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

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,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We ask the Holy Family to pray for our families, especially our parish family, that we may always love God and be given the strength to fight against sin and temptation so that our lives may be living testimonies to others of the power, holiness, generosity and goodness of God. This feast reminds us that we are called to live as a holy family and this is realized by the way in which we care for one another.

So many of you show your love and care for our parish family, God’s family, throughout the year by sharing your time and talent through the various programs, services and ministries that you serve in. Thank you.

Another way you do this is through your generous sacrificial financial offerings each week (sharing your treasure). Thank you.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family today what comes to my mind is that the greatest gift a Mother and Father can give to their children is for the two of them to truly love one another. A child feels very safe and secure when their mother and father are loving toward each other, showing healthy signs of affection, tenderness, care and concern. This provides an environment where the child grows into healthy maturity. As a parish we support all our married couples because the healthier your relationship becomes the healthier your family becomes. For those of you who are experiencing difficulties in your marriage there is hope for you. For those who want an even better, more loving marriage, there are great programs for you as well. Let me offer you some great opportunities to enrich your life with the one you have chosen to live life with and share the deepest part of yourself. There are several things you can do to find a renewed sense of love, forgiveness and tenderness. I find that some people feel that there is no hope of change in their marriage. I say, pray, pray, pray and believe that God can do amazing things in you and through you as a couple. Here are some suggestions: for those marriages that are in crisis there is 1. Retrovaille. Log onto www.retrovaille.org or call (516) 302-8815. 2. Call the Institute for Marital Healing at (610) 397-0950 or log onto www.maritalhealing.com. 3. For everyone there is Marriage Coaching (this is excellent) at Alexander House. Call (303) 840-1871 or log onto www.thealexanderhouse.org or e-mail: matt@thealexanderhouse.org. This is based in Colorado. For those who want an even better marriage there is: 4. World Wide Marriage Encounter in New York. This is an excellent weekend. Call 877-NYS-WWME. 5. Praying together daily as a couple is essential. It could be as simple as saying an Our Father while holding hands before bedtime. A way to come together as a couple and calling upon your God to bless you, help you, grace you with all you need to love one another as He loves you. 6. There are good counselors at Raphael Remedy. It is Catholic Counseling, coaching and wellness center here on Long Island. Feel free to call Allison Accardi at (631) 923-2777. Without God there is no healing. There is also an excellent out of state psychologist for those who can travel: Dr. Bob Schuchts (850) 552-0978 (Tallahassee, FLA). I pray this supports you on your journey of being all God wants you to be.

Pope Francis said: “Let every family be a welcoming place of goodness and peace for children and the elderly, for the sick and the lonely, for the poor and the needy.” Pope Francis invited us to pray this special prayer back in 2015 and so I share it with you today. May this prayer help to enrich and energize our family life.

God and Father of us all, in Jesus, your Son and our Savior,
You have made us Your sons and daughters in the family of the Church.

May Your grace and love help our families in every part of the world be united to one another in fidelity to the Gospel. May the example of the Holy Family with the aid of Your Holy Spirit, guide all families, especially those most troubled, to be homes of communion and prayer and to always seek Your truth and live in Your love. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Pray for us.

THANK YOU: A special thank you to the parishioners who helped to decorate our Church, Hall and Capilla so beautifully for Christmas. You give so tirelessly of your time and talent and for this we are so grateful. We all get to enjoy the fruit of your labor. Also, a heartfelt thanks to all who memorialized the poinsettia plants this year.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has begun!!!

It takes place every week in the Divine Mercy Chapel located behind the St. Joseph Outreach Center. The Sacred Heart statue is located by the outside chapel entrance.

Monday, 7am to 10pm
Tuesday, 8am to 10pm
Thursday, 8:00am to Saturday 1am.
Friday, all day to Saturday 1am

There will be NO adoration on Monday, January 1st (New Years Day). It will resume on Tuesday, January 2nd at 8am.

Feel free to 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. Josephs. Please choose a time to be one on one with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This will be your Holy Hour time each week. To sign-up or for more information call Janet at (631) 671-1696. She will also give you the access code to gain entrance into 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. After you punch in the code on the key pad simply pull the door open. The door knob does not turn.

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 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.

