Davis and the jazz legend, Dave Brubeck. They presented concerts and sang with the Salzburg Cathedral Choir and Orchestra during their third European concert tour to the Czech Republic, Austria and Germany.

The Soup Kitchen is experiencing cuts in state aid and is in dire need of donations, especially due to the ever increasing numbers of the poor. Although there is no admission charge, donations are encouraged. Checks may be made payable to The Mercy INN. Recommended offering: $15 per person; $30 per family; donations of any amount are greatly appreciated! If you are unable to attend, please consider dropping your contribution off at the parish office.

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE MERCY INN SOUP KITCHEN.
Second Sunday of Advent - Cycle C

Christmas at St. Joseph

Ho Ho Ho....
St Joseph the Carpenter Knights of Columbus will be hosting
Breakfast with Santa on Sunday,
December 11th in the O’Connell Room from
10:00AM to 12:00PM
All are invited
Menu will include Pancakes, Sausage, Juice,
Cookies, Coffee & Tea.
Santa will make an appearance, so please bring a small
gift for Santa to give your child, wrap and tag with child’s
name. Best of all it’s FREE
Please RSVP to Dan Tergesen at
dmtergesen@optonline.net or calling me at
631-422-3563. Please indicate the number of adults and
number of children attending.
Grandchildren Welcome

St. Joseph Christmas Pageant
Please join us for our Annual Christmas Pageant
December 11th, 2016 - 3pm in the Church
**Special Prayer Events**

**Vocation Events**

November 11-13: PRO Young Men’s Retreat at the Seminary in Huntington

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.

**Memorials**

Memorials: A special thank you to Barbara Conti for memorializing the bells in the church which now ring during the consecration of the Mass and the Vittorio family for memorializing the bells in Msgr. Nolan Hall. Also, a parishioner called wanting to memorialize a vestment for her deceased husband. Therefore, we ordered a purple vestment for Advent. We are also in need of 4 purple stoles for the priests to wear when hearing confession collectively. They are $350.00 each. If anyone would like to memorialize one of the purple stoles please call Alice at (631) 669-0068 Ext. 171.

**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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EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

AN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE IN PREPARATION FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF PENCE
(WITH CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION)
ST. JOSEPH CHURCH - BABYLON, N.Y.

I. IN RELATION TO GOD:

1. Have I faithfully prayed my morning & evening prayers? Do I encourage others to pray to God each day?

2. Have I used all the time and talents that God has given me in the most beneficial ways?

3. Have I kept the Lord’s Day holy by coming to Mass each week?

4. Do I come on time for Mass, and stay for the entire Mass, and sing and pray actively during Mass?

5. Have I always spoken respectfully of God and holy things? Have I taken God’s name in vain in any way?

6. Have I put my relationship with God before my relationships with other persons, family members, employers, and those in lawful authority? Have I served money, power, sexuality or any other lesser good as if it were the supreme good to be sought? Do I ever allow other people or relationships or objects to come before God?

7. Have I spoken to others about the wonders that God has done for me? Or do I think that my faith is just a private relationship between God and I that involves no one else?

8. Do I work and pray and act to spread God’s justice on earth, as a person of virtue and true Christian values?

9. Have I turned over my will to God in times of trouble, tragedy, sickness, and in my everyday life? Do I renew my surrender to God each day in prayer, and truly try to live the words “Thy will be done?”

10. Have I faithfully prayed for and practiced the virtues of faith, hope and love?

II. IN RELATION TO MY NEIGHBOR:

1. Have I shown respect in speech and action toward my superiors, parents or employers, and all others?

2. Have I been patient toward others who have pointed out one of my faults? Have I honestly tried to correct those faults? Have I accepted good advice when it was offered to me?

3. Have I offended or threatened anyone through my words or my actions?

4. Have I held the reputation of every person as a sacred trust, or have I lessened someone’s reputation by speaking any sort of detraction or slander against him or her?

