February 17, 2019 ~ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

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

We Celebrate the 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

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.
Sunday, February 17, 2019

The Sacraments of Life

Newly Baptized
Matthew James Mango, Jr., Alexander James Watson, Audrey Jane Watson, Nicholas Anthony Zotto, Jr.

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:

For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members
Constance Sperling and Brett F. Arnold

At this Eucharist, we will have the Communal Anointing and the Blessing of the Sick, Families and Caregivers. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is for those who have not already been anointed during a particular illness or burdensome condition. Those already anointed, family members, friends and caregivers are welcome to join us at the Eucharist that morning and receive the Blessing of the Sick or the Blessing of Family, Friends and Caregivers.

Mass Schedule & Readings For The Coming Week:

At this Mass, we remember
Monday, February 18~
Gn 4:1-15; Ps 50:1,8,16bc-17,20-21; Mk 8:11-13
7:45 No Mass - Holiday
9:00 Sam Lisy

Tuesday, February 19~
Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5,10 Ps 29:12,2,3-4,9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
7:45 In Thanks - The Williams & McKenzie Families
9:00 George Rebecchi, Jr.

Wednesday, February 20~
Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15,18-19; Mk 8:22-26
7:45 In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered
9:00 Joseph John Kellar
Larry Konicke

Thursday, February 21~
Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-18,19-13,29; Mk 8:27-33
7:45 Jason Lowth
9:00 Dorothy Anne Tempera

Friday, February 22~
1 pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a,4-6; Mk 16:13-19
7:45 Jason Lowth
9:00 Lieselotte Hauswirth

Saturday, February 23~
Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5,10-11; Mk 9:2-13
9:00 Arturo Grimaldi

Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)
4:00 Confessions Today Fr. Jason
5:00 People of St. Joseph Fr. Jason

Sunday, 24~ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time~
1Sm 26:2,7-12,13,22-23; Ps 103:1-4,8,10,12-13 1 Cor 15:45-49
Lk 6:27-38
7:00 T.J. McGurk Fr. Jason
8:45 Dennis Radesky & James Carew Fr. Ethel
9:30 Barbara Tasha Henneberry Fr. Joe
10:15 Rosemary Cox Fr. Ethel
11:30 (Español- NH) Fr. Joe
12:00 Margaret Guzzardo & Nina Montouri Fr. Jason
5:00 Francis Cipriano Fr. Ethel

Eucharistic Minister Teams:
Weekend of February 23/24 Team A
Weekend of March 2/3 Team B
My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I indicated when starting these articles on the Sacraments, we are taking a pause this week. The reason is to reflect on something that weighs heavy on the hearts of many of us: the reality of sexual abuse committed by clergy and the questions about how these horrific acts were responded to. This week provides an opportunity to offer some reflection as bishops will be gathering in Rome to discuss these same issues.

I have no news to share in this regard. I am shaken and distraught along with you. I pursued my priestly vocation in the wake of the revelations of 2001. I have endured the suspicious glances and questions of fellow Catholics and read insult after insult that is written online, where the word “priest” is now often used as a synonym for various sinful titles. With each new development through these years I have been pained and disappointed. I know many of you have been, too. But all of this is miniscule compared to the sufferings endured by those who were abused. If you are a victim, please know that your witness is needed. Your courage helps us see where sickness has invaded our members, where we must act resolutely, and where we must beg God for healing. Please know that my door is always open if you would like to report or share your story; I cannot change what has happened, but I would like to be part of the journey forward, difficult as it may be.

Justice, mercy, penance, and holiness, these are needed at this time. They must be embraced by every member of the Church, least to greatest. Human as the sinners are, the proper response must include spiritual conversion. And we must make it together as one body in Christ, suffering with each other, aiding each other, all seeking healing, purification, and sanctification from God. Perhaps future generations will look back and give thanks that we persevered through this difficult chapter.

I do not know, yet, how our parish may best make this response. Practically, we carry out policies that seek to prevent such terrible things from occurring again. We train others to be aware and speak out. We expand and update these policies as we learn even better ways to create a safe environment for all. But the mystical body of Christ has a soul: policies alone can never be enough. Our spirits seek more. I invite us all to pray daily for the healing, purifying, and sanctifying grace of God to come upon us. Let us pray for heavenly wisdom to inform those gathered in Rome this week. They have chosen the feast of St. Peter Damian as a meeting date. St. Peter lived a millennium ago. In his life he witnessed the ascent of a 22-year old to the Chair of Peter, whose reign was marked with grave immorality. That pope (Benedict IX) resigned, bribed by a monetary gift from the man who then succeeded him (Gregory VI). He, in turn, resigned after admitting to this bribe, and Pope Clement II succeeded him. He mysteriously died within the year while on a trip, and Benedict IX used the circumstances as a chance to try and reclaim the papacy, until he was driven from the city and the holy St. Leo IX was elected. All the while, St. Peter interceded with the popes and various other bishops, asking them to address problems of severe clerical immorality and simony, not unlike the problems we are currently faced with. Challenge and the ugliness of sin are not new to us. It is the battle we fight as long as earth exists. Sometimes the battle even takes place from within. We are called upon to respond with virtue. St. Peter fought virtuously. Let us turn to him now asking that his heavenly intercession be as powerful as his earthly intercession.

