May 5, 2019 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

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

We Celebrate the Sacraments

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

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

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

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

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

We Assemble for Prayer

We Celebrate the Eucharist

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.

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

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
The Sacraments of Life

Newly Baptized


Preparatory for Marriage

First Time ~
John Aziz & Michelle Raffoni
James Donovan & Francesca Sparacio
Matthew Petry & Dannielle Zarrillo

Second Time ~
No Banns

Third Time ~
Diego Bonilla & Emely Taveras

Preparing for Marriage

Banns Posted

For Our Sick


Altar Rose

In Memory of Deacon Geoffrey Anisansel

For Our Deceased

Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Jane Napolitano, Robert Wanderer & Frank Viola.

Mass Schedule & Readings For The Coming Week:

At this Mass, we remember

Monday, May 6~
7:45 Rolando Larrosto, Sr.
9:00 Deacon Geoffrey Anisansel

Tuesday, May 7~
Acts 7:31-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6ab, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
7:45 Robert Wanderer
9:00 Thomas De Rosa

Wednesday, May 8~
Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 Lois A. Ohman

Thursday, May 9~
Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 Laura

Friday, May 10~
Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1b-2; Jn 6:52-59
7:45 People of St. Joseph
9:00 Edward Hoyt

Saturday, May 11~
Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
9:00 Vincent Moreno

This Eucharist is the monthly bereavement liturgy where we remember those who have died at any time and especially those who have died in the previous month or whose anniversaries occur during this time. Lazarus Ministry will be present to welcome you and offer guidance.

Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)

4:00 Confessions Today Fr. Jason
5:00 Erin O'Sullivan Maryann Arcese
     Fr. Jason Eleanor Binnig

Sunday, May 12~ Fourth Sunday of Easter~
Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30
7:00 Mother's Day Novena Fr. Jason
8:45 T. J. McGurk Fr. Francis
9:30 People of St. Joseph Fr. Ethel
10:30 Marie Sica Fr. Francis
11:30 (Español- NH) Fr. Jason
12:00 Florence T. Yusko Fr. Ethel
5:00 Connie Angello Fr. Ethel

Eucharistic Minister Teams:
Weekend of May 4/5 Team A
Weekend of May 11/12 Team B
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God’s saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love. Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus” ~ Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium 120

We are believers in the world-changing, joyful truth that Christ is risen. It is the Easter message that we proclaimed as we shouted, Alleluia! Thanks be to God! As those who have heard and accepted this Good News, we cannot but help to share it with others, in the hopes that they may believe and partake in the same richness of what God has shared with us. This act of announcing the Gospel is what we mean by the word evangelization. In the quote above from the Holy Father’s 2013 Apostolic Exhortation we can understand that all of us are missionaries, all of us are called to evangelize.

But this is not an easy task. It is especially difficult to do within our own family. Can the original announcement that Christ is risen! give us insights into what we can do? I believe so. And I’d like to share two short insights here.

What do we see both Mary Magdalene, the first to see the resurrected Lord, and the two disciples who met Christ on the road to Emmaus, do when they share this joyful news? Mary, entrusted with a message from Jesus to the apostles, first says, I have seen the Lord. The other two recounted what had taken place. Both start their evangelizing message by personally witnessing to what they had experienced. And so it should be for us, too. Before we get into the height, depth, and breadth of our wonderful faith, before we try and convince (or convict) people of the moral way of life to which all are called, we start by sharing what we, ourselves, have witnessed. You have encountered God, and have done so many times. What can you say about it? With reflection, you will find that you have amazing news to share. That personal witness is key for evangelizing. It helps make our pronouncement genuine.

Secondly, we must be convinced that the Gospel truths -theological and moral- fulfill not only the prophecies of the Old Testament, but the desire in every human heart. Again, we can look to the original proclamation of the resurrection and see this at play. Christ appears before His disciples in the upper room and blesses His frightened friends with His peace, and then shows them His hands and feet so that their hopes can be fulfilled. When Peter first proclaims the resurrection in the Temple area we see him appeal to the religious hopes of his brethren and announces that those hopes have become a reality in Jesus Christ. We can do the same. Our proclamation of Christ can directly respond to what is at the center of every human longing. And sometimes this is all we can proclaim. How often we are called to simply say, My friend, I do not know how, but I know, definitely, that God can help you, that He is exactly the person you need to help you. So maybe we can both turn to Him in a quick prayer. This is a wonderfully charitable way to share our conviction that the resurrection of Christ fulfills the hopes of all the world.

