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Easter Sunday  
April 1, 2018

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

We Celebrate the 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.

We Celebrate the Eucharist

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

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

Mary, Undoer of Knots
Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has a strong devotion to Our Lady under the title of, *Undoer of Knots*. It is a beautiful understanding of Our Lady as the one who can help untie the knots of our lives. Have you ever said to yourself, *I can’t fix or change this situation? I am powerless over this!* I would like to point you to Our Lady under this title. She is truly the Undoer of Knots. Especially now as we approach the Feast of Easter, families will be gathering and sometimes it’s difficult when family members don’t go to church or family members may be absent from the table. Whatever the situation may be, sometimes holidays can present a challenge. May this prayer offer you hope, faith and comfort.

Mary, Undoer of Knots
*Holy Mary, full of the presence of God,*
during your life you accepted with great humility the holy will of the Father,
and the devil was never able to entangle you with His confusion.

Since then, you have interceded for all of our difficulties as you did at the wedding Feast of Cana.
Full of kindness and patience, you have given us an example of how to untangle the knots of our life.
By remaining forever our Mother, you make clear and firm the ties that unite us to our Lord.

Holy Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, who untie with a maternal heart the knots of our life,
we ask you to receive into your hands (mention your prayer request)
and deliver us from the chains and confusion that restrain us.

Through your grace, your intercession, and by your example, deliver us from all evil, Our Lady,
and untie the knots that prevent us from being united to God, so that free from sin and error, we may find Him in all things,
may have our hearts placed with Him, and may serve Him always, in our brothers and sisters. Amen
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Easter!!!!! Today we celebrate the day when Christ rose triumphant from the grave. His death and resurrection conquers our sin and death so the hope of eternal life with God in heaven shines upon us. He has done and continues to do everything to save us but will we let ourselves be saved or do we reject what God has done for us by choosing to remain in our sinful ways. The choice is ours and where we will spend eternity (in heaven or hell) is also ours. Let us choose heaven and ask the God of life to do what He has to do in us to get us there. We don’t earn heaven by our good deeds rather, let us open our hearts to the good Lord, giving Him permission to do His work in us, to enlighten, guide, strengthen and console us.

Divine Mercy Prayer Service:

As a parish we will be celebrating the Divine Mercy of God on Sunday, April 8th, from 3:30pm to 5:30pm in the Church. This two hour prayer service will consist of the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (prayers given to Sister Faustina by Jesus to give to the world), the rosary, an opportunity to venerate the image of the Divine Mercy and relic of Sister Faustina and more. All are welcome even if you cannot stay for the whole prayer service.

What is Divine Mercy:

On February 22, 1931, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ appeared to a nun by the name of Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska. She was from the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Cracow, Poland. Jesus appeared to her bringing with Him a wonderful message of Mercy for all people. In the apparition she saw Jesus standing before her in a white robe. His right hand was up in the form of blessing and with His left hand He was pulling back His garment revealing His heart, out of which flowed white and red rays (symbolic of the blood and water which flowed from His side when pierced with a lance on the cross). He asked Sister Faustina to have the Second Sunday of Easter dedicated to the Divine Mercy.

The apparition has been declared worthy of belief by the Church and Sister Faustina was canonized a Saint in the year 2000. In Faustina’s diary paragraph #420, Jesus says: “This Feast (of Divine Mercy) emerged from the very depths of My mercy and tenderness… and every soul believing and trusting in My mercy will obtain it. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain COMPLETE forgiveness of sins AND punishment.” It’s a day of great mercy for us. To receive this grace the Lord has asked us to do three things on Divine Mercy Sunday and do it with faith in our hearts: 1. Go to communion on the Feast day (April 8th). 2. Make an act of faith in the Lord’s Mercy (it’s an act of the will) at some point in the day and say with your whole heart, “I trust in You Jesus”. 3. Go to confession (this can be done within 20 days of the Feast – before or after).

What does Jesus mean when He says that on Divine Mercy Sunday He offers us the remission (the washing away) of ALL punishment due to our sins. Let me explain. When we go to confession, our sins are forgiven and the eternal punishment due to sin (Hell) is washed away. The temporal punishment due to sin could possibly remain. Why? What does that mean? Although I am truly forgiven after I go to confession it does not necessarily mean that my heart is truly converted and has no desire to commit those sins again. The word punishment can conjure up all kinds of negative thoughts and feelings. Let me ask you: Why does a parent punish (discipline) a child? Because they love the child and the discipline (or punishment) is to teach the child a greater good, to get the child to really think about what they did wrong and to have a change of heart. It’s not to punish for punishment sake or out of anger. It’s to help form and transform the child’s heart. The punishment (or discipline or transformation) needed is what has to happen to us before we enter Heaven.

If we die before our heart is made pure before God, (meaning it doesn’t happen on earth), in God’s Mercy it can still happen for us after death and that is called purgatory. Purgatory is that state of being purged, cleansed, receiving the transformation of heart necessary in order to receive the fullness of God’s Love in heaven. The fact that purgatory exists is God’s Mercy. It’s always about His love for us. God is so merciful that he says to us through St. Faustina, that on Divine Mercy Sunday, He will wipe away ALL temporal punishment left behind due to sin even if our heart is not transformed yet. This is a huge gift for us!!! That’s how desperate God the Father, Son and Spirit is in Their love for us. This washing away of ALL temporal punishment is a grace you can receive for yourself on Divine Mercy Sunday or you can offer it to the Lord for a loved one who has passed away.

