December 23, 2018 ~ The Fourth 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

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 Celebrate the Sacraments

Baptism
Parents are requested to call the Parish Office at least two months before child’s birth to make arrangements. New Parents’ Instruction Class will be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 7:30pm to 8:30pm in Room 257. Baptism is celebrated every Sunday of the month at 1:45pm.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Anyone who wishes to join the Catholic Church should call the Parish Office.

Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturday 4:00 to 4:45pm in the Church or call the Parish Office for an appointment.

Matrimony
Couples are requested to call at least six months before the wedding for an appointment with a Priest or Deacon to set the date and make arrangements. No arrangements can be made by phone.

Anointing of the Sick
Fourth Saturday of the month at the 9:00am Mass or call the Parish Office.

We Celebrate the Eucharist

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

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

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

Prepar ing for Marriage
Banns Posted

First Time ~
Brian Kolbe & Kirsten Telfer

Second Time ~
Richard LaCamera & Brooke Lome

Third Time ~
Nicholas Casco, Jr. & Joanna Stankiewicz

For Our Sick
Please remember in your prayers the sick of our Parish:

Altar Rose
In Memory of Helen McCullagh

Candles
In Honor of Robert Rotunno

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

Mass Schedule & Readings For The Coming Week:

At this Mass, we remember

Monday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve
Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25;
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
7:45 For the Intentions of William Schoepfer
9:00 Brendan Lynch
4:00 Deceased Members of the Wexler, Scafaro & Riccio Families Fr. Jason
4:15 (Hall) Encarnacion Culpepper Fr. Ethel
4:15 (Capilla) People of St. Joseph Fr. Francis
6:00 Jason Rotzman Fr. Ethel
10:00 People of St. Joseph Fr. Jason
12:00 (Midnight) For the Mangano & Fiorentine Families Fr. Jason

Tuesday, December 25 ~ The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
(Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
7:00 Mary Patricia Bowers Fr. Francis
8:45 Mary & Hannah Maikish Fr. Joe (D. John)
10:15 Valentina & Eva Vuljai & Family; Theresa, Sam, & Skippy Merhige Fr. Ethel (D. Steve)
12:00 (Noon) For the Intentions of Rev. Douglas R. Arcoleo Fr. Jason

Wednesday, December 26 ~
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3-4, 6-8, 16-17; Mt 10:17-22
7:45 For the Intentions of Our Lady
9:00 Thomas Jordan For the Intentions of Michael Morabito

Thursday, December 27 ~
Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
7:45 Nancy Romeo
9:00 Helen McCullagh

Friday, December 28 ~
Jn 1:8-12; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
7:45 Angela Colantrello
9:00 Susan Elizabeth Studley

Saturday, December 29 ~
Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
7:45 In Thanksgiving of Betty Amani Fr. Joe
9:00 Frank McCluskey Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)
4:00 Confessions Today Fr. Joe
5:00 Robert Spilabotte Fr. Francis Leo G.Impellizzeri

Sunday, December 30 ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Lk 2:41-52
7:00 In Thanksgiving of Betty Amani Fr. Joe
8:45 Kathleen Gallagher & LeRoy Dorn Fr. Jason
9:30 People of St. Joseph Fr. Francis
10:15 Meghan O’Handley Fr. Jason
12:00 Nazzareno Ruffa Fr. Ethel
5:00 Salvatore Giosa Fr. Ethel

Eucharistic Minister Teams:
Weekend of December 22/23 Team B
Christmas Day 25 Team B
Weekend of December 29/30 Team A
A Letter From Bishop Barres

Christmas 2018

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

Merry Christmas to you and your families! Christmas is a powerful time of unity and communion for our families, and every Christmas is a time for our families to open even more deeply to the healing and transforming power of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of the Holy Family.

The Holy Family not only transformed but revolutionized the world and history through humility, poverty, adoration, and trust in the plan of God, and a complete dedication to the Glory of God.

Mary’s silent adoration and awe teaches us to see through everyday human events and appearances to the presence of Christ in every situation. Joseph teaches us rock solid trust and bold docility in the shifting terrain and unexpected events of daily life. The shepherds teach us simplicity, humility and reverent adoration. The Infant Prince of Peace teaches us that God’s Mercy is the beating heart of the Gospel and the beating heart of the Creche scene. Mercy is the Foundation of the Church’s mission to the world.

We approach the Prince of Peace this Christmas for special gifts of peace in our families, special gifts of peace for our Church and special gifts of peace for the World.

In the Mystery of the Nativity, we marvel and give Glory to God with the Shepherds and the Wise Men. We realize in the image of a poor, homeless family and the image of a poor, vulnerable baby that God’s logic in the Incarnation overturns and confounds the narrow logic of human power and calculation. “Families transform the world and history.”