Let me leave us with these words of St. Paul VI, in his 1975 Apostolic Exhortation, Evangelii nuntiandi. “Lay people, whose particular vocation places them in the midst of the world and in charge of the most varied temporal tasks, must for this very reason exercise a very special form of evangelization. Their primary and immediate task is not to establish and develop the ecclesial community-this is the specific role of the pastors-but to put to use every Christian and evangelical possibility latent but already present and active in the affairs of the world […] pointing to a transcendent dimension which is often disregarded” (70).

In Christ,
fr. Jason
Sacrificial Giving

Thank you for your generosity in returning to God and God’s work some of what God has given to you.

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

**U.S.M.C.:**
- 1stLt Matthew Witcofsky
- 1stLt Marc Anthony Parrino
- 1stLt R.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
- 1LT Mark Barbera
- 2LT Anthony C. DiBiasi
- LT Joseph A. Vanderveld, III
- SSG Joseph Insull
- SSG David C. Ray
- Sgt. Edwin Zambrano
- SFC Eliot Chodkowski
- PFC Dominick Pizitto
- PV2 Danny Bornschein
- PV2 Alexandra Diaz
- Eric Stein

**U.S. A.F.:**
- MSGT John Hatzidakis
- SSGT Brandon Ward
- AB Christopher Signoretti
- AB Eric Benzing

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**Mass for Hearing Impaired**

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

**HOTLINE NUMBERS**

- Crisis Pregnancy Center: (631) 243-2373
- Post-Abortion Counseling: 1-888-456 HOPE
  (Project Rachel)
- National Human Trafficking: 1-(888) 373-7888
- Domestic Violence (Nassau County) Safe Housing: (516) 542-0404 (24/7)
- Domestic Violence (Suffolk County) Hotline & Shelter: (631) 666-8833 (24/7)
- Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk County: (631) 360-3730
- Office for Protecting Children/Young Adults-Diocese of Rockville Centre: (516) 594-9063
- Suicide Prevention (Nassau County): (516) 679-1111
- Suicide Prevention (Suffolk County): (631) 751-7500
- Porn Addiction: www.reclaimsexualhealth.com

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Sunday, May 5, 2019

**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

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For the latest news and updates, visit our website at www.stjosephsbabylon.org
Summer Happenings at St. Joseph’s

Mark Your Calendars!

Summer Vacation months offer a great opportunity to spend more time with your Parish Family.

Here is just a sampling of what will be available:

**Friday, June 21st** — LI Ducks Game

**Wednesdays, July 3rd & July 10th** — movie afternoon and game days

**Thursday, July 25th** — PBJ Gang...everyone is welcome!

Parish Pool Party will be **July 29 or 30**……stay tuned for exact date.

**Saturday, August 3rd** — Parish Pilgrimage to the *Shrine of Our Lady of the Island*

**August 5—August 9th** Vacation Bible School….get ready for a ROARing good time

We are also putting together……..

**Parent/Teen Volleyball**

**Family Rosary**

**Bible Basics Workshop**

**Outdoor Movie**

Sign up for email notices on the website at: [www.stjosephsbabylon.org](http://www.stjosephsbabylon.org)

Or call Barbara McNulty with any questions or suggestions. 669-0068 ext 108

**STAY IN TOUCH!**

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**Long Island Ducks Tickets—Youth Ministry Fundraiser**

St. Joseph Parish Night

Friday, June 21st @ 6:35pm

Bring family & friends and kick off the summer with your Parish Family at a LI Ducks Game!!

Tickets must be ordered by May 15.

This is also a fundraiser for Youth Ministry and we must sell at least 25 tickets to take advantage of the Group Rate.