5. Have I devalued others because of the way I treated them or spoken to them? Have I given scandal to others by teaching or encouraging them to devalue others in speech or action?

6. Have I refused to carry stories about other people to my friends and neighbors? Or do I continue to spread gossip, so that I contribute to discord and misunderstanding between neighbors?

7. Have I encouraged others to practice Christian virtues? Or have I enjoyed or encouraged provoking others to swear, to curse, or in any ways to offend God?
EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

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8. Do I recognize the dignity of every human person? Do I mock or make fun of others because they have physical or spiritual imperfections or disabilities?

9. Do I speak up in the name of justice when I see or learn that something wrong is happening at work, at school, at home? Do I remain silent when bad things happen to others, because I am afraid of what others will think about me?

10. Do I generously share with others the gifts of time, talent and treasure? Am I consciously grateful for all that I have received from God’s generosity?

11. Do I try to bring peace into my home, my recreational group, my extended family?

12. Do my words and actions toward others confirm that I believe in the goodness of all people, regardless of their race, nationality, belief systems or gender?

13. Have I taken things that do not belong to me, and have I made restitution for all that I have stolen? Have I given credit to others whose ideas I use, or I take their ideas and pass them off as my own?

III. IN RELATION TO MYSELF:

1. Am I actively engaged in my parish, committed to the mission of Jesus Christ as it is communicated in homilies, publications and meetings?

2. Have I made progress in listening to the thoughts and opinions of others, or are my thoughts and opinions always the only correct ones?

3. Do I apologize to others for the wrongs I have done, and make proper restitution for the damage that my actions have caused others?

4. Am I a vain person? Do I need constant affirmation to feel good about myself? Is my physical appearance the standard I use to judge my value or worth? Have I taken pleasure in hearing myself praised, or yielded to thoughts of vanity?

5. Have I overindulged myself in food, drink or sensuality? Do I have trouble knowing when “enough is enough” for myself? Have I acknowledged and obtained help for all my addictions?

6. Is my conversation a positive and civil exchange with others? Or am I proud or troublesome to others?

7. Have I wasted time in selfish play? Or have I deliberately wasted time on activities of lesser importance, knowing full well that there were activities of major importance that would not be accomplished?

8. Have I harbored hatred within my heart, holding onto hurts, grudges and resentments to the detriment of my life and the lives of others?

9. Am I someone who is jealous of other peoples’ possessions, accomplishments or opportunities?

10. Do I safeguard the secrets that others entrust to me?

11. Do I remember that I am a child of God’s grace, and that God loves me unconditionally at all times?
At Outreach, we meet many local families who are struggling financially during these challenging times. As Christmas approaches, we are looking for a few Angels willing to “Adopt a Family” both financially and through prayer. We will match you with a family and offer gift suggestions, including sizes. If you are interested in joining our Angel Brigade this Christmas, please email us at margotdenza@yahoo.com with your name, phone number, and any special requests pertaining to the size of the family, etc. If you prefer, you can call Outreach at 669-0068 x 128 or x 158 and leave your name along with your phone number and email address. Please consider joining our Angel Brigade this season. As one of our “adopted” families from the past wrote, “We had an amazing Christmas. ...My heart is filled with the love of God and the kindness of strangers.”

All requests to join our Angel Brigade must be received by December 8th.

The Sociable Singles

St. Joseph’s Sociable Single Seniors
Metropolitan Opera House At Lincoln Center

Carmen
Georges Bizet’s Masterpiece
Saturday, February 11, 2017

Theater Tickets Are Non Refundable. Travel Insurance is Recommended. Itinerary Subject to Change. All Trips Are Rain or Shine

Trip Includes:
♦ Rear Orchestra Ticket to "Carmen"
♦ Leisure Time at Lincoln Center
♦ Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
♦ All Tips & Taxes (Except bus driver)

Cost is $155/pp and includes admission to The Met and transportation. Lunch is on your own. $100 deposit will hold your space. Checks should be made out to St. Joseph Church and sent to Lorraine DeCanditis. Deposits due by November 30th. Call for address and/or more information: 631-553-0160.
Social Ministries

**Christmas Giving Tree**

Tags are now available on our Christmas Giving Tree located at the Church entry ways. Please take a tag and help our Outreach clients this Christmas. We ask that you purchase the gift, attach the tag, and return it to Parish Outreach or the Parish Office by December 15th.

