Pastoral Team
Rev. Charles N. Mangano, Pastor
Rev. Joseph V. Arevalo, Associate Pastor
Rev. Ethel Anarado, Associate Pastor
Rev. Francis A. Samuel, OIC Resident/Associate
Deacon Barry P. Croce
Deacon Michael J. Leyden
Deacon John F. Sullivan
Deacon Julio Murillo
Dr. Marie Drohan, Music Director
Rev. Ethel Anarado, Associate Pastor
Mrs. Barbara McNulty, Youth Ministry Director
Ms. Claire Moulé, Faith Formation Director
Mrs. Patricia Taggart, Nursery School Director
Mrs. Sigrid Villalobos A., Parish Outreach Director
Mrs. Jane Zollo, Parish Operations Manager/Stewardship Services Director

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Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 10:00am to 3:00pm

Nursery School
(631) 661-4559

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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 9:30pm
Nolan Hall 11:30am Misa Dominical Español

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

Holydays
See Special Schedule the Sunday before each Holyday

We Celebrate the Sacraments
Baptism
Parents are requested to call the Parish Office at least two months before child’s birth 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.

Solemnity of Mary Holy Mother of God + January 1, 2017
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy New Year!!! Today we celebrate the Feast of the Mother of God. What a great way to start 2017, acknowledging Mary as the Mother of God, Mother of Jesus and our mother. She is with us on our journey through life to help us, guide us and obtain from Her Son all we need to live the life of grace. Thanks to Jesus our Savior, He gave Mary to us at the foot of His cross. When I was installed as pastor of the parish back in October, I consecrated the parish to our Lady. I would like to share that consecration prayer with you again on this beautiful feast of our Lady.

Act of Consecration:
O Mary, Virgin, Mother of God, I dedicate and consecrate my Pastorate and the parishioners of St. Joseph’s Parish to you and your Immaculate Heart. I entrust to you the future that awaits us and I ask you to be with us on our journey. I pray for your maternal guidance and the intercession of your earthly husband, St. Joseph, as I shepherd this faith community.

O Mother, like the Apostle Saint John, I take you now into my new home that I may learn from you how to become more like Jesus. Mary, may you always find a home in our hearts, here at the Church of St. Joseph’s.

St. Joseph, I ask you to be close to me and show me how to be a spiritual father to my people as you were Father to Jesus although not through biological means.

So, I stand before you Blessed Mother Mary and entrust our entire parish family to your maternal care, love, protection and guidance: the unborn, the children, all young adults, the middle aged and elderly, all of our families, those who are single, divorced, widows or widowers.

I entrust to your maternal care, the sick of our parish, the poor, the rich, those who are mentally or physically challenged and all those who feel alone, confused or feel they have no hope.

I entrust to your maternal care all of the priests, deacons, staff, all the volunteers of our parish family, all those who are strong in the practice of their faith and those who are not.

I entrust to your maternal care the entire physical facility of St. Joseph’s parish. Mary, this parish is your gift to me. May I always cherish this gift.

So, heavenly and loving Mother plead for us with your beloved Son that he may give us an abundance of the Holy Spirit, He who is your heavenly spouse, that the Spirit may set our hearts on fire with the Love of Jesus. May this love lead us to a mutual love for one another and for all of God's people.

Lastly, help us Mary, to work for peace and justice that we may grow as a parish family to more deeply reflect the face of your Son. I pray this, Mary, through Christ our Lord.

Generous Parishioner
Due to the holiday, our Thrift Shop volunteers were not available to work so they requested to close the Thrift Shop from December 22nd to January 2nd. Therefore, as a result, one of our parishioners, who has asked to remain anonymous, has rented a dumpster in order to discard the garbage and debris from the Thrift Shop and second and third floors. There are old mattresses and debris that need to be thrown out that were left behind years ago. He will also be cleaning out the convent chapel to reclaim it and make it a place of prayer for us once again. Making the chapel a place of prayer was one of the desires of our parishioners who voiced it at our open parish meetings in September.
Besides cleaning the Thrift Shop, this generous parishioner will be installing a new floor for us, painting, and installing new lighting fixtures. He is doing all of this out of the generosity of his heart, a gift to the parish. The selling space for the thrift shop will be tripled in size because we will be making the present storage space the selling area and the present selling area the labeling and sorting room.

