January 13, 2019 ~ Feast of the Baptism 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 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
Emmerson Michelle Arundale & Lucas John Zocchia.

Preparing for Marriage
Banns Posted
First Time ~
No Banns
Second Time ~
No Banns
Third Time ~
No Banns

For Our Sick

Altar Rose
In Memory of Rosemary Maynard

For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Dante Jonathan Foster & Mary B. Rich

Mass Schedule & Readings For The Coming Week:

At this Mass, we remember
Monday, January 14~
Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
7:45 Myrtha Mathieu
9:00 Patricia Scott

Tuesday, January 15~
Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2a, 5-9; Mk 1:21-28
7:45 Father Herman Schnider
9:00 Viola Rebecchi

Wednesday, January 16~
Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 Jane Cruickshank
Dorothy Remy

Thursday, January 17~
Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
7:45 Barbara Lennon
9:00 Maryann Jacob

Friday, January 18~
Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 Rosemary Cox

Saturday, January 19~
Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
9:00 Thomas B. Baker

Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)
4:00 Confessions Today Fr. Joe
5:00 Raymond & Edward Cash Fr. Ethel
Jane Cruickshank
Bolivar Heredia, Rosario Muños, & Andres Heredia

Sunday, January 20~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time~
Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11
7:00 Phyllis La Cassia Fr. Jason
8:45 People of St. Joseph Fr. Ethel
9:30 Florence T. Yusko Fr. Joe
10:15 George Albanese Fr. Francis
11:30 (Español- NH) Fr. Joe
12:00 Anne Pollio Fr. Jason
5:00 Alfonso Castagno Fr. Francis

Eucharistic Minister Teams:
Weekend of January 12/13 Team A
Weekend of January 19/20 Team B
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.* ~ Acts 2:38

We start our seven week reflection on the Sacraments with the one that serves as the doorway to all of the rest: the Sacrament of Baptism. Providentially, we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord today, though we know from John's own testimony that his baptism is different than that of the Christ's. Different as it is, our Lord underwent John's baptism to associate Himself with us sinners. Since most of us were baptized as infants, it stands to reason that we do not remember our baptism. So how do we properly appreciate what happens in this Sacrament, and its connection with today's feast, when we don't remember it? Here lies the reason exactly why we need to pray and meditate upon our baptism: we don't have any more than stories, pictures, or video, but God remembers, and He can teach us about what He did, should we open ourselves up to Him.

Let's start by recalling what happened in baptism: we were anointed, twice. We were exorcised, and if the older ritual was used, we had salt put on our tongue. A candle was lit, and our ears and mouths were blessed. And, of course, water was poured over us and the name of our God, one in three Persons, was invoked. If it has been a long time since you've seen a baptism, and the ritual actions that I outlined above, let me invite you to come to one. Most Sacraments are public events. Our parish conducts baptisms at 1:45pm every Sunday. It could be very inspiring to attend and take part in the ritual. All you need to do is show up and pray!

Those are the physical things that happened, but we know that, as with all Sacraments, the physical ritual is a means of enacting something spiritual. What happened to us spiritually on the day of our baptism? We were freed from original sin and given the grace of justification. We were incorporated into the mystical body of Christ, the Church. We received the Holy Spirit. Our soul was irrevocably marked in a way that lets it participate in the priestly, kingly, and prophetic offices of Christ. We died and rose with Christ, our life now being given over to Him. This, in turn, means that we were consecrated, and our fulfillment in life can only come from living in a way that is conformed to Christ, as a branch connected to the main vine.

Each of these effects are worth our prolonged consideration. What does it mean to be a person justified by Christ? What does it mean to be part of Christ and His Church? What does it mean to be consecrated? Meditation on each of the effects of baptism opens the door not only to understanding this Sacrament better, but also to understanding better who we are. From the moment of baptism, our lives were intertwined with Christ's. The more we understand what was done, or what we were empowered to do, the better we can live that out in truth and charity. Baptism is given only once, but we can act on its grace throughout our lives. Meditating on the reality of our own baptism helps us reach out to that grace and be enriched, like opening a vault filled with precious gems and metals that we have kept locked away for some time.