Thanks for all you do!

**Outreach**

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Thank you all for the very generous contributions to the St. Vincent de Paul Society from our annual door collection last weekend. Your kind generosity will be greatly appreciated by so many of the needy families in our area.

Members of our society helped distribute food to those in need this Thanksgiving holiday. They also participated in the BABYLON ENDS HUNGER DRIVE on Nov. 5, helping package over 10,000 meals for the hungry in the U.S. and Haiti.

Thank you for your Food Pantry Donations!

Our Food Pantry is most in need of these items:

- Personal Hygiene 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 Sale News**

**All Clothing & Shoes - 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!

Is there a family you know who needs assistance?

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

Faith Formation Re-registration is now closed for the 2016-2017 year.

Level 2 – Reconciliation – will be held on Saturday, December 10th at either 11am or 1pm in the Church. Parents should have received a letter with your child’s Reconciliation date and time, along with their First Holy Communion date and time.

Level 5 Mass Booklets are to be returned at any Mass this weekend. Please remember to bring your Mass attendance envelopes and place them in the collection basket.

Level 3 students are expected to attend any Mass the weekend of December 10th & 11th to receive an Advent gift. Please remember to bring your Mass attendance envelopes and place them in the collection basket.

Level 1 students are expected to attend any Mass the weekend of December 17 & 18th to receive a blessing and we are asking that you bring a donation for the parish food pantry. Please see the Parish Outreach page to find out what their needs are at this time. Please remember to bring your Mass attendance envelopes and print first and last names clearly.

Thank you to all those who helped at our Confirmation Masses: Bishop Murphy, Fr. Charles, Fr. Joe, Fr. Francis, Fr. Ethel, Deacon Barry, Deacon Mike, Gerry, Mary, Jeanette, Theresa, Barbara, George, Aamer, Chris, our lectors, altar servers, Eucharistic Ministers, ushers, choir members, book carriers, altar dressers, gift bearers, those who set up and served at the hospitality…Wow…that’s a lot of people to thank…with sincere thanks to all of you for your help, Claire Moule, Director of Faith Formation. It really is a team effort and I appreciate each and everyone that served.

My unique Good Deed for the week was: Emily and Sophia helped their teacher organize tests, Elizabeth cleaned the hamster cage, John volunteered with peer help at school, Emilio comforted a friend who was sad, Matteo baked cookies for friends, Connor told the truth, Alex prayed every day and Julia brought her best friend to church for the first time.
Enjoy a Blessed Advent Season.

Congratulations to all of our Level 8 Students who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation!

Grade 9—12: High School Meeting Monday 12/5, 12/12, 12/19 (7—8:30) Madonna Room
Grade 6,7,8: Middle School will meet Wednesday 12/7, 12/14 (7:30-8:30) in Room 260—please bring Christmas wrapping paper and if you can an empty shoebox.

ATTENTION—TEENS IN GRADE 8 - 12
Would you like to join us for Advent Adoration for Teens, Sunday, 12/11 ** new date at St. Thomas More in Hauppauge. The evening will include, prayer, social, and a presentation by The Bosco Boys. ** Call or email me by 12/7 to reserve your spot. We will be praying with our friends from other parishes!

In preparing for Christmas our Teens are putting together Blessing Bags for the homeless of our area. Can you help us with supplies?

- Adult-sized warm gloves.
- Mens White Socks.
- Chapstick.
- Small hand lotion.
- Travel Sized toothpaste.
- Toothbrushes.
- Pocket-sized tissues.
- Granola Bars.
- Cereal Bars.
- Christmas Candy.
- Handwarmers.
- Snack size canned fruit and pudding.