Benefits of Eucharistic Adoration

1. Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it is recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity. (St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta)

2. The only time our Lord asked the Apostles for anything was the night He went into agony. Not for activity did He plead but for an Hour of companionship. (Archbishop Fulton Sheen)

3. Perpetual Adoration extends its influence far beyond the individual adorers, touching their homes and families and reaching out to the parish community and beyond. (St. Pope John Paul II)

4. Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Eucharist will obtain a more abundant measure of grace. (St. Alphonsus Ligouri)

5. It is impossible in human terms to exaggerate the importance of being in adoration before the Eucharist as often and for as long as our duties and state of lie allow. (Fr. John Hardon)

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
So far we have done two bible studies in the parish since the spring of 2017:  
_Oremus_ (How to pray) and _The Biblical Walk With The Blessed Mother_.  
This next series will lead us to total consecration to the Mother of Jesus. It is called **33 Days to Morning Glory**. This seven (7) week series is more like a retreat which focuses on “To Jesus Through Mary”. Come and learn what four saints knew about the quickest, surest and easiest way to holiness. We will meet on seven (7) Tuesdays in the Nolan Hall at 7:30pm. The dates are March 13, 20, April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1<sup>st</sup>. The last day of the study / retreat is Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, which will be the Mass and Consecration to Our Lady in the Hall. May 1<sup>st</sup> starts the month of Mary and is also the feast day of St. Joseph the Worker. The retreat will be based on the book of Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, **33 Days to Morning Glory**. The DVD presentation is by Fr. Michael Gaitley, who is an excellent speaker, followed by small group discussion. There is no set fee for the retreat but a free will offering is greatly appreciated to cover the cost of materials! The facilitator-training meeting will be Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in Nolan Hall.  

Please call the parish center (631) 669-0068 Ext. 100 to register so we order enough work books and materials.
The Sacraments of Life

Newly Baptized
Luciana Theresa Bonsignore, Luisa Emilia Dorata, Raegan Patricia Harvey, Elizabeth Aleese Kowalczyk, Noelle Elizabeth Maxim, & Maximilian Peter Panuthos

Preparing for Marriage
Banns Posted

First Time ~
No Banns

Second Time ~
No Banns

Third Time ~
Jarett Gandolfo & Natalia Coppola

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

Altar Rose
In Memory of Frank & Francis Maya

For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members Ellen Sharkey, Linda Elena Pace-Loretta, Adela Diatlovich & Nicholas S. Scarangella.

REFLECTION FOR TODAY
“Whatever you do,” says St. Paul to the Colossians, “...do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through him.” And so it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist “through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit…”

Mass Schedule & Readings For The Coming Week:

At this Mass, we remember:
Monday, January 1-Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother
Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
7:45 Diana Staines
9:00 Elisabeth Fiore

Tuesday, January 2
1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
7:45 Evelyn Stefanini
9:00 Kathy Losquadro

Wednesday, January 3
1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3, 6; Jn 1:29-34
7:45 For the Intentions of Our Lady
9:00 Mary Virginia Messina
Pietro Di Stefano

Thursday, January 4
1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
7:45 Richard Price
9:00 Ginny Messina

Friday, January 5
1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1-5; Jn 1:43-51
7:45 People of St. Joseph’s
9:00 Peter Joseph Welling, Sr.

Saturday, January 6
1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
9:00 Ann Boyden

Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)
4:00 Confessions Today Fr. Charles
5:00 Mr. Rene Pabon Fr. Francis
Ralph A. Antonetti
Fran Vroulis

Sunday, January 7~The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**Deacons Preaching at Sunday Masses**
7:00 Eleanor Dugan Fr. Ethel
8:45 For a Special Intention Fr. Charles
9:30 Shannon Hogan Fr. Ethel
10:15 People of St. Joseph’s Fr. Charles
12:00 Evelyn & William Stefanini Fr. Francisc
5:00 John H. McKeever Fr. Charles

Eucharistic Minister Teams:
Weekend of December 30-31~ Team A
Lazarus Ministry

On Saturday, January 13, 2018 at the 9:00am Eucharist, we will have our monthly Liturgy for the commemoration of the dead. All those who have lost a loved one, at any time in the past, are invited to join us. We especially welcome the family and friends of those who have died in the previous month or whose anniversaries occur during this time. A table will be placed in the Baptistry for family members to place pictures of those who have died. There will be a place for family or friends to write the names of those to be remembered at the General Intercessions. There will also be an opportunity to remember each loved one by name in the Book of the Dead. Members of the Lazarus Ministry will be present to welcome you and to offer guidance; please let them know when you arrive.

For questions or further information, please call Barbara Schade at 631-968-8793.

Sacrificial Giving

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

12/17/2017

Actual Collection $20,727.00
Budgeted Collection $23,350.00
($2,623.00)

God Bless You!

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.

