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,

On Tuesday night, March 7th, Father Thomas Maloney went home to God. Fr. Tom was assigned to St. Joseph’s for many years and worked with the Spanish community. When he left St. Josephs that is when Fr. Joe Arvelo came to us. The Spanish called Fr. Tom him Padre Tomas. He battled Parkinson’s disease for many years and he is now freed from his suffering, enjoying the eternal reward promised him from the creation of this world. God bless you Fr. Thomas.

As many of you may already know, our new Bishop John Barres is going to each deanery and saying Mass so he can meet the people of the Diocese. Our diocese is divided up into 14 deaneries. A deanery consists of a cluster of seven or eight local parishes. The Bishop is coming to our Deanery on Monday, March 20th. All are welcome to join us for a 5pm Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 455 Hunter Ave, in West Islip. All of our parish priests will be concelebrating the Mass.

Our new Bishop challenges each one of us to invite at least one person back to church, to mass, to the sacraments this Lent and Easter. Maybe you can start by inviting someone who has been away from the church to come with you to one of our Lenten events (see below). It could be a beautiful way in which the Holy Spirit touches their heart.

We have more Lenten events that will bring the love of Christ more fully into your heart. Besides our Holy Hour on the Feast of St. Joseph on March 19th from 3-4pm, please join me for the Christian-Jewish Sedar which is a powerful experience. We will be explaining the ritual foods that we will be tasting. By the end of the evening it will be very clear as to why Jesus celebrated the first Mass during the Passover Sedar. It’s a reality that will fill your heart with a love and gratitude for the God who loves you so much.

A Different Kind of Fasting

Fast from judging others…Feast on Christ dwelling in each
Fast from seeing differences…Feast on the Spirit in all life
Fast from apparent darkness…Feast on the reality of Light
Fast from thoughts of illness…Feast on the healing power of God
Fast from words that pollute…Feast on phrases that support and affirm
Fast on discontent…Feast on gratitude
Fast on anger…Feast on patience
Fast from worry…Feast on trust in God’s Providence
Fast from complaining…Feast on appreciation
Fast from hostility…Feast on non-violence
Fast from bitterness…Feast on forgiveness
Fast from self-concern…Feast on compassion for others
Fast from discouragement…Feast on hope
Fast from lethargy…Feast on enthusiasm
Fast from idle gossip…Feast on prayerful silence
Fast from suspiciousness…Feast on Trustful Relationships
Fast from the shadows of injustice…Feast on the Son of Justice

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.

See the bulletin for more details of the following events:

Lenten Events

1. St. Joseph Feast Day Holy Hour—Sunday, March 19th from 3pm-4pm in the church.
2. Jewish-Christian Sedar with Roy Shoeman – Thursday, March 23rd at 7:30pm in the Hall. (Need to RSVP to the Parish Office so we can set up enough tables, chairs and purchase enough symbolic foods)
3. “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.
Many people have found themselves suffering with an addiction to pornography. God says, “My saving power will rise on you like the sun and bring healing like the sun’s rays.” Malachi 4:2. You can overcome pornography and other unhealthy sexual behaviors with a professional, science-based Catholic program called: RECLAIM Sexual Health. (Visit their site www.ReclaimsexualHealth.com). Get help or Help Others. Private and Anonymous Online Help 24/7. It is the latest Brain Science cutting-edge technology. Personalized support and Faith Focused.

The Brain Science of Change & Theology of the Body is God’s way out. In 1 Corinthians 10:13 it says, “No trial has come to you but what is human, God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial He will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it.” Pornography is an addiction. It enslaves the soul and deep shame is connected to it but healing and recovery is possible.

If you or someone you know has a porn addiction, please log onto the their website at: www.IntegrityRestored.com, designed for those who struggle with pornography use and those who may know of someone who is struggling. Here you will learn about the pornography epidemic in America and how porn affects men, women, children and teens. You will learn about the addiciveness of pornography and the recovery process. Wives will learn how to help their husbands as well as how to find healing for their own emotional pain (feelings of hurt, betrayal, etc.). The website takes a unique approach by incorporating Catholic spirituality into the recovery process. Porn reduces the human person to an object for one’s selfish pleasure which is in direct opposition to the beauty of the whole human person that God created in His image and likeness, never to be lusted after but to be loved as a whole person: body, mind and soul.

