December 9, 2018 ~ The Second 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 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  

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 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

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 Thomran, Marilyn Ann O’Hara, Isabel Sampson, Ignacio Guzman, Sean Regan, Anne Aguiss, Kathleen M. Elsner, Mary Jane Simmons, Evelyn Scalise, Mary Blasko, Charles Chertiza, Marcella Dwyer, Jenien Horner, Joy Lichten, Sandy Cardona, Norman Gomez, Brandon Davey, Raymond Meigel, Mary Ellen Szwejkowski, Sabina Dojlidko, Dorila Cardozo, Marie Greer, Anthony Bertuglia, Marylou DeMeo, Arianna Messina, Anne Camarda, Ryan Finn, Robert W. Wolf, Leonor Martin, Silvio Gomez, Benjamin Negro, Millicent Wadsworth, Brenda Buffalino, Baby Ava James, Terry Wunder, Edward Wolfe, Connie Sperling, Fran Di Palma, Jenn Di Palma, John Bradley, Barbara Witthohn, 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.

Preparing for Marriage
Banns Posted
First Time ~
Nicholas Cascio, Jr. & Joanna Stankiewicz
Second Time ~
Denis Koufos & Daria Hagemeyer
Third Time ~
No Banns

For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Vincent Charles Fizzuoglio & Helen Ryjacek.

Altar Rose
In Memory of George & Viola Rebecchi

Bread & Wine for the Eucharist
In Memory of Peter Figoski

At this Mass, we remember
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
12:15 Feast Day Mass

Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)
4:00 Confessions Today
8:45 Barbara Manukian & Joan Cristarella
9:30 Robert Meyer
10:15 Margaret Coughlin
12:00 Viola Rebecchi
5:00 People of St. Joseph

Monday, December 10 – Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab-14; Lk 5:17-26
7:45 Steve Bevacqua
9:00 William Bruno

Tuesday, December 11 – Is 40:1-26; Ps 96:1-3, 10a-c, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
7:45 Patricia Collins Wolff
9:00 Domenico, Athlio & Concetta Colao

Wednesday, December 12 – Zec 2:14-17 or Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; (Ps) Jdt 13:8-19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 or 707-712
7:45 For the Intentions of Our Lady
9:00 Peter Figoski
For the Intentions of Fr. Charles & Laurie Mangano

Thursday, December 13 – Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
7:45 Ravi Maharaj & Brandon Lochan
9:00 Deacon Geoffrey Anisansel, Yolanda & Joseph Ciccia

Friday, December 14 – Is 48:14-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
7:45 Anthony Spadolini
9:00 Immacolata DeMarco

Saturday, December 15 ~ Sir 48:1-4; 9-11; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
9:00 Frances Boyd
This Eucharist is the monthly bereavement liturgy where were member those who have died at any time and especially those who have died in the previous month or whose anniversaries occur during this time. Lazarus Ministry will be present to welcome you and offer guidance.

Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)
4:00 Confessions Today
5:00 People of St. Joseph

Sunday, December 16 ~ Third Sunday of Advent – Zep 3:14-18a; (Ps) Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18
7:00 James Kearns
8:45 Mary & Ralph Powell
9:30 William Crowther
10:15 Patricia Conaughton
12:00 Edward Corcoran
5:00 Marion Carley

Eucharistic Minister Teams:
Weekend of December 8/9 Team B
Weekend of December 15/16 Team A
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Then, my brother, flee all this agitation and misery, and go from the storm of this world to the cove where there is tranquil and certain rest." ~ St. Bruno to his friend Raoul

I pray that you are experiencing a peaceful start to this Advent season. Recall how we reflected last week on the overall theme of Advent, which is joyful anticipation. This week and next we will look at two qualities of the spiritual life that can aid us in our preparation to celebrate the birth of Christ. This week we will consider the role of silence in the spiritual life, and next week we will look at joy.

