Pastoral Team
Rev. Charles N. Mangano,
Pastor
Rev. Joseph V. Arevalo,
Associate Pastor
Rev. Ethel Anarado,
Associate Pastor
Rev. Francis A. Samuel,
Resident/Associate
Deacon Michael J. Leyden
Deacon John F. Sullivan
Deacon Julio Murillo
Deacon Stephen E. Yusko
Dr. Marie Drohan, Music Director
Mrs. Barbara McNulty, Youth Ministry
Ms. Claire Moulé, Faith Formation
Mrs. Patricia Taggart, Nursery School
Mrs. Sigrid Villalobos A.,
Parish Social Ministry
Mrs. Jane Zollo, Parish Operations Manager/
Stewardship Services

We Celebrate the Eucharist

Sunday Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil - 5:00pm Church
Sunday Church - 7:00am, 8:45am,
10:15am, 12:00pm
Nolan Hall - 9:30am - Family Mass
11:30am (en Español)
5:00pm (English)

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,

Please join us this Thursday, November 23rd, for our 10am Thanksgiving bilingual Mass.

ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Once Adoration begins, these are the days and hours that we will be having adoration in the parish:

**Monday, 7am to 10pm** ---we need only 3 more hours covered. **Tuesday, 8am to 10pm** – this day is all filled and ready to go. **Thursday, 8:00am to Saturday 1am.** During this time period we need 9 more hours covered (see chart below). I know we can do it. Invite your family and friends to consider spending this quality time with Jesus. Once these hours are covered we can then begin the Adoration program in our Divine Mercy Chapel located behind the St. Joseph’s Outreach Center.

We have had a wonderful response by the parishioners to the invitation to consider spending one hour a week in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. To date 326 people have signed-up for a Holy Hour. This is their weekly appointment with Jesus. Some people have signed-up for more than one hour a week so all are welcome to do so. One does not have to be a parishioner in order to do an hour of Adoration here at St. Joseph’s. Below are the hours that still need adorers.

Once Adoration begins and we have some inclement weather, please call the parish office (631) 669-0068 extension 100 or log onto the parish website at [www.stjosephsbabylon.org](http://www.stjosephsbabylon.org) to check if adoration has been cancelled. The chapel will be on the same schedule as the parish center. If the center closes due to inclement weather so will the Divine Mercy Chapel.

Everyone who will be coming for Adoration will be given a code to enter the chapel. This is for security purposes. Please do not give this code to anyone. If someone wants the code and is not already signed up for adoration they are to call Janet at (631) 671-1696.

The following days and times still need coverage

Please choose a time to be with Jesus, one on one, with the Blessed Sacrament. This will be your Holy Hour time each week. To sign-up or for more info. call Janet at (631) 671-1696.

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St. John Vianney writes, "When we go before the Blessed Sacrament let us open our heart; our good God will open His. We shall go to Him; He will come to us, the one to ask, the other to receive. It will be like a breath from One to the other."

Jesus’ invitation to the apostles in the Garden of Gethsemane is the same for us today, **Could you not spend one hour with me?** We go to Adoration because Jesus invites us to be with him in this kind of intimate way. We go to be with Jesus and there are many ways to pray during that Holy Hour. It could be praying the rosary, doing spiritual reading, praying some devotion, sharing your heart with Jesus, heart to heart or just sitting in silence with the one who loves you more than words can express.

**December:** We have a lot happening in the parish as we soon approach the season of Advent. See the bulletin for our Advent Parish Mission on December 4th, 5th and 6th. See the bulletin for details. I once again will be leading the National Night of Prayer for Life on Friday, December 8th from 8:30pm to 11:30pm in the Church following the 7:30pm Holy Day Mass. It is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady. All are welcome to join us in prayer. See the bulletin for more details.
Please help us:
A parishioner approached me after Mass four weeks ago and said that whatever we raise from now until December 31st for the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) he will match it. WOW, What a most generous gift!!! Our CMA for 2017 draws to a close on December 31st. If you have not had a chance to support the appeal I kindly invite you to consider doing so before December 31st. When you send your check in please make sure you indicate that it is for St. Joseph’s Church in Babylon. Then it will be applied to our parish goal. The appeal helps hundreds of thousands of people here on Long Island through the wonderful work of Catholic Charities. It helps seniors in need, the mentally and physically challenged, our seminarians, our catholic hospitals, pregnant teenagers and so much more. So far the parish has pledged $120,221.00 and parishioners have paid $103,458.50 of that total. We need another $7489.50 and our parishioner will match it bringing us to goal. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Olive Wood Carvings: Last year Christians from the Holy Land came to the parish and sold olive wood carvings from Bethlehem, Israel. The proceeds went to support the suffering Christians in the Holy Land who are now the minority. The Olive Wood sellers will be coming to the parish once again on Saturday night, December 16th and all day Sunday, December 17th, in the gym.

