February 3, 2019  ~ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastoral Team
Rev. Jason U. Grisafi, 
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Rev. Joseph V. Arevalo, 
Associate Pastor
Rev. Ethel Anarado, 
Associate Pastor
Rev. Francis A. Samuel, 
Resident/Associate
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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 Chapel.
Newly Baptized
Wyatt Reef Alfano, Everleigh Joan Coster, Roman Miclat Fischetti, Gianna Noelle Nuzzi, Julianna Rose Russell and Benjamin Patrick Surdi.

Preparing for Marriage
Banns Posted

First Time ~
No Banns

Second Time ~
No Banns

Third Time ~
No Banns

For Our Sick
Please remember in your prayers the sick of our Parish: Robert Dobbins, Robert Semeraro, Marie Azicri, Monica Restrepo, Kristy Minningel, Thomas Cox, Joan Thorman, Marilyn Ann O’Hara, Isabel Sampson, Ignacio Guzman, Sean Regan, Anne Aguis, Kathleen M. Elsner, Mary Jane Simmons, Evelyn Scalise, Mary Blasko, Charles Chertiza, Marcella Dwyer, Jenien Horner, Joy Lichten, Sandy Cardona, Norman Gomez, Brandon Davey, Raymond Meigel, Mary Ellen Szwajkowski, Sabina Dojilidko, Dorila Cardozo, Marie Greer, Anthony Bertuglia, Arianna Messina, Anne Camarda, Ryan Finn, Robert W. Wolf, Leonor Martin, Silvio Gomez, Benjamin Negro, Millicent Wadsworth, Brenda Buffalino, Baby Ava James, Terry Wunder, Edward Wolfe, Connie Sperling, Fran Di Palma, Jenn Di Palma, John Bradley, Barbara Witthohn, Nancy Ruff, Anna Marcellus, Gladys Decal, Jeannette Levasseur, Lisa Hulsen, Attracta Roche, Charles Chertiza, Joseph Hovanec, Frank Peterson, Steve Peterson, Diana Peterson, Martin Kennedy, Clare Hubert, Judythe Picini, Annie Caputo, Kathy Belletti & Thomas DeRosa, Sr.

Altar Rose
In Memory of Dorothy Remy

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

Violet Margaret Malone and T.J. McGurk

Mass Schedule & Readings For The Coming Week:

At this Mass, we remember
Monday, February 4~
Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
7:45 Toshiko Graziani
9:00 Brian Vergano

Tuesday, February 5~
Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43
7:45 Diana Mitchell
9:00 Patricia Dalton

Wednesday, February 6~
Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 Burt Koza

Thursday, February 7~
Heb 12:8-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 Joanne Beatty

Friday, February 8~
Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9c; Mk 6:14-29
7:45 Michael Peterson
9:00 Dorothy Remy

Saturday, February 9~
Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
9:00 Daniel V. Aranda

Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)
4:00 Confessions Today
5:00 Catherine Julian
6:00 Dorothy Remy
7:00 Susan Costanzo

Sunday, 10~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time~
Ps 61:2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11;
Lk 5:1-11
7:00 Donald Herb
8:45 Vincent Charles Fizzuoglio
9:30 George Trujillo
10:15 Tom and Gertrude Blauj
11:30 (Español- NH)
12:00 People of St. Joseph
5:00 Catherine M. Murphy

Mass Schedule & Readings For The Coming Week:

Altar Rose
In Memory of Dorothy Remy

Eucharistic Minister Teams:
Weekend of February 2/3 Team B
Weekend of February 9/10 Team A
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Having reflected on the Sacraments of initiation, we now turn our attention to two Sacraments, sometimes grouped together under the title “Sacraments of Healing;” these are the Sacraments of Penance and Anointing of the Sick. This week we will reflect on the Sacrament of Penance.

The Sacrament of Penance, often called confession or reconciliation, is that moment of encounter with God’s mercy by which we are forgiven of our sins, healed of the wounds that they cause, and strengthened for conversion away from those sins so that we may move closer to God in the future. As a priest, I never cease to be thankful for the vocation to be a minister of this grace. Every sincere confession leads to the awesome witness of God’s faithful presence to us, and to see Him liberate His sons and daughters and lead them back on the path of life is always inspiring.

