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 Eucharist

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

Weekday Mass Schedule
Mon. to Fri. - 7:45am, 9:00am Church
Saturday - 9:00am Church

We Celebrate the Sacraments

Baptism
Parents are requested to call the Parish Office at least two months before child’s birth to make arrangements. New Parents’ Instruction Class will be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 7:30pm to 8:30pm in Room 257. Baptism is celebrated every Sunday of the month at 1:45pm.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Anyone who wishes to join the Catholic Church should call the Parish Office.

Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturday 4:00 to 4:45pm in the Church or call the Parish Office for an appointment.

Matrimony
Couples are requested to call at least six months before the wedding for an appointment with a Priest or Deacon to set the date and make arrangements. No arrangements can be made by phone.

Anointing of the Sick
Fourth Saturday of the month at the 9:00am Mass or call the Parish Office.

Welcome to all New Parishioners. We invite you to register at the Parish Office.
A Letter from Msgr. Richard Henning, our Episcopal Vicar

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
A Letter from the Finance Council

The last fiscal year was a difficult one for St. Joseph’s Parish as a significant amount of money was spent on deferred maintenance and improvements to aging buildings. This undertaking resulted in St. Joseph’s incurring a loss of $576,634 in the year ended August 31, 2017. These levels of expenses are not sustainable. (For those who missed the earlier distribution a detailed financial statement is enclosed together with explanations).

Through a combination of expense reductions by Father Mangano, increased capital and fiscal planning, and the support of the Finance Committee and the Parish Services Department of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, we can report that expenses for the first quarter of the current fiscal year are right on budget. Unfortunately, we cannot say the same for our revenues. As you may have noted in the Weekly Bulletin, our Sunday and Holy Day collections have been down at an alarmingly consistent basis. We estimate this could lead to a $150,000 shortfall by the end of the fiscal year.

It has been noted that as a form of protest against the level of previous spending and other objections, some parishioners have chosen to redirect their weekly contributions to ministries not under the control of St. Joseph’s Parish, rather than contribute to the general needs of the Parish. This protest has been noted by the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Bishop John Barres has appointed Rev. Msgr. Richard Henning, the Episcopal Vicar of the Diocese, to bring additional oversight to the Parish and work with Fr. Mangano on addressing the concerns of these parishioners. We recently had the opportunity to meet with Monsignor Henning to discuss some of these concerns. The issues are complex and the discussion will continue.

In the meantime, we ask for your prayers and help. If you are a parishioner who has redirected your giving, we ask you to sincerely consider renewing your commitment of donating directly to the Church of St. Joseph in the Sunday collection. We have a large parish with facilities that need constant maintenance and in order for it to continue to serve the community for generations to come we need the support of all parishioners.

Thank you and God Bless,

Finance Council

William Burke, Chairman
Richard Conti
Dominick Giusto
Broughan Gorey
Kathleen Hoffman, Parish Trustee
Stephen Markham
## Financial Report

**St. Joseph R.C. Church - Babylon**  
**12-Month Operating Results**  
for the Fiscal Years Ended August 31, 2017 and 2016

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<td><strong>(576,634)</strong></td>
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### Commentary

1. Contributing to this decrease in collections -- in fiscal year 2016/2017 Christmas was on a Sunday. Thus we had one less weekend collection versus the prior year.
2. This includes net proceeds from all parish fundraising events, and our Catholic Ministries Appeal Rebate.
3. Reports revenue and expense from all parish programs -- Nursery School, Religious Education, Outreach, CYO, Adult Education, etc.
4. Auxiliary revenue includes fees for weddings, funerals, baptisms, unrestricted donations, candle contributions.
5. The increase in salaries/benefits includes severance packages extended to terminated full-time household employees. It was more cost-efficient to fill these positions with part-time employees. Further, the 2016/2017 fiscal year includes an extra pay period. Also reflected are increases in benefits costs for pension/medical benefits. To help mitigate these costs going forward, the parish is shifting to PT (non-benefit eligible) employees whenever possible. Additional maintenance staff was added, and will be used to help defray the cost of independent contractor maintenance services.
Commentary (continued)

(6) School subsidy is funds paid to the Diocese to support Catholic Schools throughout the Diocese.