Marble Statue of St. Joseph: As you may already know, the marble statue of St. Joseph on the front lawn of the church was badly damaged due to a truck crashing into it a number of weeks ago. We are in the process of ordering another statue which will take approximately 12 weeks to arrive. I will keep you posted.

Have a great week encountering the Father’s love and mercy. Remember, with Him in you, you can do the unthinkable, unimaginable and even forgive what you think is unforgiveable.

Peace and blessings, Fr. Charles
Pastor

**Thanksgiving Interfaith Prayer Service**

SAVE THE DATE..........  

SUNDAY, 11/19 AT 7:00 PM 
THANKSGIVING INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE 

On Sunday evening, November 19th at 7:00 in the church, all local community churches are invited to come together for a 

Thanksgiving Interfaith Service of Prayer at the 
West Islip Church of Christ 
600 Montauk Highway, West Islip 

The Clergy Cluster consisting of the pastors and ministers plan this event yearly the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Choir and congregants from fifteen local churches come together yearly to lend their voices to community prayer, song and thanksgiving. A good-will offering is accepted for local food pantries and soup kitchens.

Please make checks payable to: 
The Babylon Interfaith Clergy Cluster, Inc.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Mark Your Calendar- December 2, 2017 

Our second meeting for the 2017 - 2018 season will be Saturday, December 2nd after the 9am Mass. We will gather in the O’Connell Room. Whether you serve at Weekday Masses, Funeral Masses, Sunday Masses or visit the nursing homes and homebound, all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are urged to attend. Sign Up sheets for Masses on December 8 and Christmas Eve will be available. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Thank you!

**Youth Band Notice**

YOUTH BAND NOTICE 

The Sunday 5:00pm music leader must suspend all Youth Band participation and activities at this time. Mass will continue in the hall with Ben Meyers until further notice. If there is an adult musician in the parish community who has worked with teenagers and might be interested in continuing with this ensemble leading our young people in song, please contact the music director by e-mailing Dr. Marie Drohan at musicdirector@stjosephsbabylon.org.

One should be familiar with the Catholic liturgy and music repertoire.
Advent Mission 2017

2017 Advent Mission
At the Church of St. Joseph
Monday, December 4th – Wednesday December 6th

Topic:
Forgiveness, Reconciliation & Healing

- Healing power of Forgiveness
- Reconciling with God, with one another and the hurting past
- Drawing from God’s Healing Graces

Fr. Maurice Emelu is a priest of the Catholic Diocese of Orlu in Nigeria and the founder of Gratia Vobis Ministries, Inc., a USA Catholic non-profit organization for global media evangelization, and an apostolate of charity for the poor and the needy. He is an inspirational speaker, vibrant Catholic retreat preacher, journalist, and a television content producer, whose love for the Church is profound. His ability to dynamically present the authentic Faith with a sense of humor is unique. He has preached or given talks to large audiences in over 40 cities in North America and numerous cities in the continent of Africa. He is the host of The Faith with Father Maurice and Word for a Wounded World television series on EWTN. A published author, Fr. Emelu holds a triple BA in Philosophy, Sacred Theology and Religious Studies; MA in Communication and Media Management, PGD in Journalism and is a Ph.D. candidate in Sacred Theology and Catholic Studies.