How might we confess better, and in doing so be more open to the grace of the Sacrament of Penance? Let us start addressing the aspects of this Sacrament that have left some with a sour feeling. People have shared with me that they shy away from the Sacrament because they had a negative experience in the past. Let’s face it: there is nothing pleasant about admitting our sins and failings. And penance, while it can aid our continuing conversion, is imposed as a kind of penalty upon us. But the cross is not a sacrifice if there is nothing offered, nothing given up, right? In Penance we run to the cross of Christ. Calvary was not a happy place, but Christ went there to bring us salvation. In Penance we enter the Calvary of our sins, but Christ comes there, too, so that the same salvation can be known. Now, there are also times where we are turned off by the humanity of the minister (the priest): something he says, or the way he says it, or a lack of understanding, or even a lack of due attention to the seriousness of what is happening. Just like there will always be sin, the ministers of God’s mercy will always be imperfect. Sometimes we encounter that in a harsh way. Let’s not give up! There are plenty of parishes here on Long Island, and plenty of places we can go. (Note: imperfection is distinct from sinful activity within the confessional, which is abhorrent and an offense severely punishable under Church law).

How do we make a good confession? It starts with preparation. Leading up to our confession we should spend time reflecting on what we would like to say, asking the Holy Spirit to enlighten us to the things we need to confess. We call this prayer an “examination of conscience.” The 10 Commandments or the Beatitudes can be helpful guides if we are not sure where to start. Many other guides have been created: some are good some are not.

After we’ve examined our conscience we approach the priest for confession. While there is a ritual for confession, it is very loose. The priest can help if we forget. After starting, we let the priest know about how long it’s been since the last time we confessed, and then we tell him our sins and how many times we’ve committed them. It is important to note that it is not necessary, in fact it is discouraged, to tell the priest the circumstances behind our sins (the story of what led up to the sin). If there is some lack of clarity, he may ask so that he can give better counsel, but those moments are infrequent. Remember, all that we say to the priest is confidential, and the priest can never, *never* connect us with our sins outside of the confessional. The priest may give some counsel, and then will assign a penance. Afterward, we say an act of contrition. While it is useful to memorize one, it’s ok if we forget and pray one in our own words. The priest can also lead us in prayer, and many confessors have one posted.

After confession, we should give thanks to God for the gift of His mercy, and the new experience of spiritual freedom that we have. We should prayerfully do our penance as soon as reasonably possible, remembering that penance is a mark of our spirituality, for we always remain people saved by the mercy of God. Finally, one may ask how often they should go to confession. The answer is somewhat personal. Has it been many years? Then try to make it around Christmas and Easter time. Are you going at those times? Then try and make it with the change of seasons. Are you doing that? You may consider going monthly, which was the recommendation given to us in the seminary, and what I try to do, personally. If there is a desire to go more frequently than that, it is best to seek the advice of a spiritual director, just to make sure we are going with the right intent. I have had experiences where someone comes asking for the “grace of the sacrament,” but has no sins to confess. The main grace of the Sacrament is to forgive sins, so such an action is irregular.

I hope that through this reflection we all may have a more profound experience of the healing grace that God bestows on us in the Sacrament of Penance.

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

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

Mass for Hearing Impaired

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.

1/27/2019
Collection $18,725.00
Last Year $19,074.00

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
Lt. Dylan Kelly
MA2 William S. Martha
PO1 Rasheen Tice
PO2 Kristen Tice
E4 Matthew Waldron
E3 Nicholas Ruf

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

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

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

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

Prayers for Our Service Men & Women

Sunday, February 3, 2019
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Joseph Stewardship

We are excited to announce that we are beginning to plan for three new initiatives at St. Joseph Parish:

Are you in the process of getting a masters degree in theology, scripture studies, ethics, liturgy, canon law, or any other academic field related to Catholicism? Do you already hold a masters degree in one of these fields? If so, fr. Jason would like to ask you about your assistance in some new adult enrichment opportunities that he would like to offer here in the parish. If you are interested, please contact him through the parish phone number, or by e-mail: fr.jason@stjosephsbabylon.org.

Are you an engineer, contractor, inspector, or any other type of professional in the area of facilities management? If so, fr. Jason would like to invite you to consider being a part of a new facilities committee. As you may have seen in this section of the bulletin, there are a considerable number of facilities-related projects for us to consider and he would like your expert advice in guiding the parish towards a safe and reliable future. If you are interested, please contact him through the parish phone number, or by e-mail: fr.jason@stjosephsbabylon.org.

Are you a young adult (21-35)? We plan to begin hosting monthly events here at St. Joseph and fr. Jason would like your input and assistance. If you are interested, please contact him through the parish phone number, or by e-mail: fr.jason@stjosephsbabylon.org.

Lazarus Ministry

On Saturday, February 9, 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.