In Christ,
fr. Jason
February 11, 2019
Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you…” (Jeremiah 1:5)

At the very heart of our beliefs about who we are and why we exist, is a message of love. God creates us out of love. Out of love, He redeems us by the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus. He calls us to an eternal destiny with Him because He loves each sacred human life, created in His image.

That we are created in God’s image is reaffirmed in our nation’s Declaration of Independence, reminding us that we “are endowed by [our] Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” The **right to life** is the foundation and starting point for every other God-given human right. When that right is attacked or denied, all other rights and liberties begin to crumble.

You are probably aware that on January 22, 2019, the 46th anniversary of **Roe v. Wade** (the Supreme Court decision that declared an absolute constitutional right to abortion), Governor Andrew Cuomo of New York signed into law the “Reproductive Health Act”, which he himself called “the most aggressive” abortion law in the country. It was then “celebrated” by his lighting up One World Trade Center and the Alfred E. Smith Building in Albany.

It is our obligation as citizens and as Catholics, to be well informed and to make our voices heard in the public square when evil and injustice threaten the sacred gift of life at any stage.

On a human level, this gruesome law should be appalling to people of every faith, or no faith. The Reproductive Health Act allows for abortion on demand with no restrictions throughout all of pregnancy. **This means that as a choice, an abortion could be performed on a full-term infant as the mother is going into labor.**

This law might also open the door to taking away conscience protections from medical personnel, and could be used to force doctors, nurses and other medical staff to perform or to assist in abortions. Governor Cuomo claims that he is protecting women’s rights, when in fact, this law endangers the lives of women by allowing non-physicians to perform abortions, and it removes any objective standard of care due to the patient.

**The Act has also removed criminal penalties when an unborn child is deliberately targeted for death in a crime.** Two and a half weeks after the bill became law, the Queens District Attorney said he could not prosecute a man for the stabbing death of his unborn child in the womb of his girlfriend, because of the passage of the Reproductive Health Act.

**Unimaginably, the law also repeals protections for infants who are accidentally born alive during the course of a failed abortion.** This amounts to infanticide, the killing either by direct
means or by neglect of an infant who is alive outside the womb. The law is silent on reducing the
pain and suffering of infants, especially those being aborted late term.

Brothers and sisters, this law is an abomination that cries out to Heaven for justice. We cannot be
silent in the face of such a blatant attack on the most vulnerable among us. I invite you to do
several things:

1. Stay informed and educated regarding these issues and the battles ahead of us, such as
   assisted suicide and legalized surrogacy. Two outstanding resources available to you are:
   - The Diocese of Rockville Centre Respect Life Office and web page: (516) 678-5800
     Extension 381 or on the web at https://respectlife.drvc.org

2. Get involved. Both web pages listed above offer easy links to contacting your elected
   representatives. Let the Governor and our other elected officials know that this Act
   violates the dignity of the human person and that you do not support it.

   Get involved in the efforts already underway at your parish, such as Respect Life
   Committees. In addition, our Diocesan Respect Life Office can direct you to ways that
   you can support and promote the sanctity of life locally, on Long Island.

3. Pray. Pray the Holy Rosary. Ask the intercession of Our Blessed Mother Mary, Protector
   of Mothers, Defender of Life and the Family, to strengthen us so that we may be
   compassionate, courageous witnesses to the truth. Ask also for the intercession of Saint
   Thomas More, patron of statesmen, politicians, lawyers and judges, who lost his life for
   refusing to renounce his conscience and give in to the tides of political power and
   privilege.

   Pray for our elected officials and for all people and pray that our politicians come to
   understand their profound obligation to defend the most defenseless among us. Any
   Catholic who actively supports an attack on the sacredness of life, chooses to place him
   or herself in grave moral danger and outside of the Communion of the Church. We pray
   for their souls, for a spirit of repentance, for a return to the truth of the love of God. It is
   God’s love that formed each one of us in our Mother’s womb.

