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.
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you look to the front of the altar you can see various symbols that have been placed there as a source of reflection during this season of Lent. In the church, you will see barren branches. This reminds us that our life is barren without a real, live and meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ. I invite you to nurture your relationship with Jesus by partaking in all or some of our Lenten events. Each event is to help enlighten and enrich your soul, helping you to realize the Lord’s awesome, full and total love for you. In turn we become filled with a joy that we cannot keep to ourselves, we feel compelled to share the good news of a good God who is with us in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. We feel compelled to invite people to join us at holy Mass, to return to the holy sacraments and to live as members of our parish family. This is what our newly appointed Bishop Barres is inviting us to do because this will lead us to a dramatic missionary growth in our diocese. As our parish mission statement says: *We Welcome. We Worship. We Witness.*

In front of the altar you will also see broken pottery. This reminds us that all of us are broken due to original sin, but Christ has come to make us whole. This Lent he is inviting us to bring to him all the broken pieces of our lives. Oftentimes we despise our brokenness \ weakness, but it is precisely in those places that the Lord Jesus pours his mercy and love upon us. It’s in those places where we cry out and reach out to Jesus as Savior. The Lord does not despise our weakness, rather He looks upon us and tends to us with great tenderness as the Good Samaritan did with the man whom the robbers had beat up almost to the point of death.

In the church you can see purple fabric flowing down from the foot of the cross. This reminds us that from the Cross of Jesus Christ flowed not only his blood but his love, mercy, compassion, forgiveness, etc. On Good Friday we will venerate the cross because it is the sign of our salvation. I encourage everyone to meditate on the cross by taking time to sit before a cross and gaze upon it. Let the Lord speak to your heart as you do so. It can be a very powerful and fruitful prayer time.

Fr. Hugh Gillespie, a Montfort priest, will be preaching at all the Masses this weekend and he will be leading us in our Lenten mission March 6-9. The mission is for both the English and Spanish speaking members of the parish family. See the bulletin for details. I pray you will be able to join us.

My sister Laurie and I will be doing a *Night of Recollection* at St. Brigid’s Church in Westbury this Thursday, March 9th at 7:30pm. We will be singing and preaching on the topic: *Heart to Heart: growing in intimacy with the Father who loves you.* All are welcome. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be a part of the evening.

This year the Feast of St. Joseph falls on a Sunday, March 19th. Besides praying the Litany of St. Joseph at all Masses, I will be leading the parish in a holy hour that afternoon from 3pm to 4pm in the church. Please join me as we come before the Blessed Sacrament and invoke the prayers and blessing of our parish patron, St. Joseph. Joseph is the holiest of saints second to our Lady. He was chosen by God to help raise, love and protect Jesus, the second person of the Trinity. What better way to celebrate our Feast Day than to come before the Lord whom Joseph helped to raise.

A woman came to see me the other day who is having financial problems. She also has 6 children and is in desperate need of a van that seats 7 people. If you have a van that is in good shape to donate, please call Alice at (631) 669-0068 Ext. 171.

Several Lenten events are coming up that are designed to help feed and nourish our souls. See the bulletin for more details of the following events:

**Lenten Events**
1. Lenten Mission with Fr. Hugh Gillespie – Monday – Thursday, March 6th – 9th (English and Spanish mission)
2. St. Joseph Feast Day Holy Hour—Sunday, March 19th from 3pm -4pm in the church.
3. Jewish-Christian Seder with Roy Shoeman – Thursday, March 23rd at 7:30pm in the Hall. *(Need to RSVP by 3/17/17 to the Parish Office so we can set up enough tables, chairs and purchase enough symbolic foods)*
4. “I Thirst”: The Crucifixion Story told through music and scripture quotes becoming a turning point toward healing and renewal of faith. Come listen to Tatiana Cameron – Friday, April 7 from 7pm to 9pm in the Msgr. Nolan Hall. She has the voice of an Angel. This will be a very moving night for all.
A Prayer of Thanksgiving from our New Bishop

God our Father and Creator,
From ancient days, you have promised to provide shepherds after your own heart, to guide your people wisely and prudently.
In your abundant goodness, you have faithfully cared for the pastoral leadership of the Diocese of Rockville Centre for nearly sixty years.

We thank you for the ministry and example of Bishop William Murphy for the last 16 years and we ask you to grant him many joyful, healthy years of retirement.

With gratitude, we celebrate the appointment of our new bishop, Bishop John Barres, to lead us as we continue to build the Kingdom of God in this world.