Oberammergau “Passion Play”

You are invited to attend a general, but no obligation, meeting to discuss a September 2020 trip to Oberammergau, Germany, to witness the World-Famous Passion Play, which is performed once every ten years.

Whether you have signed up to attend, or are perhaps interested in learning more about the trip, or you have some questions that need answers, we will try to address all these issues.

The meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 11, 2019, @7:00 PM in the O’Connell Room of St. Joseph’s Church, Babylon. For those of you not familiar with St. Joseph’s Church, the address is 39 North Carll Ave, Babylon, NY. The general phone number is 631-669-0068 or you can check out their website at www.stjosephsbabylon.org for directions.

Refreshments will be served.

Please feel free to contact Lorraine DeCanditis: Loride132@optonlione.net, (Cell and/or text) 631-553-0160 with any questions.

REFLECTION FOR TODAY

In today’s first reading, God calls Jeremiah to be His voice in the world. In today’s society it is not always easy to stand up for what is right—or fear not! For God is with us as He was with Jeremiah.
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

Remember the homeless

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.

Adult Backpacks (New or used in good conditions)

Outreach is urgently in need of the following items in small or traveler size:

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Women/Men winter gloves & hats

Outreach has boxes of adult underwear size L / XL, also walkers and crutches.
If you can use any of these items, call us we will be happy to assist you.

Outreach Needs:
Coffee
Toilet Paper
Water Bottles

St. Joseph Parish Social Ministry

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

On Sunday, February 10th members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be at Stop and Shop on Montauk Highway in Babylon to collect food donations together with Babylon Rotary. This food will then be brought to St. Joseph’s Outreach Food Pantry to restock the shelves. This greatly helps our dwindling supply during the winter months.

The next meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is on Monday, February 10, 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.
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

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**“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
Presents:
**Understanding and Coping With Loneliness**
Friday, February 8 @ 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

**Bereavement Support Group**

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP
FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS
A Free 8 Week Program for Age 50 and Over
Starting Friday, March 1, 2019
7:00 – 9:00 pm
St. Joseph Parish Center
39 N. Carll Ave.
Babylon

For losses that have occurred
before December 1, 2018

For more information and registration,
please call:
Terry Hoffmann 631-669-0198 or
Geri Olson 631-661-8994
MONTH FOUR – – Developing Baby Spiritual Adoption Program

Well, your little baby now weighs six ounces. He has fingernails and eyelashes. He has his own unique fingerprints, which will remain the same until he dies. His taste buds are working. His sense of hearing is developing and present at 14 weeks. There are no major developments anymore. Your spiritually adopted baby is already well-formed, internally and externally. At this stage rapid eye movements have been observed - a sign of dreaming. What a miracle he is!

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

Sociable Single Seniors

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 De Canditis at (631) 553-0160 for more information.

Contemporary Music Ensemble

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!

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

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
CHALLENGING THE CALL

Those of us who will be somewhat glued to the television early Sunday evening might have a fond or not-so-fond recollection of the games which would eventually decide which teams would meet in this 53rd Super Bowl (in an effort to maintain my journalistic integrity, the first two games between the NFL and the AFL were not called “Super Bowl”, so this is actually the 51st) held two weeks ago. In both deciding games, there were significant actions (or non-action) by the officials which clearly helped the teams win the game and give them the right to be in Atlanta.

There has been an exceptional number of outcries about the unfairness that occurred on January 20, but nothing could be done to change the eventual outcomes. This was yet another example of no matter how apparent such injustice may be, there are times, literally, when that’s all she wrote.

Surely there have been times in all our lives when we have felt the same way. Maybe it was a snub by a close friend or being passed over for a well-deserved promotion at work or the passing far too soon of a loved one. Whatever the situation, there are always choices as to how we react. The problem for most of us is thinking...and occasionally even knowing...we are in the right. Too often we stumble because we cannot let that feeling go.

At such times, it is always helpful to turn things over to God. Jesus told us, “My yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matthew, 11:30), so no matter how much pain we are in, if we ask God to take our burdens...which He so often promised to do...we will find we can continue our lives.

With God, there is no reason to review the play.

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

It is a pity that we take the beauty and majesty of nature for granted. What is worse is that we do the same with people.

We wonder how anyone could be bored with Jesus. But in truth, it is common practice to undervalue people. Spouses repeatedly do that to one another. Let’s think of it just in economic terms. Men, how much would it cost you to hire a homemaker, a woman who would rear your children, care for them all day, run a taxi service for their many activities, wash their cloths, go to the store, buy groceries, plan, prepare and serve meals, function as a nurse when toes get stubbed, play the part of a referee when fights break out, be a comforter when feelings are hurt, become a teacher at homework time. These are just some of the duties of a homemaker. How much would it cost you to hire such a person? I have no idea, but I am quite sure that most of us might not be able to afford it. Never take your wife for granted. She is a treasure like few others.

