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?

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.

Thursday, March 23rd from 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
The O’Connell Room

In order to properly plan this Seder, please RSVP to the Parish Center at 631-669-0068 by March 20th. 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.

March 19, 2017 ~ Third Sunday of Lent
Thrift Shop
Our Thrift Shop has reopened and it looks beautiful. One of our parishioners put in a new laminate floor, new LED lighting and painted it a beautiful beach glass blue (everything chosen by Sigrid our Outreach coordinator). Everything was done for free. What a gift he has given us and the poor. I am also so very grateful to Sigrid, our volunteers and maintenance staff. Everyone has worked hard and long hours so we could reopen. Our maintenance staff has been wonderful. Their patience and goodness was outstanding and we could have never done it without them: thank you Chris, George and Aamer. Presently we are working on making a new space for Parish Outreach so both services (Outreach and Thrift Shop) can be in the same building, making it easier to service the poor and homeless.

Mass with the new Bishop
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.

Holy Hour
Join Father Charles, our Pastor, today – Sunday, March 19th, as he leads us in a Holy Hour from 3pm to 4pm on the Feast of St. Joseph in the Church.

Lenten Events
1. Jewish-Christian Seder 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) 631-669-0068 press 0.
2. “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 Msgr. Nolan Hall. She has the voice of an Angel. This will be a very moving night for all.
3. Lenten Rice Bowls for the poor (see the back of the Church and Hall)
4. 40 Cans for Lent (food for the poor of our community)- see the Tupperware tubs at the doors
5. 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. Nails are at the doors in baskets.

Thank You
A special thank you to the American Legion who made and donated the new cantor’s podium in Msgr. Nolan Hall. Thank you for your generosity. It looks wonderful in the Hall.

Peace and blessings, Fr. Charles
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Many times I hear people say things like: “Father, I am so frustrated with myself because I don’t know why I can’t get passed this situation.” “Why am I struggling to forgive?” “Why does this person press my buttons?” “I feel like something's holding me back from being me, from being free.” “I’m tired of feeling inadequate.” And the list goes on. Well, there is good news, Jesus came to set us free. There is a conference we are hosting in the parish called “Unbound”. It will give you the tools to be free and remain free in Jesus Christ. Please join us, it is a life-changing experience.

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).

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
Third 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: _______________________________
**The Sacraments of Life**

**Newly Baptized**

Mia Angelina Asta, Sean Archer Egan,  
Shea Leigh Haines  
& Owen Scott McCormick

**Preventing for Marriage**

**Banns Posted**

**First Time ~**  
Eric Dieckhoff & Laura Capolla

**Second Time ~**  
Patrick Harrison & Jacqueline Fiorillo

**Third Time ~**  
Matthew Galletta & Suzanne Napoli

**For Our Sick**

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our Parish: Robert Dobbins,  
Robert Semeraro, Marie Azici,  
Monica Restrepo, Kristy Minningel, 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 Scalise, Mary Blasko, Richard D’Alessandro, Charles Cherta,  
Marcella Dwyer, Jenifer Horner, Dorothy Meloni, Joy Lichten, Kristy Minninger, Sandy Cardona, Norman Gomez, Brandon Davey, Raymond Meigel, Angela Colantrrello, Mary Ellen Szwjekowski, Gertrude Albert,  
Sabina Doolidko, 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.

**For Our Deceased**

Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including  
Stanley M. D’Andrea  
& Mary Jane Kliewer.

**REFLECTION FOR TODAY**

When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water,  
He opened the door for a life-changing relationship with Him.  
Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well.  
We must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives.

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**Mass Schedule & Readings For The Coming Week:**

**At this Mass, we remember:**

**Monday, March 20**  
2 Sm 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16, Ps 89:2–5, 27, 29, Rom 4:13, 16–18, 22, Mt 1:16, 18–21, 24a  
7:45 Daniel V. Aranda  
9:00 Intentions of Fr. Charles Mangano

**Tuesday, March 21**  
Dn 3:25, 34–43, Ps 25:4–9, Mt 18:21–35  
7:45 Roger Holmes & Family  
9:00 Jacqueline E. Thompson

**Wednesday, March 22**  
Dt 4:1, 5–9, Ps 147:12–13, 15–16, 19–20, Mt 5:17–19  
7:45 For the Intentions of Our Lady  
9:00 George Rebecchi  
Rosario Scro

