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
Mrs. Barbara McNulty, Youth Ministry Director
Ms. Claire Moulé, Faith Formation Director
Mrs. Patricia Taggart, Nursery School Director
Mrs. Sigrid Villalobos A., Director of Outreach
Mrs. Jane Zollo, Parish Operations Manager/Stewardship Services Director

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.

January 8, 2017 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy New Year!

As you plan your New Year’s resolutions, please consider the following:

- Do you find yourself struggling with the same area of sin time after time?
- Do you sometimes feel helpless in finding freedom?
- Do you long to help someone stuck in destructive behavior patterns to be free?

There is an answer. **UNBOUND: Freedom in Christ.** Give yourself the gift of freedom this New Year. You can start by learning the five simple keys of the **UNBOUND** model in the book, *UNBOUND* by Neal Lozano and save the dates of 4/21/2017 – 4/22/2017 for an **UNBOUND: Freedom in Christ Conference** hosted by St. Joseph Parish. Books are available from the following: heartofthefather.com, (610-952-3019), Amazon.com, and a limited supply in the Parish Center.

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,*

*because he has anointed me to bring *

*good news to the poor: He has sent me*

*to proclaim release to the captives and*

*recovery of sight to the blind,*

*to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year*

*of the Lord’s favor.”*

*(Luke 4: 18-19)*

For more information, call Jody at (516)641-6999.

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All is good!! I put into the bulletin last week how a generous parishioner is fixing up the Thrift Shop and also incorporating the parish outreach into this space. They will be putting in a new floor, painting and new lighting. Everything will be a free gift to the parish. It is extraordinary what this parishioner is doing for the parish. He also asked me if he could remain anonymous. Please pray for him and his family that God richly bless them for their generosity. In the process of all this the diocese came to the parish last week to meet with me, Sigrid, our Outreach coordinator, Jane, our business manager and the generous parishioner who will be doing the work. Eric, from the diocesan office, walked through the building with us to see if there was any mold and asbestos. After examination of the building he said it was safe to move forward with the project. Anyone using the building will not have to worry about exposure to mold or asbestos. I wanted to assure everyone of this fact since some expressed these concerns to me. The diocese is classifying the work being done on the building as general maintenance.

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What a blessing!! For the past twelve and a half years we have had the blessing of having Gerry Cuff as our sexton. He sets up for all our Masses, funerals, weddings, and does a lot more. This past Monday, January 2nd, Gerry shared with me that after working 12.5 years as sexton he is at a point in his life where he feels it’s time for a change and no longer wants to work weekends. He would like the time to do things with his wife and family. Gerry will remain connected to the parish, continue to sing in the choir and be part of the life of the parish but Gerry’s last day as Sexton will be Sunday, February 19th. I am sad to see him go but he generously said he is only a phone call away if we need guidance as to how to do something or where something can be found. In discussing this with our business manager, Jane, we will be hiring someone Monday through Saturday to set up for funerals. A different person will be hired for weekends to set
up for all the masses, weddings, holy communions, etc. We are hoping that the weekday and Saturday
morning masses will be set up by parishioners who attend those Masses.

Jesus is calling you!! We have a wonderful ministry of consolation which is a vital ministry to the life of our
parish. These ministers work with those who have lost a loved one on many different levels. Some speak
with the family of the deceased to gather all the information necessary for the beautiful celebration of the
funeral Mass (bible readings chosen by the family, the readers names, etc.) Others are at the funeral itself to
be present to the family by welcoming them to the church, guiding the readers from where to read, assisting
those bringing up the offertory gifts, etc.. The Lord may be calling you to this ministry, to be present to him
grieving in the hearts of His people. If so, see the body of the bulletin for details or call the parish office at
(631) 669-0068 Ext. 100

Sunday Sacristy: This past week painters have been repairing the cracked and plaster peeling walls in our
Sunday Sacristy along with painting them. We will also be increasing the countertops size next to the sink in
the sacristy so we can safely place the sacred vessels upon it. Presently there is no counter space and so
when vessels are placed on the small edge of the sink, at times, I have seen vessels fall to the floor and even
into the sink itself. Denting sacred vessels are expensive to repair so making a countertop will be very
helpful. We will also be replacing the carpet with the same flooring as the altar server sacristy: the
waterproof laminate floor. Cabinets will also be added above the sink giving us more storage capability.

Welcome Fr. John!! Fr. John Masih is with us for the month of January to help us as Fr. Joe and myself take
some time off. Fr. John is from the Diocese of Varanasi, India. He studied theology at St. Joseph’s
seminary in Allahabad, India. He was ordained in 1993. He was an associate in a parish for four years, then
a pastor for four years. Then he was financial administrator seven years (2001-2008). Then he was assigned
as Chancellor and diocesan secretary form 2011-2016 (consultor of the diocese). In 2016 he went to
Canada, St. Francis Xavier University and received his diploma in Leadership and Administration. He will
be on Long Island until this Easter. As he resides with us for the month of January I know you will welcome
him and show him the same Babylonian hospitality that you have so graciously shown me these past six
months. Welcome Fr. John.