(7) Office expense includes copier equipment, postage, small furnishings, professional fees, etc. The unfavorable variance from last year includes one-time purchases for furnishings, desks, office safe, etc.

(8) Diocesan Assessment is support of the services provided by the Diocese, which in turn provides services to the parishes.

(9) Auxiliary expense includes liturgical costs, missalettes, candles, and choir expenses (organ repairs, music licensing, etc.). The 2016/2017 expenditures include various upgrades of liturgical-related items to better enhance the liturgy.

(10) Buildings, maintenance, utilities include the insurance costs, as well as ordinary maintenance and supplies, and gas/electric. Many much-needed repairs were addressed in 2016/2017 such as kneeler repairs. Additionally a change in contracted maintenance provider in the latter part of 2015/2016 brought a higher level of cleaning services (at a higher cost). In the new year, the parish is reducing the contracted maintenance costs by relying more heavily on our own maintenance employees. The contracted service company will continue to provide service for the Nursery School.

(11) Extraordinary expenditures -- the parish was faced with some material capital needs that were addressed in the 2016/2017 year. Included in the $410K of capital expenditures are:

- Painting of school, convent, and rectory exterior doors, railings, church interior trim and doorways, sacristy, counting room, select offices, and rectory
- Bathroom renovations and kitchen refrigeration upgrades for the rectory
- Furniture refinishing and upgrades
- Carpeting & flooring -- back vestibule of church, sacristy, select offices in the parish center, rectory
- Liturgical expenses that exceeded $2.5K -- marble refinishing of baptismal font, ciborium, refinishing candle sticks, new altar candles, etc.
- Parking lot sealing and curb work, concrete steps, walkway, and rectory handicap ramp
- Fencing/railings for handicapped ramps, church and rectory perimeter
- Parking lot lighting, electrical, and plumbing repairs and upgrades
- Computer and wireless upgrades
- New Outreach sign

Summary: Thanks to a one-time substantial gift received in 2008 from a generous parishioner, Helen Dodd, the parish had the reserves to address many of the deferred maintenance and improvements made to the parish facilities. Going forward we cannot continue to sustain this level of expenditures with our current level of income. Now that the majority of the work has been addressed, expense reductions are being implemented, which should result in a breakeven operating budget for 2018. Naturally, unforeseen disasters could always impact this. A review of our finances over a six-year period has shown that the parish reported operating deficits in all but one year -- and that one year was just breakeven. During this period collections have remained constant in the $1.3 million range. Our facilities are aging and recurring infrastructure costs (insurance, plant, utilities, etc.) will continue to rise. It will be difficult to cover these costs without additional revenues. We encourage everyone to review their weekly giving and determine if you can meet a small increase in giving. With your continued support we will be able to meet the needs of the parish -- so we will be here for generations to come -- serving the Lord with gladness.
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Monday, February 12th from 7:00pm – 9:00pm we will have a life size replica of the Shroud of Turin in the Church. Don Nohs will be returning to St. Joseph’s to do his beautiful presentation on the shroud. I pray you will be able to join us because it is a very moving presentation. A free will offering will be taken.

I will be doing a healing Mass here at St. Joseph’s on Friday, February 23rd in the church. The Rosary will begin at 7pm and the Mass will begin at 7:30pm. All are welcome.

Our Spring Bible Study begins on Tuesday, March 13th. 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 Jesus through Our Lady in Msgr. Nolan 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 workbooks and materials.

Recently our Holy Father, Pope Francis, gave a homily that is worth quoting. I think it is something we can all relate to:

"You can have flaws, be anxious, and ever angry, but do not forget that your life is the greatest enterprise in the world. Only you can stop it from going bust. Many appreciate you, admire you and love you. Remember that to be happy is not to have a sky without a storm, a road without accidents, work without fatigue, relationships without disappointments. To be happy is to find strength in forgiveness, hope in battles, security in the stage of fear, love in discord. It is not only to enjoy the smile, but also to reflect on the sadness. It is not only to celebrate the successes, but to learn lessons from the failures. It is not only to feel happy with the applause, but to be happy in anonymity. Being happy is not a fatality of destiny, but an achievement for those who can travel within themselves. To be happy is to stop feeling like a victim and become your destiny's author. It is to cross deserts, yet to be able to find an oasis in the depths of our soul. It is to thank God for every morning, for the miracle of life. Being happy is not being afraid of your own feelings. It's to be able to talk about you. It is having the courage to hear a "no". It is confidence in the face of criticism, even when unjustified. It is to kiss your children, pamper your parents, to live poetic moments with friends, even when they hurt us.