Now let us put the shoe on the other foot and talk to wives. Picture yourself a single mother. How hard would it be to find someone to share your workload? For someone to do that would require a considerable investment of money, time, and emotional energy. Persons who are willing to make that commitment are few in number. If you are married to such a person, consider yourself blessed.

The people of Nazareth demonstrated their shallowness by taking Jesus for granted. Given the same circumstances, would we have done the same? We will never know the answer to that question. A more relevant question is this: Do we take the people in our lives for granted? Sometimes, I fear, we do. We get up in the morning, and the kitchen is clean as a whistle, ready for another day. What happened to all those dirty dishes? A person did that, probably a person called “Mother”. It would be wonderful, if we found a way to be thankful. My appeal is this, that we not take that person or any of our blessings for granted.

THANK YOU LORD

Deacon Mike
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.

Level 1 Children are to receive “Catholic Prayers for Catholic Families” book and a special blessing @ Mass this weekend. Please note that weekend Masses begin on Saturday @ 5pm and go through Sunday @ 5pm.

Mass attendance envelopes – please remember to print your children’s names and grade levels clearly and include your last name. Place these envelopes in the collection basket each weekend when attending Mass. While donations are appreciated, we use the envelopes mainly for attendance purposes.

Level 7 Community Service Pledges are due at any Mass the weekend of February 9 & 10. Please note that weekend Masses begin on Saturday @ 5pm and go through Sunday @ 5pm.

The Faith Formation Office will be closed the week of February 19th for winter recess. There will be no faith formation classes that week.

My Good Deed for the week was: James prayed to God, Jake & Isabella donated toys and clothes, Kate took care of her mom and tucked her into bed, Ava & Nina watched their baby cousin, Charles was being respectful, Abbey & Grace donated books to the library, Leah shared her toys with her brother, Jack comforted a friend when he lost something meaningful, Blake supported his brother at his wrestling tournament, Jonathan comforted someone who was grieving a loss, Caitlyn worked as an altar server, Kate spent time with her aunt and uncles, Adriana translated in Creole for a student who didn’t speak English, Faith helped her friend get over her fear of dogs, Shane stuck up for a friend, Nicolas helped mentor kindergarteners and Kellan cleaned a mess he didn’t make.

Children’s Activity Page

Write a prayer to say you are sorry for the times when you have been angry and have said or done things that have hurt others.
It’s that time of year —— PANERA NIGHT FOR ST. JOSEPH’S!
Join us on Wednesday 2/13 anytime between 4pm-8pm. Come in for a late lunch or early supper! Order your meal, show our flyer, and YM receives a portion of the proceeds

*Teens — please sign up for any 1 or 2 SERVICE HOUR time slot to act as Greeters for the evening.*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Attention all students in Grades 5—12. We are beginning a 6 week series, where we come together for faith & fun. Join us where you can as we explore a different topic each week, thru prayer & games.

**Mondays 2/4 & 2/11** — Girls Only! Room 260 (7:30pm-8:30pm) Moms welcome to stay.

**Wednesday 2/6** — Guys Only! Room 260 (7:30pm-8:30pm)
On 2/13, we will meet at PANERA! Dads welcome to stay.

**Wednesday 2/13** — SPECIAL SERVICE HELP NEEDED. 10am—2pm
This is Winter Recess Week. Please let me know if you can help! Thanks.

**Thursday 2/21 at 7pm** — PBJ Gang — followed by a Movie since there is no school the next day!
Families welcome to join us. Please see the website for more details about the time and what to bring.
[https://stjosephsbabylon.org/youth-ministry](https://stjosephsbabylon.org/youth-ministry)

I’ve learned something new! Some of our 5th grade Youth Ministry members taught me how to make SLIME! We prayed together—we played together—and then we had pizza together….a Fun Night.
Thank you Keith & Ann Marie Lynch for helping to organize the night. And thank you Barbara Grywin for donating to Youth Ministry so we could purchase supplies!

Attention All Students in Grades 7—12

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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

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

Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas

JCDA would like you to know that whether or not you like the teams in the Super Bowl, you can still purchase a delicious baked good from us after the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, February 3rd.

We will have tables set up by the Breezeway outside of Nolan Hall and by the N. Carll Ave. entrance.

Please stop by and support your home team!

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

**RECONCILACIÓN:** 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 CRISTIANIDAD:** 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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