**From The Desk of Fr. Charles**

4. Lenten Rice Bowls for the poor (see the back of the church)
5. 40 Cans for Lent (food for the poor of our community)
6. Little Black Books (daily reflection to feed the soul during Lent)
7. 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**

**Courage Support Group**

**Courage.** This spiritual support group is for men and women who experience homosexual attractions and desire to lead a chaste life in accordance with authentic Catholic Church teaching. The five goals of Courage are:

1. Live chaste lives in accordance with the Roman Catholic Church’s teaching on homosexuality. (Chastity)
2. Dedicate one’s life to Christ through service to others, spiritual reading, prayer, meditation, individual spiritual direction, frequent attendance at Mass, and the frequent reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. (Prayer and Dedication)
3. Foster a spirit of fellowship in which all may share thoughts and experiences, and so ensure that no one will have to face the problems of homosexuality alone. (Fellowship)
4. Be mindful of the truth that chaste friendships are not only possible but necessary in a chaste Christian life and in doing so, provide encouragement to one another in forming and sustaining them. (Support)
5. Live lives that may serve as good examples to others. (Good Example)

We presently have a men’s group in Nassau County. If you call 516-623-1400, Ext. 190 and leave your name and phone number, someone will get back to you or email licourage5@gmail.com. Confidentiality & anonymity assured. Feel free to call the Courage Office, in Connecticut (203) 803-1564, their e-mail address is: NYCourage@aol.com or the following web-sites: www.couragerc.net or couragerc.org.
Second Sunday of Lent - Cycle A

The Sacraments of Life

**Newly Baptized**

Christian James Galletta, Frank Tomas Inestroza, Charlotte Rose Sutherland & Dylan Anthony Valdez

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**Preparing for Marriage**

**Banns Posted**

**First Time ~**

Patrick Harrison & Jacqueline Fiorillo

**Second Time ~**

Matthew Galletta & Suzanne Napoli

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**For Our Sick**

*Please remember in your prayers the sick of our Parish: Robert Dobbins, Robert Semeraro, Marie Azicri, Monica Restrepo, Kristy Minninger, Thomas Cox, Edward Leitch, Joan Thorman, Marilyn Ann O’Hara, Angela Mancusi, Isabel Sampson, Ignacio Guzman, Frank McCluskey, Sean Regan, Anne Aguis, Kathleen M. Elsner, Mary Jane Simmons, Evelyn Scalice, Mary Blasko, Richard D’Alessandro, Charles Chertiza, Marcella Dwyer, Jenien Horner, Dorothy Meloni, Joy Lichten, Kristy Minninger, Sandy Cardona, Norman Gomez, Brandon Davey, Raymond Meigel, Angela Colantrrello, Mary Ellen Szwejkowski, 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.*

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**Altar Rose**

*In memory of Nancy McMurray*

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**For Our Deceased**

*Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Raymond G. Palumbo, William Robert Reis, Jerome Curran, & Josephine Jiran.*

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**Reflection for Today**

“Bear your share of the hardship which the Gospel entails,” St. Paul tells Timothy in today’s second reading. What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the Gospel? How willing am I to bear my share?

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Mass Schedule & Readings For The Coming Week:

**At this Mass, we remember:**

**Monday, March 13**

Dn 9:4b–10, Ps79:8-9, 11, 13, Lk 6:36–38

7:45 Margaret Nicoll
9:00 Mario, Arsenio & Biagio Cairo

**Tuesday, March 14**

Is 1:10, 16–20, Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23, Mt 23:1–12

7:45 Ensy Cintron
9:00 Robert Estrada

**Wednesday, March 15**

Jer 18:18–20, Ps 31:5-6, 14-16, Mt 20:17–28

7:45 For the Intentions of Our Lady
9:00 Donald & Patrick Manning and Grandparents Josephine Jiran

**Thursday, March 16**

Jer 17:5–10, Ps 1:1-4, 6, Lk 16:19–31

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

**Friday, March 17**

Gn 37:3–4, 12–13a, 17b–28a, Ps 105:16-21, Mt 21:33–43, 45–46

7:45 June & Al Zalud
9:00 Mary Fallon & Annette Brooks
2:00 Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 18**

Mi 7:14–15, 18–20, Ps 103:1-4, 9-12, Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

9:00 Gloria Colletti

**Weekend Celebrations** (barring last minute changes)

4:00 Confessions Today Fr. Joe
5:00 John Hannon Fr. Charles
Fred K. Van Bourgondien
Michael Anthony Cortes
Ann Marie Cucchiaro-Gunst

