November 25, 2018 ~ Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

**Pastoral Team**
Rev. Jason U. Grisafi, Administrator
Rev. Joseph V. Arevalo, Associate Pastor
Rev. Ethel Anarado, Associate Pastor
Rev. Francis A. Samuel, Resident/Associate
Deacon Michael J. Leyden
Deacon John F. Sullivan
Deacon Julio Murillo
Deacon Stephen Yusko
Dr. Marie Drohan, Music Director
Mrs. Barbara McNulty, Youth Minister
Ms. Claire Moulé, Faith Formation
Ms. Anna Rose Regan, Business Manager
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, 5pm
Nolan Hall - 9:30am- Family Mass
11:30am (en Espanol)

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

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

**We Assemble for Prayer**
**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.

**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.
Preparing for Marriage  
Banns Posted  

First Time ~  
No Banns  

Second Time ~  
Charles Appel & Dianna Leo  

Third Time ~  
Michael Valvano & Caitlin McHugh  

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, Sean Regan, Anne Aguis, Kathleen M. Elsner, Mary Jane Simmons, Evelyn Scalise, Mary Blasko, Charles Chertiza, Marcella Dwyer, Jenien Horner, Joy Lichten, Sandy Cardona, Norman Gomez, Brandon Davey, Raymond Meigel, Mary Ellen Szwejkowski, Sabina Dojlidko, Dorila Cardozo, Marie Greer, Anthony Bertuglia, Marylou DeMeo, Norman O’Hanlon, Judythe Picini, Annie Caputo and Jane Cruickshank.  

Altar Rose  
In Memory of Belen A. Nanes  

For Our Deceased  
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members.  

At this Mass, we remember  

Saturday, November 24 ~ Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1-2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40  
9:00 Mary & Sal Poalantonio & Thomas De Rosa  

Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)  
4:00 Confessions Today  Fr. Ethel  
5:00 Dorothy Gibbons  Fr. Ethel  
    Betty Doggiali  
    Roy Sullo Jr. & Kathleen Sullo  
    Conrad Hubert  

Sunday, November 25 ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe~ Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37  
7:00 In Thanksgiving to Jesus Our King  Fr. Francis  
8:45 Philomena McDonal  Fr. Ethel  
9:30 People of St. Joseph  Fr. Joe  
10:25 Giuseppe, Elena & Joseph Jr. Di Palma  Fr. Francis  
12:00 Mildred Potenzo & Barbara Ross  Fr. Jason  
5:00 Gerard Wright Jr.  Fr. Jason  

Monday, November 26 ~ Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 21:3-4  
7:45 Mrs. Schneider  
9:00 John Walsh  

Tuesday, November 27 ~ Rv 14:1-14; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11  
7:45 George & Marie Stein  
9:00 Hans Lewald  

Wednesday, November 28 ~ Rv 14:14-19; Ps 98:1-3, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19  
7:45 For the Intentions of Our Lady  
9:00 Susan Leitch  

Thursday, November 29 ~ Rv 18:2-3, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 21:20-28  
7:45 For the Intentions of Eileen Ballerano  
9:00 Olga Girolami  

Friday, November 30 ~ Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 4:18-22  
7:45 Laura Ann Farrell  
9:00 Anthony Miele  

Saturday, December 1 ~ Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7; Lk 21:34-36  
9:00 John James Ryan  

Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)  
4:00 Confessions Today  Fr. Francis  
5:00 John Allen  Fr. Joe  
    Catherine Ward  
    Gary Besemer  
    Dawn Fryer  

Note: The 5 PM Saturday Mass will be held in the Nolan Hall  

Eucharistic Minister Teams:  
Weekend of November 24/25 Team B  
Weekend of December 1/2 Team A
My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I pray that you all had a blessed Thanksgiving Day. Even if that particular Thursday doesn't live up to our expectations, or fit the ideal presented to us by our wider culture, we can take solace in the fact that, as Catholics, we truly celebrate thanksgiving at every Mass. Perhaps you have heard this before, but it's worth looking at again. The ordinary form of the Roman Rite is divided into two major parts, the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, with some opening and closing rites bookmarking it. That second major part is defined as an act of thanksgiving. The word "eucharist" is simply the Greek word for "thanksgiving" or "thanks." Even to this day, in Greece, when you thank someone, you simply say "eucharist" (modern pronunciation makes it sound more like "efcharisto," but the word is still spelled the same as in the times of early Christianity). And at each Mass our word of "thanks" joins the eternal choir of angels and saints doing the same. In a word, as Catholics, the idea of giving thanks is rooted deep in our souls and we know that one day a year is not simply enough for praising God for His goodness; we even look forward to an eternity of it!

