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

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 thought that I would share a few prayers with you that have been especially meaningful to me:

**Recommendation to One’s Guardian Angel for a Happy Hour of Death** by St. Charles Borromeo

My good Angel, I know not when or how I shall die. It is possible I may be carried off suddenly, and that before my last sigh, I may be deprived of all intelligence. Yet how many things I would wish to say to God on the threshold of eternity. In the full freedom of my will today, I come to charge you to speak for me at that awesome moment. You will say to Him, then, O my good Angel:

That I wish to die in the Roman Catholic Apostolic Church in which all the saints since Jesus Christ have died.

Then I ask the grace of sharing in the infinite merits of my Redeemer, and that I desire to die in pressing to my lips the cross that was bathed in His Blood!

That I detest my sins because they displease Him, and that I pardon through love of Him all my enemies as I wish myself to be pardoned.

That I die willingly because He orders it, and that I throw myself with confidence into His adorable Heart, awaiting all His mercy.

That in my inexpressible desire to go to heaven I am disposed to suffer everything it may please His sovereign justice to inflict on me.

That I love Him before all things, above all things, and for His own sake; that I wish and hope to love Him with the elect, His angels and the Blessed Mother during all eternity.

Do not refuse, O my Angel, to be my interpreter with God, and to declare to Him that these are my sentiments and my will. Amen.

**Eucharistic Whisperings to Jesus**

Sweet Jesus, suppose that I must really go to purgatory. Well then, my Jesus, I want to ask You now, while I still have time, for a great grace. You will not say, “No,” will You, Jesus? …Dear Jesus, You know that I cannot separate myself from You; therefore, should it be that my soul is not all pure when it appears before You in eternity…should You first have to send me away again until the stains upon my soul have been wholly blotted out and my punishment undergone…O then let me at least atone near Your Tabernacle…If I still have faults to weep over, let me shed my tears here in Your Temple…let my complaints be here mingled with the sacred songs that arise to You…let my pleadings be united with the prayers that go up to You in heaven from the altar here…Should it be that I must experience the severity of Your justice for a long, long time – fiat – let it be done! Only grant that it may be done in the Tabernacle shadow…in the shadow of Your sweet Heart, my Jesus. This, then, is the grace I beg of You, Savior mine. And yet I would like it better still if You would let me become holy during my lifetime. Otherwise, make me holy after my death there where I know I am near to You.

Above prayers from “Prayers, Promises, and Devotions for the Holy Souls in Purgatory” by Susan Tassone

**Prayer for Our Country** from Catholic Online

Almighty God, bless our nation and make it true to the ideas of freedom and justice and brotherhood for all who make it great. Guard us from war, from fire and wind, from compromise, fear, confusion.

Be close to our president and our statesmen; give them vision and courage, as they ponder decisions affecting peace and the future of the world. Make me more deeply aware of my heritage; realizing not only my rights but also my duties and responsibilities as a citizen. Make this great land and all its people know clearly Your will, that they may fulfill the destiny ordained for us in the salvation of the nations, and the restoring of all things in Christ. Amen

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
**The Sacraments of Life**

**Newly Baptized**
Lev Joseph Agin,
Joseph Edward Kolm,
William Edward Scudder
& Abigail Marie Sini

**Preventing 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 Minningel, Thomas Cox, Edward Leitch,
Roseann Donarumma, Joan Therlman, 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 Meigle, Angela Colantrello, Mary Ellen Szwajkowski, Fr. Joseph Arevalo, Gertrude Albert, Sabina Dujlidko, Lee Dorn, Dorila Cardozo, Frank Ferguson, Marie Greer, Anthony Bertuglia, Marylou DeMeo & Silvio Gomez.

**Altar Rose**
In memory of Marcella Maynard

**For Our Deceased**
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including
Ellen Jordan & John Ferrara.

**Reflection for Today**
The watchword today is “immediately.” Peter and Andrew, James and John all respond immediately to the call of Christ. May I be as open to God’s call and as ready to use my talent in His service as those first disciples were!