Practically, we can encourage this meditation in a few ways. I mentioned already the value of attending a baptism. We know that at Easter we renew our baptismal promises, and that's a great time to renew our understanding of baptism, as well. The sprinkling rite at the start of Mass during the Easter season is also meant to give us a chance to reflect on this Sacrament. Some recall their baptism every time they bless themselves with holy water. Finally, may I suggest this, which I learned from a tradition some families kept in the first parish where I served as a priest: celebrate your baptism day. Pretty much everyone knows their birthday; do you know the day of your baptism? Many celebrate their birthday; why not celebrate the day of our rebirth in Christ? I'm not sure how the tradition started of using candles on a birthday cake, but candles are a part of the ritual of baptism, and we usually let each family keep a candle. Why not take it out and light it as a reminder of what happened that day (honestly, what else are you going to do with it)? This is a great chance for families to grow together in faith, too. Parents, you can teach your children about their baptism, about what happened that day. You can show them pictures and even visit the church. You can pray that all in your family be renewed in their zeal to live out the way of life for which you were consecrated, for which Christ gave His life.

On this Feast of the Baptism of our Lord, may God renew the grace of baptism in each one of us.

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
(Project Rachel) 1-888-456 HOPE
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.

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Solemnity of Mary
Collection $4,648.00

God Bless You!

Prayers for Our Service Men & Women

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 Colontropo
1Lt MarcAnthony Parrino
2Lt. B.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 Josuah Insull
LTC John Kallo
SSG David C. Ray
Capt. Stephen Scuderi
LTC Mark Barbera
LTC Jon J. Uebel
PV2 Danny Bornschein
Sgt Edwin Zambrano
PFC Dominick Pititto
Capt. Stephen Scuderi
LC Lt. Joseph A. Vanderweld, 111
2LT Anthony C. DiBiasi
PV2 Alexandra Diaz
LT Mark Barbera

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

PAR FOR OUR MILITARY
2019~Little Rock Scripture Study

If one of your New Year’s resolutions is to become more passionate in prayer, please join us for an in-depth study of the Book of Psalms. The Little Rock Scripture Study has been a part of the St. Joseph’s Adult Enrichment program for several years. The first selected study for 2019 covers 28 Psalms. This study has 7 sessions, incorporating an introductory session and 6 lessons, beginning on Thursday February 28th and taking us through Lent. The registration fee of $20 covers the cost of the study guide and CD wrap-up lecture.

Please register in the parish office by February 7th. The Book of the Psalms is a unique collection of the song-prayers of Israel. To study Psalms is to study prayer, ultimately to enter into prayer. The study will challenge participants to reflect on their own prayer and life experiences. Psalms I focuses on a selection of twenty-eight psalms divided into three categories:

- Psalms of Descriptive Praise
- Psalms of Trust or Confidence
- Wisdom Psalms

“Psalms of descriptive praise, also known as hymns, praise God for his ongoing, regular care of the world and humanity”. Psalms of trust or confidence reinforce the belief that the God who made and loves us will protect us in difficult situations. Wisdom psalms are an acknowledgment of God’s justice in the right ordering of human affairs.

February 28th, we meet in Room 256 at 8:00 PM for 30 minute Introductory Session to give out commentary and study guide.

Weekly Lessons 7:30pm-9:00pm
March 7th O’Connell Room, Lesson 1-
Pss 117, 33, 104, 8, 19
March 14th Room 256, Lesson 2-
Pss 29, 100, 65, 113, 145
March 21st Room 256, Lesson 3-
Pss 23, 11, 27, 63, 16
March 28th Room 256, Lesson 4-
Pss 121, 131, 62, 125, 91
April 4th Room 256, Lesson 5-
Pss 1, 112, 128, 127
April 11th O’Connell Room, Lesson 6-
Pss 32, 34, 37, 49

Parish Office News

In Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day,
Monday, January 21, 2019,
the Parish Office will be closed.
The Parish Office will re-open on Tuesday,
January 22, 2019 at 9:30 AM.

Music Open House

OPEN HOUSE
Thursday, January 17th at 7 PM
Room 254

St. Joseph Choir invites all interested singers
to sample a brief rehearsal
followed by refreshments and camaraderie.

All voice types but particularly baritones are invited to attend this very dedicated, enthusiastic and social ministry. More information can be found on the parish web site.