In meeting with Sigrid, our Outreach Director, and numerous volunteers from Outreach and the Thrift Shop over the past couple of months, we are all excited over the fact that we will be combining services into one building. This will help to better serve the poor and homeless. The whole first floor of the Thrift shop will also encompass our parish Outreach. The building will be called: St. Joseph’s Outreach Center which will encompass the Thrift shop, food pantry and outreach services. Sigrid, our Director, will no longer have to run back and forth across the parking lot trying to be present to the Thrift Shop, rather they will all now be in one building. This will not only be practical and convenient for Sigrid but it allows volunteers in both ministries to interface and help one another when there’s a need.

This generous parishioner will be making a huge food pantry for us. Presently we can’t get the food up from the basement fast enough to give it to the poor. With the new food pantry on the first level all the food will be on display and readily available for the poor. By merging services for the poor and homeless into one building they will be served more efficiently, and for this all of us are excited. If you look at the front of the old convent now you see the entrance to the right is the Thrift shop. That will remain the same. There is a second entrance to the far left of the building. That will become the Outreach entrance. A handicap ramp will be added to this entrance so those in wheel-chairs and walkers can enter the building and be serviced as well. When all the work is Finished, we will have an open house so everyone can see the new center.

It’s amazing how God has opened the doors for this to happen in the parish. This generous parishioner came to me back in early October and said he wanted to do something for the parish. When I shared with him about combining services for the poor he said yes, I will do it. It’s going to be a great gift for the poor but also for Jesus. How? Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta said: “Jesus has made the hunger of the poor His hunger and their thirst His thirst. He is that close to us. Will we turn away?” As we make a facility that better serves the poor and homeless we are also doing this for Christ.

Please pray for this generous parishioner and his family that God richly blesses them.

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
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.

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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.

Parish Office News

Office Closings
New Year’s Day, Sunday, January 1st ~ Closed
Monday, January 2nd ~ Closed

Happy New Year!
The Sacraments of Life

Newly Baptized
Ryan George Baierlein, Ariella Milania Kerr, Giovanna Marie McKeown, Tobias Matthew McKeown, Jameson Robert O’Neill, Nolan Joseph Murphy, Jordan Russell Spaleta, Ellie Drew Walsh

Preparing for Marriage
Banns Posted

For Our Sick
Please remember in your prayers the sick of our Parish: Robert Dobbins, Robert Semeraro, Marie Azicri, Monica Restrepo, Kristy Minninger, 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 Colantrello, Mary Ellen Szwiejkowski, , Fr. Joseph Arevalo, Gertrude Albert, Sabina Dojlidko, Kathleen Gallagher, Lee Dorn, Dorila Cardozo, Frank Ferguson, Marie Greer & Silvio Gomez.

Altar Rose
In memory of Elisabeth Fiore

For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Rosalie Gimeli, Glenville W. Voges & Alfonso Lopez.

REFLECTION FOR TODAY
Today’s second reading reminds us that through Christ we have been delivered from the law and become sons and daughters of God. New Year’s Day provides a perfect opportunity to ask ourselves the question: Does my life reflect my gratitude for all that my loving Father has given me?
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 Cataláno
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

U.S. Army:
SPC Elliot Chodkowski
SSG Joshua Insull
LTC John Kallo
SSG David C. Ray
Eric Stein
LTC Jon J. Uebel
PVT Danny Borschein
Sgt Edwin Zambrano
PFC Dominick Pittito
Capt. Stephen Scuderi
PFC Mark Ospina
Lt. Joseph A. Yanderveldt, III
2LT Anthony C. DiBiasi
PVT Alexandra Diaz

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

Parish News

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.
St. Joseph’s Nursery School

2017-2018 Registration

OPEN HOUSE
Saturday, January 21, 2017 and Saturday, February 4th
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Programs available for children

4 months – Pre-K

4 months – 30 months for child & caregiver

2 1/2 yr. olds – 2 days

3 yr. olds – 2, 3, 4, or 5 half days

4 yr. olds Pre-K – 3, 4, or 5 half days

Science, enrichment classes and more!