Special Thank You!! Thanks to one of our parishioners, Tom, who helped us to reach our goal of
$134,300.00. Thank you for your generosity. I want to also thank all of you who made a pledge because
every pledge helped us reach our goal. May God richly bless and keep you. The diocese reminded me the
other day that all pledges need to be paid in full by the end of January in order for it to be applied to our
goal. May the money we have given to the appeal touch and help the lives of many in need.

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.

Office Hours/Parish Office
(631) 669-0068
E-mail: secretary@stjosephs Babylon.org
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
WebSite: www.stjosephs Babylon.org

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank those who came out in the bad weather to donate blood enabling us to raise 63 pints of blood for the New York Blood Center.

Parish Office News

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 16, 2016 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
Thank You!
For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Rose Farello, Joan Reuschle, Kevin Michael Kelly, Diane Sole, Edward J. Bradley, Jr., Phyllis M. Vecchione, Helen Elizabeth McCullagh, LeRoy E. Dorn, Kathleen T. Gallagher, Pietrario DiStefano & Robert S. Spilabotte.

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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 Colantrello, Mary Ellen Szwajkowski, Fr. Joseph Arevalo, Gertrude Albert, Sabina Dojlidko, Lee Dorn, Dorila Cardozo, Frank Ferguson, Marie Greer, Anthony Bertuglia, Marylou DeMeo & Silvio Gomez.

Mass Schedule & Readings For The Coming Week:

**At this Mass, we remember:**

**Monday, January 9**
Is 42:1–4, 6–7 or Acts 10:34–38, Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, Mt3:13–17
- 7:45 June Zalud
- 9:00 Mary Lawrie

**Tuesday, January 10**
Heb 2:5–12, Ps 8:2ab, 5–9, Mk1:21–28
- 7:45 People of St. Joseph
- 9:00 Antonietta, Chiard & Andrea Spinillo

**Wednesday, January 11**
Heb 2:14–18, Ps 105:1-4, 6–9, Mk 1:29–39
- 7:45 For the Intentions of Our Lady
- 9:00 Marie Pepe

**Thursday, January 12**
Heb 3:7–14, Ps 95:6–7c, 8–11, Mk1:40–45
- 7:45 Robert Spilabotte
- 9:00 The Sansasalone Family

**Friday, January 13**
Heb 4:1–5, 11 Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c–8, Mk2:1–12
- 7:45 Fred Van Bourgondien
- 9:00 Hilda Hamilton

**Saturday, January 14**
Heb 4:12–16, Ps 19:8–10, 15, Mk 2:13–17
- 9:00 Tina LoCantro

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

**Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)**
- 4:00 Confessions today Fr. John
- 5:00 Patricia Scott Fr. Ethel
  Daniel Altieri
  For the Intentions of Philomena McDonald
  Keith Parris

**Sunday, January 15 ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Is 49:3, 5–6, Ps 40:2, 4, 7–10, Cor 1:1–3, Jn 1:29–34
- 7:00 Intentions of Fr. Joe
  Mr. & Mrs. John Careccia
  8:45 Patrick Linden Fr. Francis
  9:30 Manny Kaufman Fr. John
  10:15 Susan Studley Fr. Francis
  12:00 Viola Rebecchi Fr. Ethel
  5:00 Cory Licata Fr. John

**For Our Deceased**
Preparers for Marriage
Banns Posted

Third Time ~
Alex Siedlecki & Danielle DeLuca

Altar Rose
In memory of Leo Vollbracht

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Our Parish Mission Statement

The Parish of St. Joseph is a Roman Catholic Community of Christ’s Disciples:
We Welcome. We Worship. We Witness.

Sacrificial Giving

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

12-25-16
Sunday collection & Christmas Collection
$92,359.00

God Bless You!

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.

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 ½ 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@stjosephsbabylon.org
CDA Baby Shower

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Court Bishop McDonnell 1403

invites you to a 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.

Moving On Group

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH
PARISH CENTER
39 North Carll Avenue
Babylon, NY 11702
631-669-0068

“Moving On” Group
An ‘After- Bereavement’ Group for Widows and Widowers Presents:

“Where Are We Going? Let’s Plan Together”

Friday, January 20 @ 7:30 pm
For further information please call
Geri Olson at 631-661-8994
Special Prayer Events

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

The Messiah Concert Benefit

THE MESSIAH BENEFITS MERCY INN SOUP KITCHEN

St. Joseph's Choir and friends presented a concert in benefit of the Mercy INN Soup Kitchen on Sunday, December 11th featuring Handel's MESSIAH. Pastor Rev. Charles N. Mangano led the opening prayer after a moving candlelight procession and the closing prayer before the majestic "Hallelujah Chorus". This yearly benefit concert has taken place at the Church of St. Joseph in Babylon under the direction of Dr. Marie Drohan for more than 20 years with all proceeds benefiting this worthy cause. The Mercy INN Soup Kitchen is located in Wyandanch and accepts donations all year long.

