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

Newly Baptized
Riley Crissann Brown, Bailey Quinn Grober, Parker Paul Smith & Ellie Frances White.

Preparing for Marriage
Banns Posted

First Time ~
No Banns

Second Time ~
Brian Kolbe & Kirsten Telfer

Third Time ~
Richard LaCamera & Brooke Lome

For Our Sick

Altar Rose
In Memory of Kathleen Gallagher

For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Jane A. Cruickshank.

Mass Schedule & Readings For The Coming Week:

At this Mass, we remember

Monday, December 31~ New Year’s Eve
1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 Jane Cruickshank

Tuesday, January 1~ Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
7:45 No Mass - Holiday
9:00 Elisabeth Fiore
12:15 Mary Wawrynek
7:30 People of St. Joseph

Wednesday, January 2~
1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 Pietro Di Stefano

Thursday, January 3~
1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 August Vrondis

Friday, January 4~
1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
9:00 Felix Alicea

Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)
4:00 Confessions Today Fr. Jason
5:00 Rene Pabon Fr. Francis
Oscar Renault

Sunday, January 6 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
7:00 People of St. Joseph Fr. Joe
8:45 Marguerite Roche & Catherin Gallagher Fr. Francis
9:30 Carol Ann Cominski Fr. Ethel
10:15 Marion Kiernan Fr. Jason
11:30 (Español- NH) Fr. Joe
12:00 Karen Garcia Fr. Jason
5:00 Anthony Spadolini Fr. Ethel

Eucharistic Minister Teams:
Weekend of December 29/30 Team A
Weekend of January 5/6 Team B
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is thus fitting and most worthy of Joseph's dignity that, in the same way he once kept unceasing holy watch over the family of Nazareth, so now does he protect and defend with his heavenly patronage the Church of Christ — Pope Leo XIII, Quamquam pluris

I pray that the Christmas celebration continues to be a source of inspiration for each of you. While this time can naturally be very hectic, let us not forget to make space to reflect on the humble birth of Our Lord among us. The manger scene is filled with lessons for us to learn if, like Mary, we keep all of these things in our heart. But like any book, to read it we must be familiar with the grammar of the language that it speaks. That spiritual grammar is one of humility, stillness, and devotion. I hope we can all take a few minutes each week during the Christmas season to come and adore Jesus in our hearts as we look upon a depiction of the events surrounding His birth.

We know that in the manger we, like the shepherds, shall find not only Christ, but His mother and father. (A quick note: let us not be ashamed to refer to St. Joseph in this way, even though Mary conceived through the Holy Spirit, for she, herself, calls him such: see Lk. 2:48). Each member of the Holy Family, whom we celebrate today, is ready to speak to us, too, teaching us more about the glories of God. What I would like to suggest for us members of a parish dedicated to St. Joseph is that we give him, in particular, the chance to teach us through his experience of the birth of Christ.

What might our parish patron teach us? In this short space let me suggest one lesson. He speaks to us of the importance of trusting the will of God. It is not always easy, and certainly not convenient to be a disciple of Christ: real conversion is demanded. Our lives are transformed by our discipleship, and that means a death to self and a rising in Christ. Even our minds, our way of thinking is transformed. St. Joseph, before he knew that his son would be the one to redeem us, was found ready to respond to God's will. We are told that he was righteous. After the angel speaks to him he acts upon the divine message with admirable promptness and trust. He does not use his special election by God to skip out on secular responsibilities, either. Remember that Christ is born in Bethlehem because Joseph had gone there to be enrolled in a census. This was a journey of around 100 miles taken without any modern conveniences, taken with his wife who was far along in her pregnancy. When the child is born, the child whom he was told will “save His people from their sins,” he permits Him to be visited by the various figures who come to adore, trusting that Jesus will be safe with these strange guests. He trusts in the covenant, as we see him on multiple occasions going to the temple in Jerusalem in order to fulfill the requirements of the law. He trusts enough to follow the angel's warning and guides his family into Egypt, surviving there until they could all safely return to Israel.