A civilization that not only will not protect, but actually celebrates an attack on its most
vulnerable members is morally bankrupt and stands on the verge of collapse. We pray for the
courage of the martyrs, that an awakened spirit of evangelization and voices raised together will
move hearts and minds, and call us back to our God-given senses, to the God who made us, who
loves us, and who offers us our eternal destiny in love.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

Sincerely in Christ,

[Signature]

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre
Office Hours/Parish Office
(631) 669-0068
E-mail: secretary@stjosephsbabylon.org
Mon. to Friday 9:30am - 7:30pm
Sat. 9:30am to 4:00pm Sun. 9:30am -1:30pm

Cemetery Office
(631)669-0068 Ext. 107
Monday to Thursday 9:00am to 12:30pm
Please call in advance for an appt. during these hours.

Faith Formation Office
(631)587-4717
Mon. to Fri. 9:00am to 4:00pm

Hispanic Office
(631)669-0068 x131
Friday 7:00 to 9:00pm

Outreach Office
(631)669-4544
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
9:30am to 1:30pm
Other times by appt. (631-669-4544)

Food Pantry
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
9:30am to 1:30pm
Other times by appt. (631-669-0068 x 201)

Thrift Shop
(631)669-5574
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
10:00am to 3:00pm
Nursery School - (631)661-4559
Youth Ministry - (631)669-0068 x 108
Parish Office Fax - (631)669-9175
WebSite: www.stjosephsbabylon.org

Mass for Hearing Impaired

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

HOTLINE NUMBERS

Crisis Pregnancy Center (631) 243-2373
Post-Abortion Counseling 1-888-456 HOPE
(Project Rachel)
National Human Trafficking 1-(888) 373-7888
Domestic Violence (Nassau County) Safe Housing (516) 542-0404 (24/7)
Domestic Violence (Suffolk County) Hotline & Shelter (631) 666-8833 (24/7)
Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk County (631) 360-3730
Office for Protecting Children/Young Adults-Dioceese 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.

2/10/2019
Collection $20,701.00
Last Year $18,711.00

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 Izzo
Lt. Caroline Mayer
Lt. Dylan Kelly
MA2 William S. Martha
PO1 Rasheen Tice
PO2 Kristen Tice
En Matthew Waldron
F3 Nicholas Ruf

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

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

U.S. Army:
LTC John Kallo
LTC Jon J. Uebel
Capt. Stephen Scuderi
LT Mark Barbera
2LT Anthony C. DiBiase
LT Joseph A. Vandervelt, III
SSG Josuah Insull
SSG David C. Bay
Sgt Edwin Zambrano
SPC Elliot Chodkowski
PFC Dominick Prittito
PV2 Danny Bornschein
PV2 Alexandra Diaz
Eric Stein

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

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY
All Parish Offices will be closed
Monday, February 18th
in observance of
PRESIDENTS’ DAY

Parish Office will reopen Tuesday, February 19th
at 9:30am.

Annual Adult

St. Patrick – St. Joseph
Dinner Dance
Saturday March 2, 2019
7pm-11pm
Church of St. Joseph
Msgr. Nolan Hall
39 N. Carll Ave., Babylon, NY
631-669-0068

Tickets on sale after all Masses Feb. 16/17 and Feb. 23/24
Tickets are also available at the Parish Office
Tickets are $25 per person
Includes: Buffet dinner, beer, wine, soda, coffee, tea,
Irish soda bread and cookies
HURRY: Only 300 tickets will be sold

We need people to bake Irish Soda Bread. Please bring the baked bread to the
Parish Office on Friday, March 1, 2019

Music by Tom White and the “Spin Around Sound”
Entertainment by: “Mise Eire Step Dancers” and
“AOH Saffron United Pipe Band”
Bring some pocket money for: Raffles and “50/50”

For information and tickets contact:
Dom (631) 669-1092 or Vinny (631)422-2679
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

Parish Social Ministry news:

**Battling heroin addiction on Long Island**

*Catholic Charities is ready to help*

*Call us at (631) 543-6200*

**Chemical Dependence Services**

Much is at stake for those struggling to break the cycle of chemical dependence. Catholic Charities supports people struggling to reclaim their lives through all stages of the recovery process. All Catholic Charities chemical dependence services are Tobacco Free in accordance with NYS OASAS regulation Part 856.

Talbot House - Chemical Dependence Residential Stabilization Center

Talbot House is a 24-hour voluntary residential stabilization center licensed by the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) to provide short-term medically monitored inpatient withdrawal services to adult men and women who are in crisis. This facility provides nourishing meals, counseling, limited transportation, support groups, and referrals.