This image of Jesus as he appeared to St. Faustina will be displayed in the Church on Easter Sunday.
**Spiritual Communion:**
When we gather for worship at Sunday Mass there may be those who cannot receive Holy Communion for a variety of reasons: What would be some of those reasons:
1. A Catholic who may have been married outside the Church and therefore the marriage is not recognized in our faith.
2. If you are not of the Catholic faith.
3. If a Catholic has not done their Easter duty by going to confession this year so they could receive Holy Communion.
4. If a Catholic has serious sin on their soul (mortal sin) and needs confession.

What can someone do when they find themselves in this circumstance while at Holy Mass? Besides coming up during the reception of Holy Communion and crossing your arms over your chest so the priest or minister can say a short prayer over you, you can also do a spiritual communion. Doing a spiritual communion is an ancient practice in our faith. Below is a sample prayer. In addition to this, feel free to call the rectory and make an appointment to meet with one of the priest’s (631) 669-0068 ext. 100 so we can help you work things out so you can begin to receive Holy Communion because the Lord wants to nourish you with Himself.

"A spiritual communion acts on a soul as blowing on a fire that is about to go out. Whenever you feel your Love of God growing cold, quickly make a spiritual communion, " said the Curé of Ars.

O Jesus I turn toward the Holy Tabernacle where You live hidden for love of me. I love You, Oh my God. I cannot receive You in Holy Communion but come to me, nevertheless and visit me with Your grace. Come spiritually into my heart. Purify it. Sanctify it. Render it like unto Your own. Amen.

St. Therese of Lisieux said: "I cannot receive Thee in Holy Communion as often as I should wish, but, O Lord, art thou not all-powerful? Abide in me as thou dost in the Tabernacle – never abandon Thy little victim." The situation with St. Therese is that she lived in a cloistered convent so she could only receive communion as often as the priest would say Mass at the convent for the sisters.

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

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**Lenten Events**

**Saturday, March 31, Holy Saturday**

Morning Prayer at 9:00am in the Church.
Blessing of Easter Food Baskets during Morning Prayer in Church.
Confessions from 10:00am to 10:45am in Msgr. Nolan Hall.
Catechetical Prayer Service for Families 11:00am in Church.

**Note: no Confessions at 4:00pm & no 5:00pm Mass**
The Easter Vigil is at 8:00pm in the Church in English.
The Easter Vigil is at 8:00pm in Msgr. Nolan Hall en Español.

**Sunday, April 1, Easter Sunday:**

**Christ Is Risen!**
Masses at 7:00am, 8:45am, 10:15am and 12 noon in Church; 9:30am in Msgr. Nolan Hall, 11:00am in the Capilla in English. Misa en Español at 11:30am in Msgr. Nolan Hall.

No 5pm this day.
The Sacraments of Life

Newly Baptized
Shea Marie Cascio, Alessandra Hope Cirillo, Evie Marie Price, Lionel Lloyd Sneddon, Brady Charles Sullivan & Andrew Joseph Torre, Jr.

Preparing for Marriage
Banns Posted
First Time ~
Scott Murphy & Alyssa Armenio
Second Time ~
Shant Malhas & Michelle Figaro
Third Time ~
Eric Speciale & Gina Palino
Benjamin Bradley & Jessica Vaillancourt
Jerry Iovine & Erika Ball

For Our Sick

Altar Rose
In Memory of Anthony & Betty Miele

For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Carol Vaglio, Arthur P. Maas, Harry Carlock & John F. Walsh.

REFLECTION FOR TODAY
Alleluia! Christ is risen and is victorious over sin and death! We are good stewards of our faith if, like St. Paul, we share this good news whenever and wherever we can.

Sunday, April 1, 2018
The Sacraments of Life

At this Mass, we remember
Saturday, March 31- The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
Gn 13:21-22 or 11:26-31a; Ps 10:41-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20, 22; Gn 22:18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Ex 15:15-15a; (Ps)Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Is 55:1-11; (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32-44; Ps 18:8-11; Ez 3:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 43:3; 5:43-3-4
9:00 Morning Prayer Fr. Francis
10:00 Penance- Nolan Hall Fr. Charles
11:00 Prayer Service (Kids) Fr. Joe
8:00 Easter Vigil-Church Fr. Charles
8:00 Easter Vigil- Spanish- Nolan Hall Fr. Joe

Sunday, April 1- Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord- Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:3-9 or Mk 16:1-7
7:00 Eleanor Dugan Fr. Francis
7:45 Ma & Louis Catalano Fr. Ethel
8:30 People of St. Joseph’s Fr. Francis
10:15 Joseph Hallam Fr. Charles
11:00 People of St. Joseph’s -Capilla Fr. Ethel
12:00 Lynda Horowitz Fr. Charles
5:00 No Mass

Monday, April 2
Acts 2:14, 22-23; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
7:45 Mary & Louis Catalano Fr. Francis
9:00 Carol Vaglio

Tuesday, April 3
Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
7:45 April Weyturner Fr. Ethel
9:00 Christian Benzing

Wednesday, April 4
Acts 3:10-13; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
7:45 For the Intentions of Our Lady Fr. Francis
9:00 Deceased Members of the Breen & McGuinness Families

Thursday, April 5
Acts 3:1-26; Ps 82a, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
7:45 Albert Arelt Fr. Charles
9:00 Thomas R. Koeniges

Friday, April 6
Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14
7:45 Living & Deceased Members of the Graham Family
9:00 George Schellenberg & Anna Scott