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
LTC John Kallo
SSG David C. Ray
Eric Stein
LTC Jon J. Uebel
PV2 Danny Borschein
Sgt Edwin Zambrano
PFC Dominick Pititto
Capt. Stephen Scuderi
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
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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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Welcome
Our pastor, Fr. Charles Mangano, his brother priests, Fr. Joe Arevalo, Fr. Ethel Anarado, Fr. Francis Samuel and our Pastoral Team welcome you to St. Joseph. If you are visiting us for the first time, you are our honored guests and we pray that you will consider making St. Joseph your church home. We are here to assist you in your spiritual growth and maturity as together we give glory to God through our worship, prayer and service in the name of Jesus Christ. We are committed to the fullness of Roman Catholic teaching and to the promise of salvation that the Church offers to all believers. May God accomplish a great work in you among us.

Office Hours/Parish Office
(631) 669-0068
E-mail: secretary@stjosephsbabylon.org
Mon. to 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

New Saturday Office Hours
Beginning Saturday, January 6 the Parish Office Saturday hours will be 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

OUTREACH NEWS
Outreach is closed from December 22, 2017 - January 2, 2018.
Outreach will reopen on January 3, 2018 at 9:30 AM

FEAST OF THE MOTHER OF GOD
Monday, January 1st is a holy day because it is the Feast of the Mother of God. Because the Feast falls on a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass does not apply this year but the two Masses celebrated for the Feast Day will be our usual 7:45 AM and 9:00 AM Masses.

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

Hearing impaired parishioners may enjoy Signed Mass at 12:30pm each Sunday at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Hunter Avenue, West Islip
Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Court Bishop McDonnell 1403
invites you to a Baby Shower
for the benefit of THE LIFE CENTER
on Wednesday, January 3rd, 2018
in the O’Connell Room at 7:30 pm
(doors open at 7:00 pm)

Come enjoy the party and support the women and men who have made
the good decision to have their babies.

Please bring “new” baby items such as diapers, bottles, outfits and formula and you
can place items in the bassinettes you will find in the Church, and Hall
over the next few weeks..
  Unwrapped gifts please.
  No toys or stuffed animals, please.

We also accept gently used, in good condition, strollers, car seats, play gym sets, etc.

For additional information
Dorothy Buckley @ 631-539-8522 or Lori Senatore @ 631-944-09232

“Moving On” Group

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH
PARISH CENTER
39 North Carll Avenue
Babylon, NY 11702

“Moving On” Group
An After Bereavement Group for Widows and Widowers Will Conduct

A ‘Do It Yourself’ Workshop
Presented by Home Depot
Friday, January 12th @ 7:30 pm

For further information please call
Geri Olson at 631-661-8994
**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.

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**Help Wanted**

**Saturday Sacristan position**

Position open for a sacristan to cover Saturdays at the Parish. Hours 9:30am - 6:30pm. Responsibilities include but not limited to:

- Set up and clean up after weddings, funerals
- Serve as adult altar server at funerals
- Turn on light and sound systems
- Check and light altar and sanctuary candles, track inventory
- Place bulletins at entrances
- Set up credence table, clean and lock up after 5pm Mass.

If interested, please call Jane at the parish office at (631) 669-0068 x159 and leave a message. Thank you.

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**Sociable Single Seniors Trip**

**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 DeCandidis for more information (631)-553-0160

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**Book Club**

St. Joseph’s Book Club will meet January 11, 2018 at 7:30 PM in Room 255.

The book we will be discussing is

*The Cuban Affair* by Nelson De Mille.

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**Sociable Single Seniors**

Our next meeting is set for Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 7:00 PM. We will be serving, Lasagna with all the fixings. The cost is $15.00/pp. Please send your checks in by January 10, 2018.

’NO PAYMENT AT THE DOOR’.

Call Lorraine DeCandidis for more information at 631-553-0160
THE BEST IS YET TO COME

A very young, old person wrote the following prayer: “Lord, now that I am growing old, keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from the craving to straighten out everybody’s life. Make me thoughtful but not moody, helpful but not bossy. Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details: give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken. Keep me reasonably sweet. Give me the ability to see beauty in unexpected places and splendor in unexpected people. Amen.”

Someone asked Thorwaldson, the famous sculptor, “What is your greatest statue?” Without hesitation he answered, “The next one.” This is in keeping with the spirit of the New Testament – the forward look. Nothing is finished, no one has arrived. That better mouse trap hasn’t been made. The best sermon has not been preached. The best book has not been written. The best song has not been sung. All of these things are still waiting for you and me to do. And it is this sense of expectancy that keeps the soul alive.