Please complete the order form and drop off in the Parish Office with your check payable to: St Joseph’s Youth Ministry

Any questions can be directed to Barbara McNulty youth@stjosephsbabylon.org 631-669-0068 ext 108

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**ORDER FORM**

**Long Island Ducks Game**: Friday, June 21, 2019 @ 6:35pm

**NAME:** ________________________________________________________________

**E-mail:** _________________________________________________________________

**Phone:** ________________________________________________________________

**# Tickets:** _________ x $13 = ________________

**10 Tickets or More:** # Tickets: _________ x $12 = ________________ **Discount for 10 or more tickets**

**Total Due:** ___________________  Paid  Check # ______________ (payable to: St. Joseph’s Youth Ministry)
MONTH SEVEN - Developing Baby Spiritual Adoption Program

You are in the home stretch with your spiritually adopted baby. Beginning this month the baby uses all four senses. He can see, hear, taste, touch, cough, yawn and hiccup. He now recognizes his mother’s voice. During this time he will also receive antibodies from his mother protecting him from a wide variety of diseases.

St. Joseph Parish - CMA Totals

St. Joseph’s Parish  Catholic Ministries Appeal 2019 as of 4/30/2019

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Catholic Ministries Appeal - 2019

Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish: St. Joseph Parish, Babylon, NY
Name: ________________________
Address: ________________________
City, State, Zip: ________________________
Phone: ________________________
Signature: ________________________ Date: ____________

Reflection for Today

Today in the first reading, we see the apostles put their Faith-in-Action by not surrendering to the demands of the Sanhedrin. Despite being warned to stop speaking of Jesus and demonstrating their faith, the apostles continue to evangelize. By standing tall, along with St. Peter, they serve to remind us to obey God rather than man.
Sociable Single Seniors

The next Sociable Single Seniors meeting is Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 7:00pm.
Dinner will be chicken cutlet hero.
The cost is $15/PP.
Call Lorraine DeCanditis @ 631-553-0160 for further information.

St. Joseph’s Book Club

St. Joseph’s Book Club will meet May 9th at 9:30pm in Room 255.
The book to be discussed is
The First Conspiracy
By Brad Meltzer

Lazarus Ministry

On Saturday, May 11, 2019 at the 9:00AM Mass 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.

“Moving On” Group

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH
PARISH CENTER
39 North Carll Avenue
Babylon, NY 11702
631-669-0068

“Moving On” Group
An ÒAfter- BereavementÓ Group for Widows and Widowers Presents:

“Organize, De-Clutter and Downsize”

Presented by Alice Price
Organize Long Island, Inc.
Friday, May 10th @ 7:30 pm

For further information please call Geri Olson at 631-661-8994
This weekend, May 4/5, there will be a special collection for Catholic elementary schools. Half of the money collected goes to parish or regional schools and the other half goes to the Diocese to support Tomorrow’s Hope Foundation for scholarships. Your support of Catholic education is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following St. Joseph parishioners who received Honor Roll status for the Third Quarter at St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School and St. Anthony’s High School

We are very proud of your accomplishments.

Summa Cum Laude

- Samantha Cannetti
- Alyssa Cosentino
- Christen Vota
- Owen Boxer
- Lindsey Gaare
- Nicholas Olenjnik
- Kate O'Malley
- Celeste Pozderec
- Cole Cantin
- Jack Monteleone
- Luigi Tabar

Magna Cum Laude

- Ainsley Berrin
- Ella Hickey
- Morgan Pallas
- Vanessa Rosero
- Lauren Ragen
- Ryan Cummings
- Jack DeNicola
- Zhanna Green
- Daniel Somma
- Jack Standwill

Cum Laude

- Michelle Arroyo
- Matthew Inzirillo
- Jack Smith
- Corey Vaiana
- Madeline Fleming
- Julia Lanza
- Liam Lavin
- Nicolette Mills
- Mattison Schaefer
- Julio Villalobos
- Anthony Balsamo
- Thomas Carmichael
- Isabella Sangiorgi

Arianna Alladio Zacpal
Erica Annett
Michael Castellino
Matthew Cimaszewski
David Dahill
Matthew Dahill
Annalise Dankenbrink
Anna Descovich
Anita DiBari
Robert Doherty
Caleigh Elwood
Ryan Gaffney
Patrick Gaffney
Emmanuel Green
Katherine Grosso
Sofia LaRocca
Julia Mulroy
Paige Olsen
Kylie Panzner
Joseph Pilewski
Kaitlynn Schneider
Theodore Stroh
Anna Stroh
Erin Wilson

73rd Annual Communion Breakfast

CDA 73rd Annual Communion Breakfast
Saturday, May 18, 2019
9:00 Mass at the Church of St. Joseph
Liturgical Celebration welcoming new members.
Breakfast immediately following in the O’Connell Room