**Mass Schedule & Readings for the Coming Week:**

**At this Mass, we remember:**

**Monday, January 23**
Heb 9:15, 24–28, Ps 98:1-6, Mk 3:22–30
7:45 People of St. Joseph 9:00 Jason Rotzman

**Tuesday, January 24**
Heb 10:1–10, Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10–11, Mk 3:31–35
7:45 Liam Finnegan 9:00 Peter DiStefano

**Wednesday, January 25**
7:45 For the Intentions of Our Lady 9:00 Frank Steinheimer

**Thursday, January 26**
2 Tm 1:1–8 or Ti 1:1–5, Ps 96:1-3, 7–8, 10, Mk 4:21–25
7:45 People of St. Joseph 9:00 Austin Moran

**Friday, January 27**
Heb 10:32–39, Ps 37:3-6, 23–24, 39–40, Mk 4:26–34
7:45 People of St. Joseph 9:00 Michael McLoughlin

**Saturday, January 28**
Heb 11:1–2, 8–19, (Ps) Lk 1:69-75, Mk 4:35–41
9:00 Timothy Michael Donnery

At this Eucharist, we will have the Communal Anointing and the Blessing of the Sick, Families and Caregivers. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is for those who have not already been anointed during a particular illness or burdensome condition. Those already anointed, family members, friends and caregivers are welcome to join us at the Eucharist that morning and receive the Blessing of the Sick or the Blessing of Family, Friends and Caregivers.

**Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)**
4:00 Confessions Today Fr. Joe
5:00 Fred Van Bourgondien Fr. Francis
Gloria Colletti
Helen McCullough
Josephine Tuorto

**Sunday, January 29 ~ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Zep 2:3; 3:12–13, Ps 146:6-10, 1 Cor 1:26–31, Mt 5:1–12a
7:00 Caridad Padilla Fr. Francis
8:45 Concetta Orobello Fr. Ethel
9:30 Stanley & Genove Fr. Charles Gasiorowski
10:15 Rosemary Maynard Fr. Ethel
12:00 People of St. Joseph Fr. Charles
5:00 Angelica Francavilla Fr. John
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@stjosephsbabylon.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.stjosephsbabylon.org

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/Lent. 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.

Unbound:

Freedom in Christ Conference Series – Make-up Session
For those people who missed any sessions of Unbound, there will be a chance to view the DVDs that you missed on Saturday, January 28th in the O’Connell Room. The doors will be open at 8:30am for coffee and the first DVD will begin at 9:00am. Each DVD will be shown on the hour after that. In this way you can come just to view the DVDs which you missed. Jody will be there all day. If you have any questions, please call Jody at 516-641-6999.

Unbound Advanced Workshop
Save the dates for the Unbound Advanced Workshop. This workshop is limited to those who have attended the Unbound Conference and / or have attended the eight week basic Unbound: Freedom in Christ Conference Series which was recently completed here at St. Joseph’s. The workshop will be held in Msgr. Nolan Hall from 7:00 – 9:00pm on the following Tuesday evenings: 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28. Please call Jody to register for this life changing workshop at 516-641-6999.
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.

1/15/17

Actual Collection $23,556.00
Budgeted Collection $22,750.00
+ 806.00

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.

Paint Night at St. Joseph

Pray and Be a Part of Our Parish Mission Statement!

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 Fiad
Capt. Matthew W. Sibley
f.a. Madison Mulders

U.S. Army:
SPC Elliot Chodkowski
SSG Josuah Insull
LTC John Kallio
SSG David C. Ray
Eric Stein
LTC Jon J. Uebel
PV2 Danny Bornschein
Sgt Edwin Zambrano
PFC Dominick Pititto
Capt. Stephen Scuderi
PFC Mark Osina
Lt. Joseph A. Vanderveldt, III
2LT Anthony C. DiBiasi
PV2 Alexandra Diaz

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

SAVE THE DATE!

PAINT NIGHT FUNDRAISER
Saturday, March 11th.

More details to follow.
St. Joseph’s Nursery School

Learning & Growing Together

St. Joseph’s Nursery School 2017-2018
Registration

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

St. Joseph’s Nursery School
OPEN HOUSE
Saturday, February 4th
10:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m.

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
7:30pm – 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 jcjmpell@optonline.net

Brought to you by the Adult Enrichment Ministry
**Music Ministry**

**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**
- **Mass:** Sunday 9:30 AM Family Mass in the hall.
- **Rehearsal:** 8:45 AM. (prior to mass in the hall)
- **Director:** Ann Marie Pillsworth, 631-277-0523

Choir resumes in the fall on September 18th. Young people in Grades 2 through 8 and Beyond are welcome to join us singing weekly at the Family Mass. No vocal auditions are necessary. Come also talk to us about your wind and string abilities!