As we joyfully welcome Bishop Barres into our midst, pour out upon him the gifts of your Holy Spirit to strengthen him for his ministry in our local Church and beyond.

Through his faithful response to your call, may he come to know the vibrant faith, love and support of the clergy, religious and lay people of the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

United with our Bishop in the mission of the church, We make this prayer through your son, Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen

Most Reverend John Barres
Fifth Bishop of Rockville Centre

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5. Lenten Rice Bowls for the poor (see the back of the church)
6. 40 Cans for Lent (food for the poor of our community)
7. Little Black Books (daily reflection to feed the soul during Lent)
8. Nails to be carried throughout the season of Lent as a source of reflection on the love shown to us by Jesus and a uniting of our suffering to His as we offer it, with Him, to the Father.

At the doors of the Church and Hall there are baskets of nails and a prayer card. We invite everyone to take one home with them and to carry it with you throughout the season of Lent. My hope is that it will be a source of reflection for us until Good Friday at which time we will return the nail as we venerate the cross. The nail reminds us of the incredible, awesome and total love of Christ for us. Jesus embraced the cross and was nailed to it out of love in order to save us. He offered up His suffering to the Father and in turn it redeemed the whole world. As we carry this nail through Lent may we unite our suffering to the suffering of Jesus as we offer it to the Father. St. John Vianney said, “Suffering not offered up to God is wasted suffering”. Our suffering can be redemptive for others if we offer it to God.

What does that concretely look like? While you are going through something difficult (however large or small) or any kind of discomfort, say to Jesus, I unite my suffering to yours that you may perfect my offering as we offer it to the Father for _________ (here is where you say who or what you want to offer this suffering up for). Even our suffering and sacrifices can be prayer.

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
First Sunday of Lent - Cycle A

The Sacraments of Life

Newly Baptized
Wyatt Lincoln Peter Ariss, Gabriella Rose D’Antonio, Nyella Rose Kuck & Bruno Dominick Simonelli

Preparing for Marriage
Banns Posted
First Time ~
Matthew Galletia & Suzanne Napoli
Third Time ~
Stephen Worley & Claudia Rukab

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 Thomman, Marilyn Ann O’Hara, Angela Mancusi, Isabel Sampson, Ignacio Guzman, Frank McCluskey, Sean Regan, Anne Aguiss, Kathleen M. Elsner, Mary Jane Simmons, Evelyn Scalise, Mary Blasko, Richard D’Alessandro, Charles Chertiza, Marcella Dwyer, Jenien Horner, Dorothy Meloni, Joy Lichten, Kristy Minninner, Sandy Cardona, Norman Gomez, Brandon Davey, Raymond Meigel, Angela Colantrrello , Mary Ellen Szwejkowski, Gertrude Albert, Sabina Dojlidko, Dorila Cardozo, Frank Ferguson, Marie Greer, Anthony Bertuglia, Marylou DeMeo, Jeanne Cummings, Arianna Messina, Ann Gent, Mary McHale, Joe Pritchard, Ryan Finn, Robert W. Wolf & Silvio Gomez.

Altar Rose
In memory of Daniel Aranda

For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Erika Heaton, Robert Gagliardo, Margaret Rose Lomangino, Jacqueline E. Thompson, Valerie Lemkul, Arlene Palumbo & Christine Anna Bajorski.

Mass Schedule & Readings For The Coming Week:

At this Mass, we remember:
Monday, March 6
Lv 19:1–2, 11–18, Ps 19:8-10, 15, Mt 25:31–46

7:45  Bill Black
9:00  Daniel V. Aranda

Tuesday, March 7
Is 55:10–11, Ps 34:4-7, 12-13, 18-19, Mt 6:7-15

7:45  People of St. Joseph
9:00  Daniel Aranda

Wednesday, March 8
Jon 3:1–10, Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19, Lk 11:29–32

7:45  For the Intentions of Our Lady
9:00  For the Intentions of Carol & Henry Jacobi

Thursday, March 9
Est C:12, 14–16, 23–25 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8, Mt 7:7–12

7:45  People of St. Joseph
9:00  People of St. Joseph

Friday, March 10
Ez 18:21–28, Ps 130:1-8, Mt 5:20–26

7:45  Brandon Lochan
9:00  Patrick Darcy
2:00  Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 11
Dt 26:16–19, Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8, Mt 5:43–48

9:00  Glenn Gary Gerrato
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. Francis
5:00  Peter Capitain Fr. Ethel

Mary Irwin
Patrick Joseph Dolan

Sunday, March 12 – Second Sunday of Lent
Gn 12:1–4a, Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22, 2 Tm 1:8b–10, Mt 17:1–9

7:00  People of St. Joseph Fr. Ethel
8:45  James L. Simmons Fr. Francis
9:30  Kathleen Bossong Fr. Joe
10:15  Joseph B. Leone Fr. Charles
12:00  Susan Studley Fr. Francis
5:00  Joseph Murphy Fr. Charles

REFLECTION FOR TODAY
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.