**Thursday, March 23**  
Jer 7:23–28, Ps 95:1–2, 6–9, Lk 11:26–23  
7:45 Dan Aranda  
9:00 Jerome Curran

**Friday, March 24**  
Hos 14:2–10, Ps 81:6c–11b, 14, 17, Mk 12:28–34  
7:45 Nancy McMurray  
9:00 Richard J. J. Sullivan Sr.  
2:00 Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 25**  
Is 7:10–14, 8:10, Ps 40:7–11, Heb 10:4–10, Lk 1:26–38  
7:00 John Ferrara  
9:00 John Ferrara  
At this Eucharist, we will have the Communal Anointing and the Blessing of the Sick, Families and Caregivers. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is for those who have not already been anointed during a particular illness or burdensome condition. Those already anointed, family members, friends and caregivers are welcome to join us at the Eucharist that morning and receive the Blessing of the Sick or the Blessing of Family, Friends and Caregivers.

**Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)**  
4:00 Confessions Today  
5:00 William Leitch  
Patricia Ann Sullivan  
Agnes Flanagan  
Josephine Jiran

**Sunday, March 26 ~ Third Sunday of Lent**  
1 Sm 16:1b, 6–7, 10–15a, Ps 23:1–6, Eph 5:8–14, Jn 9:1–41  
7:00 Eugenio De Marco  
8:45 Pietro Di Stefano  
9:30 Marie Szyladowski  
& Joseph Usher  
10:15 Charles McGHugh  
12:00 Mario Montuori  
& Anthony Guzzardo  
5:00 Andrew Havens Jr.
Our Parish Mission Statement

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

Liturgy

We Assemble for Prayer

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

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

Men’s Spirituality Group:
Witness and grow in Faith. Meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Church.

Nocturnal Adoration
A Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament is offered on the First Friday of each month, from 9:00pm to 10:00pm in the Church.

Prayers for Our Service Men & Women

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

U.S. Navy:
- PO3 Joshua D. Benoit
- Lt. Michael Catalano
- Lt. John T. Izzo
- Lt. Caroline Mayer
- PO2 Kristen Tice
- PO1 Rasheen Tice
- MA2 William Murtha
- MA2 Sergio Rossi

U.S. Army:
- SPC Elliot Chodkowski
- SSG Joseph Insull
- LTC John Kallo
- SSG David C. Ray
- Eric Stein
- LTC Jon J. Uebel
- PV2 Danny Bornschein
- Sgt Edwin Zambrano
- PFC Dominick Pittito
- Capt. Stephan Scuderis
- PFC Mark Osipna
- Lt. Joseph A. Vanderveldt, Jr
- 2LT Anthony C. DiBiast
- PV2 Alexandra Diaz

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

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

Hospitality Sunday

Today, 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.

God Bless You!

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 $25,687.00
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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

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 Regulations

We Welcome. We Worship. We Witness.
Save the Date!

Meet Bishop Barres!

Monday, March 20th at 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 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.
DON’T BE FENCED IN

There was a common practice among the Jewish community of classifying people as either good or bad. Most of this was arranged and orchestrated by the religious leaders. Their system of judgment was quite simple. Those who kept the rules were good people; those who broke the rules were bad. And the good people sat in judgment of the bad people.

Then Jesus came along and started to change that self-righteous scheme. He paid no attention to the moral distinction upon which the system was built. There in Samaria he befriended a woman who had been married five times and was then living with a man to whom she was not married. The good people would have nothing to do with that woman, but Jesus did. This kind of thing was typical of his life. He allowed himself to be touched by a sinner. He befriended the woman. Is it any wonder that he became known as a “friend of sinners”?

It was not that Jesus did not know or care that bad people were sinners. It was just that he knew that good people were too. He cared for them both and refused to make silly distinctions between them. As far as he was concerned, all people had at least three things in common. They were made in the image of God, they were guilty of sin, and God loved them anyway. If we accept these three inescapable truths, there is no reason for moral fences between us. You and I should hold in our minds a high moral code and do our best to live up to it.

Jesus passed through Samaria not because it was the shortest route, but because of a moral conviction. He was a rebel with a cause, and that cause was people. He lived in a world that was controlled by prejudice, but that prejudice could not control him. His mind was too big, and his spirit was too free. To every attempt at coercion, he quietly but firmly said “no way.”