**St. Joseph’s Choir (minimum age: 14)**
- **Mass:** Sunday 10:15 AM in the Church
- **Rehearsal:** Thursdays, 7:15 PM, Room 254 of the Parish Center
- **Director:** Dr. Marie Drohan, 631-539-0957
- **E-mail:** musicdirector@stjosephsbabylon.org

**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.

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**March For Life**

**“March for Life”**

Once again, our neighbors at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Lindenhurst are blessed to have a bus to take parishioners to the “March for Life” in Washington, DC. They have been kind enough to extend an invitation to us to join them on their bus. If you have never had the opportunity to go to the March, it is an inspiring day. Due to the Presidential Inauguration this year, the March will be on Friday, January 27th. Mass will be celebrated at OLPH at 5:00am and everyone will board the bus immediately after. Anyone who is interested in going to Washington should call Kathy at OLPH at 631-225-9864 . There is no “fee” but they will request a “good will” offering to assist with the expense.
Come join us and other Catechists for four, 2.5 hour sessions and leave with ideas, materials and a new outlook toward your ministry.

Topics will include:

- What and who is a Catechist?
- What is my understanding of the Catholic teachings?
- How do I plan a Catechetical Session?

Instructors:

Sessions in English
Ellen Zafonte, Associate Director, Children and Youth, Office of Faith Formation, Diocese of Rockville Centre

Sessions in Spanish
Diana Pizarro, Associate Director, Faith Formation of the Spanish-Speaking Population, Office of Faith Formation, Diocese of Rockville Centre

Location
St. Joseph Parish (School Building)
39 N Carlt Ave, Babylon, NY 11702

Cost
$20.00 per person
RSVP by February 27, 2017

Dates
Monday evenings: March 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2017
7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

For more information please visit www.drvc-faith.org or contact Ellen Zafonte 516-678-5800 ext. 506 or email: ezafonte@drvc.org

Please forward the completed registration form along with a check payable to Office of Faith Formation.
Mail to: Debbie Coyne, Diocese of Rockville Centre, P.O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023.

Name ___________________________________ Phone ____________________________

Address __________________________________ City/Zip ________________________

Parish / Parish Town ________________________________

Email ____________________________________________

Check enclosed for $ ____________________________
Baptism Preparation Facilitator Training

Location: St. Bernard Parish (Parish Center)
3100 Hempstead Tpk., Levittown
Instructor: Jason Velázquez
Dates: Saturdays, February 18 & 25, 2017
Time: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Cost: $40.00 per person

Register Online: www.drvc-faith.org

If you have any questions contact Jason Velázquez at 516-678-5800 ext. 236

Catholic School Open House

CELEBRATING OVER 95 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

St. Martin of Tours Catholic School invites you to join us for
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Beginning, Sunday, January 29th at our 9:00AM Mass
followed by
OPEN HOUSE FROM 10:00AM to 1:00PM

Tour our School, meet our Pastor, Principal, Teachers, Staff, Parents & Students

Classes offered for
KINDERGARTEN - 8TH GRADE

♦ NYS Certified Teachers
♦ Before & After Care
♦ School Clubs
♦ Regents Math
♦ State of the Art Technology
My beloved sisters and brothers in Christ,

My dad had five sisters and two brothers meaning I had lots of cousins to spend time with as I grew up. My brother and I would spend much of our free time playing with our cousins who lived near by as well as spending time sleeping over our aunt and uncle’s home that lived “so far away in Hicksville.” These are some of my fondest memories of childhood.

We did have one aunt, though, that was a bit different from the others. My dad’s oldest sister was a bit more aloof than our other aunts and uncles. My father being the youngest of my grandparents’ children this aunt was much older and our cousins were much older than me so we didn’t spend a lot of time at their home. However, before we would visit this aunt my parents would sit my brother and me down and go over a litany of rules such as, “make sure you wipe your feet before entering; sit up straight on the couch and don’t you dare jump around; there will be absolutely no running in the house;” and so on. You see my aunt was a stickler for the absolute cleanliness and order of her house. In fact my parents would joke that if you were sitting on a chair and you leaned forward a bit my aunt would run over and fluff up the pillow behind you. In her defense my aunt, my dad and his siblings grew up in abject poverty. So it’s somewhat understandable that my aunt had married a man who was able to raise her standard of living and she wanted to maintain an immaculate “palace.” Although, most of my other aunts and uncles were not of the same ilk. Truth be told when we were told we were going over to visit this aunt my brother and I complained loudly until a stern look from my mom told us we were treading on thin ice.

