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January 7, 2018 ~ Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

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,

In light of today being Epiphany Sunday, I felt the excerpt below from the Long Island Catholic Magazine was appropriate to share with you. Read it in the light of the three wise men traveling through foreign lands to find baby Jesus:

Church in the U.S. observes National Migration Week January 7 to 14

For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking. The theme for National Migration Week 2018 draws attention to the fact that every family has a migration story, some recent and others in the distant past. Regardless of where we are and where we came from, we remain part of the human family and are called to live in solidarity with one another.

As part of the Migration Week observance, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops released the following prayer for migrants.

Good and gracious God,

We pray for all people who are migrating
particularly those who are forced from their homes
or separated from their families
because of threats of violence and persecution.
We ask that you protect and keep them safe.
Although we come from different countries,
and have our origins in different cultures,
we were all created by you, and are made in your image,
and therefore we all share an inalienable dignity
that is deserving of respect.

Lord, we ask that you give us the strength
to defend those who are marginalized,
to give aid to those in need,
to come to the defense of those who are poor or vulnerable,
and to welcome those who are on the move
into our homes and into our hearts.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.
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 the Chapel entrance.

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

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. Joseph’s. 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](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.

**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
Dear Friends,

I hope that you and yours enjoyed a blessed Christmas. Several weeks ago, I wrote to you concerning questions that had been raised about the finances of St. Joseph’s parish. At the time, I asked that we all take a pause for the Christmas season. As a new Vicar, I also asked for time to consult and to study the situation.

Even before I wrote to you, I had begun meeting regularly with the Pastor, Fr. Charles Mangano, and representatives of Parish Services. More recently, I had a very lengthy but productive meeting with the Parish Finance Council. Over the next several weeks, I will be visiting St. Joseph’s on Sundays in order to listen further to parishioners.

At this time, I can report that the parish has been on budget for some three months. In addition, all renovation projects have been suspended for the remainder of the fiscal year (August, 2018). The purpose of this pause is to keep the parish on budget and to draw up a long-term plan for facility repairs and improvements.

Over the last year, the Bishop has received letters from parishioners on a variety of topics. The letters indicate that there is concern, confusion, and even division in the parish. I would like to reassure each of you that the Diocese of Rockville Centre is working diligently with Fr. Charles, Diocesan Parish Services, and the Finance Council in managing parish finances and supporting the Parish in the work of its sacred mission. I would also like to acknowledge that Fr. Charles’s tenure as Pastor has seen increased participation by parishioners in a variety of spiritual programs as well as repairs and improvements to parish facilities.

St. Joseph’s is a beautiful church in the heart of a vibrant Village. The size of its “plant” gives evidence of the important role that this parish has played in the life of the Babylon community. While this last year has been difficult, I respectfully ask that we look for the grace to be found even in conflict. There are real challenges ahead if the parish is to remain a central part of future generations. There is need for honest assessment and creative planning and we will need all parishioners for that task.

God bless you and the Parish of St. Joseph in the New Year.

Yours in Christ,

Episcopal Vicar
Central Vicariate
631-423-0483 x114
centralvicariate@drvc.org
The Sacraments of Life

Newly Baptized
Mia Grace Garcia & Travaris DeMarco
Robert Jones

Preparing for Marriage
Banns Posted

First Time ~
No Bans

Second Time ~
No Bans

Third Time ~
No Bans

For Our Sick
Please remember in your prayers the sick of our Parish: Robert Dobbins, Robert Semeraro, Marie Azicri, Monica Restrepo, Kristy Minningel, Thomas Cox, Joan Thorman, Marilyn Ann O'Hara, Isabel Sampson, Ignacio Guzman, Frank McCluskey, Sean Regan, Anne Aguis, Kathleen M. Elsner, Mary Jane Simmons, Evelyn Scalise, Mary Blasko, Charles Chertiza, Marcella Dwyer, Jenien Horner, Joy Lichten, Sandy Cardona, Norman Gomez, Brandon Davey, Raymond Meigel, 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.

For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members Francis J. Moore, Gaile B. McLaughlin, Vincent C. Puccia, Angela M. Colantrello & Susan Barcone.