Life can be and should be an eternal summons to adventure. And the calendar has very little to do with it. Young and old alike can live with the conviction that “the best is yet to be.”

What gives a man or woman that kind of conviction? If it does not come from the enthusiasm of youth, where does it come from?

In the case of Simeon and Anna, the answer is clear. They had taken the time and expended the effort to build a strong personal faith in God. And to my knowledge, that is the only thing that will sustain an enthusiasm for life all the way to the end.

What else is there that can be counted on across the years? When we are young, we can find our zest for life in any number of things. There is the challenge of getting an education. The prospect of marriage and children. The anticipation of a career. But there comes a fateful day when all those things are in the past. Then what?

This is not to say that the older person needs God any more than the young person. It simply means that the basic realities of life come into sharper focus when “the days dwindle down to a precious few.” Let’s recognize our dependence on the Good Lord today, start building that faith today; then along the way we can say with conviction: The best is yet to be.”

ONWARD WE GO, INTO THE BRAND NEW 2018
A FOND ADIEU TO 2017

While it may seem almost automatic to take a look at past events when the calendar tells us that another year has come to an end, I had occasion about a month ago to reminisce about my childhood days. I was asked to test my memory by a classmate at St. Boniface in Sea Cliff and name the eight sisters for each grade that we had well over 50 years ago. He and one of the 27 girls that were in our class had most of them but drew a blank when it came to fifth grade. I think the problem was our teacher arrived that year and left a year later, somewhat unique in those days. It took me a while to come up with her name, but eventually I emailed Alan that it was Sister Gilmary, perhaps one of the best teachers we had.

That exercise brought some other memories of my elementary school days to mind. Walking to school with my brother, going home for lunch (only students who came to school on a bus could eat in what was called a cafeteria—which was actually a big room in the basement of the school), and having milk delivered in the afternoon for those who had paid for it with our “milk money”. Of course the Baltimore Catechism popped into my head and the immeasurable reinforcement by the good Sisters of Mercy about how God knows everything that we do. No matter the act a person might perform, it could not be hidden from our Creator.

Those of us at St. Boniface, as well as probably every child who went to a Catholic grammar school, knew that we would not get away with much. That was probably a great preparation for the years that followed, unlike others who felt that they could always cover their tracks. Somehow, I think, they felt smarter than most and could figure out how best to do in private what they did not want others to know. Some were able to maintain a shroud of secrecy, but as we have all seen in the past three months, what people do now can no longer be hidden. Regardless of the depths of deception, someone will always know what was done.

Since it is more difficult to get away with anything in this technologically advanced world in which we live, we should rather try to do what is pleasing to God and have no worries at all. We may not face the public scrutiny that has toppled the mighty lately, but we still have to face God and explain what we have done. As we start a new year, perhaps those admonitions of Catholic grammar school teachers will come to mind, and we will have a future where we never have to await the other shoe to fall.

PRAYER

All Knowing and Powerful Father, as we begin a new year, let us first thank You for the many blessings that You have bestowed upon us. Give us the Grace we need to always realize how much You love us and that You remain by our side at all times. Let 2018 be the year when we recommit ourselves to You and to live a life that will bring us to an eternity with You and Your Blessed Mother in Heaven. This we ask in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HAPPY 2018

Stewardship Sound Byte

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who accept their call to freely share their God given gifts within our parish community as well as the wider world beyond.
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.”

Thank you for your Food Pantry Donations!

Our Food Pantry is most in need of these items:
Apple Juice, Coffee, Cereal, 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.

The next meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 9:45am in Room 256 in the parish center. All are invited to attend!

To all our friends and families:

HAVE A VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS SEASON
and HAPPY NEW YEAR!
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 Joseph’s”

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:
♦ 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.

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For more information, please contact Laura Marquez at 516-356-3399
Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate
the splendor of true love,
to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again
experience violence, rejection and division:
may all who have been hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
may the approaching Synod of Bishops
make us once more mindful
of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,
and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
graciously hear our prayer.
Amen
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.

St. Joseph’s Nursery School

St. Joseph’s Nursery School
2018-2019 Registration

OPEN HOUSE
Saturday, January 20th and
Saturday, February 3rd
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Programs available for children
4 months - Pre-K

4 months – 30 months for child & caregiver
2 ½ yr. olds – 2 days
3 yr. olds – 2, 3, 4, or 5 half days
4 yr. olds Pre-K – 3, 4, or 5 half days
Science, enrichment classes and more!