Mission Schedule

Morning and Evening Talk are the Same

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Pre~paring for Marriage
Banns Posted

First Time ~
Anthony Pavone & Camille Livingston

Second Time ~
Matthew Greco & Lauren Pennecke
Christopher Smith & Kaitlyn Stanley

Third Time ~
No Banns

For Our Sick
Please remember in your prayers the sick of our Parish: Robert Dobbins, Robert Semeraro, Marie Azicri, Monica Restrepo, Kristy Minningel, Thomas Cox, Joan Thorman, Marilyn Ann O’Hara, Isabel Sampson, Ignacio Guzman, Frank McCluskey, Sean Regan, Anne Aguis, Kathleen M. Elsner, Mary Jane Simmons, Evelyn Scalise, Mary Blasko, Charles Chertiza, Marcella Dwyer, Jenien Horner, Joy Lichten, Sandy Cardona, Norman Gomez, Brandon Davey, Raymond Meigel, Angela Colantrello, Mary Ellen Szejkowski, Sabina Dojlidko, Dorila Cardozo, Marie Greer, Anthony Bertuglia, Marylou DeMee, Arianna Messina, Anne Camarda, Ryan Finn, Robert W. Wolf, Leonor Martin, Arlene Aurechione, Silvio Gomez, Benjamin Negro, Millicent Wadsworth, Brenda Buffalino, Baby Ava James, Terry Wunder, Margaret Anne Crumlish, Fred Krasa, Edward Wolfe, Connie Sperling, Fran Di Palma, Jenn Di Palma, Joan Cornman, John Bradley, Barbara Witthohn, Nancy Ruff, & Anna Marcellus.

Altar Rose
In Memory of Maryann Arcese

For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including John H. McKeever, Anne Elizabeth Miles & Cynthia Ann Frunzi.

REFLECTION FOR TODAY
Good stewards are like the industrious and reliable servants in today’s Gospel, prudently using and multiplying the gifts entrusted to them by God.

Mass Schedule & Readings For The Coming Week:

At this Mass, we remember:

Monday, November 20
1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
7:45 William (Corky) Corcoran
9:00 Bruno Gialanella

Tuesday, November 21
2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-8; Lk 19:11-10
7:45 For the Intentions of Fr. Joe Arevalo
9:00 Bruno Gialanella

Wednesday, November 22
2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; Lk 19:11-28
7:45 For the Intentions of Our Lady
9:00 Alessandro & Conceilla Fiore
Vincenzo DiGrigoli
Brando Lochen & Ravi Maharaj

Thursday, November 23- Thanksgiving Day
1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
10:00 The Parishioners of St. Joseph

Friday, November 24
1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-12; Lk 19:45-48
7:45 Mary & Sal Poalantonio
9:00 Margaret Sheridan

Saturday, November 25
1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16,19; Lk 20:27-40
9:00 Francesca, Filippo & Ricardo Carimondo

Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)
4:00 Confessions Today Fr. Ethel
5:00 Conrad Hubert Fr. Charles
George Curth
Paul Marroni
Patrick McGowan

Sunday, November 26~Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46
7:00 Antoinette Intoci Fr. Charles
8:45 Frank Ferguson Fr. Joe
9:30 Lucita Gardner Fr. Charles
10:15 Giuseppe DiPalma Fr. Ethel
12:00 John Vercillo Fr. Ethel
5:00 Jean Theresa Giuliani Fr. Ethel

Eucharistic Minister Teams:
Weekend of November 18-19 ~ Team A
Weekend of November 25-26 ~ Team B

This Sunday, November 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.

Liturgical Activities

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

Rosary
Every Monday at 8:20am we pray the Patriotic Rosary. Before the 9:00am Eucharist Tuesdays through Saturdays we pray the Rosary.

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.

Miraculous Medal Novena
We pray this at the 7:45am & 9am Mass every Tuesday.

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.Cdr. Michael Catalano
Lt. John T. Izzo
Lt. Caroline Mayer
PO2 Kristen Tice
PO1 Rasheen Tice
MA2 William S. Murtha
SR Matthew Waldron

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

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

U.S. Army:
SPC Elliot Chodkowski
SSG Josuaah Insull
LTC John Kallo
SSG David C. Ray
Eric Stein
LTC Jon J. Uebel
PVT2 Danny Borschein
Sgt. Edwin Zambrano
PFC Dominick Pititto
Capt. Stephen Scuderi
SPC Mark Ospina
LT Joseph A. Vanderveld, III
2LT Anthony C. DiBiase
PVT2 Alexandra Diaz
2LT Mark Barbera

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

Thanksgiving Day Mass
On Thanksgiving Day all are invited to the Mass being held at 10:00 am in the Church. It is the only liturgy of the day and will be bi-lingual. You may bring a food or drink item from your Thanksgiving table to be blessed.