RELAX, ENJOY ONE ANOTHER

Deacon Mike
Reflections

FATHER TOMAS

It was only a few years ago when we were celebrating the centennial of the construction of the magnificent edifice that is our church, the place in which we worship the God Whom has given so much to each of us. At the time, many lifelong parishioners recalled with fondness some of the priests who served the parishioners of St. Joseph over the years. Though I consider myself a relative newcomer to the parish (though we have been here over 40 years), I, too, indulged in that pleasant mind game as I remembered many of the great men who have left their imprint on our parish. Perhaps my favorite was Fr. Tom Maloney…our beloved Fr. Tomas.

One reading the cover of a bulletin while Fr. Tomas was stationed here might have thought it a misprint that he was in charge of our Spanish speaking community. Indeed, he was that…and so much more. Ordained in 1970, he served in a number parishes on Long Island before accepting the request of then Bishop John McGann to go to the Mission at San Juan de la Maguana, located in the Dominican Republic where he served from 1984 until his arrival at St. Joseph in 1991. While here he brought his joyous nature, his priestly presence, and his love of all things Irish with him. During his time with us he became the beloved Padre of our Spanish speaking community, and, under his guidance, helped that group grow to be a welcomed part of the fabric of our parish.

This groundbreaking contribution alone would certainly be something by which to remember Fr. Tomas, but he gave us an even more remarkable lesson. Afflicted with Parkinson’s Disease not soon after his arrival to Babylon, Fr. Tomas did everything in his power not to let this progressive malady deter him from carrying out the responsibilities of the priesthood that he loved so much. Despite the tremors, despite the slower gait, despite the unmeasured speech, Fr. Tomas never deferred from a mass, a prayer service, a baptism, a wedding, any liturgical rite he celebrated. His courage in the face of a debilitating lifestyle was one that we rarely see. He tried using a microphone, having others read sermons that he had written, and devising other inventive means to allow him to continue to say mass and to serve those that he loved so dearly. And serve he did until he retired from the Diocese in 2004 to live near his sisters in Florida. While there he never stopped living his vocation and said mass as often as he could, all the while being the kind man that we all knew and loved.

We are blessed with the people that God places into our lives. Clearly our time spent with Fr. Thomas Maloney was a choice blessing, as we saw an example of how someone can trust in God completely. He never complained, he never stopped doing what he was called to do, he never gave up or gave in. May God have mercy on his beautiful soul.

PRAYER

Loving and Merciful Father, we thank You for the gift of Fr. Tomas in our lives and ask that You welcome him loving in to Paradise. Give us the Grace to see things as he did and to have complete trust in You. 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 lead others to the Living Christ by proclaiming the Word of God as lectors and Scripture Study leaders.
Third Sunday of Lent - Cycle A

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
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

Toys, Jewelry & Shoes - 1/2 price

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

Like us on Facebook, We have a page!

Social Ministries

Good News! The Thrift Shop is now open!

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 next meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is on Monday, March 27, 2017 at 9:45am in room 256 of the parish center. All are invited to attend!
Faith Formation

Visit our website @ www.stjosephsbabylon.org for information regarding upcoming meetings, events and other parish news. You may find all the information in our handbook on the website.

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.

New Family Registration - 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.

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 this weekend 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.

Confirmation Interviews – take place on Thursday, March 30th and Monday, April 3rd. Letters went out last week with your child’s interview day and time. Please call the office if you need to make a change.

Confirmation registration forms went out in the mail last week. Please hand in your completed registration form along with a check payable to St. Joseph FF for $80.

Catechist Evaluation Meeting/Ice Cream Social – will take place in the O’Connell Room on Wednesday, April 5th @ 7pm for levels 1-5 & 7. Please return your catechist guides and folders at this meeting.

Please note: the Level 6 Catechists will be meeting on Tuesday, April 4th @ 6pm in room 258. We will be discussing our new Confirmation program at this meeting. Please return your catechist guides and folders at this meeting.

A special thanks to all those who helped at the Church Tours last week, including Rich Maynard, Pat Truisi, Holly Gaare, Terry Guisto, Pat Coletti and Roseann Donarumma.
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!
Dear Friends:

During the special Lenten season, please allow me to share a special request with you. If you have never contributed to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, or if you haven’t contributed in a number of years, please consider making this the year that you join with me and other members of this Parish family and make a donation to the 2017 Appeal.