To be happy is to let live the creature that lives in each of us, free, joyful and simple. It is to have maturity to be able to say: "I made mistakes". It is to have the courage to say "I am sorry". It is to have the sensitivity to say, "I need you". It is to have the ability to say "I love you". May your life become a garden of opportunities for happiness. That in spring may it be a lover of joy. In winter a lover of wisdom. And when you make a mistake, start all over again. For only then will you be in love with life. You will find that to be happy is not to have a perfect life. But use the tears to irrigate tolerance. Use your losses to train patience. Use your mistakes to sculptor serenity. Use pain to plaster pleasure. Use obstacles to open windows of intelligence. Never give up. Never give up on people who love you. Never give up on happiness, for life is an incredible show."

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
Sunday, January 21, 2018

Mass Schedule & Readings For The Coming Week:

At this Mass, we remember:

Monday, January 22
2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30
7:45  Al Panebianco
9:00  George Sica

Tuesday, January 23
2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35
7:45  Jason Rotzman
9:00  Richard Panker

Wednesday, January 24
2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20
7:45  For the Intentions of Our Lady
9:00  People of St. Joseph’s

Thursday, January 25
Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1-2; Mk 16:15-18
7:45  People of St. Joseph’s
9:00  Alfred Oppedisano

Friday, January 26
2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:26-34
7:45  Andrew Jordan
9:00  Anne O’Callahan

Saturday, January 27
2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
9:00  Jerry Esposito

Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)
4:00  Confessions Today  Fr. Francis
5:00  Ciro T. DeRosa  Fr. Ethel
For the Intentions of Philomena McDonald

Sunday, January 28—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28
7:00  People of St. Joseph’s  Fr. Richard
8:45  Barbara Manukian  Fr. Richard
9:30  Jean Marie Erickson  Fr. Ethel
10:15  George Albanese  Fr. Francis
12:00  Richard J. Panker  Fr. Francis
5:00  Mary Corley  Fr. Joe

REFLECTION FOR TODAY
There is a certain urgency in today’s Gospel as Jesus calls His first disciples Andrew and Simon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus immediately, unhesitatingly abandoning father and fellow workers, nets and boat. To what is Jesus calling me - at this moment, in these circumstances? What will I need to abandon in order to follow Him?

Newly Baptized
Bianca Annett, Grace Ferraro, John Francis Farrelly III, Fiona Jean Gelish, Eamon Francis Hillmann, Makenna Mae Ross & Adriana Presley Sandoval

Preparing for Marriage
Banns Posted
First Time ~
No Banns
Second Time ~
No Banns
Third Time ~
No Banns

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

For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members Helen Schick, Dorothy J. Odierna & Deborah Gail Fusco-Gerek.

This Sunday, January 21st is Hospitality Sunday, please join us for Hospitality after the 8:45am Mass through to the 12:00pm Mass in the Hospitality Center.
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

We Welcome. We Worship. We Witness.

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**Sacrificial Giving**

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

1/14/2018

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_God Bless You!_

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**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.

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

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**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 Colantrpo
- 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 Bornshein
- Sgt. Edwin Zambrano
- PFC Dominick Pititto
- Capt. Stephen Scuderi
- SPC Mark Osipina
- LT Joseph A. Vandervelde, III
- 2LT Anthony C. DiBiasi
- PV2 Alexandra Diaz
- 2LT Mark Barbera

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

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**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

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**January 27**

Our third meeting for the 2017-2018 season will be Saturday, January 27, 2018, after the 9 am Mass. We will gather in O’Connell Room.