Saturday, April 7
Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16ab-21; Mk 16:9-15
9:00 Palma Mercado

Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)
4:00 Confessions Today Fr. Francis
5:00 For the Intentions of Amanda & Crystal Maharaj Fr. Joe

Sunday, April 8- Divine Mercy Sunday
7:00 Deceased Members of the Lamb Family Fr. Charles
8:45 Robert Spillabotte Fr. Ethel
9:30 Joyce Christina Ross Fr. Francis
10:15 People of St. Joseph’s Fr. Ethel
12:00 Elizabeth Moss Fr. Charles
5:00 People of St. Joseph’s Fr. Francis

Eucharistic Minister Teams:
Weekend of March 31/April 1- Team B
Weekend of April 7/8- Team A
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 201)

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

Annual St. Joseph Golf Outing

St. Joseph Church
13th Annual Golf Outing
Monday, May 21, 2018
10:30am to 7:30pm
Southward Ho Country Club
Bay Shore, New York

Our Honoree
Timothy Hartigan

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

We Welcome. We Worship. We Witness.

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

The Parish Office will be closed on
Monday, April 2, 2018 for the Easter Holiday.
The Parish Office will reopen on
Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 9:30 AM.
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.

3/18/2018
Actual Collection $23,858.00
Budgeted Collection $23,350.00
+$508.00

God Bless You!

Liturgy

We Assemble for Prayer

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

Rosary
Every Monday at 8:20am we pray the Patriotic Rosary. Before the 9:00am Eucharist Tuesdays through Saturdays we pray the Rosary.

Men’s Spirituality Group:
Witness and grow in Faith. Meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Church.

Nocturnal Adoration
A Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament is offered on the First Friday of each month, from 9:00pm to 10:00pm in the Church.

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

Prayers for Our Service Men & Women

We continue to pray for the following military personnel and their families:

U.S. Navy:
PO3 Joshua D. Benoit
Lt.Cdr. Michael Catalano
Lt. John T. Izzo
Lt. Caroline Mayer
PO2 Kristen Tice
PO1 Rasheen Tice
MA2 William S. Murtha
E3 Matthew Waldron

U.S.M.C.:
Sgt. Lauren Colantropo
2Lt Marc Anthony Parrino
Lt. 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 Bornschein
Sgt Edvin Zambrano
PFC Dominick Pititto
Capt. Stephen Scuderi
SPC Mark Ospina
LT Joseph A. Vanderveeld, 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

LAZARUS MINISTRY

On Saturday, April 14, 2018 at the 9:00am Eucharist, we will have our monthly Liturgy for the commemoration of the dead. All those who have lost a loved one, at any time in the past, are invited to join us. We especially welcome the family and friends of those who have died in the previous month or whose anniversaries occur during this time. A table will be placed in the Baptistry for family members to place pictures of those who have died. There will be a place for family or friends to write the names of those to be remembered at the General Intercessions. There will also be an opportunity to remember each loved one by name in the Book of the Dead. Members of the Lazarus Ministry will be present to welcome you and to offer guidance; please let them know when you arrive.

For questions or further information, please call Barbara Schade at 631-968-8793.
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

**Miracle Story:** Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati is a 24 year-old young man from Italy who died in 1924. He is one step away from being canonized a saint. Kevin Becker from Lynbrook was in a coma after falling off the roof of his dorm house in college several years. The accident damaged four lobes of his brain. While in the coma, Pier Giorgio appeared to him. We have the privilege of having Kevin come to our parish on Wednesday, April 18th at 7:00pm in the Msgr. Nolan Hall to give his testimony as to what happened while in the coma and his miraculous healing. His testimony has been documented and submitted to Rome. It could become the miracle for the final process of canonization of Pier Giorgio. This event is open to the entire parish community, and it is my hope that you will be able to come and join us for this remarkable story. All the 6th, 7th and 8th grade religious education children will also be joining us that evening.

**Please Mark Your Calendar**

**Kevin Becker Miracle Story: Wednesday, April 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Msgr. Nolan Hall**

**About Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati**

He was born in Turin, Italy, on Holy Saturday, April 6, 1901. He was a charismatic and heroic young man who overcame the obstacle of being raised in a wealthy family which, while Catholic, had very little religious faith. Through a true devotion to the Holy Eucharist and the Blessed Mother, he developed a deep spiritual life which he shared with everyone.

By age 17, he dedicated much of his time to serving the sick, needy and orphans, as well as assisting servicemen returning from World War I. For the next seven years, he tirelessly cared for the spiritual, physical and educational needs of a countless number of people through his work with the conferences of St. Vincent de Paul. He decided to become a mining engineer, studying at the Royal Polytechnic University of Turin, so he could “serve Christ better among the miners,” as he told a friend. Because he did most of his work anonymously, even his family had no idea of how many people he served. He considered it a privilege to give completely of himself to help the poor. His charity was fed by daily communion with Christ in the Holy Eucharist, praying the Rosary and much time spent in nocturnal adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. He often sacrificed vacations at the Frassati summer home in Pollane (near Turin) because, as he said, “If everybody leaves Turin, who will take care of the poor?”

Handsome, athletic and cultured, Pier Giorgio is a shining example of how to live in the world – and yet not be of the world. He loved all sports, but mountain climbing was his favorite. It was said that he “cared for his friends’ souls as much as he cared for his own,” and this was very visible during outings in the mountains. He never lost the chance to lead them to Holy Mass, Adoration, reading the Scripture and praying the Rosary. He often challenged them at sports, and said if he was the winner, they would all join him in Adoration. He rarely lost his bet.