These memories have influenced me as an adult, as a husband, father, and grandfather, and, as I now realize as an ordained minister of the Church. My home is clean and neat; Evie, my wife and I are not fussbudgets. We are not persnickety; we want our home to be comfortable for all of our children, our grandchildren and us. We want everyone to feel welcome. I have come to realize I feel the same way about my worship space. I want to feel comfortable and welcome. I have worshipped in very ornate spaces such as St. Peter’s and St. Paul Outside the Walls Basilicas in Rome. They are beautiful beyond words. For me they are wonderful places to visit. I have also worshipped in very simple places, churches that don’t seem to have a lot of money. Their worship spaces are simple, and yet in their simplicity I find a grand elegance. I feel welcome and I sense the presence of the Spirit in a profound way and I choose to spend quality time in these places, not just visit.

Our Lord chose to be born into poverty. His birthplace was a cave; His birth clothes were rags; His cradle was a manger, a trough that fed animals. And He chose to spend His life in simplicity, in poverty: “Jesus answered him, “Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head”” (Luke 9:58). In his commentary on this passage Matthew Henry states, “If we mean to follow Christ, we must lay aside the thoughts of great things in the world.”

My sisters and brothers in a world that places so much emphasis on material possessions, on fancy clothing and fine trappings, we would do well to seek the grace to follow our Lord Jesus’ example of simplicity and His teachings such as inviting the wealthy young man to sell everything, give the money to the poor and then come and follow Jesus (Matt. 19:21). Finally, for me these words of our Lord’s are my mantra to live by: “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay destroy, and thieves break in and steal. But store up treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor decay destroys, nor thieves break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be” (Matt. 6:19-21).
Reflections

THE BIT WE SHOULD TRY TO FIT

I was at an annual Christmas luncheon with a number of high school friends when the topic of Fitbit arose. For the few who might not know about this latest effort to better maintain one’s body, the Fitbit company provides a number of different activity trackers that are essentially wireless-enabled wearable-technology devices that measure data such as the number of steps walked, heart rate, quality of sleep, steps climbed, and other personal metrics involved in fitness. The wearer can tell at any time of the day or night the progress made during that 24-hour period against a pre-determined goal.

I was given one of the original Fitbit devices when the company first made the scene. Previous to that my fitness barometer was a simple pedometer to measure the number of steps that I would take each day. 10,000 was my then ambitious goal, so one thoughtful family member decided an upgrade to a Fitbit would be more advantageous to me. What was forgotten is my penchant to lose things. So my original Fitbit went the way of the many pedometers: lost sometime during one of my walks. (I lost the Fitbit about two weeks after I got it for Christmas. Rather than hurt the feelings of the gift giver, I bought another one. That was lost three weeks later.) Back to the luncheon.

Three or four diners were Fitbit devotees and were clearly well-versed in the workings of their fitness gadgets. One skeptic asked what happened if at 10 p.m., for instance, one looked at the Fitbit and saw the daily step total was not reached. “Well, I’d put my clothes back on, grab the leash, and take the dog out for a walk...perhaps a long walk.” Another reminded the group, “That’s the beauty of Fitbit; it tells you exactly what you must do.”

For the record, I am all for being physically fit, and I marvel at the discipline that some people have in doing what they think they have to do to stay in shape. Would it not be great if all of us had the same drive when it came to exercising our Catholic Faith? If suddenly remembered it were time for Sunday mass would we “…put our clothes back on…”? And if we heard a pronouncement from the altar would we think, “…that’s exactly what I must do”? We should not need devices to remind us how are lives should be led. We have the Commandments, the sacraments, the Scriptures...any number of spiritual road maps... at our disposal.

Let us strive to be fit spiritually as well as physically.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, our lifetimes are intended to prepare us to be in great shape when our time on earth has come to an end. It matters little what our bodies may look like at that time; what is important is the condition of our souls. Give us the Grace we need to always be aware of Your Loving Nature and help us to follow the tenants of the Roman Catholic Church, the Church that Your Son instituted during His time with us. This we ask in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Stewardship...

Stewardship Sound Byte

We are grateful this week for all stewards who work in parish-based advocacy groups to bring Gospel value and Catholic social teaching to the wider community.
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 Young women of St. Joseph’s JCDA are busy preparing for our annual Super Bowl Bake Sale. Attend the 9:30 mass on Super Bowl Sunday and show your support. All proceeds from all their fundraising throughout the year go to help people in need in our immediate area. Please come on down and see our girls in action?