Our Catholic tradition is filled with many forms of prayer. We can think of them as being divided into three categories: vocal prayer, meditation, and contemplation. I would guess that most prayers we are familiar with fall into the first category, which is marked by the fact that the prayers are said out loud, or internally, but with words. In meditation we begin to make use of silence, quieting both our exterior and interior voice in order to listen to, or focus on, something else. Some common objects for meditation are the Sacred Scriptures, a crucifix, an icon, or other religious art. By embracing silence we allow these things to approach us and speak to us about God. This can be difficult to do in our active lives. To sit quietly and truly listen to what is proclaimed in a verse of the Bible or the paintings of, say, Caravaggio, takes discipline. Untrained, our thoughts often wander. But over time we become more accustomed to it, and we begin to desire it all the more. Eucharistic adoration is often marked by this type of silent meditation.

Consider the difference silence makes in the devotion of setting up a manger scene. Last week we blessed the manger that is in front of the parish school. We counted down together, lit the manger, and prayed a vocal prayer of blessing. It was a brief, but inspiring moment. The simplicity of the manger makes space to draw us into itself, and both young and old alike are taken into the Nativity story through this devotion. This is all good. Now consider what may follow, when you are sitting in your home, and looking at a small manger you've set up. The figures may not be as magnificent as the ones we have for public use here, but in the quiet of your home they draw you in to continued reflection. Perhaps looking upon that manger scene in your house leads you to realize how Christ is born for you, for your home, for those who live there. Perhaps you see how Christ is born into your home. In the small manger you have made space for Christ to come in and bring hope, light, and salvation. This reflection happens without words: it can only be made in silence. And this is the added value that silence brings.

Contemplation, the third form of prayer, is when we remove even these objects in order to consider God alone. It is the prayer indicated by Psalm 46, when verse 10 states, "be still, and know that I am God." This type of prayer takes much practice, and makes the most use of silence. It allows God to approach us in His entirety. We sit before the one who has been from all eternity, and allow His Word to penetrate us, no longer with the echoing of His voice, but with His entire being. An excellent book to help one practice contemplation is *Into the Silent Land* by Fr. Martin Laird, OSB.

Seeing the value of silence, some saints have dedicated their lives to living in silence. Some formed religious communities marked by this austere practice. St. Bruno, the saint whose quote starts this reflection, formed the Carthusian order, and they are well known for maintaining a vow of silence. Benedictines, Trappists (Cistercians), and Camaldolese all have silence as a central mark of their order. Let's conclude with this thought from Fr. David Tomlins from an essay he wrote regarding the value of silence in the journal *Cistercian Studies*: "Prayer, when all is said and done, is not primarily something which man does, but something which the Spirit of God does in him. The person who has reached 'a silence embracing the whole being' [...] ceases from his own activity, not in order to be idle, but in order to enter into the activity of God. His silence is not vacant and negative but intensely positive: an attitude of alert attentiveness, of vigilance, and above all of listening."

In Christ,
fr. Jason
**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

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**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

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**Sacrificial Giving**

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

**12/2/2018**

| Collection | $21,524.00 |
| Last Year  | $20,919.00 |

God Bless You!

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

**U.S. Navy:**
- Lt. John T. Izzo  
- Lt. Caroline Mayer  
- PO2 Kristen Tice  
- PO1 Rasheen Tice  
- MA2 William S. Murtha  
- Lt. Dylan Kelly  
- Lt Nicholas Ruff  
- Lt. Cdr. Michael Catalano  
- Lt. J. T. Izzo  
- Lt. Caroline Mayer  
- PO2 Kristen Tice  
- PO1 Rasheen Tice  
- MA2 William S. Murtha  
- Li. Dylan Kelly  
- Lt. Nicholas Ruff

