January 6, 2019  ~ Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Pastoral Team
Rev. Jason U. Grisafi, Administrator
Rev. Joseph V. Arevalo, Associate Pastor
Rev. Ethel Anarado, Associate Pastor
Rev. Francis A. Samuel, Resident/Associate
Deacon Michael J. Leyden
Deacon John F. Sullivan
Deacon Julio Murillo
Deacon Stephen Yusko
Dr. Marie Drohan, Music Director
Mrs. Barbara McNulty, Youth Minister
Ms. Claire Moulé, Faith Formation
Ms. Anna Rose Regan, Business Manager
Mrs. Patricia Taggart, Nursery School
Mrs. Sigrid Villalobos A., Parish Social Ministry

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

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

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

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

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

We Celebrate the Eucharist
Sunday Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil - 5:00pm Church
Sunday Church - 7:00am, 8:45am, 10:15am,
12:00pm, 5pm
Nolan Hall - 9:30am- Family Mass
11:30am (en Espanol)
Weekday Mass Schedule
Mon. to Fri. - 7:45am, 9:00am Church
Saturday - 9:00am Church

Our Parish Mission Statement
The Parish of St. Joseph is a Roman Catholic Community of Christ’s Disciples:
We Welcome. We Worship. We Witness.

We Assemble for Prayer
Rosary
Every Monday at 8:20am we pray the Patriotic Rosary.
Before the 9:00am Eucharist Tuesdays through Saturdays we pray the Rosary.

Miraculous Medal Novena
We pray this at the 7:45am & 9am Mass every Tuesday.

Men’s Spirituality Group:
Witness and grow in Faith. Meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Church.

Nocturnal Adoration
A Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament is offered on the First Friday of each month, from 9:00pm to 10:00pm in the Church.
Newly Baptized
Grae Lynn Denninger, Penelope Pantzer Donohue, Elise Kelly Lapersonerie & Kamila Tate.

Preparing for Marriage
Banns Posted

First Time ~
No Banns

Second Time ~
No Banns

Third Time ~
Brian Kolbe & Kirsten Telfer

For Our Sick

Altar Rose
In Memory of Jane Cruickshank.

For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Jamie Schelmety, John F. O’Hanlon, Giuseppe Pellegrino, Dorothy Remy & Emil W. Nagel.

At this Mass, we remember

Monday, January 7~
1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 27b-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
7:45 Sylvia Zawyrucha
9:00 Raymond Feis

Tuesday, January 8~
1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
7:45 Spinillo & Coiro Families
9:00 Robert Sokolowski

Wednesday, January 9~
1 Jn 5:13-18; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
7:45 Jane Cruickshank
9:00 Jane Cruickshank

Thursday, January 10~
1 Jn 4:11-12; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:14-22a
7:45 Nicholas Zanatta
9:00 John Wawrynek

Friday, January 11~
1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
9:00 Dennis & Janet Canizzaro

This Eucharist is the monthly bereavement liturgy where we remember 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 Fr. Ethel
5:00 Anthony Spadolini Fr. Joe
Jane Cruickshank
Suzanne Oates

Sunday, January 13~ Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1a, 3, 3ac-4, 3b, 9b-10; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
7:00 People of St. Joseph Fr. Francis
8:45 Dolores Schweitzer Fr. Francis
9:30 George Trujillo Fr. Jason
10:15 Neal Mandel Fr. Ethel
11:30 (Español- NH) Fr. Jason
12:00 Rosemary Maynard Fr. Ethel
5:00 Paula Doyle Fr. Joe

Mass Schedule & Readings For The Coming Week:
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The sacraments are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us. The visible rites by which the sacraments are celebrated signify and make present the graces proper to each sacrament. They bear fruit in those who receive them with the required dispositions. ~ Catechism of the Catholic Church 1131

A happy beginning of this new year of grace to all of you and to your families! Let us give thanks to God for another blessed celebration of Christmas, and let us look forward in hope to the marvelous things that He will do in the coming year. I am excited when I consider all He is doing through our parish. What is at the center of all growth within a parish, or any Catholic community? It is the Sacraments, with the Holy Eucharist being the one from which all others flow. And so, in this time of making new year’s resolutions and forming a plan for the months ahead, I thought it would be appropriate for us to look at each Sacrament. In this way, God's grace, which is abundant and powerful, may be the foundation of all that we do as a parish community this year.