**Sunday, March 19 ~ Third Sunday of Lent**

Ex 17:3–7, Ps 95:1-2, 6-9, Rom 5:1–2, 5-8, Jn 4:5–42

7:00 Adam Paladino Fr. Francis
8:45 Helen E. McCullagh Fr. Francis
9:30 People of St. Joseph Fr. Charles
10:15 Rosemary Cox Fr. Ethel
12:00 Dorothy & Patrick Manning Fr. Ethel
5:00 John Ferrara Fr. Joe

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**Hospitality**

*Sunday, March 19th, is Hospitality Sunday, please join us for Hospitality after the 8:45am Mass through to the 12:00pm Mass in the Hospitality Center.*
Our Parish Mission Statement

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

Liturgy

We Assemble for Prayer

The Eucharist
Each day and each weekend, we celebrate the Eucharist, the Summit & Source of Catholic Christian Spirituality.

Rosary
We pray the Rosary before the 9:00am Eucharist Mondays through Saturdays.

Liturgy

We Welcome. We Worship. We Witness.

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.

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

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.

Information for the Lenten Season

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE -
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 10th, 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.

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.
Save the Date!

Meet Bishop Barres!

Monday, March 20 :: 5pm

Our Lady Of Lourdes † 455 Hunter Ave. † West Islip † NY 11795

Bishop John Barres will visit Our Lady of Lourdes, in West Islip, NY, and celebrate Mass on Monday, March 20. As you may know, Bishop Barres is visiting every deanery in our Diocese to celebrate Mass and meet the people. Our Diocese is divided into several deaneries and each deanery consists of seven or eight parishes – OLL is part of the Babylon deanery.

We will gather in prayer on this day with the parishioners and staff from St. Martin of Tours/Amityville, St. Joseph/Babylon, Our Lady of the Assumption/Copiague, Sts. Cyril & Methodius/Deer Park, Our Lady of Perpetual Help/Lindenhurst, Our Lady of Grace/West Babylon & Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal/Wyandanch.

All are invited to attend this special Mass to meet Bishop Barres.

Please Invite a friend.
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
Canned Fruit: all varieties
Canned Meat: tuna, chicken, ham, beef-stew, turkey, spam
Soups: all varieties
Juices: all fruit varieties (need for apple, orange), ‘fusion’ vegetable juices
Ready-Made Pasta: macaroni & cheese, ravioli, spaghetti-o’s
Sauces: all varieties of tomato, pasta, gravy
Boxed Instant Mashed Potatoes
Pasta, Rice and All Varieties of Dry Beans
Hamburger Helper: all varieties
Bean Products: refried, ranch, pork & beans
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.
Deacon’s Corner

Autumn Dance
By Robin Jones Gunn

She stood a short distance from her guardian at the party this afternoon, her distinctive features revealing that although her body blossomed into young adulthood, her mind would always remain a child’s.

My children ran and jumped and sifted sand through perfect, coordinated fingers. Caught up in fighting over a shovel, they didn’t notice when the wind changed. But she did. A wild autumn wind spinning leaves into amber flurries.

I called to my boisterous son and jostled my daughter. Time to go. Mom still has lots to do today. My rosy-cheeked boy stood tall, watching with wide-eyed fascination the gyrating dance of the Down’s syndrome girl as she scooped up leaves and showered herself with a twirling rain of autumn jubilation.

With each twist and hop she sang deep, earthy grunts—canticle of praise meant only for the One whose breath causes the leaves to tremble from the trees.

Hurry up. Let’s go. Seat belts on? I start the car. In the rearview mirror I study her one more time through misty eyes. And then the tears come. Not tears of pity for her. The tears are for me. For I am far too sophisticated to publicly shout praises to my Creator.

I am whole and intelligent and normal, and so I weep because I will never know the severe mercy that frees such a child and bids her come dance in the autumn leaves.

Deacon John
OH, BABY IT’S COLD OUTSIDE

One might say I am a sports fan. Like many, I have a rooting interest in a number of area teams, one for each of the major sports. I am also a college sports fan, especially basketball. From time to time I attend games in person and find that such participation also allows me to bond with friends and family members…especially when we tailgate!!!