Whether you serve at weekday Masses, Funeral Masses, Sunday Masses or visit the Nursing Homes and Homebound, all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are urged to attend. Sign Up Sheets for Ash Wednesday, February 14 will be available.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

_Thank you!_
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(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
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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
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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

We invite you to join us in a study of God’s creation of the world, the beginning of human activity, and the start of God’s redemptive covenant with mankind.
We will explore stories of universal human sinfulness leading to a divine plan of redemption initiated in the call of Abraham and Sarah.
Through the accounts of ancient Israel’s patriarchs and matriarchs, Genesis lays the foundation for the epic story of the Exodus.
10 Sessions
Thursdays, 3/1/18 – 5/24/18
(No sessions on 3/8, 3/29, 5/3)
7:30 – 9:00 PM
O’Connell Room
$20/person for Study Materials
Please register by 2/10/18 so materials can be ordered for you.
Contact Joann Bello at 631-671-5038 or joannbello@optonline.net
Brought to you by the Adult Enrichment Ministry

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

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

We invite you to join us in a study of God’s creation of the world, the beginning of human activity, and the start of God’s redemptive covenant with mankind.
We will explore stories of universal human sinfulness leading to a divine plan of redemption initiated in the call of Abraham and Sarah.
Through the accounts of ancient Israel’s patriarchs and matriarchs, Genesis lays the foundation for the epic story of the Exodus.
10 Sessions
Thursdays, 3/1/18 – 5/24/18
(No sessions on 3/8, 3/29, 5/3)
7:30 – 9:00 PM
O’Connell Room
$20/person for Study Materials
Please register by 2/10/18 so materials can be ordered for you.
Contact Joann Bello at 631-671-5038 or joannbello@optonline.net
Brought to you by the Adult Enrichment Ministry

HOTLINE NUMBERS
Crisis Pregnancy Center (631) 243-2373
Post-Abortion Counseling 1-888-456 HOPE
(Project Rachel)
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
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Spiritual Adoption

"I had a dream!"

It has been FOUR MONTHS since the conception of your “spiritually adopted” baby. The baby’s brain has begun maturing - a process that will continue until he/she is about 14 years old. Its eyelids are now sealed shut and will re-open at 7 months. His/her taste buds are now working. Nutrients consumed by his/her mother are passed on to the baby within an hour or two. Three hundred quarts of fluid a day are sent to the baby via the umbilical cord. Fine hair begins to grow on head, eyebrows and eyelashes. Facial expressions similar to the baby’s parents can be seen at this time. This month REMs (rapid eye movements) have been recorded - a sign of dreaming. This child is beginning to manifest a distinct individuality in appearance and behavior.

There have been many interesting stories on how this Spiritual Adoption Prayer Program has influenced the prayer lives of our parishioners. For example, some include their daily prayer at dinner time when their family is gathered at the kitchen table. Others keep the prayer in their wallet and recite it during their daily train commute to Manhattan; others recite it during their evening walk. Some parishioners have taped the prayer to medicine chests, vanity mirrors, car dashboards or television remote controls - all in an effort to remember to keep the babies in the daily prayers.

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

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

Presents: The Shroud of Turin

Monday, February 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

We are pleased to announce the privilege of having Donald Nohs, an expert and leading authority on the Shroud of Turin, present “Discovering Jesus in His Holy Shroud,” on Monday, February 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

Donald is the Director General of the Confraternity of the Passion International and President of the Holy Face of Jesus, and has been studying the shroud for more than 50 years.

His presentation will focus on the shroud in the Gospels. It will examine liturgical connections and how it leads to the Eucharist. He will also share his intimate knowledge of the Passion of Jesus and answer thought-provoking questions such as: Is this the Burial Cloth of Jesus? What is the Holy Sudarium? and more. Donald will bring life-size authentic replicas of the shroud that present it in both positive and negative images.

Presenter

Donald Nohs

Prepare yourself to encounter the Risen Christ by physically touching or kissing the physical Face of Christ.
Spring Bible Study / Retreat

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.


**Music Ministry Open House**

*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!