Each week we will consider a different Sacrament (with the exception of the week of February 17th). While there will be some time devoted to reviewing the theological nature of the Sacraments, I think it will also be interesting to offer some practical tips on receiving them. The reason for this is that traditionally we speak of the grace of the Sacraments as being communicated in two ways: ex opere operato and ex opere operantis. Let's look at what these mean and why practical considerations about celebrating the Sacraments can be important. Before that, let's make a quick comment about the term "grace." Oftentimes, we think of grace as an object: Mary was full of grace, as the archangel Gabriel announced. And while it is convenient to speak of grace in this way, we should always keep in mind that the word comes from a term that has more to do with relationships than objects. Grace isn't so much a thing that God gives us as it is the bond of His own friendship with us: His favor, His kindness, His love. The Holy Spirit is the bond of love between the First and Second Persons of the Holy Trinity (cf. Summa Theologiae I.37.1), and we speak of Him as "uncreated grace." And so, grace is really God sharing of Himself.

The grace of the Sacraments is said to be effective "ex opere operato." A very literal translation of this Latin phrase is "from the work worked," but perhaps we can be satisfied with a smoother translation of "from the work having been done." What this intends to say is that since the Sacraments are the work of God, they achieve their end every time simply by being done. Was a Sacrament celebrated? Then God’s grace was communicated. This, in itself, is a statement about the faithfulness of God and His power: He has promised to do these things, He can do them, and so He will do them. The Church stands as a custodian of these promises, not their maker. So, we cannot speak of the Sacraments changing any more than we can speak of the Bible changing. They are things God has done (through human instruments), and so they are for us to receive, to pass on, but not to change.

However, we also know that just because someone offers a gift that doesn't mean that the recipient is ready to receive it. A bike makes a great birthday gift for a child, but one wouldn't use that reason to argue that a bike makes a great present for a baby shower, as if to say: I'm going to give the best birthday gift for the actual birth day. The newborn child is unable to make use of the gift, they are not prepared for it, so to speak. This is what one gets at by the phrase "ex opere operantis," which can be translated "from the work of the one doing it." When the Sacraments are celebrated, God always offers us the chance to have a deeper relationship with Him, but that doesn't mean that He forces us to receive this gift. We speak of the need to be properly disposed to His grace. The rituals of the Church are meant to assist us, but we cannot rule out the value of practical advice. Sometimes, there are things we can do that better prepare us for the reception of God's grace. With the Sacraments that we receive only once, we can also look to advice for how to live in accord with the gift that has been received, so we don't act like people who invite in a guest only to have him sit alone in a different room from where we are.

And so, look forward next week to the start of this reflection on the seven Sacraments. We will begin with baptism. Until then, may God's abundant blessings be with you all!

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

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.

12/23/2018
Collection $22,851.00
Last Year $20,998.00

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 Rashawn Tice
MA2 William S. Murtha
Lt. Dylan Kelly
Lt. Nicholas Ruf

U.S.M.C.:
Sgt. Lauren Colantropo
1Lt 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. Sibley
f.A. Madison Mulders

U.S. Army:
SPC Elliot Chodkowski
SSG Josiah Insull
LTC John Kallo
SSG David C. Ray
Eric Stein

LTC Jon J. Uebel
PV2 Danny Bornshein
Sgt Edwin Zambrano
PFC Dominick Pittito
Capt. Stephen Scuderi
LT Joseph A. Vanderveld, III
2LT Anthony C. DiBiase
PV2 Alexandra Diaz
1LT Mark Barbera

U.S.A.F.
AB Christopher Signoretti
SSGT Brandon Ward
MSGT John Hatzidakis

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY
I would like to periodically update everyone on the condition of our parish. I hope that this will lead to a growing sense of stewardship, and I do plan eventually to have weekly stewardship updates. For now, let me share these updates:

