March 24, 2019~ Third Sunday of Lent

**Pastoral Team**
Rev. Jason U. Grisafi, Pastor  
Rev. Joseph V. Arevalo, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Ethel Anarado, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Francis A. Samuel, O.I.C.  
Resident/Associate  
Deacon Michael J. Leyden  
Deacon John F. Sullivan  
Deacon Julio Murillo  
Deacon Stephen Yusko  
Dr. Marie Drohan, Music Director  
Mrs. Barbara McNulty, Pastoral Associate  
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, 5:00pm  
Nolan Hall - 9:30am- Family Mass  
11:30am (en Español)

**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.
The Sacraments of Life

Newly Baptized
Faith Harper Jones & Harleen Rose Nunez

Preparing for Marriage
Banns Posted
First Time ~
No Banns
Second Time ~
Alexander Schoene & Ingrid Campos
Third Time ~
Keith Greiber & Laura Mele

For Our Sick
Please remember in your prayers the sick of our Parish: Robert Dobbins, 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 Szwejkowski, Sabina Dojlidko, 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 Hulsan, Attracta Roche, Charles Chertiza, Joseph Hovanec, Frank Peterson, Steve Peterson, Diana Peterson, Martin Kennedy, Clare Hubert, Judythe Picini, Annie Caputo, Kathy Belletti, Michael Hayden, Harry D. Robbie, Isabelle Hovanec, Terrence McGoldrick, John Pat Costello, Theresa Vingo and Viola.

Altar Rose
In Memory of Frank L. Obremski

For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members Richard Iracane, Dorothy Pepitone, & Thomas W. DeRosa.

Mass Schedule & Readings For The Coming Week:

At this Mass, we remember
Monday, March 25~
Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 William Leitch

Tuesday, March 26~
Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4b-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
7:45 Anna Rose West
9:00 Eugenio De Marco

Wednesday, March 27~
Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 Maryann Deems

Thursday, March 28~
Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 Carole LoValvo-Joyce

Friday, March 29~
Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 Thomas Halligan

Saturday, March 30~
Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b; Lk 18:9-14
9:00 John Piñero

Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)
4:00 Confessions Today Fr. Jason
5:00 Richard Iracane Fr. Francis
Charles Coté

Sunday, March 31~ Fourth Sunday of Lent~
Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
7:00 For the Intentions of Philip Schaefer Fr. Jason
8:45 James Simmons Fr. Ethel
9:30 Thomas De Rosa Fr. Joe
10:35 Carol Albanese Fr. Ethel
11:30 (Español- NH) Fr. Jason
12:00 People of St. Joseph Fr. Francis
5:00 Brian Hussey Fr. Joe

Eucharistic Minister Teams:
Weekend of March 23/24 Team A
Weekend of March 30/31 Team B
Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph,

Between March 1st and 12th, I had an amazing experience of making a journey to the Holy land with some of our parishioners and pilgrims from all over the United States and United Kingdom. In all, we totaled 31 in the group. It was an enriching experience. First arriving in Jordan, we were received in Amman, the capital city by our tour guide and a driver who took care of taking us to our hotel. There in Amman, we visited the lost city of Petra, which is located amongst the rugged desert canyons and mountains. The Petra museums were so magnificent, holding many artifacts from the Neolithic period of the Nabataen history and architecture from the Romans as well. In addition to Petra, there were visits to Mount Nebo and some of the other revered sites of Jordan. It should be noted that about 92% of Jordan is Muslim while Christians constitute a tiny minority of just about 6% while the other religions make up 2%. But there is a palpable peace in the region.

Crossing over to Israel after 3 days in Jordan, we visited the places of the Annunciation in Nazareth and sailed in the Sea of Galilee. We saw Caesarea, the former capital of Judea and some of the places where King Herod held sway. We climbed Mount Tabor, where Our Lord’s transfiguration took place. We reaffirmed our baptismal vow in the River Jordan and floated in the Dead Sea. Why is it called Dead Sea? It is because it has no living organisms and creatures there. We visited Jerusalem temple, Bethlehem and Ein Karem-the birthplace of John the Baptist. Other areas visited were Garden of Gethsemane, Mt of Olives, The Mount of Beatitudes, Mt Zion, the Western Wall and the Holy Sepulchre. In most of these places, we celebrated Masses and in other areas, we had a devotional contemplative prayer. The Garden of Gethsemane was somber. In fact, I was laden with emotion as I contemplated the sorrowful Passion of Our Lord. The Scripture passage in John’s Gospel came alive to me when it stated ‘It was night’ (John 13:30) when our Lord was betrayed, scourged and humiliated for our sake. At the Holy Sepulchre where we had Mass, each of the pilgrims had an opportunity to touch and pray at the tomb where Our Lord was buried.