Tours are available on school days by appointment.
Please contact us at 661-4559 or nurseryschool@stjosephs Babylon.org
Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
Court Bishop  
McDonnell 1403

invites you to a Birth Rite Baby Shower  
for the benefit of THE LIFE CENTER

on Wednesday, January 11th, 2017  
in the O’Connell Room at 7:30 pm  
(doors open at 7:00 pm)

Come enjoy the party and support the women and men who have made the good decision to have their babies.

Please bring “new” baby items such as diapers, bottles, outfits and formula and you can place items in the bassinettes you will find in the Church, and Hall over the next few weeks.

Unwrapped gifts please.

The collection of all items has started.

We also accept gently used, in good condition, strollers, car seats, play gym sets, etc. For additional information for delivery of larger items, contact: Dorothy Buckley @ 631-539-8522.
Vocation Events

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

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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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
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-Thurs. If you cannot drop off your donations between those hours, then come to the Parish Office when it's open during the day, Mon. through Thurs. 9am to 4pm or Saturdays 9am to 1pm and we'll hold it until Outreach opens.

We are sorry, but we cannot accept home-cooked foods, we can only accept store bought pre-packaged items.

Frozen Pizza
Bread
Hamburgers and hot dogs
Ground beef, turkey

Frozen fish
Chicken - any kind
Chicken nuggets, tenders and fries

Prepared frozen foods
like lasagna and chicken & vegetable stir fry
Pork chops
Ham steaks

Frozen vegetables
Frozen mac n cheese
Frozen waffles
Frozen fruit

Book Club News

Book Club
Meeting on Thursday, January 12th, 2017 at 7:30pm in Room 255. The Fall Book discussion will be on

“Last Days of Night”
By Graham Moore

All are Welcome!
Thank you from Outreach

On behalf of all of the families who were assisted in celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas, Parish Outreach says THANK YOU VERY MUCH for your generosity. We are grateful to those who adopted a family through our Angel Brigade and to all of you who took tags from our Giving Tree. The families were overwhelmed by your generosity.

In partnership with St. Vincent De Paul, we were able to supply food and food cards. We are blessed to work closely with our SVDP conference and truly appreciate their work in meeting the needs of our local families.

We thank Margot Danza for her hard work putting together our Angel Brigade program, as well as our volunteers, thank you so much for your dedication and compassion.

We thank The Youth Group who provided gifts to our homeless population. We thank Nursery School and Faith Formation for the food drive, paper wraps and goodies. We thank all of you for the many wonderful gifts, toys, gift cards and donations to Parish Social Ministry. With your help, Parish Outreach was able to brighten Christmas for over 150 families. We are truly blessed.

Our special thank you to Torta Fina Bakery who supplied baked goods to all of our families to sweeten their holidays. They continue to be so generous to Outreach on an ongoing basis and we appreciate their support.
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

Thank you for your past and future donations.

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
- Snack size fruit cups
- Canned soda or juice
- Snack size puddings
- Granola or cereal bars
- Small bags chips, trail mix, pretzels, cookies, etc.
- Small cans (pop-top) or packets of tuna
- Cheese and cracker packages
- Liquid Instant Breakfast
- Toothbrushes
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Snack size puddings
- Toothpaste
- Cleansing wipes
- Razors
- Deodorant

Thrift Shop Sale News

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!

St. Vincent de Paul

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society is on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 9:45am in room 256 of the parish center.
All are invited to attend!