Bereavement Support Group
for Widows and Widowers

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

8 Week Program for Age 50 and Over
Starting Friday, December 1st
7:00 – 9:00 pm
St. Joseph Parish Center
39 N. Carll Ave.
Babylon

For more information and registration, please call:
Terry Hoffmann 631-669-0198 or
Geri Olson 631-661-8994

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

11/12/2017
Actual Collection $23,446.00
Budgeted Collection $23,350.00
($96.00)

God Bless You!

Actual Collection
Budgeted Collection
($96.00)
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 Friday 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

Hearing impaired parishioners may enjoy
Signed Mass at 12:30pm each Sunday at
Our Lady of Lourdes Church,
Hunter Avenue, West Islip

Parish Office News
Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, November 23 & Friday, November 24 in observation of Thanksgiving.
The office will reopen on Saturday, November 25 at 9:30 AM.

All Souls’ Day
The pamphlet, “Prayers For Visiting A Cemetery” will be available in the Church, Msgr. Nolan Hall and St. Joseph Cemetery from now until the end of November.

HOTLINE NUMBERS
Crisis Pregnancy Center (631) 243-2373
Post-Abortion Counseling (Project Rachel) 1-888-456 HOPE
National Human Trafficking 1-(888) 373-7888
Domestic Violence (Nassau County) Safe Housing (516) 542-0404 (24/7)
Domestic Violence (Suffolk County) Hotline & Shelter (631) 666-8833 (24/7)
Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk County (631) 360-3730
Suicide Prevention (Nassau County) (516) 679-1111
Suicide Prevention (Suffolk County) (631) 751-7500
Porn Addiction www.reclaimsexualhealth.com
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle A

Fr. Charles Wants You Know

National Night of Prayer for Life

Friday, December 8, which is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, we will be joining parishes throughout the Nation by having a Prayer Vigil for Life here at St. Joseph’s. This National Night of Prayer will be from 8:30pm to 11:30pm in the church following the 7:30pm Holy Day Mass. The Prayer Vigil will take place before the Blessed Sacrament and consist of the rosary, scripture readings, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a spiritual slide presentation, music, other prayers, Benediction and more. Please join our pastor, Fr. Charles, and the Respect Life Committee as they lead us in prayer for those whose lives are being mistreated or abused in any way, such as: the elderly, the poor, the helpless, and especially unborn children. Let us together bow down before the Blessed Sacrament and ask our Lord's help for these, our brothers and sisters. Let us spend these hours with our Lord and promote the value of all life by praying for all those in need. If you can NOT join us for the whole night, please join us when you can. All are welcome.

Breakfast with Santa

St. Joseph the Carpenter Knights of Columbus will be hosting

Breakfast with Santa

on Sunday, December 10th in the O’Connell Room from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

All are invited.

Menu will include Pancakes, Sausage, Juice, Cookies, Coffee & Tea

Santa will make an appearance,
so please bring a small gift for Santa to give your child, wrap and tag with child’s name

Best of all it’s FREE

Please RSVP to Dan Tergesen at dmtergesen@optonline.net or call Dan at 631-422-3563.
Please indicate the number of adults and the number of children who will be attending.
Grandchildren Welcome.

Christmas Creche Lighting

Save the Date:
Immediately following the 5pm Mass in Nolan Hall

CHRISTMAS CRECHE LIGHTING
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017
ST. JOSEPH PARISH FRONT LAWN

All are Welcome!
Refreshments following in the O’Connell Room
Donated baked goodies wanted!
If you can donate a plate of cookies, brownies, cupcakes or other holiday treats,
Please call Claire at (631) 669-0068 x113
Or drop them off at the Parish Center. Thanks!
The Messiah Concert

The Church of St. Joseph presents selections from
Handel’s MESSIAH & Bach’s MAGNIFICAT
with a Candlelight Procession and more

featuring .......

ST. JOSEPH’S CHOIR
under the direction of .......

Dr. Marie Drohan

accompanied by .......

The Sophisticated Strings
Soloists, Flute, Harpsichord & Trumpeters

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 2017
7:00 PM
CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH
39 N. CARLL AVE
BABYLON, NY

FREE ADMISSION

Free Will Offering ~ Donations Benefit

THE MERCY INN SOUP KITCHEN
Suggested Donation: $20 Individual; $40 Family
Cash or checks payable to St. Joseph RC Church
SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Progress Report

"I can suck my thumb!"

