St. Joseph R. C. Church
39 North Carll Avenue, Babylon N. Y. 11702
Parish Phone (631) 669-0068 - Parish Fax (631) 669-9175
Website - www.stjosephsbabylon.org

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 Yusko
Dr. Marie Drohan, Music Director
Mrs. Barbara McNulty, Youth Minister
Ms. Claire Moulé, Faith Formation
Mrs. Patricia Taggart, Nursery School
Mrs. Sigrid Villalobos A., Parish Social Ministry

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 Espanol)
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,

Sometimes the additional ‘busy-ness’ of this time of year as we prepare for Christmas, such as, writing cards, Christmas shopping, decorating, parties, cooking, etc., can so keep us from reflecting on what Christmas (God sending Jesus to save us) really means to us for our daily life. We prepare for a day instead of a person, Jesus Christ. Advent is a time of deepening our relationship with Our Savior. This is precisely why the Church has the Advent Season (the four weeks before Christmas) as part of our Liturgical life. It helps us to prepare our hearts to receive the love of God in a fuller, deeper way. This love transforms us. In turn, we are compelled to share that love with others. This is why we are having an Advent Mission. Its purpose is to help us grow in our relationship with the Lord who created us and calls us to Himself. Here is where our true peace lies. The theme of the mission is forgiveness, reconciliation and healing. I pray you will be able to join us for all of it or come to what you can. You will also see in the bulletin numerous events during Advent and Little Blue Advent reflection books at the doors of the church. Please make use of all these things to assist you on your journey toward our God who loves you.

Let us remember, that the word Christmas describes for us the reality and truth that God became man in the Incarnation. Jesus Christ takes on our flesh, even our sin, so that we can now enter into right relationship with the Father. The name Christmas is sacred to us as Christians and should not be compromised or ridiculed in any way. It’s not Happy Holiday but Merry Christmas because that’s the feast that is the source of the National Celebration of the Country on Christmas Day, causing stores and schools to be closed.

Please join us for the Crèche lighting next Saturday, December 9th on the front lawn of the school following the 5pm Mass. The Mass will be held in the Nolan Hall. Refreshments following.

ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

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.

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

Monday, 7am to 10pm - this day is all filled and ready to go.
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 5 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 328 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 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.
Sunday, December 3, 2017

Join me and the Respect Life Committee as we lead 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.

CMA Goal: 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 $120,946.00 and parishioners have paid $113,056.00 of that total. We need another $7127.00 and our parishioner will match it bringing us to goal. Thank you so much for your generosity.

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

Fr. Charles Wants You To Know

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.

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.

Mass Location Change

The 5 PM Mass on Saturday, December 9 will be held in Msgr. Nolan Hall. Please join us after the Mass for the Lighting of the Crèche on the Front Lawn.

“LITTLE BLUE ADVENT BOOK”

The Little Blue Advent Book is available for $1.00. Please see Usher after Mass.
Save the Date:

Immediately following the
5pm Mass.

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!

Sociable Single Seniors

Sociable Single Seniors
is once again hosting a trip to
Lincoln Center, NY
to see
Puccini’s Opera
Turandot

Saturday, March 24, 2018
(1pm Matinee)

Tickets are $159 for Rear Orchestra seats &
$139 for Balcony Balance seats.

Trip Includes:
♦ Ticket to Turandot
♦ Leisure Time at Lincoln Center
♦ Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
♦ All Tips & Taxes (Except bus driver)

Deposits are due December 28
{$100 for Orchestra seats & $90 for Balcony seats}

Call Lorraine DeCanditis for more information (631) 553-0160

“GIVING TREE PROGRAM”

Christmas is here..

“Giving Tree Program”

Please take a tag to help our Outreach families.
We ask that you purchase the gift,
attach the tag, and return it unwrapped
to Outreach Center or the Parish Office by
December 8th.
Thanks for all you do.
At this Mass, we remember:

Monday, December 4
Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
7:45 John Sykora
9:00 Arlene Ann & James Sutton

Tuesday, December 5
Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
7:45 Ginny Messina
9:00 Frank Stabile & Family

Wednesday, December 6
Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
7:45 For the Intentions of Our Lady
9:00 George Rebecchi

Thursday, December 7
Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
7:45 For the Intentions of Antoinette Scalia
9:00 Eleanor Gebhardt

Friday, December 8—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
7:45 Steve Bevacqua
9:00 Alfred Miller
12:15 Muriel Smith
7:30 People of St. Joseph's

Saturday, December 9
Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
9:00 Viola Rebecchi

This Eucharist is the monthly bereavement liturgy where we remember those who have died at any time and especially those who have died in the previous month or whose anniversaries occur during this time. Lazarus Ministry will be present to welcome you and offer guidance.

Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)
4:00 Confessions Today       Fr. Francis
5:00 People of St. Joseph's  Fr. Charles
    Ginny Messina
    Lucy Defio
    Margaret Coughlin

Sunday, December 10—Second Sunday of Advent
Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8
7:00 Annual Memorial Mass for
    Knights of Columbus       Fr. Francis
    William Bruno              Fr. Ethel
7:45 John Stroh               Fr. Francis
10:15 John Bellear            Fr. Charles
12:00 Mary & Louis Catalano   Fr. Ethel
5:00 Joseph Hallam            Fr. Joe

Eucharistic Minister Teams:
Weekend of December 2-3—Team A
Weekend of December 9-10—Team B
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.

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

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

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God Bless You!

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.:
Malik Rodriguez
Nelson Sanchez, Jr.
PFC Joshua J. Coughin

U.S. Army:
SPC Elliot Choedkowski
SSG Josuah Insull
LTC John Kallo
SSG David C. Ray
Eric Stein
LTC Jon J. Uebel
PV2 Danny Bornshein
Sgt Edwin Zambrano
PFC Dominick Pititto
Capt. Stephen Scuderi
SPC Mark Ospina
LT Joseph A. Vandervelde, III
2LT Anthony C. DiBiasi
PV2 Alexandra Diaz
2LT Mark Barbera

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

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 margodenza@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.
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

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.

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
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*

| **Monday, December 4th** | 9:00 a.m. | Mass, Presider – Father Maurice |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Mission Talk |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Mission Talk – Father Maurice with Confessions following |

| **Tuesday, December 5th** | 9:00 a.m. | Mass, Presider – Father Maurice |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Mission Talk |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Mission Talk – Father Maurice |

| **Wednesday, December 6th** | 9:00 a.m. | Mass, Presider – Father Maurice |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Mission Talk |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Mission Talk – Father Maurice |
PARISH MISSION PRAYER

God, Our Father, we offer you praise and thanksgiving for all the many gifts you have given us through Jesus, Your Son. We thank you especially for the gift of our Parish Mission.

Loving and gracious God, quiet our minds and hearts, that we may be open to the gift of your truth. Grant that our Mission may be:

A time of Grace for all;
A time of Growth for the young;
A time of Refreshment for the old;
A time of Renewal for families;
A time of Healing for the broken;
A time of Joy for the sorrowing;
A time of Challenge for the complacent;
A time of Forgiveness for the sinner;
A time of Strength for the holy;
A time of Homecoming for those who have been away.

Grant most Loving God, that our Mission may bring down your richest blessings on each and every member of our Parish Family.

We pray through the intercession of Mary, our Mother in the name of Jesus Christ who lives with you and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.
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 10\textsuperscript{TH}, 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
Who is my Neighbor?

One of the things I am most proud of in the almost thirty-five years as a deacon is my association with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. I just got my five year pin!

You might wonder, just who are they? What’s the deal? This particular group or conference, as it is formally known, goes back to 1933 in this parish. It was embraced by Msgr. Nolan, who himself was known to dip into his own pocket to help folks in need with mortgage payments or help with bills. He offered the conference the donations from the poor boxes, a tradition handed down though all succeeding pastors.

St. Vincent de Paul is an independent organization with headquarters in Bethpage, solely dedicated to those in need in St. Joseph’s parish and works hand in glove with our Parish Outreach. So close is that relationship that it has become the model for the Diocese.

How does it work? A need is made known either directly or through Parish Outreach of a neighbor in need. Who is neighbor? See Lk10:37; “The one who took pity on him…Jesus said go and do the same yourself.”

Volunteers, a team of two, a man and a woman, (Mk 6:7- “Then He gathered the twelve and began to send them out in pairs.”) go to the home and assess the needs. Often due to illness or death or a spousal abandonment, a financial need arises. Someone needs a car repair to get to work, another transportation to medical treatment or a utility bill that for some reason went ‘off the charts’ and the person could not navigate the system at the utility, someone sleeping on a mattress on the floor, a mother abandoned with children in need of legal assistance to secure child support, people aging and disoriented, to name a few needs. Mt 25:35; “For I was hungry and you gave me food.”