A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

May 2017 bring us much peace and love, as we continue to bring Christ’s love to our neighbors in need.
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.

The Faith Formation Office will be closed beginning Friday, December 23rd through Monday, January 2nd for the Christmas break. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 3rd at 9am. We would like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas season and a new year filled with many good graces.

Level 2 students are expected to attend any Mass the weekend of January 7 & 8 and are asked to bring in donations for the Outreach Office (please see the bulletin for items needed at this time – check the Parish Outreach page). Please note that weekend Masses begin on Saturday @ 5pm and end with the Sunday @ 5pm Mass.

My unique Good Deed for the week was:
Anna collected donations for the animal shelter, Christopher helped decorate the town, Luca took care of his grandpa, Catherine helped her dad cover the boat, Grace helped her dad after surgery, Aidan & Dillon made donations to the Thrift Shop, Kelly & Jack handed out “missing cat” fliers for their neighbor and Dominick gave clothes to the poor.
Happy New Year!
We are looking forward to a Blessed 2017!

HIGH SCHOOL: All in grades 9—12 are welcome to join us!
We meet Monday evenings from 7—8:30 in the Madonna Room. Pictured are some of our Core Members—they attend, Babylon, West Babylon, Kellenberg, Mercy, West Islip, and St John the Baptist High Schools. We come together for Friendship & Faith & Fun. All are welcome!

MIDDLE SCHOOL Only started in October and have already done a lot.
We meet Wednesday evenings from 7:30—8:30 in Room 260.
Together we prepared over 60 Christmas Gift Bags for the Homeless.
Thank you for your donations!

Check the website for more pictures and a calendar of events & activities coming up!
www.stjosephsbabylon.org

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
These activities would not be possible without such a great Parish!
Some of you are our Prayer Warriors! Others our Financial Supporters!
Others give of their Time & Talent!
And so many continue to donate supplies, peanut butter & jelly,
water bottles, snacks, pizza gift cards & more!
My office is an AWESOME MESS OF SUPPORT!!

Too many to name—but please know you are always in our prayers!

And Thank You to the Clergy & Staff of this Parish for believing in,
and supporting the efforts of our Young Church!
MERRY CHRISTMAS & BEST WISHES FOR A GREAT 2017
**St. Joseph the Carpenter Council #14771**

is a Membership Organization of St. Joseph Parish.
Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age and older.

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

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

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**Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas**

The Junior Catholic Daughters will be having their annual cell phone collection drive beginning Dec. 17 thru Jan. 10. We are asking anyone receiving a new phone from Santa to please donate their old phone to help women in need. Verizon wipes out the info and enables the phones to dial 911 only.
These phones are then distributed to women who have been victims of domestic abuse so they can receive immediate help in a crisis. Festively wrapped collection boxes will be located in the back of the church, at the back of Nolan Hall, and outside the parish office.
The JCDA is thankful for your support. We wish all our parish family a joyous Christmas Season!

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

Save the Date for the Birthright Baby Shower January 11, 2017. All are welcome!

More information to follow.

Thinking of joining CDA contact me for more info: Dorothy Buckley @ 631-539-8522.

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Happy Birthday to the Golden Age Group Ladies
Happy New Year!

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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Today the Church celebrates the solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. This title, Mother of God was embraced at the Council of Ephesus in 421 A.D. This council of Church bishops was called to refute the teaching of the bishop, Nestorius who called into question the divine nature of Jesus. The Council fathers embraced both the human and divine nature of Jesus as well as embracing the title for Mary, Theotokos, or “God-bearer”; in other words she who bore God in her womb.

How proper it is that at the beginning of our calendar year we should turn to Mary and seek her intercessory prayer for our Church, our nation and our families. And yet as we do so, we must remember our Lady is a creature of God like you and me, though, the greatest of God’s creatures. There are those, even those within the clergy who seem to give to Mary a role that she herself would refute.