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

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

**U.S. Army:**
- SPC Elliot Chodkowski  
- SSG Josua Insull  
- LTC John Kallo  
- SSG David C. Ray  
- Eric Stein  
- LTC Jon J. Uebel  
- PVTs Danny Bornschein  
- Sg Edvin Zambrano  
- PFC Dominick Pititto  
- Capt. Stephen Scuder  
- LTC Joseph A. Vanderweld, III  
- 2LT Anthony C. DiBiasi  
- PVTs Alexandra Diaz  
- 2LT Mark Barbera  
- U.S.A.F:  
- AB Christopher Signoretti  
- SSGT Brandon Ward  
- MSGT John Hatzidakis

**Prayers for Service Men & Women**

Sunday, December 9, 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 $121,586.00 in pledges and need $16,514.00 to meet our goal to receive our rebate from the Diocese.*

**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).

**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

**OPEN AUDITION-- NOON MASS MUSIC GROUP**

We are searching for vocalists & musicians

The CME Group is looking for vocalists, a talented keyboard and a bass player

Contact Steve Martino through the Parish Office
CME- Contemporary Music Ensemble
Practice every Wednesday Night 7-9pm

**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 Baptistery 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**

“Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the Psalmist, “The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!”
St. Joseph’s Outreach Center

Parish Social Ministry
Our hours of operation are:
Mon, Wed, & Thurs from 9:30am to 1:30pm
Thrift Shop- Mon, Wed, & Thurs 10:00am to 3:00pm

“New Phone Extensions”
Contact Parish Social Ministry (PSM) Outreach by phone (631) 669-4544 ext. 203 or 202
E-mail: svillalobos@stjosephsbabylon.org Fax Number: (631) 620-3267

“PLEASE HELP OUR HOMELESS”

Parish Outreach is urgently in need of:
Men’s Winter Gloves L, XL, Winter Socks, Winter Hats,
Women’s Winter Hats & Gloves, & Hand Warmers.

Please Note: Outreach and the Thrift shop will be closed on Thursday, December 13, 2018, December 24, 2018 through January 1, 2019. St. Joseph’s Outreach and Thrift shop will reopen Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

Memorial Poinsettias

Each year during the Advent season, as we prepare for the celebration of the Birth of our Savior, our thoughts turn to memories we hold dear in our hearts. For so many of us who have lost a beloved family member or someone dear to us, it is also a time of remembrance of our departed loved ones. As a way of commemorating their memory at this joyous time, we invite you to memorialize one of the many Poinsettia plants that will grace our altars in the coming weeks.

Poinsettias will be placed in our Church, Hall, and Capilla. Your contribution of $20 will make this effort possible. A list of all Poinsettia donors will be published in our Parish bulletin in January.

The closing date is Wednesday, December 19, 2018. Please drop off your donation and order form to the Parish office or place it in the collection by the weekend of December 16. Know that you and all your loved ones will be remembered as our generous benefactors as we celebrate the Christmas season!

Poinsettia Order Form

Please accept my contribution of $______ for (_____) Poinsettia plant(s).

Please Print: In Memory of _______________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________

Requested by: ____________________________________________________________
Phone Number: ___________________________
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Mario’s Pasticceria
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Mulberry Pizza Restaurant
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Second Sunday of Advent

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Dear Parishioners,

Last week we reported on the operating expenses and revenues for the past few years. Sometimes, it's important to share even more details. I'm sure you are aware of the great ministries we support here, but there's also the less spectacular, but equally important, maintenance of our properties. Since the day I arrived, the boiler system in the school has had significant issues. This boiler system covers the entire school building, meaning the nursery school, faith formation classrooms, parish offices, the O'Connell room, and Nolan Hall are all heated by this one system. After a process of having an engineer create a scope of work, and contractors bid on completing that work, we have entered into a contract to have the system repaired to the point to which it can reliably get us through the Winter. The 2018-19 budget made space for this work, and our bid comes in significantly under budget. That being said, some other significant issues exist which I would like to make you aware of, as we will need to think hard about how to address them.