Movie night for Grade 6—12: Friday 12/16
“ELF” 6:30pm -9:00 pm
All asked to bring a snack to share.

RSVP ON THE WEBSITE. PARENT HELP NEEDED.

PBJ GANG will not be meeting in December.

Please check out our website for additional activities
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”

Junior Catholic Daughters invite girls between the ages of 10 through 17 to join us as we celebrate our faith and grow closer to God through service to others. Come join us every first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm in the O'Connell room. Come be a part of something fun and rewarding!!??

For more information Contact Deb Thorman-Yusko (deb.thorman@gmail.com)

Happy Birthday to the Golden Age Group Ladies

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.
Memorial Poinsettias

Each year during the Advent season, as we prepare for the celebration of the Birth of our Savior, our thoughts turn to the memories we hold dear in our hearts.

For so many of us who have lost a beloved family member or someone dear to us, it is also a time of remembrance for our departed loved ones.

As a way of perpetuating their memory at this joyous time, we invite you to memorialize one of the many Poinsettia plants that will grace our altars in the coming weeks.

Poinsettias will be placed in our Church, Hall, and Capilla (chapel). Your contribution of $20.00 will make this effort possible. A list of all Poinsettia donors will be published in our Parish bulletin in January.

The closing date is Monday Dec. 22 at noon.

Please drop off your donation and order form to the Parish Office, or put it in the collection by the weekend of Dec. 18th.

Know that you and all your loved ones will be remembered as our generous benefactors as we celebrate the Christmas season!

-------------------Poinsettia Order Form -------------------

Please accept my contribution of $ _____ for ( ___ ) Poinsettia plants(s) to be placed in the Church, Hall or Chapel of St Joseph Parish.

Please print: In Memory of:

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Requested by:

________________________________________________________________________

(Name of Benefactor) (Phone Number)
Deacon’s Corner

BECOME A BETTER YOU

The problems are too big, and circumstances are too far out of control. All we can do is, it seems, is wait, and wish, and hope.

Today’s Gospel reading has a message for that very mood. It proclaims the imminent arrival of the reign of God. The messenger was John the Baptizer. The peculiar preacher suddenly appeared in the desert of Judea, telling the people: “Reform your lives. The reign of God is at hand.” His sermon was short and simple, but it contained a logical sequence: first, reformed lives; second, the reign of God. First, better people; and then, a better world.

That makes sense, doesn’t it? We get a better world by becoming better people. How else could it happen? So the message of our reading is plain and direct: If you want a better world, start with yourself, reform your own life.

John is reminding us that the first responsibility of every person is himself or herself. In other words, my primary mission in life is not to change the world, to save the world, or even to serve the world. My primary mission is to become the best “me” that I possibly can, and yours is the same.

Now that may seem strange, but it needs to be said. Until we tackle the challenge of ourselves, we are ill-equipped to tackle the many challenges of society.

It is sheer hypocrisy to think that we can change the world unless, first of all, we are willing to change our own lives.

My friends, that message is intended for you and me. We deceive ourselves if we think God is going to hand us a better world on a silver platter. That patent is foolishness. Not even God can do that. The only way to a better world is for you and me, and others just like us, to become better people. John’s message is clear: the first responsibility of every person is himself or herself.

No time like the present

Deacon Mike
QUESTION OF THE DAY

My first contact with Maryjane was over 40 years ago when I got a part time teaching position in a program in which she was a full time instructor. In many ways she took me under her wing and guided me along the often narrow road of academe. In addition to helping me hone my teaching skills, Maryjane was never shy about pointing out some of the pitfalls in education that have little to do with students. I always valued her counsel as I knew her objective was for me to be always focused on the students.

In the years that followed, Maryjane and I would often ride to work together. During our time in the car, we found much about each other. I learned of her western Pennsylvania background, her gradual assimilation to Long Island after her marriage, and her concern for others. It would be difficult for me to number the times that we would be talking about one particular person, and suddenly some part of the conversation caused Maryjane to mention someone else whose identity bewildered me. As the conversation progressed, however, the inclusion of that individual helped make Maryjane’s point completely clear.