Catholic Daughters of the Americas - Court Bishop McDonnell #1403

Home Baked Goods Court Bishop McDonnell #1403 will have fresh baked treats available after morning Masses on Sunday, February 5th, 2017. Be sure to pick up your favorite dessert and a Super Bowl snack as well. Thank You!

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

Tell a friend!
Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month - September thru June.
Come and visit one of our meetings and 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
Social Ministries

Thank you for your Food Pantry Donations!

Our Food Pantry is most in need of these items:
- Apple Juice
- Coffee
- Mayonnaise
- Jelly
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Pasta Sauce
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Large Toothpaste
- Large Shampoo
- Large Soap/Body Wash

Gift Cards from supermarkets are in demand and would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your past and future donations.

Thrift Shop Sale News

The Thrift shop opening date coming soon.

IMPORTANT NOTE:
Please DO NOT leave any donations on the outside steps when the Thrift Shop is closed.

Outreach

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians is holding a fundraiser to benefit St. Joseph Outreach. Please join them on the dance floor

Sunday, February 12, 2017 3-7pm
Division 2 Hall, Babylon, NY

Music provided by Tommy Polito and Sweetwater

Tickets are $35.00 Per Person includes buffet dinner and open bar
Must make a reservation
50/50 Raffles

Please bring a bag of non-perishable foods to receive a ticket to be entered in a special raffle

For reservations or more information please call
Ann Rolston 631-220-5660 or Alice Hegarty 917-881-7207

St. Vincent de Paul

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

The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to acknowledge a generous donation from the Palmer Family Charitable Fund.
Their kindness and generosity will help make a difference in the lives of 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.

Some friendly reminders for children attending Masses on the weekends:
- The weekend Masses begin on Saturday at 5pm and continue through the 5pm Sunday Mass. Please see the inside cover of the bulletin for Mass times.
- Remember to bring your Mass Attendance envelopes and print all your children’s names on one envelope (print clearly and include your last name).
- Extra envelopes can be found in the FF Office or in the back of the Church or Hall (ask an usher if you can’t find one).
- Place the envelope in the collection basket.
If attending Mass in another parish, please print your children’s names on the bulletin cover and hand it in to the FF Office within two weeks.

Level 7 Confirmation essays “Why Someone My Age Would Want to Follow Jesus” are due at any Mass this weekend.

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.

Level 2 Children are expected to bring their Mass Booklets to Mass the weekend of January 28 – 29 to have them blessed.

Level 1 Children are expected to attend Mass the weekend of February 4 & 5 to receive a Catholic Prayer Book.

Level 4 Parent & Child Meeting – Thursday, February 9th @ either 4pm or 7pm in Nolan Hall. We will be revisiting the Sacrament of Reconciliation and giving out the Lenten Rice Bowls.

My unique Good Deed for the week was: there were so many children who helped shovel during the snow storm that we couldn’t list all the names! The following children helped with their pets (mostly dogs): Danielle took care of the animals at the shelter with the girl scouts, Finn & Jack are preparing to adopt a dog, Paige & Abigail fed their dogs, Alex helped exercise his dog, Katie watched another dog, Anna helped bury a pet and Jade helped his dog get better. Aidan prayed for the poor, Kate & Jack lit a candle at St. Patrick Church in NYC and Jack made friends with someone new.
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    Monday’s, 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.
A very sincere Thank You to all who donated the Memorial Poinsettias that graced our altars during the 2016 Christmas Season!

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INTERCESIONES POR LA VIDA
Por todos los que enseñan a los niños: que por su vida y por sus palabras puedan enseñar la belleza y el valor de la vida desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural; Oramos al Señor, Señor, escucha nuestra oración.

La Paz empieza con Nosotros

UNA ORACIÓN POR LA PAZ

Dios mío, la cosecha es abundante y los obreros son pocos. Su pueblo anhela la paz, tienen sed de justicia.

Envía a nuestro medio mujeres y hombres cuyos corazones puedan abrazar el mundo entero.

Envía a nuestro medio jóvenes y viejos, de todas sus culturas y razas amadas, que ofrezcan sus brazos para levantar a los humildes y los oprimidos.

Envía a nuestro medio nuevos pacificadores quienes caminarán con los impotentes, así como los que están en el poder, para proclamar su enseñanza y para testificar contra el odio, la codicia, el miedo y la contienda.

Créanos de nuevo como tus pacificadores, y envíanos tu paz.

CURSO BIBLICO

TODOS LOS MARTES DE:
7:30PM — 9:30PM
SALÓN #256

POR FAVOR LLAMAR A
Antonia Robles (631) 422-5433

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

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.