The developing baby is now called a "fetus", which is Latin for "little one". Your baby is making rapid progress developing all its external and internal organs. During the second month baby teeth form, and fingers and toes are developing. His/her ears, nose, lips and tongue can now be clearly seen. Brain waves can be recorded. The skeleton changes from cartilage to bone. The central nervous system is now functioning, and so forty muscle sets begin their first exercises. By 8 weeks all body systems are present. This little one can now suck its thumb. The mother can now hear the baby’s heartbeat on an ultrasonic stethoscope. Your spiritually adopted baby weighs less than one ounce and is approximately one and 1/8 inches in length.

Having over 600 people participating in this program reveals that many do believe in the value and sanctity of life which begins at conception. How refreshing this is! As this precious child is being formed by our loving God, let us continue to pray for the boy or girl we have adopted that his or her parents will choose life for their baby. Remember, the power of prayer is great!! Thank you for participating in this wonderful program for life. God thanks you, and your adopted child thanks you.

For those parents who have not chosen life for their unborn child, there is post-abortion counseling available (known as Project Rachel). This diocesan service helps to heal the emotional and spiritual scars caused by choosing abortion. The telephone number for this service is 888-456-HOPE. Please be assured of our prayers, and know that we are here to share with you the love, forgiveness and compassion of our God. If you would like to speak with one of the priests or go to the sacrament of reconciliation, please call the rectory at 631-669-0068.
FOR RICHER, FOR POORER

Someone once said, “The basic difference between a poor man and a rich man is interest. The poor man pays it and the rich man collects it.” All of which simply recognizes that there is an element of injustice in our economic system in the world. From capitalism on the right and communism on the left, there is a sense in which the old adage holds true, “The rich get richer, and the poor get poorer.”

Each of us has an endowment entrusted to us by God. We do not all have the same. Some have more; others have less, but all of us have something. Now before you start finding injustice in that, stop and consider what a dull world this would be if we were all alike. Not only dull, it would be impossible. Life would just kind of grind to a stop and die of boredom.

Religious faith can not be kept in a drawer. None of the really important things can. They are given to us for investment purposes, and if we do not use them, we lose them. Consider, for example, our capacity to love. We were born with it. We all were. It is a priceless gift, a little part of the very heart of God. But you can not hoard it. You can not hide it. You have to give it away. You have to invest it in people. If you do that, it will grow, and you will have more love than you can ever use. But if you do not do that, if you try to keep it for yourself, it will slip away, and one day you will find yourself wondering if you even know what love means.

Jesus said, “Those who have, will get more until they grow rich, While those who have not, will lose even the little they have.” But he was not talking about money; he was talking about life, your life and mine. Give it to God. Share it with others. The more that you give, the more you will have. And in the good sense of the word, you will be one of the rich who keeps getting richer. We do not have to lose it, not if we use it.

GIVE EACH OTHER THE GIFT OF PEACE
THANKSGIVING 2017

Not so long ago, I found myself shopping for some household items. As I deliberated which laundry detergent would be my choice, I saw a box which caught my eye and immediately brought me back to quite a faraway time in my life. On the shelf was the product, 20 Mule Team Borax, a sponsor of an early television show I used to watch called, “Death Valley Days”. The series aired weekly episodes of what things were like in the relatively wild west section of California during the mid to late 1800s. I vaguely remember the initial host was a guy known as “The Old Ranger”, and he would later be replaced by a Hollywood actor named Ronald Reagan. What is clearer in my mind was the commercial which showed an actual team of 20 mules pulling a wagon filled with borax, a chemical that was abundant in California around the time of the gold rush. This wagon train was headed for other parts of the country where borax was sold in various forms.

While I cannot recall specific episodes, I have the notion that during many of those half-hour shows there were a great number of prospectors who sought their fortunes by making the move to California once the word got out that there was “…gold in them dar hills!!” As we all know, that was not the case for most of those who spent a large part of their lives in the pursuit to have everything. We may snicker at them now for thinking that there was such an easy way to find the riches that would suddenly solve all of their problems, but we must also ask the question: “What is the gold that some are pursuing now?” And is it worth the effort? Have we learned nothing from the past?