In fact, we take that thanksgiving even further. It's not just enough to give thanks, but we give thanks that we can give thanks! Perhaps you are familiar with the practice of giving thanks after Mass. It's a laudable spiritual activity. For me as a priest, it's actually mandated by Canon Law (the set of rules that govern certain things within the Church). Here's what it says: "Canon 909 - A priest is not to omit dutifully to prepare himself by prayer before the celebration of the Eucharist, nor afterwards to omit to make thanksgiving to God." In the back of the Missal (the red book with the prayers for Mass) there are a number of suggested prayers to help fulfill that. Might I share one of them that was written by St. Thomas Aquinas. Maybe you'll find yourself wanting to pray it after Mass, or after adoration, or any time you are thankful for the gift of the Eucharist in your life!

I give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, Who have counted it worthy to feed me, a sinner, Your unworthy servant, with the precious Body and Blood of Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, through no merit of my own, but only by the grandeur of Your mercy. And I pray that this holy communion be for me not a punishable offense, but a means of staying wholly in Your favor. May it be for me the armor of faith, and the shield of good will. May it serve to weaken my vices, exterminate concupiscence and passions, and increase all virtues: charity and patience, humility and obedience; may it be a strong defense against the snares of every enemy, both visible and invisible; may it grant perfect tranquility to my impulses both physical and spiritual; may it unite me firmly to You, the one and true God; and may it provide a happy completion to all my aspirations. And I entreat You, that You may deign to lead me, a sinner, into that ineffable banquet where You, with Your Son, and the Holy Spirit, for all the saints, are true light, plentiful abundance, eternal joy, complete delight, and perfect happiness. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

In Christ,
fr. Jason
Sacrificial Giving

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

Due to an early bulletin deadline the Sacrificial Giving was not available. It will be published in the December 2 Bulletin. Thank you for your patience.

God Bless You!

Prayers for Our Service Men & Women

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

**U.S. Navy:**
- Lt.Cdr. Michael Catalano
- Lt. John T. Izzo
- Lt. Caroline Mayer
- PO2 Kristen Tice
- PO1 Rasheen Tice
- MA2 William S. Myrtha
- Sq Matthew Waldron
- Lt. Dylan Kelly

**U.S.M.C.:**
- Sgt. Lauren Colantropo
- 1stLt Mark Anthony Parrino
- 2ndLt. R.J. Parrino
- Malik Rodriguez
- Nelson Sanchez, Jr.
- PFC Joshua J. Coughlin
- Cpl Alyssa E. Grimaldi
- Sq Matthew Witcofsky

**U.S. Coast Guard:**
- CPO Benjamin Flad
- Capt. Matthew W. Sibley
- J.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
- Sg’t Edwin Zambrano
- PFC Dominick Pititto
- Capt. Stephen Scuderer
- LT Joseph A. Vanderveldt, III
- 2LT Anthony C. DiBiasoni
- PV2 Alexandra Diaz
- 2LT Mark Barbera

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

Mass for Hearing Impaired

Hearing impaired parishioners may enjoy Signed Mass at 12:30 PM each Sunday at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip

**HOTLINE NUMBERS**

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**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Mark Your Calendar

Our second meeting for the 2018-2019 season will be Saturday, December 1st after the 9:00 am Mass.
The meeting will be held in the O’Connell Room and refreshments will be served.
Whether you serve at weekday Masses, Funeral Masses, Sunday Masses or visit the nursing homes and homebound, all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to attend. Your packet of information including the updated Mass Schedule and Telephone Contact List can be picked up if you didn’t receive it at the October meeting. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.
Thank you!

**St. Joseph’s Nursery School**

**Free - Parish Play Group**
- Children and parent/caregiver
- Birth to pre-k

**Wednesdays**
12:00pm - 1:00pm

Please call for more info.
631-661-4559 or email nurseryschool@stjosephsbabylon.org

**Toddling Twos**
(children 2-3 yrs)
parent/caregiver and child classes

We are now registering for our Toddling Twos parent/caregiver and child classes.

Toddling Twos will meet for 1 and 1/2 hours Mondays at noon, where they will be able to socialize and participate in learning activities.
This program will include an introduction to various art techniques, songs and story time.
Please call Anne at the nursery school for more information or to register (661-4559).