The pair makes an assessment and reports a recommendation at the conference meeting of a plan of how best to restore dignity and make a plan to move forward for our neighbor.

Believe me, these people know all of the social, municipal and governmental agencies who may be able to assist in the long and short term. After exhausting all of these, Yes, it may be necessary to partner with Parish Outreach to pick up some bills that are in arrears. Our volunteers can be seen partnered with Babylon Rotary collecting food at Stop and Shop or picking up bags of groceries at Best Market. We purchase grocery shopping cards for Outreach and assist at the food distribution at Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

One of the crowning jewels of this ministry was the Relief Center set up in the gym after Hurricane Sandy. Tons of clothing, food, cleaning supplies and tools were given out as well as checks to replace damaged appliances.

You look around this beautiful area and wonder how could there be a need here? Believe me there is and I invite you to be part of the solution.

How? Today is our annual door collection, be as generous as your means allow!

Never pass the poor box without a thought of dropping in a buck or two!

Think of joining us. We have room at the table. Watch the bulletin for dates and times.
Reflections

A PARABLE REVISITED

Quite understandably, the good Sisters of Mercy, who more than had their work cut out for them when the likes of approximately 54 others like me sat in desks in front of them at St. Boniface School in Sea Cliff, stuck pretty close to the tenets of the Baltimore Catechism when teaching Religion. In those golden days, the emphasis was on rules and doctrine rather than what one could find in the Bible. Add that to a Latin Mass when…and only on Sundays…the gospel was read to the congregation in English (after it had been recited in Latin, of course), and there was not much room for us to learn much about the Scriptures. The bulk of Vatican II occurred after I had graduated from high school, so the only time I heard and understood the Good News and the Readings (formerly Epistles) was attending daily and Sunday Mass in the years that followed.

The Gospel stories soon became familiar to me over those next 50 years to the point where I knew most of the parables by heart. Unfortunately, I often listened half-heartedly to the proclaimer since I basically knew the punch line. Of late I try to pay more attention and occasionally I get an insight that I had missed over the years. Such was the case with the Gospel on the last Sunday in Ordinary Time. This was the parable about a man going on the journey who entrusted his possessions, in varying amounts, to three of his servants. The first got five, the second got two, and the third got only one. I already knew the consequences of each, but when I heard the Gospel this time, however, I understood a line…two actually…that I had missed all the previous years.

Forget about the guy who did nothing…he was toast…I knew that. Though he gave one servant five who gained five and gave the other two and gained two, the master said exactly the same thing to each: “Well done my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you greater responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.” I finally understood that it does not matter how many talents we have, we will be judged on using the ones we get.

Too often we compare ourselves to others and think that we are lacking; we are not. God has given each of us at least one thing (but probably more) that we can use to help others on their journey to salvation. We must find our gift(s) and be content to use what we have and not be intimidated by the wealth, skills, and available time of others. The last servant got in trouble…not because he only had one talent but because he did not use it. Let’s be smarter than that.

PRAYER

Generous and Loving Provider, as we begin our Advent Season, let us take an inventory of the gifts that are within us. Give us the Grace we need to be content with our talents and to not be afraid to use them to help those around us. This we ask in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Stewardship Sound Byte

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who strive to be alert to the work of God in the present moment through service in our parish ministries.
St. Joseph’s Christmas Pageant

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

Join us as the children of our Parishcelebrate 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

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.
St. Joseph’s Outreach Center

Parish Social Ministry
Our hours of operation are:
Mon, Wed, & Thurs from 9:30am to 1:30pm
Thrift Shop- Mon, Wed, & Thurs 10:00am to 3:00pm
“ New Phone Extensions”
Contact Parish Social Ministry (PSM) Outreach by phone at 631-669-0068 extensions 203 & 201

Thank you for your Food Pantry Donations!
Our Food Pantry is most in need of these items:
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With sincere Thanks.....