2/19/17
Actual Collection $23,664.00
Budgeted Collection $22,750.00
+ 914

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.

Memorials
Memorials: A special "Thank you" to all who have memorialized altar accessories and priest vestments over the past few months. Six priest stoles which were ordered for Advent and Lent have been memorialized, Thank you very much! We have four deacon stoles which will be worn by the Deacons assisting at Mass. The stoles are $350.00 each. If anyone would like to memorialize one of the purple stoles, please call Alice at (631)669-0068 Ext. 171.

Prayers for Our Service Men & Women

We continue to pray for the following military personnel and their families:

U.S. Navy:
PO3 Joshua D. Benoit
Lt. Michael Catalano
Lt. John T. Izzo
Lt. Caroline Mayer
PO2 Kristen Tice
PO1 Rasheen Tice

U.S.M.C.:
Sgt. Lauren Colantrplo
Malik Rodriguez
Nelson Sanchez, Jr.
PFC Joshua J. Coughlin

U.S. Coast Guard:
CPO Benjamin Flad
Capt. Matthew W. Sibley
F.A. Madison Mulders

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

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

Liturgies

STATIONS THE WAY OF THE CROSS
“Father, forgive them, they do not know what they are doing.”

Please note the new time this year for Stations of the Cross
It takes place at 2pm on Fridays during Lent in the Church.

All are welcome.
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

Information for the Lenten Season
THE SACRAMENT OF PENCE -
Opportunities for the sacrament of Reconciliation will be provided throughout Lent. In addition to the regular Saturday Penance times from 4:00pm to 4:45pm, on April 2nd, Monday of Holy Week, (Annual Diocesan Penance Day) all Catholics of the Diocese are invited to come and be reconciled, that we might celebrate the Paschal Mystery with heart and mind renewed. The availability of priests for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 3:00 - 9:00 PM has been widely publicized. An examination of conscience can be found in the rack on the confessional door. Confessions will also follow our Monday, March 6th Parish Mission at 7:30pm.

HOLY THURSDAY -
The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, and reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil.

MASSES OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL DURING THE TRIDUUM -
The question is frequently asked concerning funeral rites and the funeral Mass during the Paschal Triduum or on Holydays of Obligation. "The funeral Mass... may be celebrated on any day except solemnities that are days of obligation, the Easter Triduum and the Sundays of Advent, Lent and the Easter season." (GIRM, 380; Third Edition). When a funeral Mass is not permitted, there can be a Liturgy of the Word with the Final Commendation. A memorial Mass could then be scheduled at a later date.

Lent Regulations
Weekdays of Lent: There is no obligation to fast during the week. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended, especially every Wednesday, which is Unity Wednesday in the Parish. All sacrifices are offered up for the parish, that all will come to know Jesus Christ.

Days of Abstinence: ALL Fridays in Lent - All who have reached their 14th year are bound to Abstain totally from meat.

Good Friday: is a day of Fasting and Abstinence from meat. Fasting is a limit of (1) Full meal on these days and the 2 other meals, if added together, do not exceed the size of the 1 full meal. This applies to all between the ages of 18 & 59, inclusive.

 Lent
Lent Mission

Lent 2017 English Mission

(For the Spanish Mission see the Spanish section of the bulletin)

Church of St. Joseph

Monday, March 6th & Tuesday, March 7th

**Topic:** “At the Cross her Station keeping; the Virgin Mary, Queen and Mother of Mercy”.

**Presenter:**

Father Hugh Gillespie

Fr. Hugh Gillespie is a Roman Catholic Priest and Missionary belonging to the Company of Mary, the religious community founded by St. Louis de Montfort. Fr. Hugh received his formation at Weston Jesuit School of Theology and Ordained to the Presbyterate on June 10, 2006 at St. Mary Gate of Heaven Church, Ozone Park.

He is the managing editor for Montfort Publications and an itinerant mission preacher and retreat master, also presenting days of recollection, and programs of formation in the spirituality of St. Louis de Montfort – most especially involving the preparation for and living of the Total Consecration of oneself to Jesus through Mary.