As you may already be aware, 100% of all the money raised by this fund helps support more than 60 programs and services that the people of our church as well as all of the people on Long Island have come to rely on.

These programs include services to people in need; affordable housing for senior citizens; people with disabilities and our veterans, as well as formation of our priests, deacons, lay leaders, and young people. These are just a few of the programs that help make our church and this Island a vibrant and wonderful place to live.

But to help ensure that we can always serve those who come to us for aid, support and spiritual guidance, we need help from you!

If 100 of our parishioners, who have not supported us in the recent past, made a $25 contribution this year – think about how many more people we could help. If that amount is more than you can manage, consider $5 or $10. Every gift counts and makes a difference in the lives of others!

Next weekend on March 25th & 26th, we will have a video presentation for CMA 2017.

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The following student parishioners have earned Honor Roll status during the second trimester of the 2016/17 school year at St. John the Baptist High School, St. Anthony’s High School and Holy Trinity Diocesan High School. Congratulations, we are very proud of you and pray that God will continue to bless your studies.

Peace and blessings, Father Charles

**Holy Trinity High School**

John Florio

James Boos  
Michael Castellino  
Elizabeth Castello  
Matthew Cimaszewski  
Patrick Gaffney  
Sofia LaRocca

**St. John the Baptist High School**

Celeste  
Julio  
Taylor  
Cole  
Zhanna  
Joseph  
Jack  
Jack  
Luigi  
Luke  
Liam  
Richard  
Meredith  
Matthew  
Madison  
Kaila

Pozderel  
Vitalobos  
Calvente  
Cantin  
Green  
Leone  
Monteleone  
Standwill  
Tabar  
Thompson  
Berrin  
Cemilli  
Hends  
Lavin  
Haydon  
Stang

**St. Anthony’s High School**

Katelyn McKeveit  
Christopher Mulford  
Emilio Niland  
Gavin Pallas  
Emma Seegers

James  
Grace  
Thomas  
Jack  
Nicholas  
Gianna  
Dana  
Elin  
Hannah  
Daniel  
Patricia  
Joseph  
Grace

Bruno  
Carmichael  
DeNicola  
Edmonds  
Ferrara  
Ragen  
Bell  
Benneche  
Kiley  
McGuinness  
Meszaros  
Reilly

**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. Uniform fittings is Thursday, March 23rd from 6:30-8:00 in the 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.
The Sociable Singles

**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.

**CDA ART AUCTION**

Sponsored by Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Bishop McDonnell #1403

Please join us on Saturday Evening, April 29, 2017

St. Joseph Church, Monsignor Nolan Hall
39 North Carll Ave, Babylon, NY 11702

Preview: 6:30 p.m.  Auction: 7:30 p.m.

Admission: $10.00 per person  50/50 and Raffles  Wine & cheese ~ Dessert

For more information call: Stephanie Conley (631) 422-0175 or Dawn Chapman (631) 587-1821

Major Credit Cards Accepted  Featuring Art in All Media & Price Ranges

**ART EXHIBITION & AUCTION**

Name: _______________________________ Phone: __________________

Address: __________________________________________________________
City, State & Zip:

I cannot attend, but would like to make a donation to “CDA #1403” in the amount of $ ________________

**CHECK ANY SPECIFIC REQUESTS:**

Contemporary  Sports  South Western  Impressionism
Wildlife  African-American  Americana  Seascapes
Judaic  Primitive  Children  Christian

Special Requests: __________________________________________

Please complete tear strip, make check payable to “CDA #1403” and return, to P O Box 25 • Babylon, NY  11702
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

Molloy College is having an Open House on Sunday, April 30th at 1pm
Molloy College
Rockville Centre, New York
516-323-4000

All Young Adults are Invited to Our Next Faith on Tap on Wednesday, March 22 at Lily Flanagan, 345 Deer Park Avenue, Babylon - Talk begins at 7:30 - Come early - Grab something to eat or drink - meet new friends - re-connect with old friends!
Topic: Awakening The Faith - Yours and Others!
Presenter: Fr. Jim Shelton - Associate Pastor, Good Shepherd Parish, Holbrook

How do we live out the call to be missionary disciples in our everyday lives? Do our lives witness the faith to others? Mission is often thought of as "going to a third world country" - yet our mission to serve and spread the faith - is done through our everyday lives. Come out and hear how we can be missionaries right here on Long Island!
**REFLEXION**

Cuando Jesús pidió un vaso de agua a la Samaritana, El abrió la puerta para una relación con El que le cambiaría la vida a ella. Las escrituras dicen así mismo que su testimonio condujo a muchos mas hacia El. También nosotros debemos estar listos para responder a cualquier hora y en cualquier sitio que el señor nos hable y estar preparados para que ésto cambie nuestras vidas!