In a few days the nation will put time aside to consider all of the things for which we can be thankful. Hopefully we will all realize how truly blessed we are and that all of the good things in our lives…including the things that we think have come to us solely because of our own efforts…are gifts from God. At a time when we are asked to fill food pantries, to pray for the victims of senseless violence, and to share a part of our treasure with those in far greater need, it should become abundantly clear how much God loves us.

And that is something for which we should say a Prayer of Thanksgiving each day…not just the fourth Thursday in November.

PRAYER

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks. Thank You for all the graces and blessings You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage; our food and shelter, our health; the love we have for one another, our family and friends. Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year. This we ask in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Stewardship...
St. Joseph Parish
Annual Christmas Pageant
Sunday December 3
3pm - 4pm in the Church

Join us as the children of our Parish celebrate the story of the Birth of Jesus!

Everyone’s Welcome!

A free will offering will be taken to benefit the many local families and individuals being assisted by St. Joseph Parish Outreach
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.

Please Help Outreach

“Thanksgiving is a joyful celebration.” We reflect with gratitude on the blessing we’ve received and give to those who are struggling. This year, we are once again calling upon you for donations of food and/or supermarket gift cards to help the families who use our pantry. We help, on the average, 20 families a day with food from our pantry and some financial assistance. We would not be able to care so generously for our clients without the help we receive from our parishioners here at St. Joseph.

Thank you!

Please remember the homeless clients who stop in for help at our Outreach Center. We are happy to provide them with small “emergency kits” of ready-to-eat food, that is, food that doesn’t need to be heated or refrigerated. Unfortunately, our stock is running low.

Please help us by donating the following items:
- Bottled water-Canned soda or juice
- Granola or cereal bars-Small cans (pop-top) or packets of tuna
- Liquid Instant Breakfast-Snack size fruit cups
- Small bags chips, trail mix, pretzels, cookies, etc.
- Cheese and cracker packages

We could also use:
- Toothbrushes-Toothpaste
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Cleansing wipes
- Razors

Thank you in advance for your ongoing help. Your support is truly appreciated.

**Thrift Shop Sale News**

Christmas Items, Clothes & Toys

1/2 Price
(over $1.00)

**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!

St. Vincent de Paul

Is there a family you know who needs assistance?
Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 631-669-0068 X201

It has been very exciting to serve our needy neighbors in our new Parish Social Ministry building this year! It is a cheerful and more functional place to give food and help with additional needs. We can distribute our Thanksgiving food while allowing our neighbors to have more choices and control of what we can offer. It is so heartwarming to see them leave with such gratitude and appreciation! Our sincere thanks to all our parishioners who have helped with donations this year! HAVE A BLESSED THANKSGIVING!

FROZEN TURKEYS ARE BEING ACCEPTED TO OUR NEW FOOD PANTRY. PLEASE DROP OFF DONATIONS AT OUTREACH-Mon. Wed. & Thurs., from 9:30 AM-1:30 PM. Thank You!

Our Annual St. Vincent de Paul Door Collection will take place on the weekend of December 2,3 after the Masses. Please be as generous as your means will allow. God Bless You all!!!

The next meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is on Monday, November 27, 2017 at 9:45am in Room 256 in the parish center. All are invited to attend!
St. Joseph the Carpenter Council #14771 is a Membership Organization of St. Joseph Parish. Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age and older.

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

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

Catholic Daughters of the Americas - Court Bishop McDonnell #1403

We welcome all our Catholic sisters to add their names to the roster of the largest Catholic women’s organization in the world through Court Bishop McDonnell #1403

Tell a friend!

Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month - September thru June.

Please Note:
♦ Dec. 13 ~ Court Members Christmas Party at Bergen Point.
♦ Jan. 3 ~ First Wednesday of January ‘Baby Shower’ to benefit “The Life Center of Long Island”.

For more information contact Terry Hoffmann at 631-669-0198

Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Please join the Junior Catholic Daughters on November 19 during Hospitality Sunday. We will be making holiday crafts with the children while the parents enjoy breakfast and shop during the Christmas Sale.

At our November 7 meeting, JCDA members wrote cards to our service personnel overseas to wish them Happy Holidays and to Thank them for their sacrifices.

Girls ages 10+ are welcome.
For more information, please contact Laura Marquez at 516-356-3399
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.