He was politically active in defense of the Church against the anti-clerical Fascists. He spoke at large rallies to the youth of Italy, inspiring them to follow the teachings of the Church; that is, to follow Christ.

Pier Giorgio contracted polio while caring for the sick. After a six-day battle, he died at age 24 on July 4, 1925. His funeral was a triumph; his parents were amazed at the thousands of people, most unknown to them, who attended his funeral. The poor and the needy whom he had served unselfishly for seven years were also surprised to learn that Brother Girolamo (the name he chose as a Lay Dominican) was a member of the wealthy Frassati family. Inspired by the example of their son, his parents decided to heal their troubled marriage and his father, a lapsed Catholic, returned to regular attendance at Mass.

In 1981, with the cause of his sainthood underway, the Church exhumed his body. It was found to be completely incorrupt, with a smile on his face and the rosary, with which he was buried, in his hands. In 1989, Pope John Paul II visited the original tomb of Pier Giorgio and said, “I wanted to pay homage to a young man who was able to witness to Christ with singular effectiveness in this century of ours. When I was a young man, I, too, felt the beneficial influence of his example and, as a student, I was impressed by the force of his testimony.”

Pier Giorgio Frassati, named “Man of the Eight Beatitudes” by Pope John Paul II, was beatified by him on May 20, 1990 in St. Peter’s Square in Rome. Many pilgrims, especially the young, came to his tomb in Italy to seek favors and the courage to follow his example.
Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati
~ son, friend, athlete, lover of the poor, worker for social justice, future Saint ~

Those who think of saints as shy and reclusive people who disdain this life while pining for the next world will be surprised by the figure of Blessed Giorgio Frassati. A practical joker known as "Robespierre" or "the Holy Terror" by his friends whom he gathered together in a club call "The Sinister Ones", Frassati was a friend to the poor, in whom he saw Christ. And today's laity, especially young people who are looking for a role model, will find someone with whom they can identify in this strapping young outdoorsman who combined political activism and work for social justice, and who lived his short life "to the full."

"To live without faith, without a heritage to defend, without battling constantly for truth, is not to live but to 'get along'; we must never just 'get along.'" -Pier Giorgio

"Prayer is the noble supplication which we lift up to the throne of the Most High. It is the most efficient means to obtain from God the graces which we need." -Pier Giorgio

"The higher we go, the better we shall hear the voice of Christ." - Pier Giorgio Frassati

"The end for which we are created invites us to walk a road that is surely sown with a lot of thorns, but it is not sad; through even the sorrow, it is illuminated by joy."

- Pier Giorgio

"If you have God at the center of all your action, you will reach the goal." -Pier Giorgio

"I urge you with all the strength of my soul to approach the Eucharistic Table as often as possible. Feed on this Bread of the Angels from which you will draw the strength to fight inner struggles, the struggles against passions and against all adversities, because Jesus Christ has promised to those who feed themselves with the most Holy Eucharist, eternal life and the necessary graces to obtain it. And when you are totally consumed by the Eucharistic fire, then you will be able more consciously to thank God, who has called you to become part of His family. Then you will enjoy the peace that those who are happy in this world have never experienced, because true happiness, oh young people, does not consist in the pleasures of this world, or in earthly things, but in peace of conscience, which we only have if we are pure of heart and mind."

- Pier Giorgio

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:

Truly the Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!

Today we speak these words which echo back to the first days of Christ’s resurrection. After walking with Christ on the road to Calvary, we now joyfully go forth as the disciples did on the road to Emmaus with hearts burning within us. We celebrate the moment when Christ conquered death and gave us all hope of new life.

Even after nearly 2,000 years, that moment of the Resurrection has not lost any of its power. While myths and stories eventually fade, we celebrate a historical fact, a living Person who left behind lasting evidence of his wonders, evidence that the world still seeks to understand.

This is especially true today, as we find ourselves in an historic moment—archaeologists have uncovered the site of Jesus’ resurrection for the first time in nearly 500 years. Within the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, scholars have restored and conducted research on the tomb of Jesus, also known as the Aedicule. Preliminary findings confirm that the heart of the structure is the same tomb that Roman Christians discovered and venerated as early as 326AD.

These findings offer us a great source of confidence in our faith. Scientific progress, rather than finding evidence against what we believe, through missionary archeology has given us a stronger connection with the place of Christ’s burial and resurrection. Further, it provides a powerful image as we reflect upon our own spiritual lives this Easter.

In its 2,000-year history, Christ’s tomb has endured many trials. It was covered over by slabs of stone, it withstood earthquakes, fires and the destruction of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and many believed it had been lost. So too the life of Christ in our hearts can experience highs and lows—it may be covered over with our worries and concerns, it may be jeopardized in times of doubt and confusion, or we may even believe it has faded away.

Yet just as archeologists have opened up this holy site today, we are called this Easter to open our hearts once again to the power of Christ’s love and mercy. We are called to remove the barriers from our hearts and allow Christ’s glorified wounds to touch our wounds and the wounds of all humanity.