Just like in Jordan, the Christians in Israel constitute a minority, the majority practice Judaism. The major languages spoken are Hebrew and Arabic. But the majority can speak and understand English and the place is safe to visit. Their food is very good, mostly a Mediterranean diet. Thanks to ‘206 Tours’ who did a good job in organizing this trip and making sure we enjoyed every bit of it. As a spiritual director to the pilgrims, I had to keep abreast with confessions, spiritual direction and counseling, celebrating the Sacraments and prayers at every opportunity, including the buses. We never let an opportunity pass to pray the rosary, Divine Mercy and the Angelus. In addition to this Holy Land tour, I have another one coming in September to Rome and we have an opportunity to attend the Pope’s audience. You are welcome to plan and join us in this holy trip to the eternal city. If you wish to come along to Italy, visit www.260tours.com/tour100 select departure September 16th, 2019, or take a flier from the Parish Office.

I would certainly say that the Biblical stories came fully alive with this visit to the Holy land. It’s a kind of retreat, nay, a journey to walk in the footsteps of our Lord. I will now connect more whenever I read the Word of God- a roadmap to spiritual rediscovery and narrative.
Many of my co-Pilgrims frequently described the pilgrimage as a life-changing experience. Some find it difficult to express the absolute bliss they felt during this unique spiritual adventure.

As we literally followed the footstep of Jesus, some found the journey a way to get closer to Jesus and to discover the roots of our Christian faith. By the way, not all of us were Catholics. Others recounted passionate feelings of being human bridges for peace and reconciliation or of feeling part of the rich tapestry of religious history that inspires every corner of this Holy Land.

I would therefore recommend this trip to anyone in the quest to go deeper in search of the mysteries of our salvation.

God bless you.
Fr Ethel Anarado

Faith & Food Pilgrimage to Italy

Are you thirsting for a deeper relationship with God?
“Jesus is thirsting for us right now”.
~ St. Mother Teresa

Give God your love, your time, and your desire to deepen your relationship with him in PRAYER.

Come to Room 256
On Wednesdays at 10:00 AM

Songs of praise and thanks,
scripture and intercession for our world.

“To the thirsty, I will give a gift from the springs of life-giving water”. ~(Rev. 21:6)

For more information please contact Jeri at (631) 661-3302 or email jerdom2@verizon.net

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Our next meeting for the EMs will be Saturday, April 6th after the 9:00 Mass. The meeting will be held in the O’Connell Room and refreshments will be served. Whether you serve at weekday Mass, Funeral Mass, Sunday Mass or visit the nursing homes and homebound, all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to attend.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. Thank you!
Third Sunday of Lent

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope that you have read Fr. Ethel’s column on his pilgrimage to the Holy Land. There are tremendous blessings that come from pilgrimage, even more so when one walks in the footsteps of our Lord.

I would like to share with you some good news. This Tuesday, Bishop Barres appointed me as pastor of our parish. While my responsibilities remain the same, we now share a new spiritual connection, and the added stability of the assignment lets us plan into the future. Speaking of planning, we will be planning a date for my installation Mass. (There was a plan to use April 7th, but we cancelled that as it is difficult to get things in order by then). For now, let us, as a parish family, continue to ask God’s blessings upon us, let us pray for new evangelical zeal to come into our community, and please pray for me that I may fulfill this new responsibility in a Christ-like way.

~ fr. Jason

The Baptism Hospitality Ministry is a friendly group of men and women responsible for welcoming families and making them comfortable at their child's Baptism. We celebrate Baptisms every Sunday afternoon. The ministers arrive early to set all the materials in place, including the baptismal garment, the candles and oils for the ritual, and finally placing a family name in designated pews so everyone can easily find their place when they arrive. Our ministers commit to serve once every six weeks.

To join our welcoming team call Ada 631.471.4373.