The Holy Family continues to transform our marriages and our families – right in our daily experiences of the joys, crosses, crises and the unresolved issues of every marriage and every family in a fallen world. In the midst of the weaknesses and failures of daily family life, we remember the Glory of God that radiates from the manger lifting our families, despite their daily imperfections, to transform the world and history through faith, holiness and a missionary spirit.

When we pray and meditate on the Creche at Christmas, we experience a spiritual rebirth and fresh insights into our daily family routine and our daily family spiritual, emotional and relational patterns. We allow the ruts of sin and selfishness in our families to be purified with daily patterns of prayer, grace and conversion. We remember that personal conversion sends ripple effects throughout a family.

The Creche leads us to a deep experience of Mercy and Forgiveness in our families. And we remember that the confessions in our churches are “Doors of Mercy” and forgiveness for our families. I invite you to take advantage of the gift of reconciliation by participating in the confessions offered at your parish during this holy season.

During this Christmas season, I want to thank you and your families for transforming the world and history with Christ’s love.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre
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

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 1-(888) 373-7888
Domestic Violence (Nassau County) Safe Housing (516) 542-0404 (24/7)
Domestic Violence (Suffolk County) Hotline & Shelter (631) 666-8833 (24/7)
Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk County (631) 360-3730
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

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

Due to an early bulletin deadline the
Sacrificial Giving was not available. It will be published in the December 30 bulletin.
Thank you for your patience.

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
E4 Matthew Waldron
Lt. Dylan Kelly
13 Nicholas Ruf

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

U.S. Coast Guard:
CPO Benjamin Fiedl
Capt. Matthew W. Sibley
J.F. A. Madison Mulders

U.S. Army:
SPC Elliot Chodkowski
SSG Joseph 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 Scudder
LT Joseph A. Vanderveld, III
2LT Anthony C. DiBiasi
PV2 Alexandre Diaz
1LT Mark Barbera

U.S.A.F:
AB Christopher Signoretti
SSGT Brandon Ward
MSGT John Hatzidakis
REFLECTION FOR TODAY

The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior, gave her time and love to others as well.
“Thank You”

On behalf of all the families who assisted our families in need during Thanksgiving & Christmas, Parish Outreach says THANK YOU VERY MUCH for your generosity.

We are grateful to those who adopted a family through our Angel Brigade and to all of you who took tags from our Giving Tree. The families were overwhelmed by your generosity.

In partnership with St. Vincent de Paul, we were able to supply food and food cards. We are blessed to work closely with our SVDP conference and truly appreciate its work in meeting the needs of our local families.

We thank Margot Denza for her hard work putting together our Angel Brigade program and Adriana Mascari who worked next to me, hand in hand until late hours for several days, checking files and putting together our different programs. And of course, to all our Parish Social Ministry volunteers, thank you so much for your dedication and compassion. You make a positive difference in many people lives!

We thank The Youth Group who provided gifts to our homeless population.
We thank the Nursery School and Faith Formation for the food drive, wrapping paper and goodies.
We thank the Junior Catholic Daughters for the Pajama drive. Thanks to you girls, many children and seniors will be warm and cozy this winter. Great Job!

We thank all of you for the many wonderful gifts, toys, gift cards and donations. With your help, Parish Social Ministry was able to brighten “Thanksgiving & Christmas” for over 200 families. We are truly blessed.

Our special thank you to Joe and Tom the owners of “Torta Fina Bakery” who supplied baked goods to all of our families to sweeten their holiday. Torta Fina bakes more than 200 delicious bread loaves, every year, between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

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We are truly thankful and appreciative of our ongoing relationship with Joe & Tom, they help make this Parish a very special place.

Merry Christmas!

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

To all our friends and families who have helped with our mission of serving the needy, as well as those families who have received the generosity of our parishioners:

HAVE A VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS FILLED WITH GOD’S LOVE AND BLESSINGS!
Fifth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve: Monday, December 24, 2018 (Caroling 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
10 PM 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.*
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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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

CDA Baby Shower

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Court Bishop McDonnell 1403

invites you to a Baby Shower
for the benefit of THE LIFE CENTER

on Wednesday, January 16th, 2019
in the O’Connell Room at 7:30 pm
(doors open at 7:00 pm)

Come enjoy the party and support the women and men who have made the good decision to have their babies.

Please bring “new” baby items such as diapers, bottles, outfits and formula and you can place items in the bassinets you will find in the Church, and Hall over the next few weeks.

Unwrapped gifts please.
No toys or stuffed animals, please.

We also accept gently used, in good condition, strollers, car seats, play gym sets, etc.

For additional information
Dorothy Buckley @ 631-539-8522 or Lori Senatore @ 631-944-09232
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Organizations

**Knights of Columbus**

*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](https://stjosephsbabylon.org/knights-of-columbus)

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas - Court Bishop McDonnell #1403**

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

**Tell a friend!**

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

**Please Note:**

- Jan. 16~ ‘Baby Shower’ to benefit “The Life Center of Long Island”. All are Welcome!

