December 16, 2018 ~ The Third 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 Meule, 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 11:30pm (en Espanol)

Weekday Mass Schedule
Mon. to Fri. - 7:45am, Rosary 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.
For Our Sick

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our Parish:


For Our Deceased

Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Julia A. Croke, Lucille Severino, Barbara Sheehan, Regina Finger & George J. Trujillo.

Altar Rose

In Memory of Anthony & Betty Miele

Newly Baptized

Jack Thomas Broderick, Harper Marie Davidoff, Matthew Evangelista & Giuliana Michelle Stieglitz.

Preparing for Marriage

Banns Posted

First Time ~
Richard LaCamera & Brooke Lome

Second Time ~
Nicholas Cascio, Jr. & Joanna Stankiewicz

Third Time ~
Denis Koufos & Daria Hagemeyer

At this Mass, we remember

Monday, December 17~
Gn 49: 2, 8-10; Ps 72: 3-4b, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
7:45 Gerard Kelley
9:00 William Aubin

Tuesday, December 18~
Jer 23: 5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
7:45 Sgt. John Cuddy NYPD
9:00 Michael G. Buckley

Wednesday, December 19~
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6b, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
7:45 For the Intentions of Our Lady
9:00 Linda Loretta
   In Thanksgiving for Healing; In Honor of SS Cosmos & Damian and Saint Benedict

Thursday, December 20~
Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
7:45 Gerard McCarthy
9:00 Joseph Boyd

Friday, December 21~
Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12,20-21; Lk 1:39-45
7:45 Tomas & Natividad Argosino
9:00 Harold & Noreen Hager

Saturday, December 22~ --
1 Sm 1:24-28; (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
9:00 Caitlin Boyle

At this Eucharist, we will have the Communal Anointing and the Blessing of the Sick, Families and Caregivers. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is for those who have not already been anointed during a particular illness or burdensome condition. Those already anointed, family members, friends and caregivers are welcome to join us at the Eucharist that morning and receive the Blessing of the Sick or the Blessing of Family, Friends and Caregivers.

Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)

4:00 Confessions Today   Fr. Joe
5:00 Anthony Spadolini   Fr. Francis
   Vincent & Rae Terracciano
   Gerard Kelley
   For the Intentions Nolan Christopher Ward

Sunday, December 23 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent~
Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45
7:00 People of St. Joseph   Fr. Joe
8:45 James L. Simmons   Fr. Jason
9:30 Carole Lovalvo-Joyce   Fr. Francis
10:15 Marie G.Sica   Fr. Jason
12:00 Anne Pollio   Fr. Ethel
5:00 Oscar Ray Renault   Fr. Ethel

Eucharistic Minister Teams:
Weekend of December 15/16 Team A
Weekend of December 22/23 Team B
Christmas Day 25 Team B
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Rejoice in the Lord, always; I say again, rejoice! Let your goodness be known to all people; the Lord is near. ~ Phil. 4:4-5

On this Third Sunday of Advent, the entrance antiphon of the Mass begins with these words of St. Paul. He invites us to actively show our joy, and points out a reason for that joy: the Lord is near. As people who know how closely present our Lord is, especially in the Eucharist, we too can understand how there is reason to rejoice because of the closeness of the one who is goodness, itself. We recognize too, of course, that the nearness of Christmas helps us get into this mindset because we have already made space in our hearts to receive God's grace by desiring His presence in the first two weeks of Advent.

What is joy? I like to distinguish joy from happiness. Happiness is an emotion that can be quite fickle: we may simply get up on the wrong side of the bed and be grumpy, but no matter what we are feeling, we can still be joyful. Joy is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit; it is something that grows and develops by practicing our faith rightly, and a joyful disposition will, in turn, nourish faith.

St. Paul originally wrote in Greek, and the term that he uses for “joy” is directly related to the term from which we get the word “charity.” Joy, then, is rooted in love. St. Thomas Aquinas wrote about this connection when he saw the virtue of charity as the cause for joy. When we possess something that we perceive as good, the proper response is to be joyful. When we love God, then we realize we possess goodness, Himself (because He is near), and therefore we respond by rejoicing. For this reason, there is always reason to rejoice. Secondly, when we are spurred on by charity to live in a way that follows the goodness of God, we rejoice to the extent that we are participating in that same goodness. Joy is an act of love; if we love, we will show joy.

I would like to take the chance then, to share an experience that has brought me great joy: participation in World Youth Day. Twice I have had the blessing to participate in this event. If you are unfamiliar with it, every few years Catholic youth from around the world gather together for a week of prayer, catechesis, and fellowship. On the second to last day, there is a pilgrimage to a particular venue that can accommodate such large crowds (one time we were 2 million people gathered in one venue!) and an overnight vigil is held with the Pope. The next day, Mass is offered by the Pope with all of the pilgrims attending. It is a week of intense joy, and why not? God's goodness is being proclaimed all around and so many Catholics from every corner of the world are gathered for that one purpose. I share this with you because our parish is fortunate to have two young ladies who would like to go to the World Youth Day that will take place in Panama in January. I would like us to help them get there, so they may be filled with joy and come back and share that joy with our parish. In order to do that, we will have a special collection on the feast of the Holy Family, and I will invite the young ladies to introduce themselves so you can know them better. I am certain we will be able to pull through and help these young ladies, and that they, in turn, will return with gifts that will bless our parish and inspire the youth here to a deeper faith in our Lord.