Recently I saw Maryjane, and we caught up on what was going on in each other’s life. After the family updates, she casually mentioned that she had spent a weekend with her college roommate. Somewhere in their conversation, the roommate asked Maryjane what we both thought was a rather profound question, and one that I now pass along to be considered:

If you wake up tomorrow and the only things left are what you thanked God for, would you be happy?

My first reaction was pretty scary: I wondered how many things more or less occurred by my own doing. Once I understood that ALL that I have, ALL that I am, and ALL that might ever come my way are truly gifts from God, I was very humbled, contrite, and disappointed in myself that I had taken so much for granted. I realized that I could never enumerate ALL that God has given to me, so I made an immediate plea for Him to accept my gratitude for the boundless gifts that He has bestowed upon me. Now I must find a way to include prayers of thanksgiving to Him more often.

Advent marks the beginning of our liturgical year and provides a time for us to prepare ourselves for the arrival of our Lord. It can be a time for us to take a good look at ourselves and to make the changes we need so that when Christmas does arrive, our hearts and mind, will be ready to truly rejoice.

One thing we might also do is to consider the question posed above; once we get the answer, we might clearly understand that there is so much for which to thank our loving God and to find a way to make sure He hears our gratitude more often.

PRAYER

Bountiful and Boundless Provider, Your generosity to us is so overwhelming that we often do not take the time to thank You for the many gifts that we have received. Give us the Grace we need to realize that all good comes from You and should be used to help others; we should also give praise for Your eternal glory. May this Advent be the one that brings us closest to You. This we ask in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Stewardship...

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who strive to consider how they are fulfilling God’s purpose to be of service to our parish and to the wider community.
Catholic Ministries Appeal

A few 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, up to $10,000.00, 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 $116,259.00. We need $18,041.00 more to reach our 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. Joseph’s Parish in Babylon. Blessings Fr. Charles

Thank You!

Dear Fr. Mangano and the entire Parish of St Joseph

I would like to thank you for letting me speak recently at your parish about Haiti. Your parishioners made me feel very welcomed. The generosity from the parish was more than I could have hoped for. I had 3 of your parishioners ask me to come on the January trip. Their names are Vince Berger, Tom Pititto, and Robert Walsh. They will be joining us on the trip. So please keep them in your prayers. If anyone in the parish would like one of our DVDs please email me at FRIARSUPPLIERS@GMAIL.COM and I will gladly mail out a copy.

Your parish has made a huge contribution to the livelihood of the village of Rivere Friode Haiti. In Christ’s Name, Charlie Moran
Friar Suppliers 631-682-4298

CYO News...

CYO registration is now open for the 2017 Volleyball season for girls 5th - 12th grades. Visit the parish website, www.stjosephsbabylon.org, under Youth Ministry for details and sign up.

Please note these IMPORTANT DATES:
Saturday, December 3rd - Uniform fitting in the gym from 10am - 12pm
Saturday, December 17th - Sign up deadline. You will not be able to sign up after that date.

For more information email Jennifer Weiss at jennifer127jc@gmail.com.

Thank You for all who joined The Respect For Life Committee’s Election Day Patriotic Rosary. It was a moving tribute to Our Country. God bless America and all who live here.
La Paz empieza con Nosotros

OREMOS

La época más oscura del año nos rodea, y muchos serán tentados a perder el corazón. Luz del mundo, trae tu iluminación a cada rincón de nuestra comunidad humana, especialmente donde la esperanza casi se ha ido y el mal parece estar al mando. Dios de la Esperanza, sabes las necesidades del mundo y sus soluciones mejor que nosotros. Sabes el anhelo en cada corazón humano. Señor, danos el regalo de tu sabiduría en este nuevo año de la Iglesia. Limpianos de la ambición egoísta, y renuevanos en nosotros el espíritu de generosidad. En el nombre de Jesús, que es Emmanuel. Amén

CURSO BÍBLICO
TODOS LOS MARTES DE: 7:30PM — 9:30PM
SALÓN # 256
Por favor 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

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.