Sociable Single Seniors

We will not be holding a January meeting.
Our next scheduled meeting will be held on
Wednesday, February 20th at 7:00PM. We will be serving a hot meal, as yet undecided, but the cost will remain at $15.00/person.

As always, we will serve a nutritious dinner, along with dessert, coffee, tea and cold drinks.

Please Contact Lorraine DeCanditis at (631) 553-0160 for more information.

Reflection for Today

Jesus, whom God called “my beloved Son,” is also the “servant” of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.
We are truly blessed!

On behalf of all the families who assisted our families in need during the Holydays Season, Parish Social Ministry says THANK YOU VERY MUCH for your generosity.

Our special thanks to the Pilot Club for their generous donation of several food cards.
We thank the Knights of Columbus for the food drive and financial support.
We thank Teresa Hansen and the Christmas Pageant families, for their financial contribution and, finally to our Parish Social Ministry’s volunteers for their unwavering cooperation, love and dedication.

Parish Social Ministry
Do you know what we do at the Outreach Center?

Parish Social Ministry is taking the message of the Gospel and putting it into action. We are all called to love and care for one another with compassion and dignity, and that’s what we’re all about.
We have a very busy Outreach office where we serve more than 150 families each month. We see ourselves as a safety net to help those families and individuals who are struggling financially. Our volunteers give food from our food pantry, and they truly get to know our clients and families, providing much encouragement and support. We have a considerable number of homeless men because we are close to the Babylon train station. Our volunteers are compassionate and nurturing, which we can see, is clearly something they hunger for. We also help our clients by paying some bills; sometimes we provide information and referrals, gently directing our clients in their goals. Other times, we just listen and provide support.

Outreach is in need of:

- Toilet Paper
- Women’s hygiene products
- Men and Women winter gloves
- Coffee

The next meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is on Monday, January 28, 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.
St. Joseph’s Nursery School

Learning & Growing Together

St. Joseph’s Nursery School

2019-2020 Registration

OPEN HOUSE

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

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.

Mercy Inn Benefit Concert - 2018

Thank You!

MERCY INN BENEFIT CONCERT - 2018

As of today, donations from the MESSIAH CONCERT, held on Sunday, December 9th, to benefit THE MERCY INN SOUP KITCHEN total $11,400. What a fantastic response!

THE MERCY INN is located in Wyandanch, New York and it serves a hot and nutritious meal five (5) days a week, fifty-two (52) weeks a year serving over five hundred (500) meals each week.

We depend on monetary donations and donations from restaurants, supermarkets and organizations to be able to fulfill our Mission.

Special Thanks to Father Jason, Dr. Marie Drohan, The Sophisticated Strings, The Soloists and to The Joseph’s Parish Choir for their beautiful music and for their continued support of The Mercy INN.
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

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
### Organizations

For membership information contact: Larry Dell’ Erba @ 631-539-8565

For additional information, please log on to: [https://stjosephsbabylon.org/knights-of-columbus](https://stjosephsbabylon.org/knights-of-columbus)

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**The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who participated in our Blood Drive.**

*It was one of the most successful.*

*We collected 72 pints of blood.*

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**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*

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**Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas**

*Happy New Year* from JCDA and *Thank You* to everyone who donated used cell phones for our drive.

*They will be put to good use in keeping victims of domestic violence safe.*

We will be joining the Senior Court at the January 16 Baby Shower meeting and planning our Super Bowl bake sale.

If any girl ages 10+ would like to join us, please contact Laura at 516-356-3399.
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 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.

The Faith Formation Office will be closed on Monday, January 21st in observance of Martin Luther King. There will be no classes that day.

The Level 7 students are expected to attend any Mass the weekend of January 19-20th to hand in their essay’s “Why Someone My Age Would Want to Follow Jesus”.

The Level 2 students are expected to attend any Mass the weekend of January 26-27th to have their Mass Booklets blessed and to receive a special blessing.

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: Teddy helped his friends when they got hurt in football, Isabella helped her friend with her homework, Emily collected and donated over 1200 toys to local hospitals and outreach centers to provide Christmas presents for children that are ill, HollyAnne & Hyacinth prayed the Rosary for family and friends and sang at Mass, Andrew & Kiera helped put away Christmas decorations, Sofia made artwork for her friends, Grace helped her mom when she was sick and Salvatore gave the prize he won to his brother.