There is no doubting our Lady’s unique role as Intercessor, Advocate and Mediatrix (unique mediator between we humans and the Triune God) for us in Heaven. However, her role is and always has been subservient to her Son. There has been much confusion over the centuries as to how we Roman Catholics interpret our relationship to and with Mary. Many of our Protestant sisters and brothers accused Catholics of worshipping Mary and placing her alongside of the Trinity. Sadly, some of us have contributed to this misunderstanding by our actions. Our worship, or to use the Greek word 
*latria* is reserved for God and God alone: God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We venerate, or again in the Greek display *dulia* for the saints such as St. Joseph. Our deepest veneration, or *hyperdulia* we reserve for Mary. The Church displays this profoundly in its act of worship.

The “source and summit” of our faith is the Eucharist which we celebrate within the Mass. Within the liturgy of the mass in its prayers Mary is remembered at the canon, or the Eucharistic Prayer which the priest prays: “Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God…”(Eucharistic Prayer II). This is the only time we routinely mention Mary during the mass with the exception of special solemnities or feasts. We do not routinely pray the “Hail Mary” nor does the Church call for the praying of this prayer at mass. Many bishops are fond of saying in regards to the priest and deacon’s spoken liturgical words found in the Roman Missal that we are to “read the red and speak the black”; the words found in red in the Missal are instructions to be followed while the words in black are the prayers, responses, etc. to be spoken. The bishops’ meaning is that the clergy are not to add their own interpretation or private devotions to the mass as this may and in fact does cause confusion. In fact, the Constitution on Sacred Liturgy states therefore, no other person, even if he be a priest, may add, remove, or change anything in the liturgy on his own authority (22). This is dictated to ensure proper theological worship and to avoid misunderstanding among we Catholics and Christians. And as all of us in the clergy take a solemn vow of obedience at our ordination we must do our best to comply.

None of this is meant to in any way diminish the role of our Lady in salvation, in our Church or in our lives. So many of the great saints of our Church urge us to develop a deep love for Mary and turn and seek her intercessory prayers for ourselves, our loved ones, our nation, world, etc. Personally I have a deep devotion to our Lady; twenty years ago I consecrated myself to our Lord through Mary following St. Louis de Montfort’s method, a consecration I renew annually. I find the daily recitation of the rosary one of the most powerful and comforting of prayers.

Let us turn to our Lady at the beginning of this new year, ask for her prayers and follow her example of humility as we seek to glorify her Son: “Pray for us holy Mother of God.”

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Deacon Barry
OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW…

The departing calendar year will be remembered by each of us in many different ways. I am sure that there have been many things that occurred during 2016 that have made you deliriously happy; others that have made you quite sad; some have pushed a button or two; various incidents have come as a great surprise; more were quite expected; two or three may have shaken your faith; one in particular may have renewed it.

Indeed there have been changes in our nation, in our diocese, and in our parish that will have lasting effects for many years to come. As we reflect on the significant things that have occurred in our lives, we should also look at the future with somewhat of a broad vision to ensure that there is not something that we are missing when we decide what next step will be taken. Perhaps our first instinct to react to a change in our lives is not the best choice that we can make. I mentioned a while ago that I now try to wait at least a day before I act on a particular situation that is troubling me. This way, the choice is less emotional; more logical.

Regardless of our state in life, however, the key ingredient in helping us to best face the challenges that change often brings us is to ask God for His help. He has promised that He will always be with us and that He never tires of us coming to Him with any burden we might have. A good habit may be to start with the small situations that life may bring and to ask God’s help in those. This way you will be quite comfortable when the big ticket items come along.

Shy about going to God? There are other options. Certainly our Blessed Mother is the best intermediary at our constant disposal. Our Loving Mother welcomes our prayers of intercession with her Son and has a long history of delivering on behalf of those who pray to her. How about your patron saint? Your archangel? As long as we understand that we are asking them to take our petitions to God, we will be on the correct theological path.