Estamos agradecidos esta semana por todos los administradores de nuestra parroquia que llevan a otros al Cristo Viviente proclamando la Palabra de Dios como lectores y líderes de estudio de las Escrituras.

**Intercuciones por la Vida**

Por todas las madres, y especialmente aquellas que esperan el nacimiento de su hijo: que por la intercesión de la Madre de Dios puedan crecer en amor por su hijo todos los días;

Oramos al Señor, Señor, escucha nuestra oración.

La Paz empieza con Nosotros

SIETE PECADOS SOCIALES MORTALES

Política sin principio
Riqueza sin trabajo
Comercio sin moralidad
Placer sin conciencia
Educación sin carácter
Ciencia sin humanidad
Adoración sin sacrificio
Gandhi

**BAUTISMO:** Tercer domingo de cada mes. **Clase:** Segundo domingo de cada mes. Venir a la oficina del Ministerio Hispano con dos meses de anticipación o llame @ (631) 669-0068, Ext. 131. Traer el certificado de nacimiento original del niño.

**RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS:** (RICA) Lles invitamos a una preparación espiritual de conversión a la fe católica. Llame a la Sra. Julietta Mieles, al (631) 669-0068, ext. 131.

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

**MATRIMONIO:** Las parejas que desean casarse, deben inscribirse con seis meses de anticipación. Llamar al Padre Joe Arévalo al (631) 669-0068 ext. 104.

**PRE-CANA:** 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.

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

**CURSILLO DE CRISTIANIDAD:** 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.
El Padre Tomas fue un miembro importante de esta Parroquia de San José y su impacto en la comunidad His-pana aquí es indeleble. Su trabajo con la comunidad His-pana comenzó cuando aún estaba en el seminario, allí em-pezó a estudiar español y conoció la cultura Hispana, por medio de su trabajo con el programa para niños, Head-Start, en la Parroquia de la Transfiguración. Allí su espa-ñol fue puesto a prueba cuando se reunía con familias cu-yo Ingles era limitado y su medio de comunicación de-pendía de las traducciones de pequeños de 4 y 5 años.

9 años después de haber sido ordenado y 4 años después de haber aplicado por primera vez, recibió su aprobación para trabajar en una pequeña parroquia en la República Dominicana en el pueblo, El Cercado. Allá vi-vió en el único edificio de dos pisos que había en el pue-blo y para su sorpresa se ajustó con facilidad al ritmo de vida gracias al clima cálido y la calidez de la gente. Fue aquí que descubrió su plato favorito- el tradicional arroz, con frijoles y pollo, y nos confesó “Frijoles rojos, negros, cualquier tipo de frijoles que me trajeran, yo estaba preparado.” En algunas ocasiones seguía la cena con su cerveza favorita, una Presidente mientras se meneaba al ritmo de su canción favo-rita, ‘Ay Doctor.’ Después de haber trabajado en la República Dominicana por 5 años, el Padre Tomas fue diagnosticado con Parkinson, y a pesar de su enfermedad permaneció otros 2 años en la isla, donde, como atestigüa, un miembro de la comunidad “El Padre Tomas dejó su nombre bien escrito en los corazones de la gente.” Durante un total de 7 años que paso El Padre en la República Dominicana, ayudó a levantar la comunidad de El Cercado, lo cual incluyó construir casas, edificios comunitarios y hasta la iglesia que él dirigía. Su trabajo ayudó a esta comu-nidad a prosperar, una comunidad que sin su ayuda probablemente hubiese pasado desaper-cibida y descuidada muchos años. El trabajo que El Padre hizo en la República Dominicana no fue cualquier cosa, y al regresar a los Estados Unidos encontró una comunidad que lo necesita-ba, la comunidad Hispana de esta Parroquia. Aquí ha permanecido con nosotros apoyándonos, cuidando y protegiendo nuestra comunidad, como su oración favorita, el Salmo 23.

