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.

December 10, 2017 ~ Second Sunday of Advent
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christmas Trees: I would like to thank the parishioner who purchased the Christmas trees in the Church in memory of her deceased mother Angela Mancusi. The large trees that were in the Church have been moved to Msgr. Nolan Hall during the Advent and Christmas Season.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Begins
I am happy to share that Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin on Monday, December 18th at 7:00am. This is what the Adoration schedule in the Divine Mercy Chapel will be:

- **Monday,** 7am to 10pm
- **Tuesday,** 8am to 10pm
- **Thursday,** 8:00am to Saturday 1am.

There will be NO adoration on Monday, December 25 (Christmas) or Monday, January 1st (New Years Day). It will resume on the Tuesday following each holiday.

All adorers will be receiving a phone call to be given the access code for entrance into the Chapel. The Chapel is located behind the St. Joseph Outreach Center. The statue of the Sacred Heart is next to the Chapel entrance. To the left of the door is a key pad at which you punch in the code to gain access into the Chapel entrance. 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.

Right now we only need 5 more adorers to be ready for December 18th. I know we can do it. Invite your family and friends to consider spending this quality time with Jesus. One does not have to be a parishioner in order to do an hour of Adoration here at St. Joseph’s.

The following day 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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What do we do if there is a snow storm?
When 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.
Quotes from Saints and what they have to say about Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta:
“The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul eternally more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth.”

“The Eucharist is connected with the Passion…To make sure that we do not forget, Jesus gave us the Eucharist as a memorial of His love…When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then, when you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now.”

John Henry Cardinal Newman:
“A cloud of incense was rising on high: the people suddenly all bowed low; what could it mean? The truth flashed on Him, fearfully yet sweetly; it was the Blessed Sacrament – it was the Lord Incarnate who was on the altar, who had come to visit and bless His people. It was the Great Presence, which makes the Church different from every other place in the world; which makes it, as no other place can be – holy.”

St. Therese of Lisieux:
While a child, Therese had developed devotion to the Blessed Sacrament through daily visits with her father to a church in Lisieux. She tells us: “I especially loved the processions of the Blessed Sacrament. What joy to sow flowers under the steps of the Good God! But before letting them fall I tossed them as high as I could, and I was never as happy as seeing my rosy-leafed roses touching the sacred Monstrance.”

St. Padre Pio:
“A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.”

Catechism of the Catholic Church #1407
“The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church’s life, for in it Christ associates His Church and all her members with His sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving offered once for all on the cross to His Father; by this sacrifice, He pours out the graces of salvation on His Body, which is the Church.”

St. John Bosco:
“Trust all things to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and to Mary, Help of Christians and you will see what miracles are.”

St. Faustina Kowalska:
“O King of Glory, though You hide your beauty, yet the eye of my soul rends the veil. I see the angelic choirs giving you honor without cease.”

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.

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
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.

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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

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“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 15th.**

Thanks for all you do.
**Mass Schedule & Readings For The Coming Week:**

**At this Mass, we remember:**

**Monday, December 11**
Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
7:45 Nicholas Riccio
9:00 Bernadette Tuma Marcella

**Tuesday, December 12**
Zec 2:14-17 or Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; (Ps) Jdt 13:18bc, 19;
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 or 707-712
7:45 Peter Figoski
9:00 Maryann Arcese

**Wednesday, December 13**
Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
7:45 For the Intentions of Our Lady
9:00 Stanley Monkowski, Jr.
Ravi Maharaj
Ginny Messina

**Thursday, December 14**
Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13b; Mt 11:11-15
7:45 Immacolata DeMarco
9:00 Barbara Manukian

**Friday, December 15**
Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
7:45 Sydney Fulton
9:00 Gertrude Albert

**Saturday, December 16**
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
9:00 Tommy Calvano

**Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)**
4:00 Confessions Today Fr. Joe
5:00 Tom Sheehan Fr. Charles
Matthew, Irene & Patricia Conaughton

**Sunday, December 17~Third Sunday of Advent**
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; (Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 16:8, 19-28
7:00 People of St. Joseph’s Fr. Francis
8:45 Mario Cerutti Fr. Charles
9:30 Michele Carlin Fr. Joe
10:15 Joseph F. Hallam, Jr. Fr. Ethel
12:00 Louis Montaino Fr. Ethel
5:00 Lillian Vaillancourt Fr. Francis

**Eucharistic Minister Teams:**
Weekend December 9-10 ~ Team B
Weekend of December 16-17 ~ Team A
Our Parish Mission Statement

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

We Welcome. We Worship. We Witness.