Tours are available on school days by appointment.
Please contact us at 661-4559 or
nurseryschool@stjosephsbabylon.org
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!
Chastity: "Chastity is a moral virtue. It is also a gift from God, a grace, a fruit of spiritual effort. The Holy Spirit enables one whom the waters of Baptism has regenerated to imitate the purity of Christ." (Catechism of the Catholic Church)

For some of the many resources available visit: 

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

Cub Scout Fun & Faith Day

CUB SCOUT FUN AND FAITH DAY
SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2018

SACRED HEART CHURCH
MERRICK, NEW YORK
8:30 AM – 12:00 NOON

SAINT PATRICK’S CHURCH
SMITHTOWN, NEW YORK
10:30 AM – 3:00 PM

A special day of prayer, handicrafts, and games.
For information, contact the Catholic Scouting Office 516 678-5800, ext 245 or scouting@drvc.org

Catholics Returning Home

St. Lawrence the Martyr  R. C. Church, corner of Main Street and Handsome Avenue, Sayville, NY will conduct a series called Catholics Returning Home on six consecutive Monday evenings at 7:30 PM in the Church beginning January 8th. These sessions are for Catholics who have left the active practice of their faith and who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. There will be informal sharing and an update of the Catholic faith.

For more details, call Maria Davidson at 631-589-3160.
A Message from the Bishop’s Office

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE ANNOUNCES DEADLINE EXTENSION FOR INDEPENDENT RECONCILIATION AND COMPENSATION PROGRAM

The Diocese of Rockville Centre announced that the deadline to file for Phase I of the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program (IRCP) for survivors of sexual abuse by clergy of the Diocese of Rockville Centre has been extended to January 31, 2018. The first phase of the IRCP was originally scheduled to end on December 31, 2017.

Any person wishing to file a new claim alleging sexual abuse not previously reported to the diocese may be eligible to participate in Phase II of the program when it is implemented in early 2018. These reports will be turned over to the local District Attorney and investigated fully prior to a determination by the IRCP.

To learn more about the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program, please visit the diocesan website – www.drvc.org and click on “Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program” to access full program information.

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

VIERNES 7:00PM — 9:00PM

(631) 669-0068 Ext. 131 * Padre Joe Ext. 104

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**REFLEXION**

“Cualquier cosa que hagáis,” dice San Pablo a los Colosenses, “hacedla en el nombre del Señor Jesús. Dad las gracias a Dios Padre a través de El.” Y es por ésto que ofrecemos nuestros dones en la Eucaristía a través de El, con El y en El, en la unidad del Espíritu Santo.

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**Intercesiones por la Vida**

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

Roguemos al Señor, Señor, escucha nuestra oración.

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**La Paz empieza con Nosotros**

**COMIENZA LA OBRA DE NAVIDAD**

Cuando el canto de los ángeles se detiene,
Cuando la estrella en el cielo se ha ido,
Cuando los reyes y los príncipes están en casa,
Cuando los pastores vuelven a los rebaños,
Entonces empieza la obra de Navidad:

Para encontrar a los perdidos,
Para curar a los quebrantados de espíritu,
Para alimentar a los hambrientos,
Para liberar a los oprimidos,
Para reconstruir las naciones,
Para traer la paz entre todos los pueblos,
Hacer un poco de música con el corazón ...
Y para irradiar la Luz de Cristo,
Todos los días, en todos los sentidos,
en todo lo que hacemos,
Y en todo lo que decimos.
Entonces empieza la obra de Navidad.

Que comience la obra de Navidad, y que empiece con NOSOTROS.

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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.

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

**CURSILLO DE CRISTIANDAD:** Los invita a vivir un fin de semana con Cristo. Tenemos Ultreya todos los domingos a las 12:30pm. Mas información contáctese con el Vocal de Piedad Felipe Rodas o Sub-vocal Geremías Herrera @ gherrerasc29@gmail.com.

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

**COMUNIDAD DE MARIA:** Siguiendo los mensajes de María Reina de la Paz y sobre temas de María en general) - Sábados de las 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.

**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 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

**MONAGUILLOS O ACOILITOS:** Contáctese con Claudia Rodas. Los niños deben haber recibido la Primera Comunión.
La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, Mar y José - Ciclo B

"NAVIDAD 2017"
Vigilia de Fín de Año

Domingo, 31 de diciembre
6:30pm
Nolan Hall

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: 7, 14, 21, y 28 de enero, 4, 11, de febrero, 4, 11, 18, y 25 de marzo, 8, 15, y 22 de abril.

Feliz 2018

Que el niño Dios venga a nosotros este Nuevo Año con el regalo de Amor, con las bendiciones de Esperanza, y la promesa de Paz, y que se extienda durante todo el Año!

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