I often pray to my late and great parents. They took great care of my spiritual and temporal well-being while they walked the earth, and I have every confidence that they are still watching over me now. From time to time, I get the fortunate sense that they are with me...often at the times that I really need someone most.

So as we bid farewell to 2016 and welcome 2017, let our prayer be one of thanksgiving for all of the blessings that we received; of petition for the things that we really need in our lives; of contrition for the many times we have put ourselves above all else; and of adoration for the loving God who is with us at all times.

And let us say a special prayer for the new Bishop of Rockville Centre, His Excellency John Barres, who will be installed on January 31, 2017.

PRAYER

Eternal God, we adore You, we ask Your forgiveness, we thank You, and we ask for Your presence in our lives. As we start another year, give us the Grace we need to know we can always turn to You when changes appear in our lives. This we ask in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HAPPY 2017

Stewardship...

Stewardship Sound Byte

We are grateful this week for all stewards who have the courage, like Joseph, to listen to God’s voice in their own hearts and conscientiously pursue the tasks to which they have been called.
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 $119,959.00. We need $14,341.00 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

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Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God- Cycle A
REFLEXIÓN
La segunda lectura de hoy nos recuerda que a través de Cristo hemos sido entregados por ley y transformados en hijos de Dios. El Día de Año Nuevo proporciona una oportunidad perfecta para preguntarnos a nosotros mismos: ¿Refleja mi vida mi gratitud por todo lo que mi amado Padre me ha dado?

Como María, nosotros también hemos visto y celebrado el misterio de la Palabra hecha carne. ¿Vamos a "atesorar" estas cosas en nuestros corazones y vivir con gratitud? Cuando volvamos a trabajar esta semana, ¿seguiremos su ejemplo durante el nuevo año?

Intercesiones por la Vida
Por todos los moradores de la oscuridad de la cultura de la muerte: para que el Espíritu Santo ilumine sus corazones con la luz de la verdad;
Oramos al Señor:
Señor, escucha nuestra oración.

La Paz empieza con Nosotros

COMIENZA LA OBRA DE NAVIDAD
Cuando el canto de los ángeles se detiene,
Cuando la estrella en el cielo se ha ido,
Cuando los reyes y los príncipes están en casa,
Cuando los pastores vuelven a los rebaños,
Entonces empieza la obra de Navidad:
Para encontrar a los perdidos,
Para curar a los quebrantados de espíritu,
Para alimentar a los hambrientos,
Para reconstruir las naciones,
Para traer la paz entre todos los pueblos,
Hacer un poco de música con el corazón ...
Y para irradiar la Luz de Cristo,
Todos los días, en todos los sentidos,
en todo lo que hacemos,
Y en todo lo que decimos.
Entonces empieza la obra de Navidad.
Que comience la obra de Navidad,
Y que empiece con usted.

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.


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

MATERMONIO: 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, 11 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. Mas información llame a Cristina Vera @ 631-327-6141.

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

COMUNIDAD DE MARIA: Siguiendo los mensajes de María Reina de la Paz y sobre temas de María en general) - Sábados de 7:00pm-9:00pm. Comunicarse con Adriana Mascari, al (631)681-0005.

COMITE: El primer sábado de cada mes a las 10:00am en el salón # 256. Para la agenda, llamar a Ana Ramos al Tel. (631)617-2129.

ROSARIO: Domingos a las 11:00am en la Capilla.

HERMANAS UNIDAS: Todos los segundos domingo de cada mes, en el salón # 256, después de la misa.

EL APOSTOLADO DE LA CRUZ: Todos los jueves de 9:00 - 11:00am en el Salón # 252A. Comunicarse con Adriana Mascari al Tel. (631) 681-0005 o Luz Marina López al (631)321-6861.

INTENCIONES PARA UNA MISA: Ver a Herminda y Ana Elia López después de la misa.

HORA SANTA: Cuarto domingo del mes. 12:30pm

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