Our Greeters Ministry is comprised of people who like to smile and make others feel welcomed. This may be the ministry that you should think about joining. We wait at the doors of the church every Sunday at the 12 o’clock mass as well as at every mass for Christmas, Palm Sunday and Easter. At this time you can volunteer for any of the weekend Masses to add your warm personality to extend our ministry. Remember, all you have to be is a person who likes to make people feel welcomed and you will be rewarded for your warmth and kindness.

For more information call Laraine 631.877.8477.

The Ministry of Consolation members assist the bereaved by walking with them at a time when they are most vulnerable. Throughout history, there has always been tradition and ritual surrounding burying and mourning the dead. Ceremony helps us through the process of grieving and celebrating the lives of the people we loved. The role of consoling the family and friends of a loved one at the time of death rests primarily with the community. To fulfill this role a minister of consolation serves as a companion to the family, assisting them in all the choices available to celebrate the life of their beloved ones. Other team members print personalized programs and others serve to guide the family through the funeral. Lastly, as an offering to replenish the sweetness of life, a home baked cake is delivered to the family along with our condolences. There are so many aspects of this ministry for you to offer a little bit of compassion and kindness to others.

Call Barbara for some ideas of how you can participate 631.968.8793.

The RCIA team asks: have you received Communion and Confirmation? Now you can continue to grow in your Faith, while giving back to the Church by serving on an RCIA team. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) We are a dedicated crew sharing our Catholic faith with adults who have expressed an interest in becoming Roman Catholic. Together, we give and receive a forum for shared spiritual growth and exploration of our Catholic traditions. As if that wasn’t enough, you’ll be joining a ministry that continues to grow our Catholic family year after year. So please, be open to God’s call, share in the mission work of the church by walking in faith, and sharing that faith by teaching the Good News to others.

Felix has information 631.704.0033.
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-Diocease 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.
3/17/2019

Collection  $20,956.00

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. Murrith
PO1 Rasheen Tice
PO2 Kristen Tice
E4 Matthew Waldron
E3 Nicholas Ruff

U.S.M.C.:
1st Lt Matthew Witcowski
2nd Lt. Marc Anthony Parrino
2nd Lt. R.J. Parrino
Sgt. Lauren Colantropo
Cpl. Alyssa Z. 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 Kello
LT Jon J. Uebel
Capt. Stephen Scuderi
1LT Mark Barbera
2LT Anthony C. DiBiasio
LT Joseph A. Vonderveldt, III
SSG Josuah Insull
SSG David C. Ray
Sgt. Edwin Zambrano
SPC Elliot Chodkowski
PFC Dominick Pizzerio
PVT2 Danny Bornschein
PVT2 Alexandra Diaz
Eric Stein

U.S. A.F.:
MSGT John Hatzidakis
SSGT Brandon Ward
AB Christopher Signoretti
AB Eric Benzing
Lenten Fast and Abstinence

**FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

All Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day.

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

The Divine Mercy Chapel invites all the St. Joseph’s parish family to participate in one hour of adoration each week. This is both an opportunity and a privilege for each of us to come before the Blessed Sacrament and a great way to begin our Lenten Journey. If is only one hour out of our very busy week, an hour to experience the peace that we all need in our lives. Please call the above phone number to schedule your time in Adoration.

Stations of the Cross

**STATIONS THE WAY OF THE CROSS**

“Father, forgive them, they do not know what they are doing.”

**Stations of the Cross**

2 pm on Fridays in the Church.

_All are welcome._

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**40 Cans for Lent Food Drive!**

- Apple Juice
- Coffee
- Canned Fruit
- Jelly
- Condiments
- Cereal
- Paper Towels
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Toilet Paper
- Toothpaste
- Floss
- Supermarket Gift Cards

**Fighting Hunger Family to Family**
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 our Brothers and Sisters:
Your financial support is very important to us.
Your support enables us to financially assist our brothers & sisters in need, and provide our homeless with an $8 Deli Voucher, so they can have a hot meal.

We could always use Grocery/Store Gift Cards (Aldi, Shoprite, Stop & Shop, Target, etc).
Target and Shoprite gift cards are used to help families for food, and also to pay for their medications in the Pharmaceutical Department.