In addition, Fr. Hugh is the Moderator for the Association of Mary, Queen of All Hearts and Spiritual Director for The Legion of Mary - Regina Cordium Praesidium as well as an Advisory Board Member of Real Men Pray the Rosary.

Fr. Gillespie, a dynamic speaker, has traveled throughout the United States and abroad, placing himself at the service of the renewal of the Catholic Church.

**Mission Schedule**

Morning and Evening Talk are the Same

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The Church of St. Joseph invites you to a

“PASSOVER SEDER IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST”

Did you ever wonder why the Last Supper was at one and the same time a Passover Seder and the First Holy Mass? or Why God had Jesus be crucified on the eve of Passover? How does sacramental Judaism foreshadow the sacraments of the Catholic Church?

Thursday, March 23rd from 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Msgr. Nolan Hall

Experience a Jewish Passover Seder along with an explanation of its Christological significance by joining us when noted Jewish entrant into the Catholic Church Roy Schoeman (author of several books on Judaism and the Catholic Faith and frequent guest on EWTN) leads a “Passover Seder in the Light of Christ” at our parish.

In order to properly plan this Seder, please RSVP to the Parish Center at 631-669-0068 by March 17th. Some customary foods will be part of this experience, but dinner will NOT be provided.

Please note there will be a Free Willing Offering during the evening.
The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters of St. Joseph Parish are sponsoring a food drive during Lent, which we are calling ‘40 Cans for Lent’.

**The food drive has begun and will run until April 9th.**

All food collected will be delivered to the St Joseph Food Pantry and Outreach. Throughout the year our Parish Outreach Program serves many in need of food, and in need of hope.

We invite you to join us in this Lenten food drive. During these 40 days of Lent we are asking each family to consider setting aside one can of food for each day of Lent. So when you come to Mass to feed your soul you can also help feed those in need.

We will be setting up collection stations for non-perishable food items at three locations on our church grounds. They will be marked by the ‘40 Cans for Lent’ banners, and located at the main entrance to our Church, at Nolan Hall and in the hall near our Parish Office.

For every 1,000 lbs of food we collect, the Knights of Columbus will also donate $100 to St. Joseph Food Pantry, up to a $500 total donation.

**Suggested ‘Grocery List’ for Donation**

| Canned Vegetables: all varieties | sauces: all varieties of tomato, pasta, gravy |
| Canned Fruit: all varieties | Boxed Instant Mashed Potatoes |
| Canned Meat: tuna, chicken, ham, beef-stew, turkey, spam | Pasta, Rice and All Varieties of Dry Beans |
| Soups: all varieties | Hamburger Helper: all varieties |
| Juices: all fruit varieties (need for apple, orange), ‘fusion’ vegetable juices | Bean Products: refried, ranch, pork & beans |
| Ready-Made Pasta: macaroni & cheese, ravioli, spaghetti-o’s | Mayonnaise, Ketchup |
| | Coffee |
| | Milk Products: powdered, shelf stable, Velveeta, canned milk |
| | Peanut Butter / Jelly / Jam |
| | Boxed Cereals, Pancake Mixes: all varieties |
| | Canned Protein Shakes |
| | Paper Towels |

**NOTE:** We cannot accept expired food or raw food.
My beloved sisters and brothers in Christ,

I considered beginning this piece by quoting the lyrics from the hit song Turn, Turn, Turn sung by the musical group The Byrds that debuted in 1965. The song starts with the lyrics “To everything (turn, turn, turn), There is a season (turn, turn, turn), And a time to every purpose, under heaven, A time to be born, a time to die, A time to plant, a time to reap, A time to kill, a time to heal, A time to laugh, a time to weep...” In fact these words and the sentiment are found in the Book of Ecclesiastes in the Hebrew Scriptures, Chapter 3, verses 1-9. Verse 1 states: “There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens”.

Then again I thought about beginning by quoting the Walrus in the poem with the Carpenter and oysters in the book Alice in Wonderland written by Lewis Carroll: “The time has come,' the Walrus said, To talk of many things: Of shoes-and ships-and sealing-wax-Of cabbages-and kings -And why the sea is boiling hot-And whether pigs have wings.”

I’m sure many of you are wondering what the heck I’m talking about! My dear friends this will be my last entry in the Deacon’s Corner column in our bulletin. The appointed time, the time has come for me to end my participation in the bulletin.