  For more information contact Terry Hoffmann at (631) 669-0198

**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.
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 2 students are expected to attend any Mass this weekend to have their Church Tour Booklets blessed and to receive a special blessing. 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: Elizabeth helped her friend with her homework, Cathryn & Elizabeth donated toys and books to the library, Travis & Erik helped clean up the leaves, Andrew, Madison & Kayla helped decorate for Christmas, Joseph celebrated his first Reconciliation and went to Mass, Caitlin visited her nanny in rehab instead of playing with her friends, Finn, Jack & Georgia have been visiting their great grandfather in the hospital and tried to cheer him up, John helped his sister when she had a seizure, Bianca & Isabella sent cards to the nursing home and did a dance performance for the residents and Liz helped with a Chinese Auction. 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: NFCQMW

St. Joseph’s Nursery School

Learning & Growing Together

St. Joseph’s Nursery School 2019-2020 Registration

OPEN HOUSE
Saturday, January 12th and Saturday, February 2nd
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Programs available for children

4 months – Pre-K
4 months – 30 months for child & caregiver
2 ½ yr. olds – 2 days
3 yr. olds – 2, 3, 4, or 5 half days
4 yr. olds Pre-K – 3, 4, or 5 half days
Science, enrichment classes and more!

Tours are available on school days by appointment.

Please contact us at 661-4559 or nurseryschool@stjosephsbabylon.org
**Youth Ministry**

Christmas is nearly here. The anticipation of the day is growing stronger. Did I finish my shopping? Did I remember everything? Will we get to visit everyone we are supposed to see?

How about visiting someone who is NOT on your list? The neighbor with no family around, or the local Senior Center perhaps. Try calling (not texting) a relative you may not get to visit because of distance. Add something to your day in a pay-it-forward kind of way. BE an example of Christ to someone else.

And most of all—**PRAY FOR OTHERS** — PRAY as a family. Hold Hands. Tell each other how much you appreciate each other.

Say I _LOVE YOU_—as you say MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Wednesday 1/9 at 7:30 PM in Room 260**  Meeting for all involved in the Service Team. Parents & Teens please. Meeting will be about 1/2 hour and we will go over upcoming calendar.

**Friday 1/11 at 6:30 PM** in the GYM..  OPEN GYM NIGHT.  RSVP please.

    youth@stjosephsbabylon.org or call Barbara McNulty at 631-669-0068 ext 108

St Joseph’s Teens are Involved in their Parish & Community!

    Our Children are a wonderful GIFT from God.
    Faith as a priority within our Family is OUR Gift back to God.
CHRISTMAS 2018

After almost two months (stores started decorating right after Halloween), Christmas is finally here. Even before the big day, you probably enjoyed several activities which brightened your spirits. One in particular… a long-standing tradition, in fact… brought great joy to many members of our parish.

The St. Joseph’s Choir beautifully performed selections from Handel’s MESSIAH & Vivaldi’s GLORIA much to the delight of those assembled. To achieve such success, there is one element that must be understood. The singers have different ranges from bass to soprano, and all must be blended to achieve maximum results. Individuals make certain sacrifices to sing parts which may not come naturally and practice many hours at home so, when it is time for rehearsals, all the singers are prepared for the music of the day.

The singers cannot do it alone. Fortunately for our parish, Dr. Marie Drohan expertly organizes, instructs, and perfects the talented individuals assembled. She helps singers achieve the main objective: to musically bring glory to God.

This is a perfect example of blending talents to achieve a goal. If everyone sang the same notes, group songs would be easy. We all have different talents, but sometimes we think they are not enough to stand alone. If we realize when we combine our gifts with others who have different abilities, we can join a group (or a ministry) whose leader brings out the best in everyone.

The scenes depicted at Christmas often include angels, shepherds, kings, and a family. Such variety reminds us how the roles each played was an important part of the Christmas story. They all were mixed together to make it happen.

As we celebrate with those we love, let us thank God for our many gifts which, when blended with others, help to bring God’s Grace to others.

God bless us, everyone.
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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.

Long Island Blood Services

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.
## BULLETIN SUBMISSION DATES

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

## BAUTISMO:

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

## RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS: (RICA)

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

## UNCION DE LOS ENFERMOS:

Llamar a la oficina principal (631)669-0068 Ext. 100.

## CURSILLO DE CRISTIANDAD:

Los invita a vivir un fin de semana con Cristo. Tenemos Ultreya todos los domingos a las 12:30pm. en el Salón # 256. Már 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 información, contactese con Ana Ramos

## RENOVACION CARISMATICA:

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## COMUNIDAD DE MARIA:

Siguiendo los mensajes de María Reina de la Paz - Lunes de 8:00pm-9:00pm. Comunícense 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. Comunícense 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

## MONAGUILLOS O ACOLITOS:

Contáctese con Claudia Rodas. Los niños deben haber recibido la Primera Comunión.

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