May God continue to bless you in Advent, and may you rejoice always, for He is near!

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

Prayers for Our Service Men & Women

Sacrificial Giving
Thank you for your generosity in returning to God
and God's work some of what God has given to you.
12/9/2018

Collection $24,229.00
Last Year $22,662.00

God Bless You!

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
En4 Matthew Waldron
Lt. Dylan Kelly
En3 Nicholas Ruif

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

U.S. Army:
SPC Elliot Chodkowski
SSG Josiah Insull
LTC John Kallo
SSG David C. Ray
Eric Stein
LTC Jon J. Uebel
PV2 Danny Bornschein
Sgt Edwin Zambrano
PFC Dominick Pititto
Capt. Stephen Scuderi
LT Joseph A. Vanderveld, III
2LT Anthony C. DiBiasi
PV2 Alexandra Diaz
1LT 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

Crisis Pregnancy Center (631) 243-2373
Post-Abortion Counseling 1-888-456 HOPE
(Project Rachel)
National Human Trafficking (888) 373-7888
Domestic Violence (Nassau County) Safe Housing (516) 542-0404 (24/7)
Domestic Violence (Suffolk County) Hotline & Shelter (631) 666-8833 (24/7)
Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk County (631) 360-3730
Office for Protecting Children/Young Adults-Diocese of Rockville Centre (516) 594-9063
Suicide Prevention (Nassau County) (516) 679-1111
Suicide Prevention (Suffolk County) (631) 751-7500
Porn Addiction www.reclaimsexualhealth.com
In Observance of the New Year, the Parish Office will close at Noon on New Year’s Eve, December 31st and will be closed on New Year’s Day January 1st. The Parish Office will re-open on Wednesday, January 2nd at 9:30 AM.

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

Parish Office News

The Parish Office will close at Noon on Christmas Eve, December 24th and will be closed on Christmas Day, December 25th. The Parish Office will re-open on Wednesday, December 26th at 9:30 AM.

BULLETIN SUBMISSION DATES

Important notice
Bulletin submission deadline is as follows:
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

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).

REFLECTION FOR TODAY

Today’s Gospel provides a blue print for good stewardship: “Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same.”

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 December 24, 2018 through January 1, 2019.
St. Joseph’s Outreach and Thrift shop will reopen Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

Volunteers are needed...
If you are looking for a Ministry where you can put your enthusiasm and energy, join us 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

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 coming week, members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be distributing food for the Christmas holiday to our families in need. It is so heartwarming to see their joy and gratitude as they leave with food and goodies! In this mission of charity we feel the true meaning of Christmas. Thanks to all our parishioners who have donated food and food cards to bring joy to the needy at this time!

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

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 jennuse127@outlook.com
Thank you and God Bless,
Jennifer Weiss

The next meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is on Monday, December 17, 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.
Third Sunday of Advent

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve: Monday, December 24, 2018 (Carolings 30 minutes before all Masses)
- 4 PM- Church- Contemporary Music Ensemble
- 4:15 PM- Nolan Hall- Adult Folk Ensemble
- 4:15 PM (in English) in La Capilla- Children’s Choir
- 6 PM Church- Guitar & Cantor
- 6:30 PM Misa en Español in Nolan Hall- Hispanic Choir
- 10PM Church- St. Joseph’s Choir
- 12 Midnight- Church

Christmas Day: Tuesday, December 25, 2018
- 7 AM-Church- Guitar & Cantor
- 8:45 AM- Church- Guitar & Cantor
- 10:15 AM-Church- Organ & Cantor
- 12 PM- Church- Contemporary Music Ensemble

No Misa en Español in Nolan Hall Christmas Day
No 5 PM Mass in Church on Christmas Day

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 December 3, 2018 we have $121,586.00 in pledges and need $16,514.00 to meet our goal to receive our rebate from the Diocese.*

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: ___________________________

Pledge: $______________
Down payment: $__________
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

There will be no Adoration on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, December 24 & 25; New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day, December 31, 2018 & January 1, 2019.

The Chapel will still be open for Christmas but not on New Year’s Eve or New Year’s Day.

Memorial Poinsettias

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 for 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: ___________________________

Memorial Poinsettias
Catholic Daughters of the Americas - Court Bishop McDonnell #1403

We welcome all our Catholic sisters to add their names to the roster of the largest Catholic women’s organization in the world through Court Bishop McDonnell #1403

Tell a friend!
Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month - September thru June. Come and visit one of our meetings and mingle with our members and learn how we work in UNITY and CHARITY to help others less fortunate.