We’ve been writing this column for about eleven years. Eleven years ago I broached the idea to our beloved former pastor, Fr. Chris Heller of we deacons of the parish writing a column in the parish bulletin each week. Of course he was more than gracious and said yes and so the five deacons at that time, Deacons George and Geoff (both have returned to the Home of our Father and I miss them dearly), Mike and John and myself would take turns submitting pieces each week. We have continued to do so these many years. I am so grateful to Fr. Chris for his trust and confidence in us. I’m also grateful to my brother deacons for their efforts, their time and toil in ensuring they submitted a worthwhile article for our sisters and brothers of the parish. Most of all I am grateful to you, my sisters and brothers in Christ.

To those of you who took the time to comment favorably on an article I am truly grateful. I might be even more grateful to those who disagreed with something I wrote and took the time to discuss their disagreements in person or via email. I’ve quoted Fr. Benedict Groeschel before in a column, particularly on the subject of humility: “Humility is a funny thing”, Fr. Benedict would say; “just when you think you got it you’ve lost it!” When you disagreed with me and took the time to discuss it with me it made me think, caused me to research and reflect upon the position I had taken. This is a good thing for as my wife, Evie is fond of reminding me “there is a God and God’s name isn’t Barry!” Amen! Thank you, one and all!

The author of the Book of Ecclesiastes is believed to be King Solomon who calls himself Qoheleth in the beginning of the book. He writes, “Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth, vanity of vanities! All things are vanity! (Eccl. 1:2). I hope it wasn’t pure vanity that compelled me to write. In any event I was privileged to share my thoughts with you. Adieu, my friends, and now I must end, quoting the white rabbit in Carroll’s “Wonderland” opus: “I’m late, I’m late for a very important date.”

Deacon Barry
Reflections

THE CHALLENGE BEFORE US

One of the fringe benefits of playing golf is the discussions that are held while riding in the cart. I am in a trio of players which has decided that, if the temperature is on the north side of 40 degrees, we will be out there swinging (and in my case swinging and swinging and swinging). This week, my riding partner told me of a conversation he had with one of his older granddaughters. The young lass wisely asked her grandfather if he preferred living in the current times or when he was half his age, or even half of that. As he was relating the story to me, I wondered how I would have answered.

While pros and cons of each time period crossed my mind, an analogy came immediately to me.

Among other things, the good Sisters of Mercy, who taught at St. Boniface School in Sea Cliff, drilled the tenets of the Catholic Church into my head, and for that I am forever grateful. Along with the contents of the Baltimore Catechism (still required reading, I suggest), they told us stories of the saints of the Church, many of whom were martyrs for the faith. At the time, it seemed inconceivable to me that I would ever be put to the test as were those brave men and women who stood tall for Christ. Now, however, I think my time to stand up has arrived.

Recently the Governor of New York, Andrew Cuomo, stated that, if we are pro-life or if we support traditional marriage, we are extremists who have no place in the State of New York and that we should be excluded from the public square and civil society. He is surely not alone for his contempt for the Catholic Church (and many other Judeo Christian religions as well). Many spew scorn for traditional values in the name of “rights”. I do not believe that any of us are forcing our beliefs on anyone; that would not be right. By the same token, such secular beliefs should not be forced upon us. Unless we respond as did members of the Church of old, we might find such rhetoric soon become the law of the land.

We can’t allow that to happen.

*These thoughts were inspired by a column in a recent Long Island Catholic written by Msgr. James McNamara, who will now move on to other ministries within the Church he has served so well. His many friends wish him the best in his new assignment.

PRAYER

Loving Father, in the two centuries since the Church Your Son founded has existed, there have been many times when its continued existence has been challenged. At such times You have sent the Holy Spirit to guide its followers. We now find ourselves at such a time and ask that Your Holy Spirit will shower His Grace upon us so His Gifts, especially the Gift of Fortitude, will allow each of us to defend the Church we love so very much. 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 in our parish who embrace their discipleship, using the ashes as a reminder to share their own gifts at home, work, school, our parish and in the wider community.
Membership Organizations

First Sunday of Lent - Cycle A

Diocese of Rockville Centre Wants You To Know

St. Joseph the Carpenter Council #14771 is a Membership Organization of St. Joseph Parish. Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age and older.

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

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

Catholic Daughters of the Americas - Court Bishop McDonnell #1403

Save The Date….
CDA Art Auction
Saturday Evening, April 29, 2017
Please stay tuned for more information to come...

Save The Date
More details to come soon.

Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas

The Junior Catholic Daughters are busy planning their annual Mother/Daughter Breakfast. As always, this event is held the Saturday of Mothers Day weekend, this year, May 13th. It's a great, fun filled, inexpensive way for mom's, daughters, grandmas, aunts and all women to kick off Mothers Day and spend quality time together. Tickets are only $15.00 per person, which includes a delicious catered breakfast. This year's guest speaker is Lisa Mladinich, author of True Radiance: Finding Grace in the Second Half of Life.