And so, in the manger, we encounter our patron: the trusting, faithful guardian of the Holy Family. He quietly invites us to put our complete trust in God as he did. In that way, he continues his fatherly role, watching over us and guiding us during our pilgrimage here on earth. He is ready to be our aid, should we approach him. Let us go to Joseph this Christmas season and learn from his fatherly wisdom.

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

**Mass for Hearing Impaired**

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

**HOTLINE NUMBERS**

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**Sacrificial Giving**

_Thank you_ for your generosity in returning to God and God's work some of what God has given to you.

**12/16/2018**

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**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  
- E3 Nicholas Ruf

**U.S.M.C.:**

- Sgt. Lauren Colanotropo  
- 1stLt MarcAnthony Parrino  
- 1stLt B.J. Parrino  
- Malik Rodriguez  
- Nelson Sanchez, Jr.  
- PFC Joshua J. Caughlin  
- Cpl Alyssa E. Grimaldi  
- 1stLt Matthew Witcofsky

**U.S. Coast Guard:**

- CPO Benjamin Fad  
- Capt. Matthew W. Sibley  
- J.A. Madison Mulerds  

**U.S. Army:**

- SPC Elliot Chodkowski  
- SSG Josuah Insull  
- LTC John Kallo  
- SSG David C. Ray  
- Eric Stein  
- LTC Jon J. Uebel  
- PV2 Danny Bornschein  
- Sgt Edwin Zambrano  
- PFC Dominick Pititto  
- Capt. Stephen Scuderio  
- LT Joseph A. Vanerdella, III  
- 2LT Anthony C. DiBiasi  
- PV2 Alexandra Diaz  
- 1LT Mark Barbera  
- LT Joseph A. Vanderveldt, III  
- 1LT Anthony C. DiBiasi  
- PV2 Alexandra Diaz  
- 1LT Mark Barbera  
- U.S. Air Force:**

**AB Christopher Signoretti  
SSGT Brandon Ward  
MSGT John Hatzidakis**

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**Prayers for Our Service Men & Women**

Sunday, December 30, 2018
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

The “Moving On” Group

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH PARISH CENTER
39 North Carll Avenue
Babylon, NY 11702
631-699-0068

Start the New Year with
The “Moving On” Group
An ‘After Bereavement’ Group for Widows and Widowers
Let’s Plan for 2019 Together - Everyone’s Input is Encouraged and Appreciated!

Friday, January 11 @ 7:30 pm

For further information please call
Geri Olson 631-661-8994, or Mike Goodwin 631-422-0957 or Linda Sparaco 631-225-9530

St. Joseph Book Club

St. Joseph Book Club will meet January 10, 2019 in the Staff Lounge at 7:30 PM.
The book to be discussed will be “A Red Bird Christmas” by Fannie Flagg

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

Parish Office News

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.

REFLECTION FOR TODAY
The first reading today provides a challenging guideline for the good stewardship of our family relationships.
How do I measure up?
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

“Thank You”

On behalf of all of 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. 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.

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

Happy New Year!

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 ext.201

To all our friends and families:

MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES WITH GOD’S LOVE AND HAPPINESS IN THE YEAR 2019!!

The next meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is on
Monday, January 7, 2019
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.
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

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 no Adoration on New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day, December 31, 2018 & January 1, 2019.
The Chapel will not be open 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 bassinettes 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
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 UNIITY 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.

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’s 1 & 2 Catechist Meeting – Thursday, Jan. 3rd from 4-6pm in the O’Connell Room.

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: Ashley & Michael raked leaves and helped put up Christmas decorations, Elliot helped babysit for his cousin, Matthew helped his friend with his math homework, Dylan & Logan held the door for strangers, Eva taught Leo how to play the viola and Leo shared the piano with Eva, Sofia put a quarter in a random person’s meter, Mia & Joey took a picture with Santa for mom because she never had one, Katie brought her friend to the nurse and Johnny helped with Christmas decorations. Thanks to all the children who contributed to the good deeds, please keep up the good work.

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 will be celebrated on Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2019 with Bishop Robert Coyle.

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

Children’s Section

Joseph listened to the angel’s warning because he trusted in God. Write down names of people you trust.
Christmas Day is come and gone. But the Christmas Season is still upon us. Remember to keep that Spirit with you as we welcome 2019. Include helping others & being active in your Parish as your New Year’s Resolutions.
And let’s help our Teens remain active in their Faith!