While the work being done on the school boiler will get us through the Winter, the engineer indicated that other issues should be looked at regarding long-term maintenance of the system. The boiler system in the parish social ministry building has been acting up lately, and we may want to consider converting it from oil to gas. The roof of the same building also needs continued repairs to prevent leaking. If you've sat in the church on a rainy day, you know that the church roof leaks, which is leading to water dripping in various locations, as well as damage to the fresco in the main dome. The flat roofs on the school are in moderate to severe disrepair depending on the section of the building. They are actively leaking in multiple places. The pipes, both for heating and plumbing, are very old throughout our property; various steam and water leaks have occurred in the past month.

All of these issues are known to the diocesan buildings department, which is aiding us in formulating plans for action. In consultation with various advisory committees, I will be looking into the best way to ensure that our structures are kept safe, warm, and dry. I appreciate you taking the time to read about these various buildings-related issues.

In Christ,
fr. Jason
Second Sunday of Advent

Organizations

St. Joseph the Carpenter Council #14771
Is a membership organization of St. Joseph Parish.

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

We welcome Sharon Downey & Eileen Molloy
to Court Bishop McDonnell.

Please Note:
- Dec. 12- Court Members Christmas party at Gemelli’s Bergen Point.
- Jan. 16- “Baby Shower” to benefit ‘The Life Center of Long Island’. All are Welcome.

Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas

CELL PHONE COLLECTION

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: Owen & Solara helped their dads with Thanksgiving, Dean and Russell cleaned up the house after Thanksgiving, Mildred helped her grandmother set the table for dinner, Eliana gave her friend a compliment when she was upset at school, Kara donated money to St. Vincent de Paul, Clare helped her sister with school work, William and Alice helped put baskets together for a fundraiser, Vincent & Markus donated food for Thanksgiving, Alex donated food and clothing, Jake built a bird house, Taylor made dessert for Thanksgiving and Noah and Lucas visited an elderly woman on Thanksgiving who was alone. They made her cards and pictures and cheered her up. Melanie and Thomas prepared food for needy families for Thanksgiving. Thanks to all the children who contributed to the good deeds, please keep up the good work.

Level 3 students are expected to attend any Mass this weekend 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. Thank you for any donations you are able to provide.

Level 2 students are expected to attend any Mass the weekend of December 22nd & 23rd to have their Church Tour Booklets blessed. The Church Tour booklets were given out in class the week of December 10th.

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

The Faith Formation Office will be closed beginning 12 noon on Christmas Eve and will reopen on Wednesday, January 2nd. There will be no faith formation classes the week of December 24th & December 31st. Classes will resume the week of January 7th.

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 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

Youth Ministry
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Yes, with the beginning of Advent, the Church starts a new year.
Youth Ministry celebrates this Season of Advent 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.

Donations can be put in the box outside the Youth Ministry Office
Contact Barbara McNulty if you have any questions: 631-669-0068 ext 108

And with the New Year we also use new books in Church.
Members of our Service Team worked hard changing over 400 books in the Hall and 200 books in the Church.

Thank you Parents & Teens!
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

St. Vincent de Paul

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

This weekend, members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting food at Stop & Shop on Montauk Highway in Babylon. This food will be brought back to the Food Pantry to replenish our supplies for the holiday season.

Thanks to all who help!

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.

Sociable Single Seniors

Looking for suggestions for a Christmas gift?
Consider a ticket to see Shen Yun
Lincoln Center
Wednesday, March 13, 2019
$149 per person

Trip Includes:
- Third Ring Ticket to Shen Yun
- Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
- All tips & taxes (except Tour Manager & Bus Driver)

All Are Welcome

Limited ticket availability, so book early!
If interested, call Lorraine DeCanditis at 631-553-0160 for more information.
**Reflections**

**BE PREPARED**

The November elections proved to be somewhat of a mess in New York City this year. Long lines, jamming and non-working ballot scanners, and other incidental problems raised the ire of the exceptionally high number of voters. When interviewed, the NYC Board of Elections Executive Director assured all who would listen that, indeed, his staff had prepared for this election, especially since a higher voter turnout than usual was expected. Those remarks did not sit well with many elected officials who called for the Director’s immediate ouster.