Our event begins with 9am mass, with breakfast immediately following in Nolan Hall. For info Call Deb Yusko 516-617-2232 or 631-321-9853
Outreach

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

Social Ministries

Thrift Shop Sale News

The Thrift shop opening date coming very soon.

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

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.

St. Vincent de Paul

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

During the season of Lent, let us be mindful of the poor and needy of the parish. If there is a person or family that you know who is in need of food and/or financial assistance, please urge them to call or visit St. Vincent de Paul at Outreach. Hours are Mon. Wed. Thurs. from 9:30 to 1:30. Our phone is 631-669-4544.
The Faith Formation Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-4pm. If you come between the hours of 9am – 9:30am, you will need to call the office to enter the building: 631-587-4717.

Level 6 Interview Sheets are due at any Mass this weekend.

Level 6 Trip to the Congregation Beth Sholom will be on Thursday, March 9th from 6:30-8pm (please note the time change). The synagogue is located at 441 Deer Park Avenue. Please arrive at least 10 minutes prior to allow time to sign in. Please try to carpool, parking is limited. This event takes the place of the level 6 classes for the week.

Level 1 Children are expected to attend Mass the weekend of March 11th - 12th to receive a special blessing. We are asking the families to bring donations of paper goods for the Outreach Office. Please remember to bring your attendance envelopes.

Level 5 Church Tours take place the week of March 13th. Letters will go out with your child’s tour date and time. Please call the Faith Formation Office if you need to reschedule. The tours take the place of the level 5 classes for the week.

New Family Registration Meeting – Thursday, March 16th @ either 10am or 7pm in room 257. Please bring the original baptismal certificate for each child you plan to register, even if your child was baptized here at St. Joseph. The annual registration fee is $140 for one child, $205 for two children and $260 for three or more. We would appreciate payment or partial payment on March 16th.

My Good Deed for the week was: Catherine cleaned upstairs at her grandma’s house, Francesca visited her sister in the hospital after she had back surgery, Mary helped her grandpa move, Ryan consoled his sister when their dog died, RJ helped a stranger who dropped something, Olivia volunteered at a bookfair, Emma painted Frisbees for children in Haiti, Reese helped his sister feel better, James donated his winter coat and boots to someone who needed them, McKenna & Seamus donated toys to disabled children and Matthew helped his teacher teach a class in coding club.
Some of our High School Teens & Middle School Teens spent the weekend over at St William the Abbot Parish on an overnight retreat.

We learned about FORGIVENESS—what it means to us as Catholics and us as individuals.

We played—we prayed—we didn’t really sleep!

Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation at 10pm.
Night prayer at 1am! A BEAUTIFUL EXPERIENCE.

You should join us next time!

Spread the Word...

TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR PAINT NIGHT!
Saturday 3/11 at 7pm
Cost - $40
Adults only please.
Pick them up in Parish Office.
**Lazarus Ministry**

**LAZARUS MINISTRY**

On March 11, 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 Baptistry for family members to place pictures of those who have died. There will be a place 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 Andrea McGurk, 631-884-3458.

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**Rice Bowls**

The Lenten Rice Bowl is being offered to your family as we invite you to be part of helping the poor and seeing how our sisters & brothers live around the world. If you are interested in participating, please see the ushers after each mass to obtain a rice bowl. Thank you!

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**Book Club News**

Meeting on Thursday, March 9th, 2017 at 7:30pm in Room 255. The Winter Book discussion will be on “The Train to Crystal City” By Jan Jarboe Russell All are Welcome!

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**Little Black Lenten Book**

Our Little Black Lenten Book is available for $1.00. Please see Ushers after each Mass. Thank you!

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**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:

“Reinventing Yourself After The Loss of a Spouse”
Presented by Dr. Anne C. Kane
Friday, March 10 @ 7:30 pm
For further information please call Geri Olson 631-661-8994 or Mike Goodwin 631-422-0957
Unbound: Freedom in Christ Conference

April 21 & 22, 2017

St. Joseph’s R.C. Church
39 North Carll Avenue
Babylon, N.Y. 11702

Presented by Neal and Janet Lozano
of Heart of the Father Ministries

Neal is the author of the best seller
UNBOUND: A Practical Guide to Deliverance

Endorsements by Bishops, Priests, lay Catholics and Christians worldwide available at heartofthefather.com

- Do you find yourself struggling with the same area of sin time after time?
- Do you sometimes feel helpless in finding freedom from anger, resentment, fear, jealousy, etc.?
- Do you long to help someone stuck in destructive behavior patterns to be set free?