GUEST SPEAKER - Mary Anne Bonner
Board Certified Chaplain

TOPIC- Caregiving vs. Giving Care and God’s Great Love

Breakfast Menu - orange juice, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, quiche, rolls/butter, bagels/cream cheese, crumb cake, fruit, coffee/tea

All Parishioners Welcome

For Reservations call Laraine (631) 587-8477
$30.00 per person

Make checks payable to CDA#1403
Mail checks to CDA Box 25 Babylon, NY. 11702

Chair Lady ~ Mary Alice Markham

RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN 5-08-19 ~ NO WALK-INS
Third Sunday of Easter

Youth Ministry

VER Y BLESSED EASTER TO ALL.

Enjoy spending time with your family today—pray for one another!

Youth Ministry and the Service Team are open to all in grades 5-12.
More details and registration info on the parish website: www.stjosephsbabylon.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Will be doing a “clothing swap.” Tired of some of the items in your closet? Bring them in and trade with others! Anything leftover will go to Outreach.

Did you order your Ducks Tickets???

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY
Things we are doing to support one another in Faith and strengthen our families:

- On Palm Sunday several families got together to visit the Shrine of Our Lady, after praying together at the 9:30am Mass.
- A few of us have taken an on-line Bible Basics class thru the University of Dayton
- Moms of Teens n Tweens are setting their May gathering date now, still room to join us!
- Afternoon Prayer Groups will begin praying for our First Communion Students.

JOIN US!
Call Barbara McNulty at 631-669-0068 ext 108

SERVICE TEAM

Volunteers are needed to help parishioners in need of some gardening help for spring and into summer.

Can you help?
Looking for Parents & Teens!

VBS—Vacation Bible School

Coming this Summer!
August 5-9

More Details to Follow

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Got some time?
Back from school?
Have questions about your faith or life in general?

Check in!
We will be having a day of prayer (and pizza) at the end of May.
E-mail: bmcnulty@stjosephsbabylon.org
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.

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.

The Level 3 children are expected to attend any Mass this weekend to receive a special blessing. We are asking the families to bring in donations for the Parish Outreach Center. Please see their page in the bulletin for what they are most in need of at this time. Thank you for any donations you are able to make.

The Level 6 students are expected to attend any Mass the weekend of May 11 & 12 to return their Prayer Petitions and to receive a special blessing.

A note about attending Mass for our grade level students: Weekend Masses begin on Saturday @ 5pm & continue through Sunday @ 5pm. Mass attendance envelopes should be used every time your family attends Mass. Please print your last name and your children’s names and grade levels clearly. While donations are appreciated, they are not necessary. The envelopes are used mainly for attendance purposes. We accept bulletins from other Roman Catholic parishes but you need to bring them to the Faith Formation Office within two weeks of attending there.

The First Holy Communion Masses will take place on Saturdays May 4th at 11am, May 11th & 18th at 11am & 1pm. The rehearsals will take place the Wednesday prior at 4pm for those at the 11am Masses and at 5pm for those at the 1pm Masses. Please remember to bring your completed banner to the rehearsal and bring it home after the Communion Mass. Please also bring your donation envelope to the rehearsal if you have not handed it in already. Thank you for any donation you are able to make.

Thanks to all the children who shared their good deeds with us. Here is a sample of the many good deeds done by the children in the Faith Formation Program: Mia helped her friend study for her test, Zachary stood up for his friends when they were blamed for something they didn’t do, Millie, Olivia and Brooke helped clean the house for Easter and Millie helped make the Easter baskets, Nicholas helped with the food shopping, Camryn cleaned without being asked, Frances helped prepare for Easter, Salvatore brought a plant to his friend’s mom for Easter, Ava shared her Easter eggs and candy with her younger brother, Patrick mowed the lawn for his grandmother and both Patrick and Alex helped around the house after their mother’s surgery.

Children’s Activity Page

Jesus asked his disciples to let down their nets and they were rewarded. What are some things that Jesus asks us to do? How are we rewarded?