Teaching at a high school many years ago brought sports to a new dimension. Cheering on students who I had in my class was a great preparation for now watching my grandchildren on the soccer field or basketball court. In fact, when there is someone I know personally who is playing, I find myself more interested in the game than I am when my beloved Mets are on the field and I am in the stands. For instance, my son-in-law’s sister has been a starting defender on the Northwestern University lacrosse team for the past three seasons. Fortunately, many of her games can be found on line, and I have seen her a few times in person when the Wildcats leave their Illinois campus and head east. A week ago, she was playing Syracuse at Hofstra University. It was a 6 p.m. game, so I was able to negotiate traffic and arrive just in time for the player introductions. As I was standing at attention for the National Anthem, I realized there was a distinct chill in the air, and by the time I heard, “…and the home of the brave,” I was freezing. I layered as best I could but was still cold.

When I reached my seat in the stadium, I was shivering. I sat down on the aluminum seating plank, and the chill went through my entire body like a shock. My thoughtful daughter quickly suggested that I sit on a sweatshirt which she had brought in anticipation of this Arctic condition. It helped marginally. The wind howled, but I was able to stick it out, knowing the game would end within an hour and a half.

The next morning I was in NYC in the same bitter cold. Bundled, I was walking down 7th Avenue when I saw a woman sitting on the concrete sidewalk, who seemed to be talking to herself. She appeared to be homeless. On my return trip four hours later she was still there, obviously she had few options.

There are many times in our lives when we feel we are on the wrong end of things, that our apparent suffering is unbearable. Were we to look around, however, we would see two things clearly: our situation is still far more tolerable than those of others, and God has put people in our lives to help us deal with the realities of the day. We have to remember that He is always with us.

PRAYER

Provident and Providing Father, there are many times in when we feel overwhelmed. We have only to realize that You are with us at such moments and that there are people around us who will work through You to assist us on our journey.

During this Lenten season, give us the Grace we need to understand Your Omnipotence and to express our gratitude the temporal ways to always both accept what other offer us of lighten our load and to look for ways to help others. This we ask in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Stewardship...
An Evening with Tatiana Cameron

“I Thirst”

Come join us for this incredibly inspiring Lenten event as Tatiana “Tajci” Cameron tells the Crucifixion Story through music and scripture quotes. The experience is a turning point toward healing and renewal of faith. The delivery of “I Thirst” engages the audience from the first note she sings to the very last.

Friday, April 7th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Msgr. Nolan Hall

This will be a very moving night for all.

Tajci's passion for exploring the depths of the human soul comes across all platforms in her art, her performances and her online coaching courses.

Former Croatian superstar, Tatiana Cameron, left her fame in order to find a deeper meaning to life and moved to America at the age of 21. In New York, Tajci graduated from American Musical and Dramatic Academy, performed at numerous venues – from off-off Broadway theatres to Carnegie Hall and Madison Square Garden; in over 1,000 concert events throughout the US; and wrote a full length musical “My Perfectly Beautiful Life.” Most recently, Tajci released an indie pop album AWAKEN and launched a TV show “Waking Up in America.” Tatiana is an award-winning singer and performer, motivational speaker, host of TV show “Waking Up in America,” published author and a Rockstar mom of three sons. In partnership with her husband Matthew, a fearless, all-American entrepreneur from Indiana, Tajci has been producing music, video and live events that create powerful audio-visual, emotional and spiritual experiences. They live in Franklin, TN with their three sons Dante, Evan and Blais.

“This gripping musical drama of the Crucifixion translates the life experiences of this talented artist into a unique interpretation of Jesus’ words from the Cross”.
- EWTN

Tajci – “Inspiring and deeply moving” – you will be captivated!

Your attendance will help the great work of the Life Center of Long Island, a crisis pregnancy center helping women and families across Long Island in their 3 Centers.

A free will offering will be taken up which will benefit the Life Center of Long Island.
Outreach

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
We are opening our doors on Monday, March 13th at 10am.
Clothing - Half Price

IMPORTANT NOTE:
Please DO NOT leave any donations on the outside steps when the Thrift Shop is closed.
Like us on Facebook, We have a page!

Good News
Thrift Shop Grand Re-Opening!!!
Monday, March 13, 2017

Our Thrift Shop opens its doors again, completely renovated with more space for merchandise, come and visit us.

Our most extensive thanks to the youth group for their collaboration and enthusiasm to our Thrift Shop Ladies for their patience and hard work of cleaning, selecting and set up, and to all those people who in one way or another made this possible.

Thanks and God bless you!!

Thrift Shop operation days: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday from 10:00 am to 3:00pm.