For more information contact Dorothy Buckley at 631-539-8522

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 are 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

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Join Fr. Ethel Anarado on a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
March 3-12, 2019 (Departing from New York, NY)
$4,079 per person (based on double occupancy)
Visiting:
Stella Maris - Nazareth; Tiberias: Sea of Galilee; Jordan River- Mt. Tabor - Jericho-Jordan River-Jerusalem; Jerusalem: Temple Model-Ein Karem- Bethlehem; 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.
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.

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.

Level 1 students are expected to attend any Mass this weekend. 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.

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.

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: Grace helped her grandpa up the stairs with his oxygen, Jack & Alexander helped their grandparents carry the Christmas decorations from the attic, Melanie completed her Mass Booklet, Shannon & Ronan hosted friends last week and adopted a family for Christmas, Cassidy cleaned her sister’s room, Jason helped put up Christmas lights and decorations, Matteo & Lauren donated toys, Elizabeth helped clean the playroom, James did a walk-a-thon for special needs kids and Aiden cleaned the rabbit cage. Thanks to all the children who contributed to the good deeds, please keep up the good work.

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: NFCQMWW

Color and Place in your home
Third Sunday of Advent

Youth Ministry

Advent is a time of hope—a time of miracles—and a time to slow down to appreciate our lives, our gifts, our families. Let’s take some of that time and pray for one another.

Let’s especially pray for our Teens and our Young Adults that they come to an understanding and a trust in their Faith during this holiday season and that they turn to that faith in both good times & times of struggle.

And most definitely continue to pray for us as Parents and Caregivers that we acknowledge the Graces God has given us and that we call upon the Gifts of Wisdom and Understanding as we help our children grow in their Faith.

BLESSINGS BAGS

We are still collecting items: hats, gloves, scarves, chapstick, handwarmers, warm socks.

Assembly of bags will be Wednesday 12/19 @ 7:30pm—if you can help, please email: youth@stjosephsbabylon.org or call Barbara McNulty at 631-669-0068 ext 108

St Joseph’s Teens are Involved in their Parish & Community! THANK YOU!
Deacon’s Corner

Part 5- Jesus the Reason to Disciple
(Matthew 16:21-28)

Jesus not only died for the world but also for all disciples. If He had not lived, died and rose again, we would have nothing to disciple about; the world would have no hope and eternal life would be just a pipe dream. In other words the lost would still be lost.

In verse 22, Peter is in the flesh and Jesus reminds him of it in the next verse. We are to be sold out to the things of God and the will of God.

We must lose the desire to serve self and our own agendas, to put the past behind and look toward the future in serving Christ and man under the leading and anointing of the Holy Spirit. This is not just a decision or confession, but a lifestyle, daily, every day and each part of every day.

Nothing in this world can compare to our salvation and the treasure of heaven, which are the rewards to the disciple and people who are committed to saving the lost at any a cost, for their reward is in heaven.

Deacon John

Reflections

FRIENDS OF THE FAMILY

As I approach the conclusion of my 22\textsuperscript{nd} year of sharing a thought or two with you each weekend, I realize a recurring theme is how God puts people in our lives...sometimes for an instant, sometimes for a lifetime. Those we find in the latter category offer a host of opportunities from which we can better understand the Grace God has for us if only we ask. While we can intellectually comprehend the mysteries of our faith, we better take them to heart when we see them in action.

My late and great mother told me it was important to have a priest or two in my life. She was tight with the priest who was moderator of her Sodality, who performed her wedding, and who remained always with her. The lives of my priestly friends, both diocesan and Dominican, remind me having a deeper relationship with God is possible...something to which I try to aspire.

The recent passing of Fr. Tom Ertle, O. P., an active friend of the Maher family, ended an important era of the Dominican Order in my life. Having recently celebrated his 62\textsuperscript{nd} year of serving the God he so loved, Fr. Ertle was a model of the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity. Look up any one of those words in the dictionary, and you will probably see his picture.

When asked how he was, Fr. Tom always answered, “Never better!” Everyday that passed, he would explain, brought him closer to his Savior. During this season of Advent, let us try to emulate the outlook of this wonderful servant of Jesus and devotee of Our Blessed Mother. And may Fr. Tom rest in peace.

Brian Maher
Church of St. Joseph
K of C 14771 St. Joseph the Carpenter Council
Community Blood Drive

Date: Thursday, December 27, 2018
Time: 3:00pm to 9:00pm
Place: 39 North Carll Ave., Babylon

ALL DONORS WILL RECEIVE A PAIR OF METS TICKETS TO A 2019 HOME GAME
(Mets tickets will be sent in the mail)
Your donation will help to save up to THREE lives.
Our community hospitals need your help.
Please share this lifesaving gift!
Thank you for caring!

Eligibility Criteria:
- Bring ID with signature or photo.
- Minimum weight 110 lbs.
- Age 16 - 75 (16 year olds must have parental permission).
- Age 76 and over need doctor’s note
- Eat well (low fat) & drink fluids
- No tattoos for past 12 months

For questions concerning medical eligibility call 1-800-688-0900.

For more information or to make an appointment please contact: Doreen at 516-478-5031.

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

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