We profoundly experience this reality at the Easter Vigil. In the darkness of the night and in the darkness of our lives, the light of Christ is ignited. Beginning with the Paschal candle, that light is passed on from person to person until the Church is made radiant. The darkness in our hearts is dispelled, and even more beautifully, it is dispelled by the light that is shared by our brothers and sisters in faith. We see in a deeply moving way that Christ’s light is spread by each of us who carry him with us. In that moment of unity and love, as the Exsultet proclaims, the Church shakes with joy.
Easter Letter from Most Rev. John O. Barres

The excitement of that evening is not limited to one day, but extends throughout the eight-day Easter Octave. Each day we are given another story of the Risen Christ, another reason to rejoice. We witness the sorrow of the devoted women at the tomb transform into joy, we see the despair of Christ’s disciples transform into hope, and we watch the doubt of St. Thomas transform into faith. And on Divine Mercy Sunday, we celebrate the gift of God’s mercy that touches the struggles of our own lives and transforms them into opportunities to grow in holiness. On that day we celebrate the true source of joy in the Gospel, the Good News: we are forgiven our sins and are called by God to strive for sanctity.

During this joyous season then, we recognize that the Risen Christ’s presence, his touch, his personal words of assurance tangibly changed the lives of his followers, as they can change our own lives even today. Though Christ ascended into heaven, we remember that we can still have a personal relationship with him through the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the Church which were given at Pentecost. His presence has never left us.

Indeed most powerfully, Christ’s presence remains in the Eucharist. While history tells us Christ lived 2,000 years ago, we know he still lives today. He is waiting in our Churches for us to come spend time with him. He is waiting in our tabernacles for us to come adore him. He is waiting for us to join him at the Mass each Sunday, where we can share in his suffering, death, and resurrection as if we were by his side those many years ago.

We are challenged this Easter to allow Christ to change our lives by his healing touch which gives faith, hope, and love. We commit ourselves to a radical fidelity to Sunday Mass, where Christ can enter our hearts and begin to transform them. And transformed, our hearts will burn within us, driving us all to spread the light of Christ and bring about dramatic missionary growth here in the Diocese of Rockville Centre and beyond.

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

Youth Music Ministry

All teens or soon-to-be-teens from grades 7-12 are encouraged to join the new Youth Music Ministry
The commitment is attendance at Sunday rehearsals and the 5:00 Mass.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s)_____________________________________________________ Phone _______________________
Address___________________________________________________________________________________
Age____________   Current Grade__________
Parent email________________________________________________________________________________
Are you interested in singing? Y/N______   What instrument do you play?___________________________
Parent Signature________________________________________________

For more info: Ms. B. Tornabene    631-226-8649    Email: btornabene@optonline.net
Or see Ms. Tornabene after the Sunday 5 PM Mass in the Hall.
Email form to Ms. Tornabene or mail/drop off form at the Parish Center
~ SERVICE HOURS AVAILABLE ~
FOOD FOR THOUGHT . . . . . . .
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 2-7)
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.
Teens are invited to lead the singing. Student wind and string instrumentalists are also welcome!

Adult Contemporary Music Ensemble
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.

Adult Folk Group
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: 18)
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: Ends this June 17th; resumes September 13, 2018 through June 16, 2019.
Director: Dr. Marie Drohan, 631-539-0957  Email: musicdirector@stjosephbabylon.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. The commitment is weekly rehearsal, and Sunday 10:15 Mass. (some Mondays may be needed in preparation for December concert, Christmas Eve and Holy Week services) In addition to email or phone contact, interested singers may speak to Dr. Drohan any Sunday after the 10:15 Mass. Yes, snowbirds are welcome!
OPEN HOUSE: September 27, 2018 at 7PM. Come and experience a short rehearsal followed by refreshments and camaraderie.

NEW Youth Music Ministry (grades 7-12)
Mass: Sunday 5:00 PM in the Hall.
Rehearsal: Sunday 4-4:50 PM
Director: Ms. Bernadette Tournabene  631-226-8649
Email: btornabene@optonline.net
Interested teen singers and instrumentalists may also meet Ms. Tonabene after Mass for more information.
Deacon’s Corner

EASTER – AND THE FACTS OF LIFE

When we are born, our bodies are small and weak. For a few years we grow bigger and stronger, until we reach maximum capacity of size and strength. Assuming good health, we stay at that level for years. Then it begins to decline, getting weaker as the years go by. Then one day, we pass on. This is the natural cycle of life. It is the way for plants, animals, and people. Life on this planet would very quickly become impossible otherwise. From the moment of birth, we know that life is limited.

But the other part of us is different. Our spiritual nature has no predetermined boundaries. There are no limits to the development of character or the accumulation of knowledge. From the day we are born, this spiritual part of us begins travelling a road to which there is no visible end. The more we learn, the more we increase our capacity to learn. The more we love, the more we enlarge our ability to love.

None of us is so spiritually impoverished that we have not known our finer hours. Paul spoke of the “higher realms where Christ is seated at God’s right hand.” We all know what he means by that. We have been there, maybe not very often and maybe not very long. But we have been there. We have had encounters with God. And that keeps us believing in Easter. If God is, then nothing is too good to be true, not even the resurrection of Christ and eternal life for us through Him.

And that, I am convinced, is the main reason that people attend Mass in record numbers on Easter Sunday.

RISE TO NEW LIFE

Deacon Mike

Reflections

“Allahuia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise!”

At the risk of aging myself, I will offer, “...they ain’t writing them like they used to.” When my memory is not failing me, I remember Easter Sundays at St. Boniface in Sea Cliff. While Mass was said in Latin in those days, the hymns we sang were in English. I am not sure why I have this particular memory, but the song I most remember belting out was “Alleluia, Alleluia Let the Holy Anthems Rise.” It was strong. It was triumphant. It was my favorite.

