December 2, 2018 ~ The First Sunday of the Season of Advent

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.
The Sacraments of Life

Newly Baptized
Oliva Ariah De La Cruz, Ty Michael Lessing, Christian Matthew Mendolia, Carter Charles Stack, Gemma Isabel Malzone & Anthony David Goldsborough

Preparing for Marriage
Banns Posted
First Time ~
Denis Koufos & Daria Hagemeyer
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, Sean Regan, Anne Aguis, Kathleen M. Elsner, Mary Jane Simmons, Evelyn Scalise, Mary Blasko, Charles Chertiza, Marcella Dwyer, Jenien Horner, Joy Lichten, Sandy Cardona, Norman Gomez, Brandon Davey, Raymond Meigel, Mary Ellen Szwejkowski, Sabina Dojlidko, Dorila Cardozo, Marie Greer, Anthony Bertuglia, Marylou DeMeo, Arianna Messina, Anne Camarda, Ryan Finn, Robert W. Wolf, Leonor Martin, Silvio Gomez, Benjamin Negro, Milicent Wadsworth, Brenda Buffalino, Baby Ava James, Terry Wunder, Edward Wolfe, Connie Sperling, Fran Di Palma, Jenn Di Palma, John Bradley, Barbara Withhohn, Nancy Ruff, Anna Marcellus, Gladys Decal, Jeannette Levasseur, Lisa Hulsen, Attracta Roche, Charles Chertiza, Mary Balduci, Joseph Hovanec, Frank Peterson, Steve Peterson, Diana Peterson, Martin Kennedy, Clare Hubert, John O’Hanlon, Judythe Picini, Annie Caputo, Jane Cruickshank, Dorothy Remy & Kathy Belletti.

Altar Rose
In Memory of Barbara Manukian & Joan Cristarella

For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Patricia Ann Higney, Anthony Spadolini, Pasquale Marabella, John S. Mauceri Jr. & Gerard C. Kelly Jr.

At this Mass, we remember
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

Sunday, December 2 ~ First Sunday of Advent ~ Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25: 4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
7:00  People of St. Joseph  Fr. Jason
8:45  Vickers & Parsons Families  Fr. Ethel
9:30  Virginia Kuhn  Fr. Jason
10:15  People of St. Joseph  Fr. Francis
12:00  Tazewell Doersam  Fr. Ethel
5:00  Maria Castellano  Fr. Francis

Monday, December 3 ~ Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
7:45  People of St. Joseph  Fr. Jason
9:00  Francis Fitzgerald

Tuesday, December 4 ~ Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
7:45  People of St. Joseph  Fr. Ethel
9:00  William Stefanini

Wednesday, December 5 ~ Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
7:45  For the Intentions of Our Lady
9:00  The Scafuro & Wexler Families

Thursday, December 6 ~ Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
7:45  Josephine Koehler
9:00  George Rebecchi

Friday, December 7 ~ Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
7:45  For the Intentions of the Thomas Narducci Family  Fr. Jason
9:00  Frank Maya

Saturday, December 8 ~ The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary ~ Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98: 1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
9:00  Feast Day Mass  Fr. Joe
12:15  Feast Day Mass

Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)
4:00  Confessions Today  Fr. Jason
5:00  Mary Buser  Fr. Jason
   Catherine, Caroline & Frances Lamb
   Rev. Douglas Arcoleo
   Wilbur Hertlein

Sunday, December 9 ~ Second Sunday of Advent ~ Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 31:6-31:6
7:00  John Yula  Fr. Francis
8:45  Barbara Manukian & Joan Cristarella  Fr. Ethel
9:30  Robert Meyer  Fr. Joe
10:15  Margaret Coughlin  Fr. Ethel
12:00  Viola Rebecchi  Fr. Francis
5:00  People of St. Joseph  Fr. Jason

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First Sunday of Advent

From the desk of fr. Jason

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy New Year! At least, happy new liturgical year. As we begin this Advent season, we are invited to tune the rhythm of our lives to the hopeful proclamation of salvation made through the prophets, announced by an angel to Mary and Joseph, and made manifest in the birth of our Lord. Yes, Christmas is a climactic point that we head towards; and we take these weeks now to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Christ. If we want to experience a religiously fulfilling Christmas, let us start by entering with our whole hearts into the time of Advent.

We speak of Advent as being marked by an attitude of joyful anticipation. If we take the time to read the words of the prophets, the Gospel account of John the Baptist, and the narratives that involve Mary and St. Joseph, we can see this Advent spirit in each of them. It would serve as a worthwhile Advent meditation to read these parts of scripture and ask, "How did this person live in joyful hope for the things that God had promised?" We may be inspired by the same Spirit who blessed them with this virtue.