The following items are needed this week in our Food Pantry:

Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Jelly, Mustard
Paper Products (toilet paper, paper towels and napkins)
Powdered or Shelf Stable milk (Parmalat, etc.)
Canned fruits
Laundry detergent
Feminine hygiene products

"And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me.' (Matthew 25:40)"

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

The next meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is on Monday, March 25, 2019 at 9:45am in 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!
Deacon’s Corner

Lady, Are You Rich?
By Marion Doolan

They huddled inside the storm door—two children in ragged outgrown coats.
“Any old papers, lady?”
I was busy. I wanted to say no—until I looked down at their feet. Thin little sandals, sopped with sleet.
“Come in and I’ll make you a cup of hot cocoa.” There was no conversation. Their soggy sandals left marks upon the hearthstone.

I served them cocoa and toast with jam to fortify against the chill outside. Then I went back to the kitchen and started again on my household budget.

The silence in the front room struck through me. I looked in.
The girl held the empty cup in her hands, looking at it. The boy asked in a flat voice, “Lady…are you rich?”

“I am rich? Mercy, no!” I looked at my shabby slip covers.
The girl put her cup back in its saucer—carefully. “Your cups match your saucers.” Her voice was old, with a hunger that was not of the stomach.

They left then, holding their bundles of paper against the wind. They hadn’t said thank you. They didn’t need to. They had done more than that. Plain blue pottery cups and saucers. But they did match. I tested the potatoes and stirred the gravy. Potatoes and brown gravy, a roof over our heads, my man with a good steady job—these things matched, too.

I moved the chairs back from the fire and tidied the living room. The muddy prints of small sandals were still wet upon my hearth. I let them be, I want them there in case I ever forget again how very rich I am.

Deacon John

Reflections

A MOTHER’S MUSING

“A mother’s love is a blessing, no matter where you go…” So goes the chorus of the Irish classic. I am sure we recall with great fondness many of the pearls of wisdom repeatedly offered by our mothers, especially in the early days of our youth. “Put on your winter coat, Brian, or you will catch your death of cold” was one I long remember but have never put into practice. Another embedded deep within my psyche I have, for the most part, adopted, often with somewhat disastrous results, “If someone thinks enough of you to invite you somewhere, you should always say yes.”

The subject a few weeks ago when I met my friend Nancy was not maternal love, but rather how we both were feeling. This morphed into minor concerns we both had, and she offered she was praying for her brother who was having some medical issues. While Nancy was concerned about his physical condition, she was more troubled by his lapsed Catholicism. After a brief exchange of thoughts on the matter, Nancy hoped he would recall the words of her mother to all her children when things were not going well, “Don’t be a jerk, pray the Rosary!”

While the delivery may not have been refined, the essence was on the money. Our Blessed Mother’s current role is to be an intermediary to Our Lord on our behalf. We should not miss this opportunity to ask for the Graces we need for ourselves and for others.

To paraphrase my late and great mother, “Since God the Father thinks enough of us to invite us to an eternity in Heaven, we should, therefore, say yes!!!”
Mass of Installation of Bishop Robert Brennan as 12th Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) will be airing the Mass of Installation of Bishop Robert J. Brennan as the 12th Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio.

The Mass will air live on Friday, March 29, 2019 from St. Joseph Cathedral beginning at 1:30PM ET and will rebroadcast later that evening at 8PM ET.

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) is available on Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296, and Charter Spectrum channel 162/471 throughout the New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut area. The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) is also available on selected cable and satellite systems nationwide, along with a vast on-demand library of original programming and a high quality 24/7 live stream at www.CFNtv.org.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved Honors for the Second Quarter marking period from Our Lady of Mercy Academy and St. Dominic High School. We are very proud of your accomplishments.

Evelyn Smith - Principal’s List
Grace Standwill - Second Honors
Mary Napolitano - Principal’s List

Memorial Easter Lilies

The Easter Lily

A symbol of Christ’s victory over sin and death.

Once again we will adorn our altars with lilies to commemorate Jesus’ Resurrection and the promise of life everlasting. If you wish to make a donation toward an Easter Lily plant in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a living person, please fill out the form below and return it to either the Parish Office or place it in the Sunday collection basket. The suggested donation fee is $20 per family or person being remembered.

The list of memorial donations will be published in the bulletin after Easter.

Our deadline for collecting donations is Wed., April 17.
Checks can be made payable to St. Joseph Church.

Thank you for your generosity during this Easter season!