REFLECTION FOR TODAY
The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?

Mass Schedule & Readings For The Coming Week:

At this Mass, we remember:

Monday, January 8
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9b-10; Mk 1:7-11
7:45 Marianne Barbieri
9:00 Madeline Pritchard

Tuesday, January 9
1 Sm 1:9-20; (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8; Mk 1:21-28
7:45 Maria Diorio
9:00 Anthony Fuina

Wednesday, January 10
1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2-5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
7:45 For the Intentions of Our Lady
9:00 Mary Grover
Charles Giudice

Thursday, January 11
1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 25-26; Mk 1:40-45
7:45 Marianne Barbieri
9:00 Mary A. Capuano

Friday, January 12
1 Sm 5:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
7:45 Marcial Chiong
9:00 Joseph Gorman

Saturday, January 13
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
9:00 Bob Fager

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 Robert Napoli Fr. Charles
Gaile McLaughlin
Anna Cichocki

Sunday, January 14—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42
7:00 Intentions of Ann & Wilfrid Furlong Fr. Francis
8:45 Daniel “Danny” F. Mulvey Fr. Ethel
9:30 Barbara Ann Schiatta Fr. Francis
10:15 Patricia Scott Fr. Ethel
12:00 People of St. Joseph’s Fr. Francis
5:00 Jean Erickson Fr. Richard
The Epiphany of the Lord

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

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

12/31/2017
Actual Collection $20,998.00
Budgeted Collection $23,350.00 ($2,352.00)

God Bless You!

Liturgies

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
PVT Danny Bornschein
Sgt Edwin Zambrano
PFC Dominick Pititto
Capt. Stephen Scuder
SPC Mark Ospina
LT Joseph A. Vardveldt, III
2LT Anthony C. DiBiasi
PVT Alexandra Diaz
2LT Mark Barbera

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

Lazarus Ministry

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 Baptistery 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.
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 4:00pm ❖ Sun. 9:30am -1:30pm

Cemetery Office
(631)669-0068 Ext. 107
Monday to Thursday 9:00am to 12:30pm
Please call in advance for an appt. during these hours.

Faith Formation Office
(631)587-4717
Mon. to Fri. 9:00am to 4:00pm

Hispanic Office
(631)669-0068 x131
Friday 7:00 to 9:00pm

Outreach Office
(631)669-4544
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
9:30am to 1:30pm
Other times by appt. (631-669-4544)

Food Pantry
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
9:30am to 1:30pm
Other times by appt. (631-669-0068 x 128)

Thrift Shop
(631)669-5574
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
10:00am to 3:00pm

Nursery School - (631)661-4559
Youth Ministry - (631)669-0068 x 108
Parish Office Fax - (631)669-9175
WebSite: www.stjosephsbabylon.org

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

Parish Office News

In Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day,
Monday, January 15, 2018,
the Parish Office will be closed.
The Parish Office will re-open on Tuesday,
January 16, 2018 at 9:30 AM.

New Saturday Office Hours

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

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

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
“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

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

2017 MERCY INN BENEFIT CONCERT

To date, the 12/10/17 concert has generated $11,000 donated by concert attendees, performers, parishioners and many others from across the Island. The concert had standing room only and has free admission!

If you missed the Choir Christmas Concert, but still want to donate you still can! Donations are accepted all year and are greatly appreciated. The Mercy INN Soup Kitchen serves nutritious meals in a dignified setting to those who are truly hungry in our local area. It's easy - You can make your check out to The Mercy INN and mail it or drop it off at the Parish Center at 39 N. Carll Avenue, Babylon 11702, Attention: Dr. Marie Drohan.

Thank you to Dr. Marie Drohan, the Sophisticated Strings, soloists, trumpeters and our very own St. Joseph's Choir for such a rich and elegant evening of music benefitting The Mercy INN Soup Kitchen! Save the date for the 2018 concert: December 9th at 7 PM. Many thanks to all who made this possible.

WINTER DOLDRUMS???SING! SING! SING

St. Joseph’s 10:15 Choir is sponsoring an OPEN HOUSE on Thursday January 25th at 7 PM in room 254 of the Parish Center. There will be a short rehearsal followed by refreshments and camaraderie.