Pantry is in need of:

- Toilet Paper
- Coffee
- Ketchup
- Mayonnaise

Outreach News:

**Attention:**

Please do not leave frozen food in the Church.

Frozen food donations will be received directly at the Outreach Center on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Volunteers are needed...

If you are looking for a Ministry where you can put your enthusiasm and energy, join us here at Parish Social Ministry.

We are in need of your help! *Your time is very valuable to us.*

For more information, please call us at: 631-669-4544 or 631-669-0068 Ext.202

St. Vincent de Paul

Is there a family you know who needs assistance?

*Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 631-669-0068 X201*

This past week members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society picked up 3 carloads of food from L. I. Cares Food Bank and brought them to St. Joseph’s Outreach Food Pantry. They unpacked boxes and filled the shelves and freezers. Part of our mission is to help “Feed the hungry.” We thank all our members who gave of their time and effort.

The next meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is on Monday, February 25, 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.
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon’s Corner

GOD BLESSES US ALL OUR DAYS
(Luke 6: 17, 20-26)

The framers of the American Declaration of Independence desired to form a country where “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness” could be the building blocks of a new society. But many of us have found that the pursuit of happiness, and happiness itself, are two different things. We have the freedom to pursue happiness, but finding it is another thing entirely. And it seems like many of us are coming up empty much of the time. Whether we are frustrated in the pursuit of our goals, thinking happiness would be waiting behind that next door of accomplishment, or we are drowning in unhappiness in the very midst of all the things we achieved, so many people are unhappy. What is wrong?

Do you want to be happy, really happy? Then our Gospel lesson today offers a startling path to discovery. Listen to the words of Jesus. He suggests that many of us are not finding happiness because we are looking for it in the wrong places.

Do you want to live a life of joy and contentment that is consistent through the ever changing conditions of history? Seek God. Rest in His word that you are blessed in Him. Tie your sense of peace and security and self esteem in His desire to call you blessed, not in the performance of the stock market or your blood pressure or your social calendar. For if you are settled in your relationship with God, and draw your life force from him, you will find that those other factors gradually lose their power over you.

Receive that gift. Allow the truth to transform your desires, your pursuits, and your sense of security. And as you do, as you stop your frantic search, and rest in Gods blessedness, you will find that the true happiness you have been seeking so hard in your own strength, has been looking for you all along.

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD

Reflections

PAR FOR THE COURSE?

One of the things I like about playing golf on a public course is getting the opportunity to meet new people. Paired with another player who happened to sign up about the same time I did to play a round, there is always a wait before teeing off. I use this time on the practice putting green, with the driving range being another option. As a result, we do not know with whom we are paired until it is time to play.

Recently while in California, I was practicing my putting and noticed someone who seemed to be waiting to start his round as well. He stood out because he had long hair (the top of which hidden by an out of date straw hat) and he was chewing on what was left of a repulsive cigar. Hopefully, I thought to myself, I won’t be paired with him. Well, you know what happened.

In a classic case of judging the book by its cover, my 18 holes with Johnny proved to be more than a pleasant adventure. A skillful yet humble golfer, I learned Johnny’s heart was as big as his mighty swing. Every Thursday, he goes to Mexico, buys fruits and vegetables at a local farm stand, and generously distributes them to the poorest of the poor. He matter-of-factly explained he had helped his father do the same thing as a boy, and he was simply doing what he knew would help others. “It’s no big deal,” he said with a smile. “I’m sort of a missionary!”

I learned much that day: be less judgmental, there is always something to discover from all whom God puts in our lives, and to rejoice knowing others seize the moments of grace God provides.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Hours of Adoration
Monday 7 AM - 9 PM
Tuesday 8 AM - 9 PM
Thursday 8 AM through Friday Midnight

Adoration Coordinators
Josephine: (631) 940-7280
Claudia: (516) 203-5221

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

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2019 Chrysanthemum Ball Volunteers

The planning for the St. Joseph’s 59th Chrysanthemum Ball is in need of volunteers.

Anyone interested please call:
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Faith Formation

Visit our website @ www.stjosephsbabylon.org for information regarding upcoming meetings, events and other parish news. You may find all the information in our handbook on the website.

The Faith Formation Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-4pm. If you come between the hours of 9am – 9:30am, you will need to call the office to enter the building: 631-587-4717.

The Faith Formation Office will be closed the week of February 18th for the winter recess. There will be no classes that week.

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Confirmation will be celebrated on Wednesday, February 27th @ 10am & 1:30pm with Bishop Robert Coyle. Please keep our Confirmation Candidates and their families in your prayers.