We know that there is another season of preparation in the Church: the season of Lent. And while Lent is traditionally associated with the three actions of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, all done to prepare for the celebration of Easter, there is no reason why we can't take those on now for Advent, too. In prayer, we speak with the one who is the fulfillment of all our hopes, and as we learn to trust Him more and more we are willing to place more of our hopes in Him. We can see how prayer leads us to joyful anticipation especially in Eucharistic adoration. As we adore our Lord, either in the tabernacle or exposed, we are filled with love and the great desire to be united to Him. Joyful anticipation of heavenly life arises in the heart of the adorer, as well as a joyful anticipation of the next Mass where one can have sacramental communion with Him.

Fasting has traditionally been associated with Advent, as well, particularly on Fridays and on the Vigil of Christmas (Christmas Eve). Anyone who is familiar with the "feast of the seven fishes," a popular multi-course seafood meal eaten on Christmas Eve, has implicitly been keeping that fast. The historical reason for the use of seafood in that meal is to maintain the spirit of anticipating the Christmas feast the next day. Indeed, some of our Eastern Catholic brethren still maintain more strict fasts during the Advent season.

Finally, we are all aware of the commercialization of this religious holiday and the secularization of this time meant to be used specifically for spiritual preparation. What better practice can counter both than almsgiving? Right here in our parish there are ample opportunities for almsgiving, and I hope that we may all take part in those. I hope it also leads to greater charity in every aspect of our lives.

There is one more part of Lent that we can adopt for Advent: it is symbolized in the fact that both seasons use purple as their liturgical color (though in different shades). Purple is meant to symbolize a spirit of penance, which assists us at all times, but especially in these seasons. In recognition of that, I would like to announce the following: starting on December 8th, confessions will be held after the 9am Saturday morning Mass. This will continue for all Saturdays, except if there is a funeral or holy day of obligation. After Mass, a priest will be in the confessional until it is clear that no one is waiting for confession. Moreover, I will be hearing confessions every Tuesday of Advent from 6pm-7pm in the Church. I hope that these additional times will allow everyone to experience the renewal that is called for by the prophets, and exemplified by the lives of Mary and Joseph. In that way we, like them, may truly rejoice when we see the word made flesh, and celebrate His birth among us.

In Christ,
fr. Jason

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ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

The National Night of Prayer for Life

As soon as the Holy Spirit overshadowed the womb of the Virgin Mother, God immediately became one of the human family.

In a like manner when a child is conceived in his mother’s womb, he becomes one of us.
This little human being now dwells among us. So that the world may understand this truth,
COME PRAY WITH US!

3 Hours of Prayer for the Respect for Life at all stages will be held on
Saturday evening, December 8, 2018, from 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM in St. Joseph’s Church.
Sponsored by the Respect Life Ministry of St. Joseph’s.
Please come and pray with us for all who are vulnerable and need our prayers for God’s protection.
All are Welcome!
Sacrificial Giving
Thank you for your generosity in returning to God and God's work some of what God has given to you.

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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. Murtha
- Lt. Dylan Kelly

**U.S.M.C.:**
- Sgt. Lauren Colantuono
- 1st Lt. Anthony Parrino
- 2nd Lt. R.J. Parrino
- Malik Rodriguez
- Nelson Sanchez, Jr.
- PFC Joshua J. Coughlin
- Cpl. Alyssa E. Grimaldi
- 1st Lt. Matthew Witcofsky

**U.S. Coast Guard:**
- CPO Benjamin Flad
- Capt. Matthew W. Sibley
- J.A. Madison Mulders

**U.S. Army:**
- SPC Elliot Chodkowski
- SSG Josua Insull
- LTC John Kallo
- SSG David C. Ray
- Eric Stein
- LTC Jon J. Uebel
- PV2 Danny Bornstein
- Sgt. Edwin Zambrano
- PFC Dominick Petitto
- Capt. Stephen Scuderio
- LT Joseph A. VanderVeldt, III
- 2LT Anthony C. DiBiasi
- 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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<td>1-(888) 373-7888</td>
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<td>(516) 542-0404 (24/7)</td>
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<td>(631) 666-8833 (24/7)</td>
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First Sunday of Advent

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 November 27, we have $121,036.00 in pledges and need $17,064.00 to meet our goal to receive our rebate from the Diocese.*

BULLETIN SUBMISSION DATES

Important notice

Bulletin submission deadlines for Christmas and New Year’s are as follows: Christmas- December 13; New Year’s - December 18.

The general rule for bulletin submission is that bulletin notices should be submitted 10 days prior to the bulletin date except during the seasons of Advent and Lent when notices should be submitted 20 days prior to the bulletin date.

Request Forms can be obtained in the Parish Office.
Thank you, Joanne Maher - Bulletin Editor

“LITTLE BLUE ADVENT BOOK”

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

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).