Thank you for your generosity at Thanksgiving time.
We were blessed with food donations, supermarket gift cards, and turkeys. Our Parish Social Ministry clients were met warmly by St. Vincent De Paul volunteers who walked them through our new Pantry gathering all their Thanksgiving needs. We are thankful to work closely with these compassionate, good-hearted Vincentians who work relentlessly to keep the pantry stocked and then reach out to the families in such a loving way. Furthermore, we would like to send special thanks to the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters and the Pilot Club, to St Joseph Nursery School for the food donations, Faith Formation for the food collection, and to our faithful friends of Torta Fina Bakery who baked 140 delicious loaves that we distributed to our Parish Social Ministry families. Thank you to Tres Palms Restaurant for providing a Thanksgiving Deluxe Dinner to 50 special guests from our Parish at their restaurant. Thank you to the Salcapotano Family for their generosity, to all Parish Social Ministry Volunteers for their selfless work, and to all here at St. Joseph Parish for your ongoing support.
It’s because of all of you that we can fulfill our mission.

We are truly blessed!

Thrift Shop Sale News
Bag Sale- $5.00
Handbags, Shoes & Clothes

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

This weekend the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be conducting their Annual Door Collection after all the Masses. Donations will help our needy neighbors in many different ways throughout the year. Please be as generous as your means will allow. If you are unable to donate today, checks can be made out to St. Vincent de Paul Society and mailed to the Parish Social Ministry Office.
God Bless You for your generosity!

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The next meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is on Monday, December 11, 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

The JCDA Christmas Party will be held on
Tuesday, December 5 from 7-9 PM
in the O’Connell Room.
Dues for the 2017-2018 year must be paid before the party. Pizza, Secret Santa,
desserts, and games, and of course, the lighting of our Advent candles will all take place.

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.

The Level 2 Reconciliation Services will take place on Saturday, December 9th @ 11am & 1pm in the Church. Letters went out with your child’s day and time.

The Level 3 children are expected to attend Mass next weekend, December 9 & 10 to receive an Advent gift and a special blessing. Please note that the Crèche Lighting will take place after the 5pm Mass on Saturday.

The Level 1 children are expected to attend Mass the weekend of December 16 & 17. Please bring donations for the Parish Outreach Center and place them in the bins located at the entrances to the Church and Hall.

Please note: children attending Mass on specific weekends: weekend Masses start with the 5pm Saturday and go through 5pm Sunday. Please remember to bring your Mass attendance envelope and place it in the collection basket. While donations are appreciated, they are not necessary. The envelopes are used mainly for attendance purposes.

Advent Wreath to Color

Barbara Entrono with Faith Formation children who did good deeds to earn money to buy food for two families for Thanksgiving.
Youth Ministry

What’s coming up:

JOIN THE SERVICE TEAM! Earn your Service hours and participate at your parish!

Wednesday 12/6 — ENDOW FOR GIRLS 7:30pm—8:30pm in Room 260
We are inviting all girls to join us!! You do not have to be registered on line, just show up!

OPEN GYM NIGHT —
Friday, 12/8 at 6:30pm—8:00 pm in the GYM.
Wear sneakers, and bring a water bottle!
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
Or e-mail: youth@stjosephsbabylon.org

Some of our Teens helped bag up our traditional Thanksgiving Day rolls including a prayer of blessing in both English and Spanish. These rolls were then blessed and distributed at the Thanksgiving Day Mass.

STOCKINGS FOR SOLDIERS
Never too young to start helping others!

Some of our 2nd and our 4th graders collected items and joined Youth Ministry by bagging up those items for the homeless of our area, and by stuffing stockings for Soldiers! The filled stockings will be sent overseas by Grant Funeral Home.

What a wonderful community project to help our Soldiers & Veterans!
First Sunday of Advent • Cycle B

**Hospitality Committee**

Do you like meeting and connecting with people?  
Do you like being a welcoming presence in the Parish?  
Are you organized and think you may be interested in leading a hospitality committee?  

Then we want to hear from you!  
Please call Jane at (631) 669-0068 x159  
or email her at  
stewardship@stjosephsbabylon.org  

*Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels.*  
*Hebrews 13:2*

**Life Ministry**

**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=646c559-3042-4e6e-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=646c559-3042-4e6e-9b40-f56ec88140fc

**Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & 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 Bonopartis 1(877)-586-4621 Luminia@postabortionhelp.org or www.sistersoflife.org

**Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for Men:** Contact: Luminia 877-586-4621 or Luminia@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
**Bulletin Submission Dates**

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The general rule for bulletin submission is that bulletin notices should be submitted 10 days prior to the bulletin date except during the seasons of Advent and Lent when notices should be submitted 20 days prior to the bulletin date.