Liturgy

We Assemble for Prayer

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

Rosary
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.

Urgent Outreach Needs

Please Help
With the colder weather approaching Outreach is in Urgent need of the following items for the homeless:

- Men’s Winter Gloves
- Warm Woolen Hats
- Large and Extra Large Winter Coats
- Cases of Water

Blood Drive

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive
Thursday, December 28, 2017
3 PM to 9 PM
in O’Connell Room

Sacrificial Giving

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

12/3/2017
Actual Collection $20,919.00
Budgeted Collection $23,350.00
($2,431.00)

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.:
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 Josuah Insull
LT John Kallo
SSG David C. Ray
Eric Stein
LT Jon J. Uebel
PV2 Danny Borschein
Sgt Edvin Zambrano
PFC Dominick Ptitto
Capt. Stephen Scuderri
SPC Mark Ospina
LT Joseph A. Vanderveldt, 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
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
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
Memorial Poinsettias

Each year during the Advent season, as we prepare for the celebration of the Birth of our Savior, our thoughts turn to the memories we hold dear in our hearts.

For so many of us who have lost a beloved family member or someone dear to us, it is also a time of remembrance for our departed loved ones.

As a way of perpetuating their memory at this joyous time, we invite you to memorialize one of the many Poinsettia plants that will grace our altars in the coming weeks.

Poinsettias will be placed in our Church, Hall, and Capilla (chapel). Your contribution of $20.00 will make this effort possible. A list of all Poinsettia donors will be published in our Parish bulletin in January.

The closing date is Monday Dec. 18 at noon.
Please drop off your donation and order form to the Parish Office, or put it in the collection by the weekend of Dec. 16/17th.
Know that you and all your loved ones will be remembered as our generous benefactors as we celebrate the Christmas season!

---------------------------Poinsettia Order Form ---------------------------

Please accept my contribution of $_____ for (___) Poinsettia plants(s) to be placed in the Church, Hall or Chapel of St Joseph Parish.
Please print: In Memory of:

_________________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________

Requested by:

(Name of Benefactor) __________________________ (Phone Number) __________________________
“Happy Birthday Dear Elsa”

Our most sincere congratulations and affection for our Dearest Volunteer Elsa Loth in celebration of her 95th Birthday.

Thank you for all the years of service and dedication to those who are less fortunate by fulfilling your Ministry with love and dedication as Jesus asks us.

You are the best. God Bless you.

From all your Parish Social Ministry friends

Fr. Charles wants you to know

**CMA Goal:** A parishioner approached me after Mass back in September 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 $121,686.00 of that total. We need another $6254.00 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 next Saturday night, December 16th and all day Sunday, December 17th, in the gym.
JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME

Have you ever noticed how much of your life and mine is invested in waiting? You wait at the intersection for the light to turn green. You wait in the checkout line to pay for your groceries. You wait to see the doctor; then you wait for his report. You wait for a letter to come or for the telephone to ring. You wait for payday. You wait for Christmas. You wait for next year, in the hope that it will be better than this year.

We find ourselves in the same position as the ancient Jews and the early Christians. We are waiting for some grand and glorious fulfillment. But life keeps on saying, would you hold please? I am convinced that if you and I are ever to really live, we must do it in the meantime and not wait for it to happen out there in the future.

Many years ago, in her newspaper column, Ann Landers published a little essay called “The Station”, written by Robert Hastings. In part the essay said this: “Tucked away in our minds is an idyllic vision. We see ourselves on a long trip across the continent. We are travelling by train. Out the windows we watch the passing scenery – cars on a nearby highway, children waving at crossings, cattle grazing on a distant hillside, flatlands and mountains, valleys and streams.