Dirigir la misa y la comunidad Hispana en un idioma que no era el suyo no fue una tarea fácil al comienzo, y el Padre comenzó estudiando el evangelio, escribiendo su homilía, y des-pués traduciéndola a la perfección palabra por palabra con diccionario en mano. Muchos de los miembros de esta comunidad pueden testificar que con la misma dedicación con la que el Pa dre Tomas asumió la pequeña tarea de perfeccionar su homilía cada semana, también dedicó todas sus energías para ayudar a la comunidad Hispana a crecer dentro de esta Parroquia. “Cuando el nombre del Padre Tomas es mencionado; vemos un mentor,” nos aseguró un miembro de la comunidad, “y ha sido un apoyo activo para nuestra comunidad.” Al preguntar el sentimiento de los miembros de esta comunidad nos dimos cuenta que necesitaremos mucho más que unas cuantas frases para expresar nuestros pensamientos y sentimientos hacia este gran hombre “un hermano, e Hispano de corazón.”
Otro feligrés nos dijo “Él fue un seguidor e imitador de Cristo. Vivió el evangelio con mucha dignidad y estaba basado en los principios del amor, la paz y la justicia. El Padre Tomas luchó por los derechos humanos, fue defensor de los pobres e inmigrantes. Siempre sacó a relucir orgullosamente que él también provenía de una familia de inmigrantes, y nos contaba las experiencias de sus padres al emigrar de Irlanda. Enthusiásticamente, nos hizo participar en los ministerios de nuestra Iglesia, y nos dejó una base sólida como Cristianos.” En realidad nos dimos cuenta que todos los miembros de esta comunidad comparten el sentimiento que El Padre Tomas podía mantener nuestros espíritus alegres con una simple carta, un abrazo caluroso o una simple mirada.

Después de 17 años de arduo trabajo aquí en la Parroquia de San José, El Padre se ganó un puesto importante en todos nuestros corazones como un miembro más de nuestras familias, y durante nuestra entrevista con él descubrimos la importancia que tiene la familia. Él fue el menor de 7 hermanos, tío de 26 sobrinos, y 34 de la siguiente generación, añadiendo los cientos de miembros de esta Parroquia y sus crecientes números a sus familias.

Una de las cualidades más admirable del Padre Tomas tanto como sacerdote y como persona fueron su compasión y lo comprehensivo que fue con su gente. Como un niño criado Irlandés-Católico aquí en Long Island, El Padre Tomas fue muy religioso y descubrió su vocación a la temprana edad de 15 años. El compartió con nosotros anécdotas de su experiencia como joven yendo a confesarse, y nos confesó que fueron estas experiencias las que inculcaron en él la idea que es un privilegio escuchar confesiones y ayudar a los feligreses a encontrar la sanación. Aunque era el Padre Tomas quien habló la mayor parte de nuestra entrevista con él, nos dimos cuenta que la parte de su trabajo que le traía más satisfacción es escuchar a los demás. Como estudiante universitario, El Padre Tomas sacó una concentración en filosofía y al preguntarle quien era su filósofo favorito nos contestó Erickson. Pronto nos dimos cuenta por qué, este filósofo enfatizaba la importancia de permitir que las personas se expresaran libremente y actuara sobre ésto para alcanzar un entendimiento más profundo del individuo. Fue nuestra guía espiritual, El Padre Tomas se convirtió en un amigo para todos nosotros. Dispuesto siempre a ayudar aliviar el dolor de sus feligreses, ayudar y a escuchar, el Padre se convirtió en un confidente respetado, cuyos consejos guardamos con celo. Terminamos nuestra conversación con el Padre preguntándole su oración favorita, a lo cual nos contestó “El Salmo23; El Señor es mi Pastor… antes de entrar al confesionario traía esta imagen a su mente, y le pedía al Señor que le ayudara a ser ese buen pastor.” Hoy, él ya no está con nosotros, pero si fue ese Buen Pastor. Después que él se acogió al retiro, lo extrañamos como amigo, como guía espiritual y como nuestro confidente, ya goza de la presencia del Señor, nuestro Dios. Gracias por todos los años que le dedicó a nuestra comunidad, siempre ocupará un lugar especial en todos nuestros corazones.