If you are age fourteen or older and can easily carry a tune you are invited to be part of the renowned St. Joseph's Choir. Male voices are particularly needed at this time however, all voices are invited! They are currently preparing for the glorious music of the highest Holy Days of the liturgical year and the winter is a wonderful time to join them!

The choir has the privilege of enhancing the sung worship each Sunday at the 10:15 mass, Holy Week, First Eucharist celebrations, Confirmation, Christmas Eve, and perform a renowned yearly December Benefit Concert for the benefit of the Mercy INN Soup Kitchen. (2017 concert generated donations of $11,000)

You may call Dr. Drohan at 631-539-0957 or send an e-mail to musicdirector@stjosephsbabylon.org. You may also see her after the 10:15 Sunday Mass or attend the next rehearsal on Thursday January 11th in room 254 of the Parish Center. You are promised a most enjoyable evening!
**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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**Telecare Telethon Time!**

The Telecare Telethon is the weekend of Saturday, January 13th from 2PM -10PM and Sunday, January 14th from 12PM to 10PM. Please tune in on Cablevision channel 29/137, Time Warner Channel 471 or Verizon FiOS channel 296 to support our Diocesan Television Station. It will be 18 hours filled with many guest “stars” including many of the clergy, religious and dedicated lay people of our Diocese. Additionally, visits from some celebrity chefs, musical groups and New York sports teams will help fuel the enjoyment. Join Msgr. Jim Vlaun for the 25th annual Telecare Telethon and consider making a donation by phone or a secure donation over the internet at www.TelecareTV.org.

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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 ASAP

{$100 for Orchestra seats & $90 for Balcony seats}

Call Lorraine DeCanditis for more information

(631)-553-0160

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**Employment Opportunity**

**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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**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 DeCanditis for more information at 631-553-0160
Do Not Judge Too Harshly

Author unknown

Pray don’t find fault with the man who limps
   Or stumbles along the road
Unless you have worn the shoes that hurt
   Or struggled beneath the load
There may be tacks in his shoes that hurt,
   Though hidden away from view
Or the burden he bears, placed on your back,
   Might cause you to stumble, too.

Don’t sneer at the man who’s down today
   Unless you have felt the blow
That caused his fall, or felt the same
   That only the fallen know.
You may be strong, but still the blows
   That were his, if dealt to you
In the self same way at the self same time,
   Might cause you to stagger, too.

Don’t be too harsh with the man who sins
   Or pelt him with words or stones,
Unless you are sure, yea, doubly sure,
   That you have no sins of your own.
For you know perhaps, if the tempters voice
   Should whisper as soft to you
As it did to him when he went astray,
   ‘Twould cause you to falter, too.
Reflections

STARTING OFF ON A POSITIVE FOOT

By now some of us have given up on the New Year’s resolutions we thought we would finally be able to keep. Were we to know what makes one person able to be persistent while another is not, we could market such information and probably make a fortune. As suggested often, finding someone who has been able to be determined in a particular approach to a problem might be just what we need to keep us focused. This is only the starting point, however; we need to keep our God in the process by imploring His help along the way as well.

That is what Kevin did.

Five years ago, Kevin was told he had 90 days to live. Completely by chance (we know this is not true), he saw a show on TV which prompted him to visit his doctor. It was determined Kevin had pancreatic cancer and was given a 4% survival rate. Fortunately he immediately had the Whipple procedure, and his chances increased five-fold…to 20%. Not wanting to burden friends with his sad news, he decided to keep things to himself. A friend suggested he should change his stance: “Don’t let people tell your widow how important you were to them, let them tell you instead,” he was told. So Kevin let the word go out. Within days the Gates of Heaven were stormed. Kevin made it past 90 days, but he still had work to do. He followed doctors’ orders, and his friends kept praying. The longer Kevin lasted, the more people prayed.

Kevin just celebrated his sixth Christmas since his original diagnosis. His doctors call him “Mr. 1 ½ %” because that is the percentage of people with pancreatic cancer who survive five years. The doctors are keeping an eye on his genes to see how they fought off this lethal killer. If there is some super gene that was developed in Kevin’s body, he knows where it came from. “I am really humbled by all the prayers for me. The doctors can’t explain it, but I can. God listened to all those prayers and knew there was more that I can do on earth. And this is what I intend to do,” he said happily.