**Catholic Ministries Appeal 2018**

A parishioner said that whatever we raise from now until December 31st for the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) he will match it! What a most generous gift!

Our CMA for 2018 draws to a close on December 31st. If you have not had a chance to support the appeal please consider doing so before December 31st.

When you send your check in please make sure you indicate that it is for St. Joseph’s Church in Babylon. Then it will be applied to our parish goal. The appeal helps hundreds of thousands of people here on Long Island through the wonderful work of Catholic Charities.

*As of October 16, we have $118,830.00 in pledges and need $19,270.00 to meet our goal to receive our rebate from the Diocese.*

**St. Joseph Cemetery**

*All Souls’ Day*

The pamphlet, “Prayers For Visiting A Cemetery” will be available in the Church, Msgr. Nolan Hall and St. Joseph Cemetery from now until the end of November.

**The Catechism of the Catholic Church**

A Teaching Series on the Faith and The Catechism of the Catholic Church by Fr. Ethel

How deep is your knowledge of the Catholic Faith? How much of an Apologist are you with regard to the Church?
Are you ready to grow in your knowledge and understanding of the Church and her ecclesiological principles?
Here comes an opportunity at our parish to come grow in your knowledge of the Faith as we learn together and get re-educated on the Catechism of the Catholic Church.
Our main text is The Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Final Class date are:
November 26
Time: 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM
Place: Room 257 in the Parish Center
You are invited to register at the Parish Office or call (631) 669-0068 Ext. 100
A Free Will Offering will be taken.

**REFLECTION FOR TODAY**

Today’s second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests in the service of God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and others?
At Outreach, we meet many local families who are struggling financially during these challenging times. As Christmas approaches, we are looking for a few Angels willing to “Adopt a Family” both financially and through prayer. We will match you with a family and offer gift suggestions, including sizes. If you are interested in joining our Angel Brigade this Christmas, please email us at margotdenza@yahoo.com with your name, phone number, and any special requests pertaining to the size of the family, etc. If you prefer, you can call Outreach at 669-0068 x 202 or x 201 and leave your name along with your phone number and email address. Please consider joining our Angel Brigade this season. As one of our “adopted” families from the past wrote, “We had an amazing Christmas..

“My heart is filled with the love of God and the kindness of strangers.”

All requests to join our Angel Brigade must be received by November 26th.

Christmas Giving Tree: Have you noticed the Christmas Giving Tree at the entrances of the Church? Perhaps you would like to donate a gift for a child this Christmas. Please take a tag and return it with your unwrapped gift to Outreach Center by December 8th. These gifts will help our Outreach families to smile this Christmas. Thanks for your support.

Volunteers are needed...

If you are looking for a Ministry where you can put your enthusiasm and energy, here at Parish Social Ministry we are in need of your help! Your time is very valuable to us. For more information, please call us at: 631-669-4544 or 631-669-0068 Ext.202
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**St. Vincent de Paul**

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

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU !!! 
for the wonderful generosity that was received at our  
DOOR COLLECTION last weekend.  
We appreciate the kindness and compassion for the  
needy of our parish!  
GOD BLESS YOU!

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**Deacon’s Corner**

**Generosity goes a long way**  
Author Unknown

After hiking to an obscure waterfall for a few hours of our week-long backpacking vacation, we returned to our car to find that it had been broken into, our belongings gone. We had our plane tickets, ID and the keys to the car. But no cash, no clothes, no wallets. We drove to the nearest town and asked if there was a police station where we could report the theft. The officer on duty was a native Hawaiian woman who was very sympathetic, took our information and then invited us to have dinner with her. At the end of her shift, she took us to her own home and we were welcomed as precious guests by her large family. They insisted we stay the night with them. The next morning our angel police officer took us to the office of a local lawyer who managed an emergency fund for locals who had fallen on hard times. He suggested we borrow some money from this fund to get us home and pay it back when we could. After filling out some paperwork, we had enough cash to survive and an invitation to have lunch with the lawyer. This experience, which could have been a disaster for us, ended up being the highlight of our trip and I will never forget the kindness and generosity of this small community.

There are many success stories right here in St. Joseph’s Parish, of people who for one reason or another have fallen on hard times and were helped by YOU through your generous donations to Parish Outreach, St. Vincent de Paul and the poor boxes. These folks will never forget your generosity either!