There is an answer. The UNBOUND book and conferences are the result of years of experience helping people discover the freedom they have been given in Christ. Learn the five simple keys of the UNBOUND model in the book, UNBOUND by Neal Lozano.

Neal and his wife, Janet, have more than forty years’ experience helping people find freedom in Christ. They travel around the world presenting the Unbound Conference. Neal is the author of Unbound: A Practical Guide to Deliverance and eight other books.

It is recommended that he Unbound book be read prior to the Conference. Books are available at the Parish Center and heartofthefather.com (610-952-3019).
### Conference Schedule:

**Friday, April 21**  
6:00pm  Registration/Sign-in/Coffee  
7:00pm  Welcome/Openning Worship/Announcements  
7:30pm  **Session 1** “Deliverance is a Good Word” and “Repentance and Faith”

**Saturday, April 22**  
8:00am  Registration/Sign-in, Coffee, Opening Worship  
8:30am  **Session 2** “The Keys of Renunciation and Authority”  
10:00am  Break  
10:30am  **Session 3** “The Power of Forgiveness” / up-front prayer  
12:00pm  Brown Bag Lunch  
1:00pm  **Session 4** “Ministry to Others: Partnering with the Holy Spirit”  
2:00pm  Heart of the Father Love Offering/Break/Individual Prayer Ministry begins  
3:00pm  **Session 5** “Staying Free: The Battle for our Minds” (DVD video session)  
5:00pm  Dinner Break  
6:30pm  **Session 6** “The Father’s Blessing” / up-front prayer

### Registration Information:

- $65 Early Registration by April 1, 2017  
- $70 Late Registration by April 19, 2017  
- $75 At the Door  
- $115 couples by April 1, 2017  

Priests, Seminarians and Religious free of charge

Coffee and tea will be provided. Please bring your own brown bag lunch. Saturday. Dinner will be provided Saturday night.

Please send payment and registration form below to:  
St. Joseph’s R.C. Church  
39 North Carril Avenue, Babylon, N.Y. 11702  
ATTN: Unbound Conference

For more info contact Jody 516-641-6999 or sonflowermjb@yahoo.com
(Ministry Team Training Thu/Fri, April 20-21, 2017 Contact Jody for details)

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**REGISTRATION FORM FOR April 21-22, 2017 UNBOUND CONFERENCE**  
(Please Print, one name per form)  
Name of attendee:  
Cost:  

Phone:  
Parish:  

Email:  

Address:  

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News From Outside the Parish

The Junior League of Mary of Our Lady of perpetual help Church, 210 South Wellwood Ave., Lindenhurst, NY 11757 invited children from ages 8-18 to visit with us at any of our meetings held on Sundays at 1pm - 2pm in room 24 of our School (enter from the parking lot side). The Junior legion of Mary is the perfect blend of prayer, Acts of Mercy and socializing to lead the children to a good moral adult life.

19th Annual Celebrate Life Fundraiser, Sunday, April 2nd 1pm - 5pm Our Lady of Grace Parish, West Babylon. Tickets are $15.00 Per person, includes dinner, beer, wine & soda. For tickets, make check payable to the Life Center of LI. Mail to: Carmine Soldano, 179 West 17th St., Deer Park, NY 11729
Intercesiones por la Vida

Por todos los padres que esperan el nacimiento de su hijo, que puedan mirar a San José, que nos ha enseñado a acariciar y proteger a nuestros hijos.

Oramos al Señor:
Señor, escucha nuestra oración.

La Paz empieza con Nosotros

COMO EMPIEZA LA CUARESMA…?

¿Cuántas veces, querido Dios, hemos caminado por el largo camino de estos cuarenta días?

¿Cuántas veces hemos intentado ayunar, orar, dar limosna, y hacer más tu voluntad?

¿Cuántas veces hemos sido desalentados por nuestra falta de fe por solo seis semanas al año?

Sin embargo, aquí estamos, comenzando de nuevo, pidiendo tu gracia.

Amén

CURSO BIBLICO
TODOS LOS MARTES DE:
7:30PM — 9:30PM
SALON # 256 Por favor llamar a Antonio Robles (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.


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: Proximo Pre-Cana: 12 de agosto 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.

Unión 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.

Renovación Carismática: 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 María: 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.