I am starting 2018 off with a positive story, one which can inspire us to both rely on others and to place our trust in God. Maybe those are two resolutions we should try to keep in 2018.

PRAYER

Loving Father, as we begin a new year, let us first thank You for always being there for us. Sometimes we are not able to see You amid the emotional debris in our lives, so we need to remember that You never abandon us. Give us the Grace we need to realize Your constant presence, so we can better face the challenges that come our way. Help us to recognize those around us whom You have placed in our lives to help us on our road to salvation. And thank you for stories like Kevin’s that show us the power of prayer. This we ask in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.


cBaron Maher

Stewardship...

Stewardship Sound Byte

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who develop their talents and use them to care for the poor, console the sorrowful and teach the young.
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 1st. The last day of the study / retreat is Tuesday, May 1st, which will be the Mass and Consecration to Our Lady in the Hall. May 1st 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 27th 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.
Dear St. Joseph Parishioners:

As another year culminates, one more mission has been accomplished: having been able to bless about 150 families and 200 children for this Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons.

Thank you St. Joseph’s because without the help of each and every one of you this would not have been possible. Together with the teachings of Jesus Christ we have been able to be the instrument of relief for the various difficult situations our brothers and sister are going through.

The most sincere gratitude to each of our volunteers: Thrift Shop, Outreach, and St. Vincent de Paul. Thanks for all your passion, love and dedication for hours and hours of hard work.

“In the poor and outcast we see Christ’s face by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ” Pope Francis

“May God bless you and fill each of your homes with Health, Peace and Prosperity in this New Year 2018.”

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

The St. Vincent de Paul Society joyfully begins another year of hearing the “cries of the poor.” We will be busy in this cold weather, assisting our homeless neighbors with warm clothing and food.
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. Come and visit one of our meeting and mingle with our members and learn how we work in UNITY and CHARITY to help others less fortunate.

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

GOLDEN AGE CLUB

The GOLDEN AGE club meets every Wednesday 12:30 PM - 2PM in the O'Connell Room, St. Joseph’s Babylon. Senior are invited to play cards or bingo and enjoy desserts and friendship with us.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED!

Sponsored by the CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS of the AMERICAS Court Bishop Mc Donnell # 1403

Members of the JCDA enjoyed a pajama-themed Christmas party on December 5 and assembled gifts for a needy member of our parish as part of our annual "12 Days of Christmas" project.

Thanks to all who donated used cell phones this weekend. The phones will be put to good use by residents currently living in shelters.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 16 in the O’Connell Room. All girls ages 10 and older are invited to join us. Doors open for refreshments at 7:00, meeting begins at 7:30. For more information, please contact Laura Marquez at 516-356-3399.

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

In order to alleviate some of the recent parking congestion issues that frequently occur during weekdays in and around the Church parking lot, please note the following adjustments and changes being made:

♦ The majority of staff will now be parking in a designated area adjacent to Msgr. Nolan Hall on the southern end of the lot in order to free up spaces for parishioners and visitors.
♦ St. Joseph’s Nursery School has opened a second entry point for parents and caregivers to drop off and pick up their children in order to minimize the parking lines along N. Carll Avenue
♦ Babylon High School staff will no longer be parking in the area behind the rectory garage and will park in the school lot on N. Carll Avenue, located directly across from the Church
♦ Monitoring of the parish parking lot will take place during early morning and peak hours to prevent trespassers and unauthorized vehicles from using the lot. Babylon Village code enforcement will assist in ticketing cars, if necessary.

Please also note that we have also been assured by the Babylon Jr-Sr High School that, although the school parking lot on N. Carll Avenue will remain closed to all but school personnel and students on weekdays, this lot will **remain open for use by St. Joseph parishioners and visitors to our Parish for weekend Masses.**

We are grateful to Mr. Al Cirone, Principal, and the Babylon Jr-Sr High School administrative staff for their generosity in accommodating our parishioners as they come to worship.
Faith Formation

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

The Faith Formation Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-4pm. If you come between the hours of 9am – 9:30am, you will need to call the office to enter the building: 631-587-4717.