But uppermost in our minds is the final destination. On a certain day, at a certain hour, we will pull into a station. Once we get there our dreams will come true, and the pieces of our lives will all fall into place. Restlessly, we walk the aisle, eagerly waiting for the station. When we get there life will begin. When I am eighteen. When I buy a new house. When I put the last kid through college. When I pay off the mortgage. When I reach retirement, I shall live happily ever after…………

“Sooner or later we must realize that the station is only a dream. The joy of life is the trip itself. Get to know your fellow passengers. Watch more sunsets. Eat more ice cream. Laugh more, cry less. Life must be lived as we go along.

This is the Advent season, the time when we are waiting and preparing for Christmas. Enjoy the journey, enjoy those you meet along the way, enjoy life. And, from me to you, peace, and all good wishes.

EXPERIENCE THE JOY

Deacon Mike
WORDS WELL WORTH REPEATING

The one thing calendars have in common is they all last a year…but when each
begins, well, that’s another story.

The Gregorian Calendar, the one with which we are probably most familiar, is
perhaps the most simple. It starts on January 1 and ends on December 31. Some of us are
guided with what is known as a school calendar and, depending on what part of the country the district is
located, that has a beginning sometime in the late summer. Sporting leagues have a variety of start/end
dates, and those are further divided by the level of play…high school, college or
professional. Recently we came to the end of the liturgical calendar of the Catholic Church which we
celebrated with the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and now, with the arrival of the
Season of Advent, a new liturgical calendar begins.

I have often thought it interesting how the readings are selected for each of the Sundays. Thanks to
Vatican II there are three cycles (A--Matthew, B--Mark, C--Luke), so we can become more familiar with
the text in the Bible. During this three year period, we will hear many of the things Jesus did while He
walked on the earth, many of the people with whom He came into contact, and the parables He imparted
to teach the people of His day. Such accounts usually vary from week to week.

We just ended Cycle A and are now in Cycle B. Though I now have more senior moments than I
seem to recall (is that an oxymoron?), the readings for the last Sunday in the liturgical calendar were about
shepherds tending their flocks (the Book of Ezekiel) and those who prepared for the kingdom being
rewarded with an eternity in Heaven (Matthew). So while we might think the new Cycle will be totally
different or will at least run some time off the clock, we all know the emphasis of Advent is to prepare for
the reward of an eternity in Heaven and that when the King (though a much younger version than in
Matthew’s gospel) for Whom we all await will be first heralded by shepherds (albeit a different group
from those mentioned in Ezekiel).

We are often told that living a Christian life is not easy…it is not supposed to be. Understanding
how to do so, however, is probably simpler than we think. We are merely asked to live a good life, one in
which we thank God for all that He has given us by using our talents to help others. Let us start this
liturgical year off the right way by simplifying our lives, by listening to the Word of God in the Scriptures,
by setting time aside to praise our God, and to do whatever we can to make life better for those around us.

PRAYER

Source of all that is good, Your Scriptures provide all we need to be with You forever. Give us the Grace to make
this Advent a starting point for our lives to be more pleasing to You by our devotion to You and our response to our
neighbor. This we ask in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Stewardship...

Stewardship Sound Byte

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who strive to respond to God’s grace through
service to our parish and the wider community, especially our Parish Social Ministries and Senior Services.
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 NaPro TECHNOLOGY™. 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 Bonopartis 1(877)-586-4621 Lumin achieve@post abortionhelp.org or www.sistersoflife.org

Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for Men: Contact: Luminach2@postabortionhelp.org


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
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.

Second Sunday of Advent - Cycle B

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

We are grateful to those who adopted a family through our Angel Brigade and to all of you who took tags from our Giving Tree. The families were overwhelmed by your generosity. We were able to supply gifts to our homeless population thanks to Youth Group. Good Job guys!! We are blessed to work closely with our Saint Vincent De Paul Conference and truly appreciate their work in meeting the needs of our local families. Thank you so much “Vincentians”.