A few weeks ago, forecasters told us as early as that Tuesday the first snowfall of the season would have little or no effect on Long Island. Relying on their predictions of 2 inches on the North Shore and a ½ inch near us, we all planned accordingly...especially with the predicted rain to a wash all remnants of the snow away. Snow covered roads, 5 to 6-inch accumulations, and over 4,000 power outages caused most to think the experts had it wrong, so we were not as prepared as we should have been.

We are now in the liturgical season of Advent, and Scripture advises “...prepare, ye, the way of the Lord.” One external activity we can do at home as a family is to have an Advent wreath. Just as we do at each Sunday Mass, we light a different candle each week to remind us of the prayer, penance, and preparation we should be doing at this Grace-filled time of the year.

Election officials and meteorologists told all they were prepared; they were not. Let us make sure we truly prepare ourselves to receive the arrival of the Baby Jesus and all the days to follow.

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**Deacon’s Corner**

*‘What you have done today’*

Perhaps you’ve heard this poem before, but it won’t hurt to repeat it. It is entitled:

**Today**

I shall do much in the years to come, but what have I done today?
I shall give out gold in princely sum, but what did I give today?
I shall lift the heart and dry the tear,
I shall plant a hope in the place of fear,
I shall speak with words of love and cheer, but what have I done today?
I shall be so kind in the after while, but what have I been today?
I shall bring to each lonely life a smile, but what have I brought today?
I shall give to truth a grander birth,
And to steadfast faith a deeper worth,
I shall feed the hungering souls of earth, but whom have I fed today?

In that vein, you might think of the less fortunate right here in our parish like people who have lost jobs, had a spouse walk out on them, or are ill or infirmed. There are also people who can’t afford their electric to cook, let alone light a Christmas tree. Drop a little something in the poor box as you leave Mass, *that will be what you have done today.*

Amen.
God Bless you.

*Deacon John*
Second Sunday of Advent

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THANK YOU to all of our Bakers & to the CDA and Youth Ministry Service Team for the Hospitality.
### Baptism Baking Ministry

**Wanted A Few Good Bakers for the Baptism Baking Ministry**

Do you enjoy baking? Would you like to welcome newly baptized babies’ families to St. Joseph’s Church?

*The Baptism Baking Ministry does just that!*

Once or twice a month, you’ll be asked to bake whatever you want to be delivered to the baptized baby’s family. Don’t drive? No Problem, delivery can be arranged.

Please join us!

Call or email: Amy Prenderville at 631-893-4148 or AJPrenderville@gmail.com

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### 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

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

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### BAUTISMO:

Segundo domingo de cada mes. **Clase:**

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 INICIAÇÃO CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS:

(LICA) Les invitamos a una preparación espiritual de conversión a la fe católica. Llame 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.

### RECONCILIACIÓN:

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

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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.

### MADRES ORANDO POR SUS HIJOS:

Todos los Jueves de 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM - Salon 259. Para informacion, contactese con Ana Ramos

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### 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 - Lunes de 8:00pm-9:00pm. Comunicarse con Adriana Mascari. Room 259.

### COMITE:

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

### ROSARIO:

Domingos a las 11:00am en la Capilla.

### HERMANAS UNIDAS:

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

### EL APOSTOLADO DE LA CRUZ:

Todos los jueves de 7:00 - 9:00pm en el Salón # 256. Comunicarse con Adriana Mascari o Luz Marina López.

### INTENCIONES PARA UNA MISA:

Ver a Claudia Rodas después de la misa. Viernes de 7:00 PM.

### HORA SANTA:

Cuarto domingo del mes. 12:30pm

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