Level 2 students are expected to attend Mass this weekend for a special blessing. We are asking the families to bring donations for the Outreach Center. At this time they are most in need of the following items: apple juice, coffee, cereal, mayonnaise, jelly, ketchup, mustard, pasta, sauce, paper towels, toilet paper, large toothpaste, shampoo and body wash. Gift cards from the supermarket are always appreciated. Thank you for any donations you are able to give.

The Faith Formation Office will be closed on Monday, January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King Day. There will be no faith formation classes on that day.

Level 7 Confirmation essays “Why Someone My Age Would Want to Follow Jesus” are due at any Mass the weekend of January 20-21

My Good Deed for the week was: Justin and Isabella helped their mom when she was sick, Frances and Jerry helped decorate for Christmas, Ronan and Shannon donated toys for Toys 4 Tots, Michael helped his brother with his homework, Jayden helped his friend up when he fell down, Jack studied hard and got great grades in school, TJ and Skylar donated gifts for the needy, Matteo and Lauren made donations to the food pantry, Bretton did every good deed on his Advent calendar, Katie and Mollie said thank you to some Veteran’s and Kariella and Samantha donated toys for sick children in the hospital.

St. Joseph’s Nursery School

Learning & Growing Together

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: http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/abstinence-and-chastity/

**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.clsli.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

"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

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**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

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**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.
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.
La Paz empieza con Nosotros

ORACION DE AÑO NUEVO
Dios misericordioso en el amanecer de este nuevo año damos vuelta a una página nueva y descubre nuevas posibilidades por amor y esperanza
Danos coraje para descartar viejos hábitos y para tomar una mejor, forma de vida más pura.
Úsanos para escribir una nueva palabra en el tiempo, un mensaje de buenas noticias para todos los que conocemos,
Amen

Intercesiones por la Vida
Por todos los que habitan en la oscuridad de la muerte: para que el Espíritu Santo ilumine sus corazones con la luz de la verdad,
Roguemos al Señor,
Señor, escucha nuestra oración

La Epifanía del Señor - Ciclo B

REFLEXION
Los tres Reyes que vinieron de Oriente para rendir homenaje al niño Jesús le trajeron ricos regalos de oro, incienso y mirra como parte de su adoración. ¿Qué regalos he traído a esta celebración para ofrecérselos al Salvador recién nacido?

Estamos agradecidos esta semana por todos los delegados de nuestra parroquia que desarrollan sus talentos; los utilizan para cuidar a los pobres, consolar a los afligidos y enseñar a los jóvenes.

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.


CATEQUESES 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. Para mas información contáctese con el Vocal de Piedad Felipe Rodas o Sub-vocal Geremías Herrera @ gherreras29@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 @ 7:15 p.m. Para mas 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.

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 ACOLITOS: Contáctese con Claudia Rodas. Los niños deben haber recibido la Primera Comunión.

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

Las Horas de Oficina del Ministerio Hispano son:
Viernes 7:00PM—9:00PM
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PRE-VENTA DÍA DEL EVENTO

*CUPO LIMITADO

Henry Sandí
516-413-5269
INFO / TICKETS

Parroquia
516-489-3675
El próximo Cursillo de Cristiandad para caballeros del 22 al 25 de febrero de 2018

Para más información contáctese con el Vocal de Piedad Felipe Rodas después de la misa de las 11:30am.

Ministerio Hispano de Jóvenes Adultos:

ESCUELA DE LIDERAZGO CATÓLICO PARA JÓVENES ADULTOS HISPANOS:

2017 - 2018

INAUGURACIÓN Y COMIENZO DE CLASES:

Domingo 28 de enero en N.S. de Loreto con la Misa de 9:00 am

Para información llamar a:
David Santos: (516) 384-1406,
Marta Hernández: (516) 765-1210,
Jorge Oliva: (516) 643-1035,
Eva Larrea: (631) 784-5825

Horario para la Catequesis en Español
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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.

FECHAS DE LOS EVENTOS

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

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.