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**Life Ministry**

**Chastity:** "Chastity is a moral virtue. It is also a gift from God, a grace, a fruit of spiritual effort. The Holy Spirit enables one whom the waters of Baptism has regenerated to imitate the purity of Christ." (Catechism of the Catholic Church)


**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](http://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/rend](http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?m=1105232878197&ca=64f6c559-3042-4e6e-9b40-f56ec88140fc)

**TAKING 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 TAKING ACTION [http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?m=1105232878197&ca=64f6c559-3042-4e6e-9b40-f56ec88140fc](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](mailto:Lumina@postabortionhelp.org) or [www.sistersoflife.org](http://www.sistersoflife.org)

**Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for Men:** Contact: Lumina 877-586-4621 or [Lumina@postabortionhelp.org](mailto:Lumina@postabortionhelp.org)

**“To Live Each Day with Dignity”** view a powerful 3.29 min. video of Luke’s Story: [Every Suicide is Tragic](http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/assisted-suicide/to-live-each-day/index.cfm)

**Going to Battle Against Assisted Suicide- Help stop Assisted Suicide** [http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/2016/caring-for-liked-ones-at-lifes-end.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/2016/caring-for-loved-ones-at-lifes-end.cfm)

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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
To My Nurses

Author Unknown

What do you see, nurse, what do you see?
Maybe you are thinking when you look at me:
A crabby old woman, not very wise,
Uncertain of habit with faraway eyes,
Who dribbles her food and makes no reply
When you say in a loud voice,
“I do wish you’d try”?
Who seems not to notice the things that you do
And forever is losing a stocking or shoes,
Who resisting or not, lets you do as you will
With bathing and feeding, the long day to fill.
Is that what you’re thinking, is that what you see?
Then open your eyes, nurse. You’re not looking at me.
I’ll tell you who I am as I sit here so still.
As I move at your bidding, eat at your will,
I’m a small child of ten with father and mother,
Brothers and sisters who love one another;
A young girl of sixteen with wings on her feet,
Dreaming that soon a love she’ll meet;
A bride at twenty, my heart gives a leap,
Remembering the vows that I promised to keep;
At twenty-five now I have young of my own
Who need me to build a secure, happy home.
A woman of thirty, my young now grow fast,
Bound together with ties that should last.
At forty, my young sons have grown up and gone,
But my man’s beside me to see I don’t mourn.
At fifty once more babies play round my knee—
Again we know children, my loved one and me.
Dark days are upon me, my husband is dead.
I look to the future, I shudder with dread.
For my young are all rearing young of their own,
And I think of the years and the love that I’ve known.
I’m an old woman now and nature is cruel.
It is her jest to make old age look like a fool.
The body crumbles, grace and vigor depart.
There is a stone where I once had a heart.
But inside this old carcass a young girl still dwells,
And now again my bittered heart swells.
I remember the joys, I remember the pain
And I’m loving and living life over again.
I think of the years, all too few, gone too fast,
And accept the stark fact that nothing can last.
So open your eyes, nurse, open and see
Not a crabby old woman,
Look closer—see me!

Deacon John
FLIGHTS OF FANCY

All seemed to be going along the way it should. The weather was relatively fine, the departure announcements indicated the plane was still on time, and I had my phone, my small carry-on, and my boarding pass. I was all set. Ten minutes before we were to board, it started. First was the posting the flight was delayed an hour. Five minutes later, it was pushed back by two hours. That was when it all began.

Fortunately as a retiree, such changes in my schedule have little or no effect on what I do. If I am late, I am simply late. Such was apparently not the case for the over 180 other passengers on the flight as tempers quickly began to get out of control. I understand, not being in whatever situations as those most vociferous travelers, it was easy for me to remain calm, but I had great problems understanding what the poor person at the departure station could do about the delayed flight. Screaming, and some were actually screaming, at the person made me wonder if the screamer thought the object of their frustration could somehow find a plane, navigate it to the gate, and then don a pilot’s cap so the plane could take off immediately. I chose for what would turn out to be the next six hours (the flight was eventually cancelled and rescheduled for the next day), to watch how various individuals treated their sudden fate. Many were quite agitated, less were calm, and fewer were actually accepting. In the end, however, Everyone eventually would get to where they were intending to go.

This travel scenario made me think of our journey in life and what our ultimate destination will be. Clearly there will be many times in our lives when things will not go our way; the key is how do we face these situations? With a curse? With a smile? With a prayer? What should help us most is the knowledge God is with us always…especially in the low points in our lives when we fail to think He is even there at all.