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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/Bodywash  
Gift Cards from supermarkets are in demand and would  
be greatly appreciated.  
Thank you for your past and future donations.

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The next meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is on  
Monday, December 3, 2018  
at 9:45am  Room 256 in the Parish Center.  
All are invited to attend!
Altar Servers Update

Would you like to be an Altar Server?

There will be training for new and prospective servers in grades 4-7.

Come to the first meeting, or for more information, call Meghan Ruf 631-867-6667.

Meeting date:
November 27th 6:30PM - 8PM in the Church

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration Coordinators
Josephine:(631) 940-7280
Claudia:(516) 203-5221

Hours of Adoration
Monday 7 AM -9 PM
Tuesday 8 AM-9 PM
Thursday 8 AM through Friday Midnight

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The Chapel will still be open for Christmas but not on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day

Sociable Single Seniors

The Little Blue Advent Book is available for $1.00 after all Masses this weekend.
Please see Usher after Mass.

C.Y.O Volleyball
Calling all girls in 5th - 12th grade.
Volleyball registration is open!
Once registration is closed you will not be able to sign up, NO Exceptions!! For more information, please visit our Parish Website, Click Youth Ministries, C.Y.O. and then volleyball. All coaches and assistant coaches need to complete Virtus Training and have a background check. This is mandatory.
If you have any questions, please contact me at jennuse127@outlook.com
Thank you and God Bless,
Jennifer Weiss

Please note that the November meeting will change to Thursday, November 29th (Our scheduled date is 11/21, Thanksgiving is 11/22).
This will be just a coffee, dessert and cold drinks meeting. Please have dinner at home. We will have a guest speaker.
The cost is $3.00, just so I know how many to plan for.
Please send checks ASAP.
ALL CHECKS FOR THE ABOVE LISTED ITEM ARE TO BE MADE OUT TO ST. JOSEPH CHURCH AND MAILED TO MY HOME.
Any questions, call Lorraine DeCanditis at 631-553-0160.
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 Dorothy Buckley at 631-539-8522

Did You Know?

- In 2017, the Knights of Columbus charitable donations were more than $185 million.
- The Knights of Columbus provided over 75.6 million hours of charitable service in 2017.
- 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

The Junior Catholic Daughters will be meeting
on November 27
at 7:30 PM
in the O’Connell Room

where we will prepare our 12 Days of Christmas gifts and make plans for our Christmas party and Advent retreat.

All girls ages 10 and older are welcome.
For more information please contact Laura at 516-356-3399
Letters went out with your child’s interview day and time. Please email Claire @ cmoule@stjosephsbabylon.org and Hall Monitors, Special Needs Leaders, PBJ GANG or watering flowers or at serving at Parish Events in enter the building:
Visit our website @ www.stjosephsbabylon.org

FORMED – children will be automatically re-registered each year. Contact the Faith Formation Office for more information.

New this year for Faith Formation families – sign up for Faith Direct and you will not have to pay the registration fee for next year and your
Confirmation Interviews: will take place on Thursday’s December 6th & 13 from 3:30-8pm and on Saturday, December 8th from 9am – 12noon.

A note about attending Mass for our grade level students:
Level 3 students are expected to attend any Mass the weekend of December 8th & 9th to receive an Advent gift and a special blessing.
The Christmas Tree Lighting will be held after the 5pm Mass on Saturday, December 1st.
Level 5 students are to return their Mass booklets at any Mass the weekend of December 1st & 2nd.
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.

Thanks to all the families that have been coming to Mass each week. Here are some of the Good Deeds our children have listed on the back of their Mass attendance envelopes: Millie participated in a charity 5K walk to support her friend and neighbor, Caitlyn alter served, Jonathan gave his sweatshirt to someone who was cold, Grace helped her friend pick up her books when she dropped them and someone kicked them, Lauren helped a friend with his homework that he didn’t understand, Shawn raised $270 for a breast cancer walk & fundraiser, Abigail donated Halloween costumes to children who didn’t have them and Abby donated money that she found on the street.

Level 2 Reconciliation – the first ceremony was held on Saturday, November 17th @ 12:45pm and the next two will be on Saturday, December 1st @ 11:15am & 12:45pm in the Church. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to allow time to sign in.