Name of Donor ___________________________ Phone _______________
Name of Person(s) to be remembered: ______________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________
# of Plants ____________
Amount Enc. ($20 per donation)___________
**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.*

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**Third Sunday of Lent**

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 2 Parent Meeting – Thursday, March 28th @ either 11am or 7pm in the O’Connell Room. We will be going over the final preparations for First Communion.

New Family Registration - Please bring your child’s Baptism Certificate and a check for the registration fee. The fees are as follows: 1 child $150, 2 children $215 and 3 or more children $270.

**Level 1 students are expected to attend Mass this weekend.** We are asking them to bring donations for the Outreach Center. **At this time they are most in need of the following items:** ketchup, mayonnaise, coffee, jelly, mustard, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, powdered milk, can fruit and laundry detergent. Please see the Outreach page in this bulletin for the items they are most in need of now. Thank you for any donations you are able to provide.

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.

Level 5 students are expected to attend Mass the weekend of March 30th & 31st to receive a Works of Mercy prayer card and a special blessing.

Level 6 Reconciliation – Saturday, March 30th – 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 15 minutes prior to allow time to sign in.**

Catechist Evaluation Meeting – Thursday, April 4th from 7-9pm in the O’Connell Room. Please come share your experience of teaching this year. We encourage all catechists to come and give us feedback, what went well, what could have been better and what we should let go of. Thank you to all those who have volunteered for the Faith Formation Program this year. We sincerely appreciate all you have done.

Level 4 students are expected to attend any Mass the weekend of April 6-7 to return the Lenten Rice Bowls. Thank you for any donations you are able to give.

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**Children’s Activity Page**

Jesus told his followers the story of a fig tree that would not bear fruit. The gardener said he would try hard for one more year to help it grow. God wants us to try hard so that we too can grow, and ‘bear fruit’. What are four things you can do during Lent that help you be a better Christian and bring you closer to Jesus?
PARISH NIGHT OUT
L.I. Ducks Game
Friday, June 21st at 6:35pm

Order your Tickets Now —
Available in the Parish Office
$13 per ticket

Order 10 or more tickets and save
$1 per ticket

Checks can be made payable to
St. Joseph Youth Ministry

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

It’s not too early to mark your calendars
for these Family Services:

Holy Thursday, 4/18 @ 4pm
Good Friday, 4/19 @ 11am
Holy Saturday, 4/20 @ 11am

All ages are welcome as Catechists explain the
beauty and traditions of these holiest of days.
—We are looking for 2 or 3 more Adults to
help us on those days.
-Teens interested in Service Hours, sign up now

Please contact Barbara McNulty at
youth@stjosephsbabylon.org or call her
at 631-669-0068 ext 108

YOUTH MINISTRY
All in Grades 5—12 are welcome.

Check the Parish Website for more Activities!
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Monday 3/25—All girls in Grades 5-12 are
welcome to join us. Special Craft Night!
**Earlier Start Time: 7:00pm in the HUB (Rm 260)

Wednesday 3/27—Guys Only 7:30-8:30pm in the
Madonna Room—Competition Night.
Show us your skills! Ping Pong, Pool, Foosball,
and a special: Scripture Scavenger Hunt!

Pray for our Teens attending
a workshop this weekend with
the Dominican Sisters.

Please pray for our High School Seniors as
they are waiting for College Acceptance
Letters!

And offer prayers of
thanksgiving as we
officially welcome
our Pastor:
Fr. Jason Grisafi
Third Sunday of Lent

Organizations

St. Joseph the Carpenter Council #14771
Is a membership organization of St. Joseph Parish.
Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age and older.

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
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Joseph’s Church, 39 N. Carll Ave, Babylon, NY 7:30PM. You
do not need to be present to win, but all are welcome.
Tickets will be sold after Masses
on March 24 and March 31.

JCDA members visited the Faith Formation
Levels 4-7 classes to talk about the work we do.
Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 2 in the
O’Connell Room, where we will assemble our
"Birthday Boxes" for Outreach.
New members are welcome to come.
If you do not have a membership application,
we can provide one at the meeting.
For more information, please contact
Laura at 631-704-0035,
**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.

**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 al (631) 669-0068, Ext. 131. Traer el certificado de nacimiento original del niño.

**ARIO DE INICIACION 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 Arevalo al (631) 669-0068 ext. 104.

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

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

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

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