When I left St. Boniface, I left that song as well. By then Vatican II had convened, and newer music was replacing those so familiar to me in my youth. Easters would come and go, and new parishes brought new Easter music for me to learn.

I remain an active alumnus of Providence College and, as such, have met many Dominican Friars over the years. One was Fr. Harry Dillon, O.P., a Priest of Charity and Grace who was stationed in a parish in Westchester. He died in the late 1990’s, and I drove up for his funeral. As the casket was leaving the church, the choir sang, “Alleluia, Alleluia Let the Holy Anthems Rise.” At that moment, the Resurrection had greater meaning.

On Easter Sunday we celebrate Christ’s triumph over death. We should also realize we have the same opportunity. By living the life God wants for us, we too can leave the trappings of the tomb and spend an eternity in Heaven. It’s really that simple.

Happy Easter.
We are truly blessed! Thanks to your overwhelming response to the “40 Cans for Lent” appeal, our shelves were FULL. Our Easter distribution was a great success, and we were able to assist more than 100 families with Easter food and goodies. We would like to thank the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters for organizing and sponsoring this tremendous program. Thank you to the St. Joseph Nursery School and the Catholic Daughters who provided beautiful Easter baskets for our families. Thank you to the St. Vincent De Paul members who helped stock the pantry shelves and assisted our clients in filling their wagons. Thank you to Torta Fina Bakery who provided sweet loaves for each of our families. Thanks to all who donated food, gift cards and cash donations. It is heart-warming to witness the generosity and compassion of our parishioners. We wish you a joyful Easter Season.

St. Joseph Parish Social Ministry

Thrift Shop Sale News

Linens, Toys, Jewelry & Frames
1/2 Price (over $1.00)

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

Thank you for your Food Pantry Donations!

Our Food Pantry is most in need of these items:
Apple Juice, Coffee, Cereal, Mayonnaise, Jelly, Ketchup, Mustard, Pasta Sauce, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Large Toothpaste, Large Shampoo, Large Soap/Body Wash.
Gift Cards from supermarkets are in demand and would be greatly appreciated.
Thank you for your past and future donations.

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

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

A BLESSED EASTER to all our families and friends! Baskets filled with gratitude to all who donated during this season, in forms of cash, gift cards, food, or assistance with the collection and distribution! May you be blessed for your generous giving to our friends in need!
Organizations

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.

Did You Know?

- In 2016, the Knights of Columbus charitable donations were more than $177 million.
- The Knights of Columbus provided over 75 million hours of charitable service in 2016.
- The Knights of Columbus provides scholarships and grants to children of its members who attend Catholic high schools, colleges and universities.
- Scholarship & Grant applications are available NOW.

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 631-539-8565

For additional information about the Knights of Columbus and St. Joseph the Carpenter Council
Log on to: https://stjosephsbabylon.org/knights-of-columbus

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 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 Hoffman
631-669-0198

Save The Date

72nd Annual
Communion Breakfast on Saturday, May 19th, 2018.
More details to come soon.

Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas

JCDA Bishop McDonnell Court 1403 was represented at the Youth Rally on March 3 at St. Elizabeth’s in Melville. The Court joined with other young people in Long Island to showcase the different ministries that are available for our young people.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 3 in the O’Connell Room.
For more information, please contact Laura at 516-356-3399
The Level 1 students are required to attend any Mass the weekend of April 7th – 8th to receive an Easter activity booklet.

The Level 5 students are required to attend any Mass the weekend of April 14 & 15 to receive a Works of Mercy prayer card.

A note for Faith Formation families attending Mass: Weekend Masses begin on Saturday @ 5pm and go through Sunday @ 5pm. Please remember to bring your Mass attendance envelope and place it in the collection basket. Please put all your children’s names on the envelope and their grade levels. Print names clearly and include your last name on the top. While donations are appreciated, they are not necessary. We accept bulletins from other Roman Catholic Parishes. Please put your children’s names on the bulletin cover and hand it in within two weeks of attending Mass in another parish. Please use the Mass attendance envelopes for every weekend your family attends Mass (even if it’s not a required Mass).

Re-registration forms have been mailed out. Please return your completed forms to the Faith Formation Office before May 2nd to enter into a drawing for a free registration. Please register early and reserve your class day and time. We cannot guarantee you will get your first choice if you wait too long to register.

New Family Registration – if you would like to register a new student in the Faith Formation Program, please come to the office and bring the original baptismal certificate for each child you plan to register (even if your child was baptized here at St. Joseph) and a check or cash for the registration fee. The annual registration fee is $145 for one child, $210 for two children and $265 for three or more.
BLESSED EASTER SUNDAY TO ALL!

PARENTS and other interested ADULTS please give me a call: 631-669-0068 ext 108
We will be gathering in April to talk about how we can best work with and protect our Teens n Tweens, Thank you. Mrs. Barbara McNulty
Topics we will chat about: Social Media, Opiods, bullying, vaping, school safety, sacramental preparation, keeping the faith, and more.