In the same way we extend our thanks to Torta Fina Bakery who supplied baked goods to all of our families to sweeten their holidays. As well as to Faith Formation, Nursery School, Catholic Daughters, Knight of Columbus and to our sweet Angel Brigade Lady Margot Denza for her amazing hard work.

We had such an overwhelming response to our Angel Brigade and our Christmas Giving Tree. It was heartwarming to see the families dropping off gifts at Outreach Center. Then, it was equally moving to witness the families picking up gifts, smiling, and some with tears in their eyes.

*We can’t thank you enough.*

*“Wishing you a Merry Christmas full of blessings and a prosperous New Year 2018, your friends at St. Joseph Parish Social Ministry.”*

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

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your generous donations to our St. Vincent de Paul Society Door Collection last weekend! Your gifts will help many of our friends in need in many ways during the next year!

GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROSITY!
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 Junior Catholic Daughters wish everyone a Blessed and Joyous Advent and Christmas season!
Please look for our cell phone collection boxes to donate to women’s shelters starting the weekend of January 6 at all masses.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 2 in the O’Connell Room. Doors open at 7:00 PM for refreshments and the meeting will begin at 7:30.
All girls ages 10+ are welcome.

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 3 children are expected to attend Mass this weekend 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.

The Faith Formation Office will be closed from Monday, December 25th through Monday, January 1st. We will reopen at 9am, Tuesday, January 2nd. We would like to wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas Season.

Angel Display

“Angels above us, Angels beside us.
Come enjoy an Angel Display.”

A Collection of Angels will be on display along with quotes from the Bible proclaiming what the Bible tells us about the Angels in our midst.

Monday and Tuesday, December 18 & 19, 2017 in Msgr. Nolan Hall from 10 AM-7PM
Merry Christmas to all! As we are enjoying time with our family & friends, please remember to pray for those in the Military who are away from their loved ones this Christmas.

*Join us to deepen your faith, make new friends, and be of great service to the Community!*

*What’s coming up in January:*

**Wednesdays 7:30pm—8:30pm** in Room 260 Middle School H.U.B.  
All in grades 6, 7, 8 are welcome to join us!

**Mondays 7:00pm—8:30pm** in the Madonna Room HS Teens  
HS Seniors: Our plans are going forward with a trip to the Shrine.  
Please make sure you contact me about your availability.

**RESPECT LIFE WEEKEND OF PRAYER** –January 19-21—More info to follow

**SUMMER TIME!**  Steubenville NYC weekend is July 20, 21, 22 ——  
We will begin registration in **January**!  
All in grades 8—12 are welcome to join us.  
Cost is approximately $300 per person for the weekend.  
Some scholarships are available.  
If you think you might want to join us, please let me know!  
Check our parish website for additional details and pictures from other trips.

**Steubenville NYC Theme: REVEALED**  
*In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him.*” – 1 John 4:9

Our Teens keep busy in Service to their Faith—All Year Long!

*Young Ladies met each week for 8 weeks to study and discuss their GIRL GENIUS! AND SUCCESSFULLY completed their 1st ENDOW course. Way to go Girls!*
The following student parishioners have earned Honor Roll status during the first trimester of the 2017/18 school year at St. John the Baptist High School, Our Lady of Mercy Academy & Kellenberg Memorial High School. Congratulations, we are very proud of you and pray that God will continue to bless your studies.

Peace and blessings, Father Charles

**Summa Cum Laude Honors**
- John Norton
- Kate O’Malley
- Julia Gaare

**Cum Laude Honors**
- Ainsley Berrin
- Madeline Fleming
- Nathaniel Brooks
- Lauren Ragen
- Alexander Vedra
- Julio Villalobos
- Thomas Carmichael
- Jack DeNicola
- Zhanna Green
- Daniel Somma
- Luke Thompson
- Richard Cernilli
- Nicholas Edmonds

**Magna Cum Laude Honors**
- Owen Boxer
- Nicholas Esposito
- Lindsey Gaare
- Ella Hickey
- Julia Lanza
- Liam Lavin
- Nicholas Olejnik
- Vanessa Rosero
- Celeste Pozderek
- Jack Monteleone
- Jack Standwill
- Luigi Tabar
- Liam Berrin
- Gianna Ferrara
- Meredith Hands
- Matthew Lavin
- Kara Mahlmann
- Dana Ragen

**St. John the Baptist High School**

**Our Lady of Mercy Academy**
- Evelyn Smith

**National Honor Society**
- Alec Gany

**National Junior Honor Society**
- Kali Maroney

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**Blood Drive**

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive
Thursday, December 28, 2017
3 PM to 9 PM
in O’Connell Room
Bulletin Submission Dates

To allow for notices to be published in the bulletin please see the following dates for submission in upcoming bulletins:

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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

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.