Level 1 children are expected to attend any Mass this weekend (from Saturday at 5pm through Sunday at 5pm) to receive an Advent calendar and a special blessing. Please remember to bring your Mass attendance envelope and place it in the collection basket.

The Faith Formation Office will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 for the Thanksgiving weekend. We wish you and your family many good blessings during this special holiday.

Parade of Saints

All Saints Day celebration with children dressed as their favorite Saint.

Outreach “Angel Brigade”

With Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas approaching, we are heading for a beautiful season. The most beautiful time of the year is coming and we are about to once again, run our well-known program “The Angel Brigade”. This program is about caring and love, the reason why we are in this mission. We are looking for Angels willing to "adopt a family" for this holiday season through our Angel Brigade Program. Once we hear from you we will then match you with a family and offer gift suggestions.

This year we have made a small change. Since we are blessed with so many young children in our Parish, we will be looking for Angels to adopt them. This year we will be “adopting” our young children ages 16 and under, this way we will be able to cover as many children as possible in this generous program. If you are interested in joining our angel brigade program this Christmas, e-mail us at margotdenza@yahoo.com or outreach@stjosephsbabylon.org, with your name, contact number and any special requests pertaining to size of family or age.

If you need additional information you also can call us at the Outreach Center at 669-4544 ext. 202 & 201.

We are truly blessed with the compassion and generosity of St. Joseph’s Parishioners. We are only the means, you are the ones who make this possible.

God bless you all and enjoy this Season of Giving Thanks.

All requests to join Angel Brigade must be received by December 1st.
GOD BLESS AMERICA. Thank you Veterans & their families for your SERVICE & SACRIFICE! AND BEST WISHES TO EVERYONE FOR A WONDERFUL THANKSGIVING!

What’s coming up:

SERVICE HOURS: PLEASE LET ME KNOW ASAP.
— Will you be at the Bread Bagging 11/21 at 7pm in the O’Connell Room?
— How about the Book Labeling Project on Wednesday 11/29?
JOIN THE SERVICE TEAM! Earn your Service hours and participate at your parish!

Wednesday 11/29, 12/6 —ENDOW FOR YOUNG LADIES —All Girls in grades 6—12 are welcome to join us for these next 2 sessions! 7:30pm—8:30pm in Room 260

Tuesday 11/21—Bread Bagging & Book Labeling 7pm in the O’Connell Room. Families Welcome.

Thursday 11/23—Thanksgiving Mass at 10am in the Church

Wednesday 11/29 5:00pm—7:00pm Service Project meet in Room 260

OPEN GYM NIGHT — Friday, 12/8 at 6:30pm—8:00 pm in the GYM.
Please RSVP so I know how many to plan for.
If there is not enough response, the evening may be cancelled.
Check the website at www.stjosephsbabylon.org/open-gym-night

Very special Thank you to Mary Oehrlein !!!!! Mary took a bunch of our Youth Ministry t-shirts and stitched together a beautiful quilt! This quilt tells the story of so many of the Youth Ministry events over the last several years. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, Mary!
Chastity: "Chastity is a moral virtue. It is also a gift from God, a grace, a fruit of spiritual effort. The Holy Spirit enables one whom the waters of Baptism has regenerated to imitate the purity of Christ." (Catechism of the Catholic Church)

For some of the many resources available visit:

What is Natural Family Planning (NFP)? Marriage insurance and “much much” more. The Creighton Model FertilityCare™ System allows women to monitor and understand the day-to-day function of their reproductive systems. It also provides detailed information to a woman’s physician, allowing specially trained physicians to diagnose and treat underlying reproductive and gynecologic disorders using NaProTECHNOLOGY™. Fertility-focused intercourse allows 98.5% of couples of normal fertility to achieve a pregnancy within six months. When used to avoid pregnancy, the method is 99.5% effective. Individual NFP classes are available at the Long Island Gianna Center at Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center- Dr. Paul Carpentier, MD-Director, 661 Deer Park Ave., Babylon, NY 11702 (631) 376-3232, www.chsli.org/gianna-center-long-island.

Gabriel’s Courage Perinatal Support Program: Gabriel's Courage is a family centered program for families who receive a life-limiting prenatal diagnosis during their pregnancy. The program offers a multidisciplinary team approach to care and support throughout pregnancy, birth, and post birth. For more information, call 1(855) 301-4CHS.