Are you on the SERVICE TEAM? https://stjosephsbabylon.org/community-service

Wednesday 4/4—Daytime meeting for those who are available—Noon—4pm
Wednesday 4/11— HS TEENS—(6PM) room 260
Teens in Grades 6—8 meet at (7:30PM) room 260
Sunday 4/15—Mass & Roller Skating—did you reserve your ticket?
Thursday 4/19—PBJ GANG (7:00PM) in the Madonna Room

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:

THANK YOU!—Steubenville NYC registration is closed. We have 4 High School Seniors, 4 Eighth Graders and 2 Chaperones attending.
At a cost of $300 per person, we need $3,000 so far we have about half of that.
We also have 3 Eighth graders interested in our Youth Leadership Training Program.
In the last few years we have had 10 Teens go thru this program and all have been a tremendous help here in the Parish taking on Leadership Roles and mentoring our younger students.

Thank you to those who have already sent in scholarship for these Teens. We appreciate your support!
If you would like to be a sponsor for one of our Teens—any amount is a big help—please let me know.

WATCH FOR OUR FLOWER SALE AND OUR BAKE SALE COMING UP!
**Catholic Ministries Appeal:**
This year, 2018, our goal has been set for $138,100.00 by the diocese. Already parishioners have pledged $80,065.00. We are off to a good start. If you have not had the opportunity to give to the Appeal please consider doing so. Thank you for your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal and the great work that it does for thousands of people across Long Island.

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

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

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

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

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


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

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**Golden Wedding Jubilee Liturgy**
This spring, couples who have been married fifty years or more will be honored at a Mass on Sunday, April 29, 2018 at the Church of St. Rose of Lima in Massapequa.

Mass will begin at 2:30 pm. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the Parish Center.

Registration must be received by the Office of Worship by April 13, 2018. If you have any questions please call 516-678-5800, Ext. 504
Courage Support Group

Courage. This spiritual support group is for men and women who experience homosexual attractions and desire to lead a chaste life in accordance with authentic Catholic Church teaching. The five goals of Courage are:

1. Live chaste lives in accordance with the Roman Catholic Church’s teaching on homosexuality. (Chastity)
2. Dedicate one’s life to Christ through service to others, spiritual reading, prayer, meditation, individual spiritual direction, frequent attendance at Mass, and the frequent reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. (Prayer and Dedication)
3. Foster a spirit of fellowship in which all may share thoughts and experiences, and so ensure that no one will have to face the problems of homosexuality alone. (Fellowship)
4. Be mindful of the truth that chaste friendships are not only possible but necessary in a chaste Christian life and in doing so, provide encouragement to one another in forming and sustaining them. (Support)
5. Live lives that may serve as good examples to others. (Good Example)

We presently have a men’s group in Nassau County. If you call 516-623-1400, Ext. 190 and leave your name and phone number, someone will get back to you or email licourage3@gmail.com. Confidentiality & anonymity assured. Feel free to call the Courage Office, in Connecticut (203) 803-1564, their e-mail address is: NYCourage@aol.com or the following web-sites: www.couragerc.net or couragerc.org.

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.
Domingo de la Resurrección del Señor - Ciclo B

**REFLEXIÓN**

Aleluya! Cristo se ha levantado victorioso sobre el pecado y la muerte! Somos buenos administradores de nuestra fe si, como San Pablo, compartimos esta buena nueva en todos los sitios y en todos los momentos que podamos.

Que el gozo de Cristo resucitado pueda atraernos a todos hacia el amor por el don de la vida;

Roguemos al Señor,
Señor, escucha nuestra oración

La Paz empieza con Nosotros

**PASCUA DE RESURRECCIÓN**

El dinamismo del misterio de Pascua está en el corazón de nuestra fe cristiana. El encuentro con Cristo libera algo en nosotros, un poder que no sabíamos que teníamos, una esperanza, una capacidad para la vida, una capacidad de recuperación, una capacidad para recuperarse cuando pensamos que estamos completamente derrotados en capacidad de creer y cambiar, un poder de transformación creativa, ..., el dinamismo del amor

El amor sale de Dios y nos reúne a Dios para volver a derramarse en Dios a través de todos nosotros ..., todos nos convertimos en puertas y ventanas a través del cual Dios brilla ...

Que el poder de ese Amor transforme nuestras actitudes, nuestras acciones, nuestro mundo.

**BAUTISMO:** Tercer domingo de cada mes. Clase: Segundo domingo de cada mes. Venir a la oficina del Ministerio Hispano con dos meses de anticipación o llame @ (631) 669-0068, Ext. 131. Traer el certificado de nacimiento original del niño.

**RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS:** (RICA) Les invitamos a una preparación espiritual de conversión a la fe católica. Llame a la Sra. Julietta Mieles, al (631) 669-0068, ext. 131.

**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. En el Salón # 256. Mas información contáctese con el Sub-Vocal de Piedad Geremías Herrera @ gherreras29@gmail.com.

**RENOVACION CARISMATICA:** 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 - Sábados de 7:00pm-9:00pm. Comunicarse con Adriana Mascari.

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

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

**EL APOSTOLADO DE LA CRUZ:** Todos los jueves de 9:00 - 11:00am en el Salón # 252A. Comunicarse con Adriana Mascari o Luz Marina López.

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

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

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

**MADRE ORANDO POR SUS HIJOS**

TODOS LOS MARTES DE:
7:30PM — 8:00PM - SALON # 256
Información llame a Antonia Robles

**LAS HORAS DE OFICINA DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO SON:**
VIERNES 7:00PM—9:00PM
(631) 669-0068 Ext. 131 * Padre Joe Ext. 104

**Registrarse en la parroquia, en la Educación Religiosa, Pagos o Donaciones:**
Viernes 7:00pm - 8:30pm
Oficina Principal - Sra. Claudia Rodas
Queridos Amigos,

¡Verdaderamente el Señor ha resucitado! ¡Él ha resucitado!