After the chaos at the airport, each passenger got a free meal, a free overnight hotel stay, and a travel voucher for future flights. Perhaps not enough to calm everyone down, but there were some who thought the delay might have been worth it after all.

PRAYER

Generous and Loving Father, we thank You for your eternal love for each of us. Your Son reminded us following the way He set out for each of us might not always be easy; that there would be times when we would be challenged to stay the course. Give us the Grace we need to always remember You are always with us and whatever challenge comes our way, You have given us the tools we need to get through it with flying colors. This we ask in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Stewardship...
WINTER DOLDRUMS? . . . . . . .

JOIN THE MUSIC MINISTRY

We are fortunate to have several music ensembles at our parish that enhance the weekly worship. No matter what your age or ability or instrument, there is a place for you! Directors phone numbers are below. You may also consult the parish website for more information: stjosephsbabylon.org.

Angels and Saints (grades 2-12)
Rehearsal: 8:45 AM. (prior to Mass in the Hall)
Ensemble Season: Mid September to mid June
Director: Ann Marie Pillsworth, 631-277-0523
All are welcome to join us weekly at the 9:30 am Family Mass. No vocal auditions are necessary.
Student wind and string instrumentalists are also welcome!

Contemporary Music Ensemble (minimum age: 18)
Mass: Sunday 12:00 PM in the Church.
Rehearsal: Wednesdays 7 - 9 (in the Church)
Ensemble Season: All year
Director: Stephen Martino Email: stuff323@aol.com
Our members are committed to meet weekly for practice as we prepare new arrangements and add to our repertoire.

Folk Group (all ages)
Mass: Saturday 5:00 PM in the Church.
Rehearsal: 4:15 PM (prior to Mass in the Church)
Ensemble Season: All year
Director: Alicia Hunt, 516-729-2380 Email: ammgm@aol.com
Singers, guitarists and other instrumentalists are invited to see Alicia at Saturday Mass.

St. Joseph Choir (minimum age: 14)
Mass: Sunday 10:15 AM in the Church (choir arrives at 10:00 AM)
Rehearsal: Thursdays 7:00 to 9:00 PM, Choir Room (Room 254 of the Parish Center)
Ensemble Season: September 7, 2017 through June 17, 2018
Director: Dr. Marie Drohan, 631-539-0957
Email: musicdirector@stjosephsbabylon.org
All voice types: sopranos; altos; tenors; baritones; are invited to join this 36-voice choir in the singing of 4-8 part majestic choral music. Interested singers may see Dr. Drohan any Sunday after the 10:15 Mass or attend a Thursday night rehearsal. An OPEN HOUSE is being held Thursday, 1/25 at 7 PM in the Choir Room on the second floor of the Parish Center for interested singers who would like to sample a brief rehearsal and join the choir for refreshments and camaraderie.

Youth Music Ministry (teenagers)**
Mass: Sunday 5:00 PM in the Hall.
Rehearsal: TBA
Ensemble Season: TBA
Director: Bernadette Tournabene
Email: btournabene@optonline.net

**Interested teen singers and instrumentalists are invited to Email the director for more information.
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

Thank you for your past and future donations.

Thrift Shop Sale News

Frames, Pictures & Glassware~ 1/2 Price- {over $1.00}

IMPORTANT NOTE:
Please DO NOT leave any donations on the outside steps when the Thrift Shop is closed.

Like us on Facebook, We have a page!

St. Vincent de Paul

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

On Saturday, February 3, 2018, members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be participating with Babylon Rotary and other local churches in BABYLON ENDS HUNGER. They are committing to sending 12,000 meals to Puerto Rico and other areas of desperate need. If anyone would like to participate, you can register on the BabylonRotary.com website. Donations can also be made using that website.

William & Diane Wolffer, Patricia Farrell, Jacqueline Fenton, Dorothy & Robert Remy, Donald & Ellen Ciampi, Patricia Neville, Ivy A. Nardi, Eileen & Edward McKeever, Jeannie & Tom Gaughan, Klaus & Edith Lutter, Timothy & Virginia Callahan, Stephan & Lorraine Emiliani.