[Activity Page]

Help Peter swim to shore to be with Jesus.
WE ARE SHEEP “WITH” A SHEPHERD

In our gospel reading today, (John 21: 1-19), each time Jesus asks Peter the question, “Do you love me?” Jesus charges Peter with the work of a shepherd: “Feed my lambs,” “Tend my sheep,” “Feed my sheep.” Notice that both “fish” and “sheep” are used symbolically in Jesus’ interaction with the disciples. Jesus had originally indicated to the new disciples that they would “fish for people.” Fish represented those out in the world to whom the disciples would carry the gospel. Sheep in the bible are often symbolic of the faithful, the people of God -- Israel in the Old Testament, and the church in the New Testament.

Consider the grace extended to Simon Peter. Despite the tragic denials during the passion, he was not only forgiven, he was reinstated to service. Jesus was willing to entrust even His little “lambs” to one who had violated His most sacred oaths only days before. Once more, Jesus expresses faith in this fallible fisherman. Jesus instructions to Peter were not mere directions, they were a divine commissioning.

We too have experienced God’s love in Jesus Christ. With Simon Peter, we love Jesus. But how? How does one love Jesus? Surely, love for Christ is not something we simply sing about, or feel warm and glowing about. This final scene in John’s Gospel is brimming with light for us. “Agape love” is not so much a feeling as it is a commitment. How does one love Jesus? By loving and serving others. Remember the words of Jesus, “If you have served the least of my people, you have served me.”

Such loving is costly. Such self giving is transforming. In Jesus name, the invitation is as serious today as it was long ago on the shores of Galilee.

FOLLOW HIM

Deacon Mike

CLIMB EVERY MOUNTAIN?

The world of music provides us many suggestions as to how we should live our lives. Recently the Hibernian Festival Singers embraced a medley of “You’ll Never Walk Alone” and “Climb Every Mountain,” two classics not so surprisingly written by the team of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein. Both songs call upon the spirit within us to move forward, regardless of the dire conditions which perhaps surround us.

As Catholics, we know that God is always with us and understand we will “…never walk alone.” The real challenge for us…in fact for all of mankind…is to decide which mountains we should climb. There are many out there: careers, family, saving for a house, being accepted by a particular group…the list is endless. Supporting such pursuits is the culture in which we live. From young couples investigating the kindergartens which will be the first academic steps their children will take to later thrive in elite colleges to competitive university seniors vying for entry level jobs that will secure a financial future to middle aged parents working hard to secure their reputations within their well-established communities...these seem to be the most popular mountains in our region.

Jesus calls us to less attractive but more essential mountains. Our first step may seem backwards, but we are called to free ourselves of our own wants and consider the needs of others. Each step we take in this grace-filled direction deepens the commitment we have all been blessed to make. Such steps are often viewed as unpopular and wasteful. The riches gained for others by such measures, however, bring us closer to the peak which is the basis of our Catholic faith.

“...follow every rainbow till you find your dream.” Our dream should be the latter mountains, the ones serving others...the ones bringing joy to all who make the climb.
We are truly blessed! Thanks to your overwhelming response to the "40 Cans for Lent" appeal, our shelves were FULL. Our Easter distribution was a great success, and we were able to assist more than 65 families with Easter food and goodies. We would like to thank the Knights of Columbus, Council 14771 and the Catholic Daughters, Court Bishop McDonnell 1403 for organizing and sponsoring this tremendous program. Together they have collected 8,054 pounds of food, plus $630 in gift cards and cash. Thank you to the St. Joseph Nursery School, Mary Stroh and the Catholic Daughters who provided 85 beautiful Easter baskets for our families. Thank you to Northwestern Mutual who provided 120 blessings bags for our homeless. Thank you to the St. Vincent de Paul members who helped stock the pantry shelves and assisted our clients in filling their wagons. Thank you to Torta Fina Bakery who provided 90 sweet loaves for each of our families and homeless. Thank you to the Junior Catholic Daughters who provided us with birthday gifts for our children, and to conclude and in a very special way, we would like to thank all of you who donated food, gift cards and cash. It is heart-warming to witness the generosity and compassion of our parishioners.

"We wish you a joyful Easter Season."

Parish Social News:

Christina & Gary Fassnacht made a donation to Outreach in honor of: Constance Sperling
Charles F. Thuma made a donation to Outreach in the loving memory of: Helen S O’Shea
Lawrence and Lillian Newman made a donation to Outreach in memory of: Helen S O’Shea

During the month of May, the St. Vincent de Paul Society is sponsoring a DIAPER DRIVE for families in need. Diapers can be donated at the Outreach Office on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:30am to 1:30pm. Thank you in advance for any donations to this cause.