On a historical note, Handel conducted numerous performances of the MESSIAH, many of these were benefits for the Foundling Hospital in London, of which Handel was a benefactor. The thousands of pounds raised for charity as a result of Handel’s performances of the MESSIAH led one biographer to note, “The MESSIAH fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and fostered the orphan…more than any other single musical production in this country or any other.” Another wrote, “Perhaps the works of no other composer have so largely contributed to the relief of human suffering.”

As a result of the choir's outstanding performance of beautiful sacred music which also included Pergolesi's MAGNIFICAT, Caccini's "Ave Maria" and Gounod's "Sanctus", donations have poured in to the tune of $10,256.
Lazarus Ministry

LAZARUS MINISTRY

On Saturday, January 14, 2017, 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 Baptistery 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.

Bible Study

Little Rock Bible Study

The Passion & Resurrection Narratives of Jesus
(Recently Revised Study)

We invite you to join us in a study that is an ideal way to prepare yourself during Lent in order to fully embrace the joys of the Easter season.

The core of our faith incorporates both the pain of the cross and the hope of the resurrection into our daily living.

We will compare the particular insights in the passion and resurrection accounts of the four gospels in a study revised in November of 2016.

7 Sessions
Thursdays, 2/23/17–4/6/17
7:30 – 9:00PM
O’Connell Room

$17/person for Study Materials

Please register by 2/6/17 so materials can be ordered for you. Contact Carol Pellegrino at 631-587-3511 or jejmpell@optonline.net

Brought to you by the Adult Enrichment Ministry
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.
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

Thank you for your past and future donations.

St. Vincent de Paul

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

If one of your New Year’s resolutions is to “Give Back” or actively help the less fortunate, perhaps you might want to join us at St. Vincent de Paul. We meet biweekly as a group, but also volunteer at food drives and help distribute food to our local friends in need, during the holidays. We also volunteer to do Home Visits when people ask for financial assistance.

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.
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.

Level 7 Confirmation essays “Why Someone My Age Would Want to Follow Jesus” are due at any Mass the weekend of January 21 & 22 (please note that weekend Masses begin on Saturday at 5pm and continue through the 5pm Sunday Mass). Please remember to place your Mass attendance envelopes in the collection basket.

Level 7 Parent Meeting – Thursday, January 26th @ either 10am or 7pm in Nolan Hall. We will be going over the Confirmation interview questions and answers.

The Faith Formation Office will be closed on Monday, January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King. There will be no faith formation classes on that day.

My unique Good Deed for the week was: Claire danced at the pipe band fundraiser, Emmett supported his friend who was trying something new, Danielle helped with the girl scout sale, Alex helped at a fundraiser, Devin donated his clothes, Elizabeth gave up a new toy for a boy for Christmas, Lucy was a leader for the little girls in her dance recital on and off stage, Katie did not lie when she wanted to and Jack & Finn met with a new therapist to help their dad.
Youth Ministry

Always check the website for last minute changes or cancellations due to weather conditions www.stjosephsbabylon.org

Middle School Ministry—Grades 6, 7, 8 Wednesdays 7:30—8:30 in Room 260
Upcoming dates: 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8 No Meeting 1/11

High School Ministry—Grades 9—12 7—8:30 in the Madonna Room
Upcoming dates: 1/9, 1/23, 1/30 No Meeting 1/16

UPCOMING EVENTS -
You do not have to attend our weekly meetings in order to join us for these events.
Please RSVP on the website or by email to : youth@stjosephsbabylon.org

Friday, 1/20  A Night of Adoration for Teens.  RSVP by Wednesday 1/18
Come & learn what Eucharistic Adoration is all about and then enjoy a night of volleyball & refreshments with Teens from other Parishes.
Location: St William the Abbot, Seaford. Doors open at 6:30

Thursday 1/26—PBJ Gang 7—8:30
All are asked to bring a loaf of bread plus one other supply.
Adult Help is needed. Please let me know if you can assist. Thank you.

Events for High School and Grade 8
We join with our friends from other Parishes to for Faith, Fun, and Fellowship

Overnight Retreat: “FORGIVEN” Saturday 2/18— Sunday 2/19. Cost $40
MUST RSVP with Permission Slip and payment by 1/25
“The Lord never gets tired of forgiving us, it is we, who get tired of asking for forgiveness.”
Retreat begins at 1pm—it takes place at St William the Abbott in Seaford, and is open to other Parishes. There will be opportunity for mass, adoration, confession, small group discussion, games, movies, and much more!
If interested, please let me know ASAP.