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

Estamos agradecidos esta semana por todos los administradores de nuestra parroquia que abrazan su discipulado, usando las cenizas como un recordatorio para compartir sus propios dones en el hogar, el trabajo, la escuela, nuestra parroquia y en la comunidad en general.
LA CUARESMA
La Cuaresma es el tiempo litúrgico de conversión, que marca la Iglesia para prepararnos a la gran fiesta de la Pascua. Es tiempo para arrepentirnos de nuestros pecados y de cambiar algo de nosotros para ser mejores y poder vivir más cerca de Cristo.
La Cuaresma dura 40 días; comienza el Miércoles de Ceniza y termina antes de la Misa de la Cena del Señor del Jueves Santo. A lo largo de este tiempo, sobre todo en la liturgia del domingo, hacemos un esfuerzo por recuperar el ritmo y estilo de verdaderos creyentes que debemos vivir como hijos de Dios.
El color litúrgico de este tiempo es el morado que significa luto y penitencia. Es un tiempo de reflexión, de penitencia, de conversión espiritual; tiempo de preparación al misterio pascual.
En la Cuaresma, Cristo nos invita a cambiar de vida. La Iglesia nos invita a vivir la Cuaresma como un camino hacia Jesucristo, escuchando la Palabra de Dios, orando, compartiendo con el prójimo y haciendo obras buenas. Nos invita a vivir una serie de actitudes cristianas que nos ayudan a parecernos más a Jesucristo, ya que por acción de nuestro pecado, nos alejamos más de Dios.
Por ello, la Cuaresma es el tiempo del perdón y de la reconciliación fraterna. Cada día, durante toda la vida, hemos de arrojar de nuestros corazones el odio, el renacer, la envidia, los celos que se oponen a nuestro amor a Dios y a los hermanos. En Cuaresma, aprendemos a conocer y a apreciar la Cruz de Jesús. Con esto aprendemos también a tomar nuestra cruz con alegría para alcanzar la gloria de la resurrección.

40 días
La duración de la Cuaresma está basada en el símbolo del número cuarenta en la Biblia. En ésta, se habla de los cuarenta días del diluvio, de los cuarenta años de la marcha del pueblo judío por el desierto, de los cuarenta días de Moisés y de Elías en la montaña, de los cuarenta días que pasó Jesús en el desierto antes de comenzar su vida pública, de los 400 años que duró la estancia de los judíos en Egipto.
En la Biblia, el número cuatro simboliza el universo material, seguido de ceros significa el tiempo de nuestra vida en la tierra, seguido de pruebas y dificultades. La práctica de la Cuaresma data desde el siglo IV, cuando se da la tendencia a constituirla en tiempo de penitencia y de renovación para toda la Iglesia, con la práctica del ayuno y de la abstinencia. Conservada con bastante vigor, al menos en un principio, en las iglesias de oriente, la práctica penitencial de la Cuaresma ha sido cada vez más aligerada en occidente, pero debe observarse un espíritu penitencial y de conversión.
**MISION DE CUARESMA 2017**

Iglesia de San José

Salón Nolan
39 North Carll Ave.
Babylon, NY

**Tópico:** “Vigilante en la Cruz, La Virgen María, Reina y Madre de Misericordia”.

**Moderador:**

Padre Hugh Gillespie

El Padre Hugh Gillespie es un sacerdote y misionero católico perteneciente a la Compañía de María, comunidad religiosa fundada por San Luis de Montfort. Fr. Hugh recibió su formación en la Escuela Jesoníaca de Weston de Teología y se ordenó al Presbiterio el 10 de junio de 2006 en la Iglesia de St. Mary Gate of Heaven, en Ozone Park.

Es el editor gerente de Montfort Publications y un predicador de misión itinerante y moderador de retiros, también presenta días de recolección y programas de formación en la espiritualidad de San Luis de Montfort, especialmente en lo que respecta a la preparación y la vida de la Consagración Total de sí mismo a Jesús a través de María.

Además, el Padre Hugh es el Moderador de la Asociación de María, Reina de Todos los Corazones y Director Espiritual de la Legión de María - Regina Cordium Praesidium, así como un miembro de la Junta Consultiva de Hombres Rezamos el Rosario.

Fr. Gillespie, es un orador dinámico, ha viajado por los Estados Unidos y el extranjero, poniéndose al servicio de la renovación de la Iglesia Católica.

**Horario de la Misión**

**Miércoles, 8 de marzo @ 7:30 p.m.**  
Padre Gillespie  
Seguido de la Confesión

**Jueves, 9 de marzo @ 7:30pm.**  
Padre Gillespie  
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