Lazarus Ministry

On Saturday, December 15, 2018 at the 9:00AM Mass 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 the family or friends 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.

REFLECTION FOR TODAY

“Be on guard,” Jesus warns in today’s gospel, “lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence.” Let us heed his warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.
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.

With sincere thanks.....

Thank you for your generosity at Thanksgiving time. We were blessed with food donations, supermarket gift cards, and turkeys. Our Parish Social Ministry clients were met warmly by St. Vincent de Paul volunteers who walked them through our new Pantry gathering all their Thanksgiving needs. We are thankful to work closely with these compassionate, good-hearted Vincentians who work relentlessly to keep the pantry stocked and then reach out to the families in such a loving way. As well, we would like to send a special thank you to the Youth Group, Junior Catholic Daughters & St. Joseph Nursery School for the food donations, and to Faith Formation for the food collection. We would also like to thank our faithful friends at Torta Fina Bakery who baked 90 delicious loaves that we distributed to our Parish Social Ministry families.

Thank you to Tres Palms which provided Thanksgiving deluxe dinners to 30 families in their restaurant, to the Salcapotano Family for their generosity, to all our Parish Social Ministry Volunteers for their unconditional work, and to all St. Joseph Parishioners for your ongoing support. Thanks to you, we can fulfill our mission.

We are truly blessed!

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

A Special Thank You

Special Thanks to the 3rd Grade class of Suzanne Carosella and AnneMarie Panagos! Last month they donated their Halloween Candy and lots of supplies which went directly to Fr. Francis Pizzarelli and Hope House Ministries.
St. Joseph R. C. Church - Babylon
12-MONTH OPERATING RESULTS
for the FISCAL YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2016, 2017 and 2016

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(1) Extraordinary expenditures -- Included in the $115K of extraordinary expenditures in 2018 are:
   * Mitigation and repairs in the convent building (thrift shop) and rectory following incidents which resulted in water damage. These repairs were covered by insurance.
   * Major repairs to heating and air conditioning systems in various buildings

(2) 2017 Results -- Additional details published in the January 21, 2018 Bulletin available on our website.
Spiritual Adoption Program

MONTH TWO - Developing Baby Spiritual Adoption Program

Your baby is making progress developing all of his external features and internal organs. His brain is functioning at 40 days. His mother can hear his heartbeat now on an ultrasonic stethoscope. Baby-teeth buds are present at 6 ½ weeks. From this moment, your spiritually adopted baby grows and refines his body. But everything he needs to survive after birth is already present by the end of the eighth week.

2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal
Parish   St. Joseph Parish, Babylon, NY
Name ___________________________________________________
Address _________________________________________________
City, State, Zip: __________________________________________
Phone: ____________________________
Signature: __________________________ Date: ____________

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

Next weekend, members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society together with the Babylon Rotary will be collecting food at Stop & Shop on Montauk Highway in Babylon. This food will be brought back to the Food Pantry at Outreach to restock our shelves for the upcoming season. Our heartfelt thanks to all who help as well as those who donate food.

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!

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.
In honor of Veteran’s Day, the Catholic Daughters collected new items for our homeless Veterans. President Lonnie Sherman and his wife Susan, of the General Needs Organization spoke about how this organization provides help to Veterans and their families.

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

Do you plan on getting a new cell phone this Christmas? If so, please consider donating your old cell phone to JCDA. We have partnered with Verizon to make sure old cell phones are reformatted to be given to victims of domestic violence. Any make or model is acceptable, and Verizon does not have to be your carrier.

Boxes that look like Christmas gifts will be set up in the back of the church and in the breezeway outside of Nolan Hall. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

All girls ages 10 and older are welcome.
For more information please contact Laura at 516-356-3399
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.

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: Cassidy made things for the nursing home, Mildred straightened up the play room without being asked, Kate cleaned up the leaves, Brandon made breakfast for his family, Frank donated to Veterans on Veteran’s Day, James let his friend ride his bike home, Katie donated food, Emma taught a boy how to write his name and gave a new girl in school a compliment to make her feel welcome, Jack helped a friend prepare for a test, Stella helped a friend with math homework and Joseph included kids with special needs. So many of the children did chores around the house, helped rake leaves and helped watch their younger siblings. Thanks to all the children who contributed to the good deeds, please keep up the good work.

Level 5 students are to return their Mass booklets at any Mass this weekend.

Level 3 students are expected to attend any Mass the weekend of December 8th & 9th to receive an Advent gift and a special blessing.

Level 1 students are expected to attend any Mass the weekend of December 15th & 16th. We are asking the families to bring in donations for the Outreach Center. Please see their page in the bulletin to see what they are most in need of at this time. Thank you for any donations you are able to provide.