Saturday, March 4th  10am—3pm.  A day with Paul J. Kim
Meant to live for more! Your life makes a difference!
International Speaker & Musician. Check out his talent on YouTube!
Any parents want to assist as chaperone, please let me know. —
Cost: $20 for the day includes talks, music, and lunch.
Location: St Elizabeth’s, Melville.  RSVP by February 10th.
Permission Slip and more details are on the website.
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”

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!

Catholic Daughters of the Americas - Court Bishop McDonnell #1403

Save the Date for the 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.

Happy Birthday to the Golden Age Group Ladies
Winter Doldrums FOOD FOR THOUGHT . . . . .

JOIN 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! Directors 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)
The first rehearsal after Christmas is Thursday January 12th at 7:15 in room 254 of the Parish Center An Open House is scheduled for Thursday, January 26th, 2017 where there will be a short rehearsal, refreshments and camaraderie. All are welcome!

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 a bass player, if you are interested, please 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.
A Prayer of Trust
Thomas Merton

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end.
Nor do I really know myself,
and the fact that I think that I am following your will
does not mean that I am actually doing so.
But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you.
And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing.
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.
And I know that if I do this, you will lead me by the right road
though I may know nothing about it.
Therefore will I trust you always
though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.
I will not fear, for you are ever with me,
and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.
When I was a senior at St. Mary’s in Manhasset, one of the things required was an off-school grounds, overnight (two nights, actually) retreat. The good news (I thought) was that I was having trouble with my foot when it was scheduled so I was unable to go with my classmates. The bad news (I thought) was that St. Mary’s arranged for Gerard Guest and me to join a Catholic high school from Queens when those seniors made their retreat at St. Ignatius House of Studies, as it was called at the time and later “Inisfada”...Gaelic for Long Island. Though after three and a half years at St. Mary’s I barely knew Gerard Guest by sight, out of necessity we became friends during our time at Inisfada. Besides getting to know Gerard, I got to know myself a bit more and also the God Whom had always been a part of my life, but Who all of a sudden became more real to me. Such was my first experience at making a retreat.

When I arrived at Providence College, the school calendar indicated that there would be a three day, on campus retreat during the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week. Mandatory attendance would be waived, however, if a weekend retreat was made prior to that. Joe Mike, who lived down the hall, found the Passionist Retreat Center in Hartford, CT, and that is where I went for one fall weekend during each of my four years at PC. Again, I was able to put my concerns and expectations aside and to concentrate on the one thing in my life that was most important to me: my relationship with God.

Such was my retreat experience until I found myself back at Inisfada some 40 years later when I joined a group of men during the first weekend of the year. This lasted until, like many places in my past, the property was sold. Now a husband and a father, my daily life was more complicated, yet being on a retreat allowed me to put such barriers aside and again help me figure out how best I could serve my family and my Church.

In each of my retreat experiences I found an opportunity to honestly turn off the things of the world and allow myself to get closer to God. While finding a retreat center might be the ideal, it is possible for each of us to create our own space (place) where we can isolate ourselves...if only for a few hours...and get in contact with our inner self and with our Loving God. Talk to Him. Listen to Him. Feel His presence around You and let Him touch your heart.

Would not this be a truly wonderful and meaningful way to start 2017?

PRAYER

Loving and Bountiful Father, as the New Year begins we again realize that all good things come from You. Give us the Grace we need to start 2017 by beginning a better relationship with You. Help us to find the time and place (space) to put everything else aside and focus on our relationship with You. This will ensure that 2017 will be a great year, indeed. 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 who seek to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus, prepared to be changed by the experience of serving others, especially within our parish family and 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 $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
La Paz empieza con Nosotros

ORACIÓN POR UN NUEVO AÑO

Dios misericordioso,
en los albores de este nuevo añocambiamos una página nueva
descubrimos nuevas posibilidadespor amor y esperanza.

Danos coraje,para descartar viejos hábitosyon tomar un mejor,modo de vida más pura.

Usamos para escribir
un nuevo trabajo en el tiempo,
un mensaje de buenas noticiaspara que todos nos re-encontremos.

Amén.

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

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.

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS:
(RICA) _Les invitamos 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 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
del 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 LOS EVENTOS

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

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: 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.

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INFORMACIÓN:
Osvaldo y Mirna Zurita: (631) 578-0633
Enrique y Rocio Ortiz: (631) 572-5664
Jairo y Rosa Gomez: (631) 553-4643

El Movimiento de Cursillos de Cristiandad

Próximo Cursillo de caballeros
del 23 al 26 de Febrero.

Para más información llame a
Cristina Vera @ (631) 327-6141.

El Apostolado Diocesano de la Divina Misericordia

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