- On December 23rd, after the 8:45am Mass, the church needed to be evacuated due to high levels of carbon monoxide being detected. Thanks are certainly due to the police and fire departments who not only responded quickly, but also evacuated everyone safely and secured the area afterward. The source of the CO leak was the boiler, which was repaired that day, and new CO detectors have been installed in accordance with the directives given to me by the village buildings inspector.
- Repairs have taken place on the main boiler system for the school/offices. This included replacing faulty steam traps, condenser pumps, and approximately 100’ of steam and condensate return pipes which were leaking badly. This does not fix all issues in said boiler system, but merely gets us to the point of making it through the winter without incident.
- Plumbing issues in the school have been attended to, including the repair of waste return pipes, water pipes, and a sump pump. There is still need to repair one of the bathroom floors which was badly damaged due to a major leak.
- Two walk-throughs were conducted with vendors as we look to repair leaks in the church roof and to replace most of the flat roofs of the school/offices. Bids are due later this month. Funds are available from the centennial campaign to help with the church roof, but we may need to consider different fundraising options when it comes to the school/offices' roof. These projects, if they are feasible, would likely begin in the summer.
- The replacement statue for the front of the Church is currently being sculpted. This was entirely paid for by the insurance money we collected from the accident that damaged the previous statue.
- The question has been raised about funds donated for various projects, particularly the procurement of chairs and an ambo for Nolan Hall. I hope we can all see that there are currently some larger-scale projects that need attention before these smaller ones. However, I can say this with all certainty: all funds that were collected for specific projects will remain reserved for those projects. Should those projects be abandoned or changed, we will reach out to all donors and ask them if they would like to receive back their donation or allow it to be re-purposed.

~ fr. Jason

**Lazarus Ministry**

On **Saturday, January 12, 2019** at the 9:00AM Eucharist we will have our monthly Liturgy for the commemoration of the dead. All those who have lost a loved one, at any time in the past, are invited to join us. We especially welcome the family and friends of those who have died in the previous month or whose anniversaries occur during this time.

A table will be placed in the Baptistry for the family or friends to place pictures of those who have died. There will be a place for family or friends to write the names of those to be remembered at the General Intercessions. There will also be an opportunity to remember each loved one by name in the Book of the Dead.

Members of the Lazarus Ministry will be present to welcome you and to offer guidance; please let them know when you arrive.

For questions or further information, please call Barbara Schade at 631-968-8793.

**Music Open House**

SAVE THE DATE ♪

On Thursday January 17th at 7:00 PM
St. Joseph Choir's OPEN HOUSE for interested singers will take place on Thursday, January 17th in room 254 of the Parish Center.

Sample a short introductory rehearsal followed by refreshments and camaraderie.

No experience is necessary.

Questions? Contact Dr. Marie Drohan 631-539-0957 or email at musicdirector@stjosephsbabylon.org

**REFLECTION FOR TODAY**

The three kings in today’s Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?
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 remember the homeless clients who stop in for help at our Outreach Center. We are happy to provide them with small “emergency kits” of ready-to-eat food, that is, food that doesn’t need to be heated or refrigerated. Unfortunately, our stock is running low.

Please help us by donating the following items:

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We could also use:

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“"You pray for the hungry, then you feed them. This is how prayer works.””

Pope Francis

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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

The next meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 9:45am 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/Badywash Gift Cards from supermarkets are in demand and would be greatly appreciated. |
| Thank you for your past and future donations. |

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

Today on the feast of the Epiphany, the Magi bring gifts to the Newborn King. Like the Magi, when we bring gifts to the POOR through the POOR BOX, we bring comfort and peace to our neighbors in need.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!
On behalf of all of those who participated in our Christmas liturgies, we offer a hearty "thank you" to all of those who helped make them run smoothly: to all liturgical ministers, sacristans, singers and choir members, ushers and greeters, and to all others who helped organize them or who jumped in to lend a helping hand along the way, thank you!"