Alicia Catania made a donation to Outreach to honor her parents Raymond & Lucy Young.

Joseph & Barbara Entrono made a donation to Outreach in Memory of Jerome Curran.

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 631-669-0068 ext 157.
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 1 Children are expected to attend Mass this weekend 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 Monday – Wednesday this week. Letters went 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.

Re-Registration forms have been mailed out. Please return your completed forms to the Faith Formation Office before May 2nd to enter into a drawing for a free registration. Please register early and reserve your class day and time. We cannot guarantee you will get your first choice if you wait too long to register.

Level 5 students are expected to attend Mass the weekend of March 18 & 19 to receive an inspirational bracelet and a special blessing.

Level 2 Parent Meeting – Thursday, March 23rd at either 10am or 7pm in room 257. We will be talking about the Sacrament of the Eucharist so that you can help your child as he/she prepares for First Eucharist. We will also be going over some of the particulars regarding the rehearsal and the First Communion day.

Level 2 children are expected to attend Mass the weekend of March 25 & 26 to receive a First Holy Communion pin and a special blessing.

Jeannette Yantz has taken on a full time position with Our Lady of Lourdes. I would like to thank her for all the wonderful years we had together and for all she has done for me and for the families in our Faith Formation Program. I wish you many grace filled years at Our Lady of Lourdes and may God continue to bless you as you serve the school community there. Thanks Jeannette, Claire

A special thanks to all those who helped make the Mardi Gras Celebration a success: Cathy & Ed Bell, Helene Kissane, Barbara McNulty and all the teens she recruited to help, Dawn Dahill and Angela Albelo.
Youth Ministry

Teens have been busy!

If you are in Grades 6—12 and you are not part of our Youth Group—you really should think about joining us!

And Parents, Grandparents, College Kids — I NEED YOUR HELP! Would you please consider donating an hour or two a month to help these programs grow?

STEUBENVILLE NYC

It is that time of year again—our Teens 8th grade and up are preparing to attend the Weekend Retreat at St. John’s University—July 21—23

Approximate cost: $300 per person

Right now we have 10 Teens Registered!

This year we even have 2 Teens attending the Steubenville NYC LEAD program which prepares them for further leadership in their Faith.

This will be our 3rd year bringing Teens to this Conference! Thanks to your help!

We started our fundraising with Paint Night this weekend and will follow with our Bake Sale after Easter and our Night at Panera.

If you are in grades 8—12 and want information about joining us, please let me know immediately!

Our Registration has already begun.

If you are interested in helping with scholarship donations, please give me a call.

Thank you. Barbara McNulty 631-669-0068 ext 108

More information and pictures on the website: www.stjosephsbabylon.org

Nearly 400 Teens packed St. Elizabeth’s last weekend for our Diocesan Youth Rally!

Special thanks to Meagan Ruf & Elizabeth Schneider for helping to chaperone. And Thanks Ben and Kristin for working on the Sound for the day. Marianne Sheridan of DRVC coordinated the Day and Bishop Perez celebrated Mass.

AMAZING EVANGELIZING DAY OF PRAISE & WORSHIP WITH TEENS!
Please join us for ENDOW this spring!

Now is the time to join the exciting educational ministry that brings women together to pray, study, learn, share, and laugh! Enjoy the faith and fellowship! Each course is 8 weeks long (and there is no homework!).

There will be two course offerings on Monday evenings:

Name of Class: Light of the Nations. This course offering asks the questions: What does the modern church look like? What are women supposed to be to the world in our current culture?

Name of Class: Mother of the Redeemer. We come to know Mary, our mother, as the ultimate witness of the feminine genius.

Location: St. Joseph Parish Center

Time: Mondays from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. (8 weeks with no session on Easter Monday)

Start Date: March 13, 2017

For more information call Sally Pokorney at (631) 379-3863 or visit our parish website: stjosephsbabylon.org.

Register for classes at the national ENDOW website www.EndowGroups.org

Endow ~ Love the Learning ~ Build the Friendships ~ Live the Faith

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!

Save the Date for Annual St. Joseph Golf Outing

Annual St. Joseph 2017 Golf Outing

Southward Ho Country Club

Bay Shore, New York 11706

Monday, May 22, 2017

Get your foursomes together. Sponsorships & Donor opportunities will be available.

Stay tuned for more information.