Made a donation to Outreach

In Loving Memory of

ALBERT LUGLIO

Our sincere thanks to the class of Kailen O'Neill Faith Formation Level 2 for their donation to the Outreach.
Great job, God Bless you.
**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”

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**Catholic Daughters of the Americas - Court Bishop McDonnell #1403**

**Home Baked**

Court Bishop McDonnell #1403 will have fresh baked treats available after morning Masses on Sunday, February 4th, 2018.

Be sure to pick up your favorite dessert and a Super Bowl snack as well.

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 meetings 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

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**Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas**

**SUPERBOWL BAKE SALE**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

**AFTER 9:30 MASS**

There will be a JCDA Executive Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 30 at 7:30 PM.

The next general meeting will be on Tuesday, February 6 to plan for our annual Mother/Daughter Breakfast.

Doors open at 7:00 PM for refreshments and meeting begins at 7:30 PM.

New members are always welcome.

Girls ages 10+ are welcome.

For more information, please contact Laura Marquez at 516-356-3399
“A Knight at the Races”

8th N.Y. District Presents
A Knight at the Races
To Benefit the Mercy Inn Soup Kitchen

Saturday January 27th, 2018
7:00pm Post Time: 7:30pm
Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council #7479
St. Matthews Recreation Hall
35 North Service Rd, Dix Hills, NY
$12.00- Adult $6.00 Children
$15.00- Adults at the Door
Includes Frankfurters, Chips, Unlimited Beer, Wine, and Soda, Coffee, Dessert, Race Program.

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY - ALL AGES

Our six Italian Thoroughbreds are ready and excited to run our race track. Come and cast your bet on these vibrant wooden horses as they run eight exciting races including Hurdle Races, a Steeple Chase Race, our new Donkey Race & even a race of the Mysterious Horses. We will also hold a Horse Auction where you can buy and own a horse for our District’s long race. The evening promises fun and excitement for you and your family.

Ticket Sales

DD Phil Renna, 631-766-3388, GK Dan Calise 631-682-3568, GK John Creagen 631-957-2150,
GK Vincent Catalano 631-422-2679, GK Ricardo Rivera 631-920-0813

Make checks payable to Our Lady of the Rosary Council #4428
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 Blessing of the Mass Booklets – the level 2 children are expected to come to Mass the weekend of January 27-28 to have their Mass Booklets blessed and to receive a blessing as well. The booklets will be handed out in class by their catechists. Please guide your child through the different parts of the Mass by helping them with the booklets during the Mass. The booklets are theirs to keep.

Level 7 Confirmation essays “Why Someone My Age Would Want to Follow Jesus” are due at any Mass this weekend.

My Good Deed for the week was: Grace spent time with her grandfather after his surgery. Angelina helped her mom when her sister was sick, Sal helped clean up the snow and gave water to the kids that were cleaning up the block, Sansal helped his dad relax, Gianna helped her brother when he was sick, Ryan & Lauren helped their neighbor shovel, Alyssa helped another girl up when she fell while skating, Emily cheered her friends up when they were sad, Joey called his friend when he had the flu and Mia made pictures for her friends, Katie prayed for her Nana who was in the hospital and Megan straightened her friends hair because she broke her arm.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH PRESENTS:

MARDI GRAS

“The Feast Before the Fast”

Tuesday, February 13
6pm - 8:30pm in Msgr. Nolan Hall

Admission $10 per person, ages 3 & under are free. Tickets available soon at the Parish Center
Join us in Youth Ministry to deepen your faith, make new friends, and be of great service to the Community!

Always check the parish website to confirm—especially for changes due to weather!

JANUARY

RESPECT LIFE WEEKEND OF PRAYER & ACTION
for both HS and Middle School:
Sat 1/20  8am-Noon Working At Soup Kitchen
Sun 1/21  5pm Mass then Meeting/Movie: Mary of Nazareth /Discussion
(will order pizza $5 please)
1/24—No Middle School Meeting.
1/31—High School Meeting 6—7pm in Room 260
   Middle School 7pm in Room 260 (the HUB) Grades 6, 7, 8, welcome!