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.
**REFLEXIÓN**

El llamado al arrepentimiento de Juan Bautista se refleja en la carta pastoral de los obispos estadounidenses sobre la Administración de Nuestro Tiempo, Talento y Tesoro como Bienes de Dios: “Los cristianos deben rogar a Dios por la gracia de la conversión; la gracia de saber quienes son, a quien pertenecen, como deben vivir – la gracia de arrepentirse, cambiar y crecer, la gracia de transformarse en buenos discípulos y administradores de los Bienes de Dios.

**Intercesiones por la Vida**

Por todos los que estudian para la profesión médica: que puedan ver su vocación como un regalo de Dios, y que puedan crecer en el Evangelio de la Vida mientras se preparan para sanar y restaurar;

Roguemos al Señor
Señor, escucha nuestra oración

La Paz empieza con Nosotros
DEJANOS REZAR...
La época más oscura del año nos rodea, y muchos se verán tentados a perder el corazón.
Luz del mundo, trae tu iluminación a cada esquina de nuestra comunidad humana, especialmente donde la esperanza casi se ha ido y el mal parece estar al mando.
Dios de la Esperanza, sabes las necesidades del mundo y sus soluciones mejor que nosotros.
Ya sabes el anhelo en cada corazón humano Señor, danos el regalo de tu sabiduría en este nuevo año de la Iglesia.
Límpianos de la ambición egoísta y renueva en nosotros el espíritu de generosidad.
En el nombre de Jesús que es Emmanuel. Amén

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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. 131.

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

**PRE-CANA:** Contáctese con Ruth y Salomón Aguilar.

**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 viernes @ 7:15 p.m. Para más información contáctese con Ana Ramos @ rosesformarybyana@live.com.

**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.

**COMITE:** El primer sábado de cada mes a las 10:00am en el salón # 256. Para la agenda, contáctese con Ana Ramos @ rosesformarybyana@live.com.

**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 o Luz Marina López.

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

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

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**CURSO BIBLICO**

TODOS LOS MARTES DE:
7:30PM — 9:30PM
SALON # 256
Para mas información contáctese con Antonia Robles

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**LAS HORAS DE OFICINA DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO SON:**
VIERNES 7:00PM—9:00PM
(631) 669-0068 Ext. 131

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

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

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**MONAGUILLOS O ACOLITOS:** Contáctese con Claudia Rodas. Los niños deben haber recibido la Primera Comunión.
Queridos Hermanos en Cristo:

La Navidad ha llegado, tiempo de paz y alegría donde celebramos el nacimiento de nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

Tiempo de regocijo, hermandad y de unión familiar, pero que al mismo tiempo pueden convertirse para muchos padres de familia en un tiempo difícil, al no poder proveer a su familia con los regalos para esta Navidad.

Es por este motivo que extendemos nuestros brazos para que nos permita aliviar, aunque sea un poco esta preocupación. Todos pasamos por momentos difíciles en algún punto de nuestras vidas. Así que por favor, si alguno de ustedes necesita ayuda ó conoce de alguien que está atravesando por una mala situación económica, Acérquese y llámemos, aquí estamos para servirles en lo que esté a nuestro alcance.

Estamos abiertos lunes, miércoles y jueves de 9:30am a 1:30pm no necesita cita ó si desea me puede llamar y dejar su mensaje al número telefónico: (631)669-4544 ext 202 y con gusto le devolveré la llamada.

“Gloria a Dios en las Alturas y en la Tierra

Paz a los Hombres en quienes Él se complace”

Lucas 2:14
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.