MARRIMONIO: 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.

UNCIÓN 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 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.

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 ACOPLITOS: Ver a Felipe y Claudia Rodas. Deben haber recibido la Primera Comunión. (516) 203-5221.

REFLEXION

La consigna de hoy es “inmediatamente.” Pedro y Andrés, Santiago y Juan, todos respondieron inmediatamente al llamado de Cristo. ¡Que yo pueda estar tan dispuesto a la llamada de Dios y listo a usar todo mi talento a Su servicio tal como lo estuvieron esos primeros discípulos!

Estamos agradecidos esta semana por todos los administradores que trabajan en grupos de abogacía basados en la parroquia para llevar los valores del Evangelio y la enseñanza social católica a la comunidad en general.

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Dios mío, la cosecha es abundante y los obreros son pocos. Su pueblo anhela la paz, tienen sed de justicia.

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Envía a nuestro medio jóvenes y viejos, de todas sus culturas y razas amadas, que ofrezcan sus brazos para levantar a los humildes y los oprimidos.

Envía a nuestro medio nuevos pacificadores quienes caminarán con los impotentes, así como los que están en el poder, para proclamar su enseñanza y para testificar contra el odio, la codicia, el miedo y la contienda.

Créanos de nuevo como tus pacificadores, y envíanos tu paz.

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.

MARRIMONIO: 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.

UNCIÓN 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 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.

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**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**
  - 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. 22, y 29 de enero. 5, 12, y 26 de febrero. 5, 12, 19 y 26 de marzo. 2, y 9 de abril.

**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.

**Noticias del V Encuentro NACIONAL DE LA PASTORAL HISPANA/LATINA:**
2017 año de los encuentros parroquiales y diocesanos

*Ya salió la guía para las cinco sesiones a llevarse a cabo en las parroquias. De enero a junio. Se han distribuido a los miembros del equipo parroquial. Si no la ha adquirido la puede descargar en el siguiente enlace.

http://vencuenetro.org/v-encuentro-documents/

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

**El MOVIMIENTO FAMILIAR CRISTIANO CATÓLICO DE U.S.A TE INVITA AL ENCUENTRO CONYUGAL - RETIRO DE PAREJAS EN CASA DE RETIRO ENMANUEL 10 AL 12 DE FEBRERO**

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. (Atlanta, 15 de enero de 1929-Memphis, 4 de abril de 1968) fue un pastor estadounidense de la iglesia bautista que desarrolló una labor crucial en Estados Unidos al frente del Movimiento por los derechos civiles para los afroestadounidenses y que, además, participó como activista en numerosas protestas contra la Guerra de Vietnam y la pobreza en general.

Por esa actividad encaminada a terminar con la segregación estadounidense y la discriminación racial a través de medios no violentos, fue condecorado con el Premio Nobel de la Paz en 1964. Cuatro años después, en una época en que su labor se había orientado especialmente hacia la oposición a la guerra y la lucha contra la pobreza, fue asesinado en Memphis, cuando se preparaba para asistir a una cena informal de amigos.

Martin Luther King, activista de los derechos civiles desde muy joven, organizó y llevó a cabo diversas actividades pacíficas reclamando el derecho al voto, la no discriminación y otros derechos civiles básicos para la gente negra de los Estados Unidos. Entre sus acciones más recordadas están el boicot de autobuses en Montgomery, en 1955; su apoyo a la fundación de la Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLS), en 1957 (de la que sería su primer presidente); y el liderazgo de la Marcha sobre Washington por el Trabajo y la Libertad, en agosto de 1963, al final de la cual pronunciaria su famoso discurso "I have a dream" (‘yo tengo un sueño’), gracias al cual se extendería por todo el país la conciencia pública sobre el movimiento de los derechos civiles y se consolidaría como uno de los más grandes oradores de la historia estadounidense.

La mayor parte de los derechos reclamados por el movimiento serían aprobados legalmente con la promulgación de la Ley de los derechos civiles y la Ley del derecho al voto. King es recordado como uno de los mayores líderes y héroes de la historia de Estados Unidos, y en la moderna historia de la no violencia. Se le concedió a título póstumo la Medalla Presidencial de la Libertad por Jimmy Carter en 1977 y la Medalla de oro del congreso de los Estados Unidos en 2004. Desde 1986, el Día de Martin Luther King Jr. es día festivo en los Estados Unidos.
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