Thanks to all the children who contributed to the good deeds, please keep up the good work.

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 Page

Where was Jesus baptized?

Where were you baptized?

Who baptized Jesus?

Who baptized you?

How old was Jesus when he was baptized?

How old were you when you were baptized?
Baptism of the Lord

Youth Ministry

Christmas Season is now officially over — we are celebrating the Baptism of Christ. As we clean our homes and put away decorations—let’s reflect on how this Christmas Season brought us deeper in Faith. How are we Christ-like to others? How can we continue to serve others each day?

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:

PBJ GANG: Thursday, January 17th @ 7pm  We need bread please. Check the website for other details and to reserve your seat.  https://stjosephsbabylon.org/pbj-gang

PANERA FUNDRAISER—Wed 2/13.  Mark your calendars to join us between 4pm—8pm ……check back next week for flyer

SAVE THE DATE:  Saturday 3/30  9:30am—4:30pm LONG ISLAND CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY! Taking place at St. Anthony’s High School. Guest Speakers, Breakout Sessions, Music & More. You can reserve your seats now. Scholarships are available! More details to follow.

Calling All Scouts
Sunday, February 3rd is Scout Sunday

Please join us to celebrate Scouting at the 9:30am Family Mass in Nolan Hall. Wear your uniforms!

If you are a Scout and an Altar Server or you would like to participate in the Mass in other ways, please call or text Sarah Gillen at 516-816-1735.

Our 8th Graders are getting ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in February!

Please keep them in your prayers.

Come Holy Spirit,
Fill the hearts of your Faithful
**Reflections**

**SUNDAY BEST**

Recently I was asked to join a gathering, and the invitation specified I was to wear my “Sunday Best”. While I had intended to do so automatically, the term brought me back to the Sundays of my youth.

Obviously, things were much different then. As students of St. Boniface School in Sea Cliff, we were expected to attend the 9 a.m. Mass and sit with our classmates, the youngest in the school, our first graders, in the front row and each class thereafter in ascending order. I did not wear a tie and jacket (I didn’t get my first jacket until I started St. Mary’s High School), but I always wore something special to Mass. Such attire remained all day, as we then had Sunday dinner around 2 p.m. Often aunts, uncles, and cousins would join, since the meal was the big family gathering. It was the most special day of the week.

When I arrived in my tie and jacket at the get-together, I felt somewhat out of place. Perhaps only two other men wore ties, maybe one of those jacketed. I immediately had two thoughts. My first was one of amazement of how the concept of “Sunday Best” had changed over the years. The second was my inflexibility to accept change.

The Sunday Mass at St. Boniface was in Latin. The Sunday dinner was midday. The concept of “Sunday Best” was more defined. What has not changed about Sunday, however, is our opportunity to join our sister and brother parishioners at liturgies designed to help us better understand God’s Word and to provide pathways to live Grace-filled lives.

Let each of us make Sunday Mass our “Sunday Best”.

**Deacon’s Corner**

**BE LIKE CHRIST, IN HIS DIVINITY**

Constantly in the Church, we stress the doctrine that Christ is the revelation of God. And that He is. But His baptism confronts us with another aspect of Christian doctrine. He was also the revelation of people. He became a man. He shares our humanity. So that is what manhood and womanhood are at their best – Christ-like. The new testament speaks of attaining “to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.” At our deepest that is what we are. To be Christ-like is to be ones self fulfilled.

Gutzon Borglum, the famous sculptor, was once working on a bust of Abraham Lincoln, and each day he chipped away at the stone, and each day it was the task of a maid to sweep up the bits of stone and carry them away. With amazement she watched the head of Lincoln take shape. When the work was almost finished, she could contain her wonder no longer. “Mr. Borglum,” she asked, “How did you know Mr. Lincoln was in that rock?”

The emergence of great character out of the rough rock of our lives often seems discouraging, but Christian faith has been insistent: Mr. Lincoln is in that rock.