Caring For Loved Ones At Life's End:
An old Irish proverb says, "It is in the shelter of each other that the people live." Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how to "shelter" them. To learn some concrete ways we can be compassionate, follow the link to “Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End”
http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?m=1105232878197&ca=64f6c559-3042-4e6e-9b40-f56ec88140fc

TAKE ACTION: To Oppose Doctor-Assisted Suicide or to Oppose Late-Term Abortion Expansion, or to Urge Congress to Enact the Conscience Protection Act of 2017 (Federal law that will ensure that those who provide health care and health coverage can do so without being forced by the government to destroy innocent unborn babies) follow the link to TAKE ACTION
http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?m=1105232878197&ca=64f6c559-3042-4e6e-9b40-f56ec88140fc

Entering Canaan Day of Prayer and Healing for Women: Prayer and Healing Retreats, help those suffering the effects of abortion. We offer a safe place, a way out of the pain, in a non-judgmental atmosphere. All retreats are led by the Sisters of Life and women who have experienced both the suffering of abortion and the joy of healing in Christ!
Contact: Theresa Bonapartis 1(877)-586-4621 Lumina@postabortionhelp.org or www.sistersoflife.org

Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for Men: Contact: Lumina 877-586-4621 or Lumina@postabortionhelp.org

“To Live Each Day with Dignity” view a powerful 3.29 min. video of Luke's Story: Every Suicide is Tragic

Going to Battle Against Assisted Suicide- Help stop Assisted Suicide
http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/2016/caring-for-loved-ones-at-lifes-end.cfm
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 licourage3@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.
Los Buenos Administradores de los bienes de Dios son como los fieles e industriosos siervos del Evangelio de hoy, que usan prudentemente y multiplican los dones que Dios les ha confiado.

Estamos agradecidos esta semana por todos los delegados de nuestra parroquia que se esfuerzan por vivir de forma responsable su fe en las actividades cotidianas, como participar en eventos comunitarios, organizaciones escolares y...
Juguetes, Figuritas McFarlane, batman, superman, spiderman, star wars, relojes, máquinas de escribir, instrumentos musicales, y muchas cosas más.

Precios razonables

Sábado y domingo:
18 y 19 de noviembre de 2017
9:00am—4:00pm

Iglesia San José
Gimnasio de la Iglesia
39 N. Carll Avenue
Babylon, NY 11702

Todos los beneficios irán directamente para ayudar a dos religiosas que están muy enfermas.
Muchas gracias por su generosidad
Dios los bendiga

Fr. Joe
**Trigésimo tercer domingo del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo A**

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Por favor sean puntuales. El horario está sujeto a las condiciones climáticas. Si desea alguna información por favor llame a la oficina de Educación Religiosa @ (631) 669-0068 Ext. 131.

**ES ESencial la asistencia a la santa misa todos los domingos como complemento del programa.**

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**Horario para la Catequesis en Español 2017 - 2018 DOMINGOS 10:00AM — 11:00AM**

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**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. 19, de noviembre. 3, 10, y 17 de diciembre. 7, 14, 21, y 28 de enero. 4, 11, de febrero. 4, 11, 18, y 25 de marzo. 8, 15, y 22 de abril.

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**FECHAS DE LOS EVENTOS**

- **Prender el Árbol de Navidad**
  3 de diciembre de 2017

- **Miércoles de Cenizas**
  14 de febrero de 2018

- **Jueves Santo**
  29 de marzo de 2018

- **Vía Crucis en el Lago “Argyle” Padres y estudiantes**
  30 de marzo de 2018 a la 1:00pm

- **Reconciliación y ensayo candidatos de la Vigilia**
  31 de marzo de 2018 a las 9:00am

- **Vigilia Pascual**
  31 de marzo de 2018 a las 8:00pm

- **Reconciliación y ensayo Primera Comunión**
  5 de mayo de 2018 a las 10:00am

- **Primera Comunión**
  6 de mayo de 2018 @ 11:30am

**Confirmación Adultos 2018**

20 de mayo de 2018 @ 11:30am

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**ES ESENCIAL LA ASISTENCIA A LA SANTA MISA TODOs LOS DOMINGOS COMO COMPLEMENTO DEL PROGRAMA.**