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/Body Wash
Gift Cards from supermarkets are in demand and would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your past and future donations.
Saint Joseph the Carpenter Knights of Columbus Council 14771 is proud to announce the Francis Ferguson Scholarship Fund for registered parishioners of St. Joseph Church, Babylon who will be entering as a freshman, attending a Catholic High School in September of 2019. There will be two $500.00 scholarships awarded.

Requirements are simple:
♦ 200 word composition, written by the student describing what "Attending Catholic High School Means to Me."
♦ Written in the student’s handwriting, not typed on a computer.
♦ Please fill in the application information below.

Student Name: _________________________________________________________________
Address: ______________________________________________________________________
Telephone No. _________________________________________________________________
Date of Birth: __________________________________________________________________
School and Grade Attending in September 2018: ______________________________________

Please mail application and composition to:
Knights of Columbus Council 14771 or Richard Maerki
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DEADLINE: Before June 30, 2019

We welcome all our Catholic sisters to add their names to the roster of the largest Catholic women’s organization in the world through Court Bishop McDonnell #1403

Tell a friend!
Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month - September thru June. Come and visit one of our meetings and mingle with our members and learn how we work in UNITY and CHARITY to help others less fortunate.

We invite all parishioners to participate in our “May Crowning of Mary”
Wednesday, May 8th
in Msgr. Nolan Hall.
Doors open at 6:30pm.
Procession begins at 7:00pm.
Refreshments to follow.

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

Members of JCDA put together "Birthday Boxes" and donated them to Outreach for families who need help in celebrating their children’s birthdays.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 21 in the O’Connell Room.
Doors open at 7:00pm for refreshments, and the meeting begins at 7:30pm.
Girls ages 10 and older are welcome!
Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

“La nueva evangelización debe implicar un nuevo protagonismo de cada uno de los bautizados. Esta convicción se convierte en un llamado dirigido a cada cristiano, para que nadie postergue su compromiso con la evangelización, pues si uno de verdad ha hecho una experiencia del amor de Dios que lo salva, no necesita mucho tiempo de preparación para salir a anunciarlo, no puede esperar que le den muchos cursos o largas instrucciones. Todo cristiano es misionero en la medida en que se ha encontrado con el amor de Dios en Cristo Jesús” - Papa Francisco, Evangelii gaudium 120.

Nosotros creemos en la verdad, alegre y mundo-cambiante, que Cristo es resucitado. Esto es el mensaje pascal que proclamamos cuando gritamos, “Aleluya! Gracias a Dios!” Como las personas que hemos escuchado y aceptado la Buena Noticia, no podemos no compartirla con los demás. Esperamos que ellos creeran y recibirían las mismas riquezas que Dios da a nosotros. Esta acción de anunciar el Evangelio es el significado de la palabra, “evangelización.” En la cita arriba del Santo Padre, vemos que todos de nosotros son misioneros, llamados a evangelizar. Pero, evangelizar no es tan fácil, especialmente entre nuestros familiares. ¿Podemos aprender como evangelizar de la proclamación original, “Cristo es resucitado”? Yo pienso que sí. Y quiero compartir dos pensamientos aquí.

¿Cómo anunciaron la noticia alegre María Magdalena, la primera a ver Cristo resucitado, y los dos discípulos que encontraron a Cristo? María, encomendada por Jesús con un mensaje para una cita, al Tel. # 669-0068 ext. 104.

Concluyamos con estas palabras de San Pablo VI de su exhortación apostólica, Evangelii nuntiandi: “Los seglares, cuya vocación específica los coloca en el corazón del mundo y a la guía de las más variadas tareas temporales, deben ejercer por lo mismo una forma singular de evangelización. Su tarea primera e inmediata no es la institución y el desarrollo de la comunidad eclesial —esa es la función específica de los Pastores—, sino el poner en práctica todas las posibilidades cristianas y evangélicas escondidas, pero a su vez ya presentes y activas en las cosas del mundo […] manifestando una dimensión trascendente frecuentemente desconocida” (70).

En Cristo,
p. Jason

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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.

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

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

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

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

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**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 ACOJILLOS:** Contáctese con Claudia Rodas. Los niños deben haber recibido la Primera Comunión.
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