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.

Confirmation Interviews: will take place on Thursday’s December 6th & 13th from 3:30-8pm and on Saturday, December 8th from 9am – 12noon. Letters went out with your child’s interview day and time. Please email Claire @ cmoule@stjosephsbabylon.org if you need to change the day and/or time.

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

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

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Yes, this weekend with the beginning of Advent, the Church starts a new year.

Youth Ministry celebrates that New Year by preparing special Blessings Bags for the Homeless of our area.

Can you help? We are looking for the following:

New warm socks, New heavy winter gloves, scarves, hats, small umbrellas, decks of cards, small cans of tuna or chicken or soup with pop-top lid, granola bars, small boxes of raisins, handwarmers, chapstick & Christmas candy.

Contact Barbara McNulty if you have any questions: 631-669-0068 ext 108
**St. Joseph Christmas Pageant**

Please join us on Mondays for Rehearsal in the Church from 6:30pm until 8pm which 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!

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**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 dmtergesen@optonline.net or call me at 631 422-3563.
Please indicate the number of adults and number of children attending.

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If interested, call Lorraine DeCanditis at 631-553-0160 for more information

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- Bethany- Dead Sea;
- Jerusalem: Mt. of Olives- Gethsemane- Mt. Zion- Western Wall;
- Jerusalem: Via Dolorosa- Holy Sepulchre

Forms will be available in the rear of the Church and the Parish Center.

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**Reflections**

**MAXIMIZING OUR LEFTOVERS**

Many of us enjoyed a time-honored tradition of having leftovers on the day after our Thanksgiving feast...and perhaps a few days after that!!! This activity has even reached a more formalized status as one local community holds a tree lighting ceremony on the Saturday after the fourth Thursday in November, and families bring their remnants of the feast to a hosting home to enjoy festive culinary delights with their neighbors. I even heard of one East end family who cooks the big meal on Wednesday and has turkey sandwiches on Thanksgiving Day. This year, family members said it was the finest Thanksgiving celebration they can remember.

Forgetting Thanksgiving for a moment, what do we do with the leftovers in our lives? Depending on sleeping patterns, once our daily work and chores are completed, we probably have some time on our hands. We have many talents which are often underused, and, for the most part, we have enough treasure to satisfy our basic needs...and then some. Again, what do we do with these leftovers? Many find a ministry or community organization with which to share their time, talent, and/or treasure, yet many of us chose to do something only for ourselves with these assets.

Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, tells us, “For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.” It is very clear what the Lord has in mind for us to do; we should decide to take advantage of the many Grace filled moments which come to us each day.

Advent is a good time to evaluate our lifestyles to see how they fit in with Gospel Values.

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**Deacon’s Corner**

**HOME SWEET HOME**

( JER 33:14-16 )

We like to know where home is for other people. One of the most frequently asked questions is, ‘Where are you from? How people answer helps us identify and understand them. Some of us have lived such mobile lives that it is a difficult question to answer. Others have lived in one place most of their lives and are clear about where home is. Everyone needs some sense of where home is. It is part of knowing one’s self. “Breathes there a man, with soul so dead, who never to himself hath said, this is my own, my native land! Whose heart hath ne’er within him burned, as home his footsteps he has turned, from wandering on a foreign strand.”

(Sir Walter Scott)

No people ever had a greater sense of where home was than our biblical ancestors. Home was the promised land, a land promised to Abraham back at the dawn of civilization, a land reclaimed by slaves after an extraordinary exodus. You will find nowhere in history a stronger emotional bond than the one between ancient Israel and its homeland.

Nothing was more threatening to the Jewish people than the thought of being separated from their land. To their horror, it happened. In 598 the Babylonians began the dismantling of Judah, and in 587 Nebuchadnezzar finished the job. Most of the citizens of Jerusalem were taken into exile far to the east in Babylon. There may never have been such homesickness as those exiles knew, who struggled to sing “the songs of Zion in a strange land,” and who, in despair, hung their lyres in the willow trees.

Years later, of course, they were given freedom to return home. But guess what? Home is a shifty reality. Many of them chose to stay in Babylon. With the passing of the years, and with deaths and births, Babylon had, ironically, become home, and it was never the same again.

In today’s text, Jeremiah envisions a different future, a larger and more spiritual destiny, and a home more like the one we long for during Advent.

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Reconciliación: Sábado a las 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm, o llamar para una cita, al Tel. # 669-0068 ext. 104.

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Cursillo de Cristiandad: Los invita a vivir un fin de semana con Cristo. Tenemos Ultreya todos los domingos a las 12:30 pm en el Salón # 256. Mas información contáctese con el Sub-Vocal de Piedad Geremías Herrera @ gherreras29@gmail.com.

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