Endow
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 the Unbound book be read prior to the Conference. Books are available at the Parish Center and heartofthefather.com (610-952-3019).
Second Sunday of Lent - Cycle A

Unbound

Conference Schedule:

Friday, April 21
6:00pm  Registration/Sign-in/Coffee
7:00pm  Welcome/Opening 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 Carll 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)

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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Thank You

The Knights of Columbus would like to Thank all those who came out to the annual St. Patrick/St. Joseph's Day Dinner Dance making this important Parish Fundraiser a complete sell out. Special thanks to our Irish Soda Bread bakers, Step Dancers, Bagpiper, DJ and those Ministries who contributed to our Raffle Baskets. A good time was had by all.

The Sociable Singles

Sociable Single Seniors

Sociable Single Seniors next meeting will be on March 15th at 7pm in the O'Connell Room. Dinner will be pizza & salad. The cost is $10.00 per person. For further information contact Lorraine DeCanditis at 631-553-0160.

If you are planning to attend please contact me.

St. Joseph’s Sociable Single Seniors

Sociable Single Seniors is hosting a trip to The Metropolitan Museum of Art and The Cloisters on Wednesday, May 3, 2017. This trip is open to all parishioners. The cost is $80.00 Per Person and includes transportation, admission & guided tour to the museum and admission to The Cloisters Museum & Gardens. Lunch is not included. If you are interested or require further information contact Lorraine DeCanditis at 631-553-0160.

CYO

The C.Y.O. Speedy Soles registration is now open for both boys and girls. If you are in Kindergarten thru 8th grade and enjoy running please come and join our team. We practice at the Babylon High School track on Tuesday and Thursday’s from 7:00-8:00. Our first practice will be on Tuesday, April 4th. A tentative date for uniform fittings is March 21st from 6:30-8 at St. Joseph’s gym.

You can registration online at https://stjosephscyobabylon.siplay.com/login

As always, we welcome additional help from parents, guardians, older siblings etc. Please let me know if you’d be interested in lending a hand. If you have any questions feel free to contact me at jennifer127.jc@gmail.com.
**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.

**RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS:**


**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:** Próximo 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.

**UNCION DE LOS ENFERMOS:** Llamar a la oficina principal (631)669-0068 Ext. 100.

**CURSILLO DE CRISTIANDAD:** Los invita a vivir un fin de semana con Cristo. Tenemos Ultreya todos los domingos a las 12:30pm. en el Salón # 256. Mas información llame a Cristina Vera @ 631-327-6141.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**MONAGUILLOS O ACOLITOS:** Ver a Felipe y Claudia Rodas. Deben haber recibido la Primera Comunión. (516) 203-5221.
Invita a los siguientes eventos:

24-26 de marzo de 2017
Retiro para facilitadores de la Palabra en casa Enmanuel
31 de marzo al 2 de abril de 2017
Retiro sanación para mujeres en casa Enmanuel

El Movimiento de Cursillos de Cristiandad

PRÓXIMO CURSILLO DE DAMAS

27—30 DE ABRIL DE 2017

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

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

FECHAS DE LAS CLASES
Los grupos de estudiantes que asistirán al Centro de Formación se reunirán solamente cuando un voluntario del Centro esté presente. Las clases se dictarán durante 26 domingos. 12, 19 y 26 de marzo. 2, y 9 de abril.

FECHAS DE LOS EVENTOS

Jueves Santo
13 de abril de 2017
Vía Crucis en el Lago “Argyle” Padres/estudiantes
14 de abril de 2017 a la 1:00pm
Reconciliación y ensayo candidatos de la Vigilia
15 de abril de 2017 a las 10:00am
Vigilia Pascual
15 de abril de 2017 a las 8:00pm
Reconciliación y Ensayo Primera Comunión
6 de mayo de 2017 a las 10:00am
Primera Comunión
7 de mayo de 2017 @ 11:30am
Confirmación 2017
4 de junio de 2017 @ 11:30am
¿Cómo esta Usted llamado a continuar la misión de Jesús de traer la paz a nuestras comunidades y el mundo?

**La No-Violencia:**
*Un Estilo de Política para la Paz (Papa Francis)*

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Taller de 3 sesiones......

**Marzo 8, 15 y 22 de 2017**
**9:45am-11:30am**

Presentadores: Padre Martin Curtin, OFM Cap y Alma Alegría

Lugar: St Rosalie’s Church– Centro Parroquial
31 E. Montauk Highway Hampton Bays, NY 11946

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