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.

The Mardi Gras Celebration will not take place this year. If you are interested in bringing the event back next year, please call Barbara McNulty at 631-669-0068 x108.

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: Charles was respectful to his teachers, Daniel cooperated with his parents, Benjamin helped his teacher, Rori invited someone to join her lunch group because she was all alone in the cafeteria, Gradan taught his brother how to write the alphabet, Andrew took out the garbage and the recyclables, Madeline helped her grandma fold clothes and held and fed the baby, Mildred helped her little sister make her bed and she gave her a special handmade birthday card, Christopher read a story to a friends baby and Julia, Milton and Bella donated old clothes.

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

Children’s Activity Page

Find the opposites of the following words, then use the circled letters to make a word we use that describes heaven.

HAPPY → __ __ __
WEAK → __ __ __
ASLEEP → __ __ __
HEAVY → __ __ __
LITTLE → __
OPEN → __ __ __
FULL → __ __ __

Heaven is God’s __________.
UPCOMING EVENTS:

It’s Winter Recess! Schools may be out—but we don’t take a break from our Faith.

**Wednesday 2/20** – Service Project – 10am – 2pm  Few teens still needed. We will be working on some clean up projects and could use some extra hands. Give me a call at 631-669-0068 ext 108 or e-mail me at youth@stjosephsbabylon.org

**Thursday 2/21** – PBJ Gang --- Family Style! All families welcome. We will meet in the O’Connell Room at 7pm. Please bring bread and either peanut butter or jelly. Don’t forget to wear a hat. You can sign up or get more information on our Parish Website at: https://stjosephsbabylon.org/pbj-gang
Since there is no school the next day, we will put on a movie—you are welcome to bring your own snack. Iced tea, hot cocoa, and popcorn will be available.

**Monday 2/25** – Girls Only Get Together. 7:30 – 8:30 in the HUB (Room 260)

Join us for a craft, some quiet time, and fun.

**Wednesday 2/27** – Guys Only Get Together. 7:30 – 8:30 in the HUB (Rm 260)

Please see the website for more details about the time and what to bring.
https://stjosephsbabylon.org/youth-ministry

**Attention All Students in Grades 7–12**

**DID YOU RESERVE YOUR SEAT YET?**

“T’o the Heights!”

Long Island Catholic Youth Day
Saturday 3/30 9:30-4:30
At St Anthony’s HS, Melville NY

Music! Dynamic Speakers!
Mass w/Bishop Barres & More!

Registration has begun.
Full Scholarship available to the first 10 people to reserve their seats.

Call: 631-669-0068 ext 108
Or email: youth@stjosephsbabylon.org

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!

**FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY ----**

Our Families are a wonderful gift from God. The Teens who make up Youth Ministry – do not get here on their own; they are nurtured at home by their parents, their grandparents, their neighbors, siblings, and friends. Strong families are the building blocks of a strong Church.

Want to help strengthen our families?

**Have some ideas?** Give me a call at 631-669-0068 ext 108
Barbara McNulty
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

The Catholic Daughters
of the Americas,
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would like to thank all those who have
supported us for our Life Center Baby
Shower and for our Annual Bake Sale.
Your support and donations helps us to
aid many in need.

Save The Date
Murder Mystery Fundraiser on
April 27, 2019
Communion Breakfast on
Saturday, May 20th, 2019.

Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas

The next meeting of JCDA will be Tuesday,
February 19 in the O’Connell Room from
7:00-9:00 PM. We will be finalizing our
spring events.

Any girl ages 10 and older who is looking to
have fun while participating in service to our
Lord is welcome to join us.

For more information, please contact
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 un preparación espiritual de conversión a la fe católica. Llame al (631) 669-0068, ext. 131.

MATRIMONIO: Las parejas que desean casarse, deben inscribirse con seis meses de anticipación. Llamar al Padre Joe Arévalo al (631) 669-0068 ext. 104.

RECONCILIACIÓN: Sábado a las 4:00pm - 4:45pm, o llamar para una cita, al Tel. # 669-0068 ext. 104.

UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS: Llamar a la oficina principal (631)669-0068 Ext. 100.

CURSILLO DE CRISTIANDAD: Los invita a vivir un fin de semana con Cristo. Tenemos Ultreya todos los domingos a las 12:30pm. en el Salón # 256. Mas information contáctese con el Sub-Vocal de Piedad Geremias Herrera @ ghererras29@gmail.com.

MADRES ORANDO POR SUS HIJOS: Todos los Miércoles de 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM. Para informacion, contactese 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 Jamie Duque al (631) 805-2654.

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.