On a personal note, THANK YOU to all who have worked so hard this past year evangelizing our Teens — supporting us financially—and keeping us in prayer. Your support has meant a great deal to me. This Ministry has only been able to continue to grow because of YOU.
MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY, HEALTHY, NEW YEAR!
Barbara McNulty

SNOW ANGELS NEEDED!
Can you help shoveling the walkways of a Parishioner in need? It can be a Family Community Service—a way of being Christ-like to others.
I am looking for contact information of people we can call on to help when the snow begins falling. Let me know if you can help! —You can get more details at the Service Team Meeting 1/9 or call 631-669-0068 ext 108

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Wednesday 1/9 at 7:30pm 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 6:30pm in the GYM.. OPEN GYM NIGHT. RSVP please.
youth@stjosephsbabylon.org or call Barbara McNulty at 631-669-0068 ext 108

WORLD YOUTH DAY! -
This weekend, fr. Jason is introducing two young ladies—
Miss Gabriella Cuesta, Grade 11 and Miss Yanna E. Cuesta, Grade 10.
These sisters will be travelling to Panama to join Millions of other Teens and Pope Francis, January 22—27.
Both girls and their family are active in our Hispanic Charismatic Movement and we look forward to hearing about their Pilgrimage when they return. Please keep Gabriella, Yanna, and all of the young Pilgrims in your prayers.

FUN FACT: In 2016…..an estimated 3 MILLION Teens & Young Adults attended WYD Mass with the Pope in Krakow, Poland!
Reflections

ENDING 2018 IN THE PINK

As a recovering Irish Catholic, I found myself becoming more steadfast in my approach to life. Whether it is my very limited culinary desires, my appreciation for music only predating 1980, or my conservative and relatively predictable wardrobe, there was very little change to what I eat, what I play on the radio, or how I dress for the day. Over the years, there have been multiple attempts to alter my patterns, but my conservative roots remain true and deep.

Mid-December, a classmate from Providence College died suddenly, and I was asked to be a pallbearer at his funeral in Albany. At the wake, his daughters took me aside and showed me a large shopping bag filled to the brim with his neckties. Perhaps my most dapperly attired friend, it would be fitting, the daughters told me, if I wore one of their father’s ties at the funeral. Uncharacteristically and clearly unpredictably, I chose the loudest tie in the bag.

Tom’s pink tie clearly complimented my blue suit, and I received more than a few spontaneous compliments on the way I looked all day—even when I was back in West Islip. Perhaps leaving my comfort zone in some other areas of my life may work as well, I now think.

In a few days, many of us will go through the motions of making resolutions that we know will last no longer than Valentine’s Day. Change is often too difficult we feel, and far too much of a departure from our normal style. Tom’s pink tie may have transformed my thinking in that regard.

As 2018 draws to a close, let us ask God to be open to the Grace-filled opportunities we normally disregard and to find the pink tie in our lives that will allow us to expand what we can do for others…and ourselves!

HAPPY 2019
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

Congratulations to the following students from St. Anthony’s High School who have received Honor Roll status for the first quarter of the 2018-2019 school year.

We’re very proud of your accomplishments!

Arianna Alladio Zacpal
Erica Annett
Michael Costellino
Matthew Cimaszewski
Annalise Dankenbrink
Anna Descovich
Anita DiBari
Robert Doherty
Caleigh Elwood
Ryan Gaffney
Emmanuel Green
Sofia LaRocca
Julia Mulroy
Joseph Pilewski Jr.
Kaitlyn Schneider
Theodore Stroh
Anna Stroh
Erin Wilson
**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 Jose 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. Mas información contáctese con el Sub-Vocal de Piedad Geremías Herrera @ gherreras29@gmail.com.

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**Hospital EM Help Needed**

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If you have already received the A & B training by the Diocese for distribution of Holy Communion in a hospital and would like to volunteer as a Eucharistic Minister, please contact the Pastoral Care Office at Good Samaritan Hospital Center at (631) 376-4103.

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