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: Próximas clases Pre-Matrimoniales: Sábado, 12 de febrero de 2017. 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. 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 más 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.

MONAGUILLOS O ACOLITOS: Ver a Felipe y Claudia Rodas. Deben haber recibido la Primera Comunión.
Segundo Domingo de Adviento - Ciclo A

FIESTA DE LA INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN

Ella, desde el momento en que fue concebida por sus padres, por gracia y privilegios únicos que Dios le concedió, fue preservada de toda mancha del pecado original. En nuestra sociedad, la pureza tiene dos valores opuestos. Mientras la droga más pura es la más cara y todos buscan el detergente que deje la ropa más blanca, muy pocos se preocupan de mantener su alma y su vida pura, de cara a la vida eterna. Incluso, quienes se confiesan seguido son a veces criticados, y se les califica despectivamente de "mochos". La Virgen María nos invita a vivir este ideal de pureza, aunque para ello tengamos que ir "contra corriente."

Historia.- El 8 de diciembre de 1854, el Papa Pío IX, promulgó un documento llamado "Ineffabilis Deus" en el que estableció que el alma de María, en el momento en que fue creada e infundida, estaba adornada con la gracia santificante. Desde entonces, esta es de las verdades que los católicos creemos, aunque a veces, no entendamos. Es lo que se llama Dogma o artículo de fe. La Virgen María fue "dotada por Dios con dones a la medida de su misión tan importante" (Lumen Gentium). El ángel Gabriel pudo saludar a María como "llena de gracia" porque ella estaba totalmente llena de la Gracia de Dios. Dios la bendijo con toda clase de bendiciones espirituales, más que a ninguna otra persona creada. Ella es "redimida de la manera más sublime en atención a los méritos de su Hijo" (LG, n. 53)

La devoción a la Inmaculada Concepción es uno de los aspectos más difundidos de la devoción mariana. Tanto en Europa como en América se adoptó a la Inmaculada Concepción como patrona de muchos lugares. María tiene un lugar muy especial dentro de la Iglesia por ser la Madre de Jesús. Sólo a Ella Dios le concedió el privilegio de haber sido preservada del pecado original, como un regalo especial para la mujer que sería la Madre de Jesús y madre Nuestra. Con esto, hay que entender que Dios nos regala también a cada uno de nosotros las gracias necesarias y suficientes para cumplir con la misión que nos ha encomendado y así seguir el camino al Cielo, fieles a su Iglesia Católica. Podemos aprender que es muy importante para nosotros recibir el Bautismo, que si nacimos con la mancha del pecado original. Al bautizarnos, recibimos la gracia santificante que borra de nuestra alma el pecado original. Además, nos hacemos hijos de Dios y miembros de la Iglesia. Al recibir este sacramento, podemos recibir los demás. Para conservar limpia de pecado nuestra alma podemos acudir al Sacramento de la Confesión y de la Eucaristía, donde encontramos a Dios vivo. Hay quienes dicen que María fue una mujer como cualquier otra y niegan su Inmaculada Concepción. Dicen que esto no pudo haber sido posible, que todos nacimos con pecado original. En el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica podemos leer acerca de la Inmaculada Concepción de María en los números 490 al 493. El alma de María fue preservada de toda mancha del pecado original, desde el momento de su concepción. María siempre estuvo llena de Dios para poder cumplir con la misión que Dios tenía para Ella. Con el Sacramento del Bautismo se nos borra el pecado original. Dios regala a cada uno de nosotros las gracias necesarias y suficientes, para que podamos cumplir con la misión que nos ha encomendado.

Horario para la Catequesis en Español
2016 - 2017
DOMINGOS
10:00AM — 11:00AM

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. 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

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
Via 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