~ Fr. Jason

**Spiritual Adoption Program**

MONTH THREE - Developing Baby Spiritual Adoption Program

Your baby is quite active in the womb now — although her mother won’t feel her for another couple of months. If her mother’s womb had a window, you could watch your spiritually adopted baby squint, swallow and move her tongue. She can make a tight fist if you touch her palm. She is breathing amniotic fluid which continues until birth, although she obtains the oxygen her body needs through the umbilical cord. The baby you are praying for weighs one ounce.

**March for Life - Washington, D.C.**

We Need You!

St. Joseph’s Respect Life Ministry is looking for at least 10 (or more) people to attend the March For Life on Friday, January 18, 2019 in Washington, D.C. We will travel on a Diocesan bus.

Please call (631) 661-3302, if you want to take part in this march for the protection of the most vulnerable in our society.

**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
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

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
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 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 Level 2 children are expected to attend any Mass the weekend of January 12th & 13th to receive a special blessing. We are asking the level 2 families to bring in a donation for the Outreach Center. Please see the Outreach page in this bulletin for the items they are most in need of at this time.

The Level 8 Confirmation Candidates will be having a retreat on Saturday, January 12th from 1:30-4:30pm in Nolan Hall. Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to allow time to sign in.

The Level 8 Confirmation Candidates will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, January 19th. For those with last names beginning with the letters A-L, please come to the 11:15am service and for those with last names beginning with the letters M-Z, please come to the 12:45pm service. Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to allow time to sign in and so that we can begin on time.

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: Olivia visited her mom in the hospital, Mildred helped her dad decorate for Christmas and she let her sister choose the chocolate advent calendar first, Kenny & Eva donated toys and $40 for a needy family for Christmas, Brodie helped his parents and sold Christmas wreaths for the cub scouts, Abby & Kate donated toys and treats for homeless dogs and cats, Taylor raised over $200 for families that needed help for Christmas, RJ helped raise money for the needy and Ronald and Angelina have been doing spectacular in school, they are a big help around the house and they have been very good to their friends and family. 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.

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 Activity Section

Help the three wise men find their way to Bethlehem - watch out for King Herod!
Christmas Day is come and gone. The New Year is upon us. Remember to keep the Spirit of Christ 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!

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. Parent & Teen please.
Meeting will be about 1/2 hour and we will go over upcoming calendar including Community Service, Retreats, and Diocesan Youth Events

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

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 3/30 9:30am—4:30pm LONG ISLAND CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY!
More details to follow.

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.

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.

Barbara McNulty
PRAYERS FOR PIPER

As we begin the new year, I am sure each of us has looked forward to what we might do personally to improve our life. Be it a solid approach to be healthy, an improved relationship with a family member, or a deeper union with Our Lord and Savior, there must be a substantial effort on our part to ensure we achieve the desired result.

It is rare when I ask for a collective favor, however, I need help with this one. Piper Palmieri is four years old and has already had multiple surgeries to address a congenital defect in the left side of her little heart. While she has been courageous, vibrant, and somewhat matter-of-fact in her short life, Piper now has returned to the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia which has cared for her since the day she was born, so she can be best treated for congestive heart failure. The excellent team of doctors told Piper’s parent, James and Bailey, their little girl will not leave CHOP until she has a transplanted heart.

As Catholics, we are called to help others. Here is our chance. Pray for Piper every day. Pray she feels God’s Grace-filled embrace. Pray James and Bailey continue the belief their family is in God’s hands. Pray for the family of the child whose heart will beat again in Piper’s body. Pray the art and science of medicine may find a safe and healthy way for Piper to have a relatively normal life.

Let us start 2019 with a resolution to truly care for another without regard for ourselves. Who knows? Maybe a Prayer for Piper each day will be a way to jumpstart the command of Jesus to love one another.
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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

MONAGUILLOS O ACOLITOS: Contáctese con Claudia Rodas. Los niños deben haber recibido la Primera Comunión.

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.

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

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