Thank you,
Joanne Maher, Bulletin Editor

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**Reclaim Sexual Health**

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 addictiveness 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.

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**Birthright**

Pregnant? Need Help?
**Birthright, Inc.**

24 Hr. Helpline
1(800) 550-4900

Wantagh (516) 785-4070
Islip (631) 277-3888
Southold (631) 876-5138
Hampton Bays (631) 728-8900
Rocky Point (631) 821-9727

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**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.
**LAS HORAS DE OFICINA DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO SON:**

**VIERNES 7:00PM—9:00PM**

(631) 669-0068 Ext. 131

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**Intercesiones por la Vida**

Para todos los que habitan en la oscuridad de la cultura de la muerte: para que el Espíritu Santo ilumine sus corazones con la luz de la verdad;

Roguemos al Señor;

Señor, escucha nuestra oración.

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Por Cristo nuestro Señor

Amén

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**CURSO BIBLICO**

**TODO LOS MARTES DE:**

**7:30PM — 9:30PM**

**SALON # 256**

Para más información llamar @ Antonia (631) 422-5433

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**REflexion**

Nosotros somos los siervos de Dios, cada uno con su propia tarea. Seremos juzgados como buenos Administradores de Nuestro Tiempo, Talento y Tesoro como Bienes de Dios si, a Su venida. El nos encuentra listos y conscientemente dedicados a las tareas que se nos ha encomendado.

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**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) Les 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. 100.

**Pre-Cana:** Llama a Ruth y Salomón Aguilar @ 631-592-9474.

**Reconciliación:** Sábado a las 4:00pm - 4:45pm, o llamar para una cita, al Tel. # 669-0068 ext. 104.

**Unción de los Enfermos:** Llamar a la oficina principal (631)669-0068 Ext. 100.

**Cursillo de Cristiandad:** Los invita a vivir un fin de semana con Cristo. Tenemos Ultreya todos los domingos a las 12:30pm, en el Salón # 256. Mas información llame al Vocal Felipe Rodas @ (516)203-5650, o Sub-vocal Geremias Herrera @ (631)902-3265.

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

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

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

**Hermanas Unidas:** Todos los segundos domingo de cada mes en el salón # 256, después de la misa.

**El Apostolado de la Cruz:** Todos los jueves de 9:00 - 11:00am en el Salón # 252A. Comunicarse con Adriana Mascari al Tel. (631)681-0005 o Luz Marina López al (631)321-6861.

**Intenciones para una Misa:** Ver a Herminda y Ana Elia López después de la misa.

**Hora Santa:** Cuarto domingo del mes. 12:30pm

**Monaguillos o Acolitos:** Ver a Felipe y Claudia Rodas. Deben haber recibido la Primera Comunión. (516) 203-5221. (516) 203-5650.

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**Estamos agradecidos esta semana por todos los delegados de nuestra parroquia que se esfuerzan por estar atentos al trabajo de Dios en el momento presente a través de servicios a nuestros ministerios parroquiales.**

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Hubo un gran derramamiento de amor, donaciones, oraciones, buenos resultados de la Venta de Navidad, ayuda real para esa Venta de parte de las buenas personas de la Parroquia San José y de fuera de la Parroquia. ¡Todos me hicieron muy feliz! En nombre de mis hermanas y de toda mi familia, quiero agradecerles a todos desde el fondo de mi corazón por su bondad y generosidad.

Ofreceré oraciones especiales y misas para sus intenciones y sus familias. Con mucho amor,

Fr. Joe.

Iluminando el Pesebre

Sábado, 9 de diciembre de 2017
Después de la misa de las 5:00pm
Al frente del Edificio del Centro de San José
Después compartiremos refrijeros en el Salón O’Connell
Si usted es experto en Galletas Navideñas, Brownies, Cupcakes, etc. Por favor tráigalos esa noche.
Todos están invitados.
Primer Domingo de Adviento - Ciclo B

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.

FECHAS DE LOS EVENTOS

Prender el Árbol de Navidad
10 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

Horario para la Catequesis en Español
2017 - 2018
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. 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.

Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción

Santa Eucaristía
Viernes, 8 de diciembre @ 7:30 pm
Nolan Hall

Preparen el Camino del Señor,