FEBRUARY

Wed 2/7 – No Middle School Meeting
Fri 2/9 – 6:30-8:00pm OPEN GYM NIGHT
Tues 2/13 – Mardi Gras – SERVICE OPPORTUNITY * Sign up NOW!
Wed 2/14 – ASH WEDNESDAY.
Thurs 2/15  PBJ – 7pm
   Sunday/Monday 2/17-2/18 Overnite retreat at St William—if there is interest. Let me know this week!
   Grade 8 and above please

MARCH

TICKETS NEEDED IN ADVANCE PLEASE RSVP ASAP
E-mail questions or ticket reservations to youth@stjosephsbabylon.org
Or call Mrs Barbara McNulty at 631-669-0068 ext 108

Sat 3/3 Youth Rally at St Elizabeth’s 10am-3pm
   Also on Sat 3/3 SERVICE – Help at Parish Dance 6 – 10pm * Sign up NOW
Tues 3/6 – Trip to St Mary’s East Islip for Chris Stefanick
Wed 3/7  Trip to St John Nepomucene for Chris Padgett
Fri 3/9 – Open Gym Night 6:30—8:00pm

April 15 – Roller Skating. Tickets $16 checks payable to St Joseph’s Youth Ministry

SUMMER TIME!

Steubenville NYC weekend is July 20, 21, 22 —-
Registration Open NOW!
$50 deposit and registration forms are due in February.
All in grades 8—12 are welcome to join us.
Cost is approximately $300 per person for the weekend. Some scholarship is available.
If you are even thinking about it—call me this week  631-669-0068 ext 108
Check our parish website for additional details and pictures from other trips.  
http://www.stjosephsbabylon.org/youth-ministry
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

1. A “Holy Hour” of Adoration has been approved by the Church and enriched with copious indulgences. *(Pope Pius XI)*
2. I encourage Christians regularly to visit Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament, for we are called to abide in the presence of God. *(St. Pope John Paul II)*
3. Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the devotion which surpasses all others. *(St. Pope Pius X)*
4. Our Lord is hidden there in the Blessed Sacrament, waiting for us to come and visit Him, and make our requests to Him. *(St. John Vianney)*
5. A Holy Hour of Adoration testifies to the fact that the Jesus who died on the cross, is present in the Eucharist and reigns in Heaven, are identical. *(Pope Pius XII)*
6. 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)*
7. 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)*

Besides every First Friday of the month from 9:00pm – 10:00pm in the church, Adoration also 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. We have Adoration during the following hours:

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

One day we would hope to extend these hours but for now this is what we have covered. Right now several people are in the Chapel each hour in prayer, adoring Jesus. 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 Adoration Phone Extension at (631) 669-0068 extension 183.
Courage.

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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.

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.

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**La Paz empieza con Nosotros**

**DÍA DE LA RELIGIÓN MUNDIAL**
21 de enero de 2018

El Día Mundial de la Religión promueve la religiosidad comprensión y armonía mediante el fomento creyente de diferentes creencias para reconocer, entender, y aceptar las diferencias y similitudes entre los muchas religiones del mundo. El día también sirve para celebrar la unidad religiosa y la idea de que el mundo está conectado por el común compartido de todas las religiones, creencias, y honra el diálogo interreligioso dirigido a la paz y entendimiento.

Podemos tener diferentes religiones, diferentes idiomas, diferentes colores de piel pero todos pertenecemos a una raza humana.

Lugar de nacimiento: Tierra
Raza: Humana
Política: Libertad
Religión: Amor

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**DEVOCION A MARIA COMO MADRE**
TODOS LOS MARTES DE:
7:30PM — 8:00PM - SALON # 256
Mas información llame a Antonia Robles

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**INTERCESIONES POR LA VIDA**
Por todos los que se dedican a la investigación médica, para que puedan ser guiados por el amor de la Iglesia a la verdad:

Roguemos al Señor,
Señor, escucha nuestra oración

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**REXLEXION**
Hay una cierta urgencia en el Evangelio de hoy, cuando Jesús llama a Sus primeros discípulos - Andrés y Simón, Santiago y Juan-. Cada uno sigue a Jesús inmediatamente, abandonando sin dudar las redes y los botes, padres y compañeros de trabajo. Para que me esta llamando Jesús en este momento, en estas circunstancias? Que necesitare abandonar con el fin de seguirle a El?

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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.


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

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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. 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

Via 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.

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