Level 5 students are to return their Mass booklets at any Mass the weekend of December 1st & 2nd.
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A note about attending Mass for our grade level students: Weekend Masses begin on Saturday @ 5pm & continue through Sunday @ 5pm. Mass attendance envelopes should be used every time your family attends Mass. Please print your last name and your children’s names and grade levels clearly. While donations are appreciated, they are not necessary. The envelopes are used mainly for attendance purposes. We accept bulletins from other Roman Catholic parishes but you need to bring them to the Faith Formation Office within two weeks of attending there.

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FORMED – is a wonderful new adult faith formation on-line program and the parish of St. Joseph is inviting you to take part in this great new opportunity. Please visit our website to enroll. We make this so easy for you – click on the icon, follow the directions and enter this ACCESS CODE: NFCQMW

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.

Youth Ministry

In the last few weeks our Teens have been involved in our Parish in many ways: Altar Servers, Catechists and Hall Monitors, Special Needs Leaders, PBJ GANG or watering flowers or at serving at Parish Events in any way that they can. Our Children are THE CHURCH of TODAY.
Thank you parents, grandparents & neighbors for being the example of Christ to our teens and encouraging them to be involved in St. Joseph’s Parish.

Blessing of the Creche—Saturday 12/1 immediately after the 5 pm Mass. Light Hospitality to follow. Please join us. 6 Teens needed to help. Sign up Now. BAKERS NEEDED TOO.

VERY SPECIAL THANKS to those who helped me at the Level 6 Retreat!
Laraine Leitch, Denise Connelly, Margaret Keating, Patty Seegers, Leslie Withhohn and teens: Tim, Rowan, Kaylee, Kaitlyn !!
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St. Joseph Christmas Pageant

Please join us on Mondays for Rehearsal in the Church from 6:30pm until 8pm started on October 1st for the Children’s Christmas Pageant rehearsals. The pageant is open to all children from 1st grade thru 8th grade. We are performing in the Church on Sunday, December 9th at 3 pm. We need a few volunteers to work backstage, costumes, music and programs.

If interested please call/text or email the coordinator -
Teresa Hansen at 808-429-8806
Email - ethkids@yahoo.com
Thank you!

Breakfast with Santa

St. Joseph the Carpenter Knights of Columbus will be hosting Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 9th in the O’Connell Room from 10:00AM to 12:00PM
All are invited
Menu will include Pancakes, Sausage, Juice, Cookies, Coffee & Tea.
Santa will make an appearance, so please bring a small gift for Santa to give your child, wrap and tag with child’s name.

Best of all it’s FREE
Please RSVP to Dan Tergesen at dmergesen@optonline.net or call me at 631 422-3563.
Please indicate the number of adults and number of children attending.
Grandchildren Welcome

Parish Blessing of the Crèche

As we enter this special Season of Giving, let’s come together as a Parish Family

Parish Blessing of the Crèche
Saturday, December 1st.
5 PM Mass will be in NOLAN HALL
Light refreshments will follow.

**If you would like to donate baked goods for hospitality, they may be brought to the office on Friday 11/30 or Saturday morning 12/1.**
Thank you.
Reflections

*SOMETIMES WE DO, SOMETIMES WE DON’T*

Each of us has many traits which allow us to have a fair amount of success in life. Of course, there are other daily activities which we find difficult to accomplish. Since it is easy to carry out the former, we should extend our efforts to work on the behaviors that challenge us. Recently, I had occasions to do something not easy for me and not do something very easy for me.

I can go to a wake or a funeral at the drop of a hat, but have difficulty visiting someone who is sick. One of my friends has been ill for months, and I send him cards on a regular basis rather than visit him. Because of a chance meeting with a mutual friend who suggested I do so, I went to see Tom in the hospital that very day. Tom seemed delighted by my visit, but he could not have been happier than I that day. I was so grateful to God for getting me there despite my needless hesitation.

A perceived challenge to my ability to carry out an assignment caused immediate frustration a day or so later and had me ready for a severe rebuttal. Somehow, I remained uncharacteristically silent. I later learned the target of my irritation was suffering from something far greater than my bruised ego. I realized the harm my words would have caused, and again thanked God for His guidance.

We are called to serve one another. Doing things that are easy should not be all we do. Our comfort zones must be expanded so the opportunities to do (or not do) what we can to help others become moments of Grace.

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Chrysanthemum Ball News

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If you love to plan parties and have friends who want to help, please contact Annette Wexler (631-539-6571) and Sharon Saragnese (631-321-8986) to set up a meeting.

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