Jesus in his baptism identifies Himself with the worst and the best that is within us. The practical application of the matter is this: identify yourself today, not with your worst self, but with your best. The worst is there; we know it all too well, but never call that your true self. There is something deeper and better, there is potential Christ-like-ness. Identify yourself with that as Christ has identified Himself with us.

Remember, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. We all know whom to imitate, just do it. Amen.

**AS HE IS, LIKE US, IN OUR HUMANITY**

Deacon Mike
**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 631-827-7505 or AJPrenderville@gmail.com

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**Oberammergau “Passion Play”**

"SEPTEMBER, 2020 PASSION PLAY”

ONCE EVERY TEN YEARS THE GERMAN TOWN OF OBERAMMERGAU PRESENTS “THE PASSION PLAY.”

IN SEPTEMBER 2020, WE HAVE PLANNED A TRIP TO THIS WORLD-FAMOUS TOWN, AS WELL AS TRAVEL TO THREE OTHER CITIES IN GERMANY, ALONG WITH A SIDE TRIP TO LUCERNE, SWITZERLAND AND PARIS, FRANCE.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING REV. SETH ARO DOKU OF THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTER, AND LORRAINE DECANDITIS OF ST. JOSEPH’S CHURCH, BABYLON, CONTACT US AT 631-553-0160 FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

THE COST OF THE TRIP, INCLUDING AIRFARE, HOTEL STAYS, BUS EXCURSIONS, MOST MEALS, AND TICKETS TO THE PASSION PLAY IS $4129/PP (based on double occupancy) WITH PAYMENTS SPREAD OVER 2 YEARS.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING A GENERAL Q&A MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2019 @7:00 PM AT ST. JOSEPH’S CHURCH, 39 NO. CARLL AVE, BABYLON, IN THE O’CONNELL ROOM.

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**Contemporary Music Ensemble**

**Calling All Musicians and Singers...**

Are you a singer or musician?

We are the CONTEMPORARY MUSIC ENSEMBLE here at Saint Joseph’s.

We serve at the 12:00 Noon Mass each Sunday. If you haven’t heard us, we play POSITIVE, ENCOURAGING, UPLIFTING Contemporary Christian Music as is heard on K-LOVE radio.

We are seeking a BASS PLAYER and KEYBOARD PLAYER. Singers, guitarists and other instrumentalists are welcome to audition as well!

Please contact Stephen Martino at stuff323@aol.com.

We would love for you to join us!
Hospital EM Help Needed

At the present time, the Good Samaritan Pastoral Care Department is seeking additional Eucharistic Ministers to serve our patients.

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.

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

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.


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 Ulltreya todos los domingos a las 12:30pm. en el Salón # 256. Mas información contáctese con el Sub-Vocal de Piedad Geremías Herrera @ gherreras29@gmail.com.

MADRES ORANDO POR SUS HIJOS: Todos los Jueves de 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM - Salón 259. Para información, contáctese con Ana Ramos

RENOVACION CARISMATICA: Les invitamos a experimentar el amor de Dios de una manera diferente al escuchar un mensaje de buenas noticias y esperanza para su vida y la de su familia. Todos los viernes @ 7:15 p.m. Para mas información contáctese con Ana Ramos @ rosesformarybyana@live.com.

COMUNIDAD DE MARIA: Siguiendo los mensajes de María Reina de la Paz - Lunes de 8:00pm-9:00pm. Comunicarse con Adriana Mascari. Room 259.

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

ROSARIO: Domingos a las 11:00am en la Capilla.

HERMANAS UNIDAS: Todos los segundos domingo de cada mes, en el Salón # 256, después de la misa.

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

INTENCIONES PARA UNA MISA: Ver a Claudia Rodas después de la misa. Viernes de 7:00 PM.

HORA SANTA: Cuarto domingo del mes. 12:30pm

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

Maria Regina Residence

Maria Regina Residence, at 1725 Brentwood Rd., Brentwood, is an 188-bed Skilled Nursing Facility under the care of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

We are currently seeking compassionate, dedicated men and women who are willing to volunteer their time and talent in varied service areas, (usually for one morning or afternoon/week) in assisting the Pastoral Team as a Eucharistic Minister, helping to transport residents in their wheelchairs, assisting with recreational service or other needs in the building. For more information, please contact Sister Mary Sheppard, CSJ at (631) 299-3288.

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