Hoy hablamos estas palabras que se remontan a los primeros días de la resurrección de Cristo. Después de caminar con Cristo en el camino al Calvario, ahora salimos gozosos como lo hicieron los discípulos en el camino a Emaús con corazones ardiendo dentro de nosotros. Celebramos el momento en que Cristo conquistó la muerte y nos dio la esperanza de una nueva vida.

Incluso, después de casi 2,000 años, ese momento de la Resurrección no ha perdido nada de su poder. Si bien los mitos y las historias eventualmente se desvanecen, celebramos un hecho histórico, una Persona viviente que dejó evidencia perdurable de sus maravillas, evidencia que el mundo aún busca comprender.

Esto es especialmente cierto hoy, cuando nos encontramos en un momento histórico: los arqueólogos han descubierto el sitio de la resurrección de Jesús por primera vez en casi 500 años. Dentro de la Iglesia del Santo Sepulcro, los eruditos han restaurado y llevado a cabo investigaciones sobre la tumba de Jesús, también conocida como el Edículo. Los hallazgos preliminares confirman que el corazón de la estructura es la misma tumba que los cristianos romanos descubrieron y veneraron ya en el 326 d.C.

Estos hallazgos nos ofrecen una gran fuente de confianza en nuestra fe. El progreso científico, en lugar de encontrar evidencia contra lo que creemos, a través de la arqueología misionera nos ha dado una conexión más fuerte con el lugar de la sepultura y resurrección de Cristo. Además, proporciona una imagen poderosa cuando reflexionamos sobre nuestras propias vidas espirituales en esta Pascua.

En sus 2,000 años de historia, la tumba de Cristo ha soportado muchas pruebas. Estaba cubierta por lozas de piedra, resistió los terremotos, los incendios y la destrucción de la Iglesia del Santo Sepulcro, y muchos creían que se había perdido. De la misma manera, la vida de Cristo en nuestros corazones puede experimentar altas y bajas: puede cubrirse con nuestras preocupaciones e inquietudes, puede ponerse en peligro en tiempos de duda y confusión, o incluso podemos creer que se ha desvanecido.

Sin embargo, así como los arqueólogos han abierto hoy este sitio sagrado, se nos llama esta Pascua a nuevamente abrir nuestros corazones al poder del amor y la misericordia de Cristo. Estamos llamados a eliminar las barreras de nuestros corazones y permitir que las heridas glorificadas de Cristo toquen nuestras heridas y las de toda la humanidad.

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Experimentamos profundamente esta realidad en la Vigilia Pascual. En la oscuridad de la noche y en la oscuridad de nuestras vidas, la luz de Cristo se enciende. Comenzando con el cirio Pascual, esa luz se transmite de persona a persona hasta que la Iglesia se vuelve radiante. La oscuridad en nuestros corazones se disipa, y aún más bellamente, se disipa por la luz que comparten nuestros hermanos y hermanas en la fe. Vemos de una manera profundamente conmoverdora que la luz de Cristo se propaga por cada uno de nosotros que lo llevamos con nosotros. En ese momento de unidad y amor, como proclama el Exulte, la Iglesia tiembla de alegría.

La emoción de esa noche no se limita a un día, sino que se extiende a lo largo de la Octava de Pascua. Cada día se nos da otra historia de Cristo Resucitado, otra razón para regocijarse. Somos testigos del dolor de las devotas mujeres en la tumba transformadas en alegría, vemos la desesperación de los discípulos de Cristo transformarse en esperanza, y vemos la duda de Santo Tomás transformarse en fe. Y en el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia, celebramos el regalo de la misericordia de Dios que toca las luchas de nuestras propias vidas y las transforma en oportunidades para crecer en santidad. Ese día celebramos la verdadera fuente de alegría en el Evangelio, las Buenas Nuevas: somos perdonados por nuestros pecados y somos llamados por Dios para luchar por la santidad.

Durante esta época de gozo reconocemos que la presencia del Cristo Resucitado, su toque, sus palabras personales de seguridad cambiaron tangiblemente las vidas de sus seguidores, tal como pueden cambiar nuestras vidas incluso hoy. Aunque Cristo ascendió al cielo, recordamos que aún podemos tener una relación personal con él a través de los dones del Espíritu Santo y la Iglesia que se nos dieron en Pentecostés. Su presencia nunca nos ha abandonado.

De hecho, de manera más poderosa, la presencia de Cristo permanece en la Eucaristía. Si bien la historia nos dice que Cristo vivió hace 2.000 años, sabemos que todavía vive en la actualidad. Él está esperando en nuestras iglesias para que vayamos a pasar tiempo con Él. Está esperando en nuestros tabernáculos que vayamos a adorarlo. Él está esperando que nos unamos a Él en la Misa cada domingo, donde podemos compartir su sufrimiento, muerte y resurrección como si estuviéramos a su lado aquellos muchos años atrás.

Esta Semana Santa nos desafía a permitir que Cristo cambie nuestras vidas con su toque sanador que da fe, esperanza y amor. Nos comprometemos a una fidelidad radical a la Misa dominical, donde Cristo puede entrar en nuestros corazones y comenzar a transformarlos. Y transformados, nuestros corazones arderán dentro de nosotros, llevándonos a todos a difundir la luz de Cristo y provocar un dramático crecimiento misionero aquí en la Diócesis de Rockville y más allá.

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