**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 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**

**Preparing for Marriage**
**Banns Posted**

**First Time ~**
No Banns

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

**Third Time ~**
No Banns

**For Our Sick**

**Altar Rose**
In Memory of Edward Leitch

**Bread & Wine for the Eucharist**
In Memory of Fred Badalamenti

**For Our Deceased**
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Gloria Stroehlein & John Gibbons.

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**Mass Schedule & Readings For The Coming Week:**

**At this Mass, we remember**

**Monday, May 13~**
Acts 11:1-18; Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Jn 10:1-10
7:45 Mother’s Day Novena
9:00 For the Intentions of Andrew Picataggio

**Tuesday, May 14~**
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
7:45 For the Intentions of Roz Bowen’s Family
9:00 Mother’s Day Novena

**Wednesday, May 15~**
Acts 12:24-13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
7:45 Mother’s Day Novena
9:00 Elizabeth Bossong

**Thursday, May 16~**
7:45 Mother’s Day Novena
9:00 Frank Pokorney

**Friday, May 17~**
Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11b; Jn 14:1-6
7:45 Mother’s Day Novena
9:00 Sara DeMott

**Saturday, May 18~**
Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
9:00 Mother’s Day Novena

**Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)**

4:00 Confessions Today                Fr. Francis
5:00 Edward Leitch                    Fr. Ethel
   Immacolata De Marco
   Michael & Maria Culella

**Sunday, May 19~ Fifth Sunday of Easter~**
Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
7:00 In Honor of St. Rita            Fr. Francis
8:45 Mother’s Day Novena             Fr. Ethel
9:30 Anthony J. Albanese             Fr. Jason
10:15 Elizabeth Bossong              Fr. Francis
11:30 (Español- NH)                   Fr. Jason
12:00 People of St. Joseph           Fr. Ethel
5:00 People of St. Joseph            Fr. Jason

**Eucharistic Minister Teams:**
Weekend of May 11/12 Team B
Weekend of May 18/19 Team A

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PARISH OFFICE will be closed
Monday 5/13
Between 2—4pm
Sorry for the inconvenience
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“From the beginning, Mary remains with the Apostles in expectation of Pentecost and [...] as "the blessed one who believed," she is present in the midst of the pilgrim Church from generation to generation through faith and as the model of the hope which does not disappoint” ~ St. John Paul II, Encyclical Redemptoris Mater 42

It is certainly worth taking a moment to reflect on the role of Mary in our lives as Catholics as we honor her in special ways throughout this month of May. It is good for each of us to have a devotion to one, or a few, saints. And I hope that each of us takes the time to read about the saints, or works written by the saints. However, every Catholic must have a special place in their heart for the Blessed Virgin Mary. As a powerful intercessor on our behalf, we should seek her maternal guidance each day, looking to her as a perfect role model for our lives.

Perhaps this level of honor seems a bit strong. I don’t want to spend the entire space here on apologetics (giving a defense of our doctrines), but consider this: we show honor to Mary because God has done so first. We can look at the angel Gabriel’s greeting to her at the moment of the Annunciation and see the special honor he shows when he calls her “full of grace.” What greater honor has there been on earth than for her to be chosen to be the Mother of God (even as we recognize that she is even more blessed for perfectly following the Father’s will)? She is the one whom God preserved from the stain of Original Sin in the Immaculate Conception. She is the only one to be assumed, body and soul, into heaven with her Son. If God has given these singular honors to her, why should we, then, deny them?

How do we honor Mary? Over the centuries many worthy traditions have developed. Some are, hopefully, very familiar to us: the “Hail Mary” prayer, the Rosary, and the Miraculous Medal novena prayers. Others may be less known: use of Marian art and iconography, Akathist prayers, and the Franciscan Crown, just to name a few. Let’s never forget that we can honor Our Lady by reading about her in Scripture, too, or to read or listen to different homilies preached about her (I am thinking particularly of those by St. Bernard of Clairvaux who was known for his devotion to Mary in his preaching). Finally, we can just speak to her, as our mother, in the silence of our hearts. So, throughout this month of May, let us try to show a bit more honor and stay a bit more connected to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, and our mother.

I would also like to use this space to update you on some of our buildings projects. After going through an extensive bidding process, we are waiting for diocesan approval to contract for repairs on the church roof and parts of the school/office roof. However, some new issues have emerged: potentially more costly than the previous ones. We are seeking the most responsible solutions, but it is clear to me that there is a need to gather as a parish community and discuss the state, and use, of our buildings. To do that, I am inviting everyone attend one of two meetings. They will be Saturday, June 15th from 1pm – 3pm and Wednesday, June 19th from 7:30pm – 9:30pm. Both of these meetings will take place in Nolan Hall. I intend for the meetings to be a time where we can learn about the present state of our buildings, review some of the history of our buildings over the last 30 years, and then to break into small groups so that, through discussion, we can seek the best path forward. In the weeks before these meetings I will try to provide helpful information for your review so that our conversations can be well informed. Should you like to assist with preparing for these meetings (to help with set up and breaking down, to collate informational material, to assist with refreshments) please let me know. I believe that these conversations will bear great fruit for our parish.

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.

5/5/2019

Collection $25,751.00
Last year $21,303.00

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. Murtha
- PO1 Rasheen Tice
- PO2 Kristen Tice
- PO3 Matthew Waldran
- T3 Nicholas Ruff

**U.S.M.C.:**
- 1stLt Matthew Witcofsky
- 1stLt Marc Anthony Parrino
- 1stLt R.J. Parrino
- Sgt. Lauren Colautropo
- Cpl. Alyssa Z. Grimaldi
- Pfc. Jordan A. Coughlin
- Malik Rodriguez
- Nelson Sanchez, Jr.

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

**U.S. Army:**
- LTC John Kallo
- LTC Jon J. Uebel
- Capt. Stephen Scuderi
- LT Mark Barbera
- 2Lt Anthony C. DiBiasi
- LT Joseph A. Vanderveldt, III
- SSG Joseph Insull
- SSG David C. Ray
- Sgt. Edwin Zambrano
- SPC Elliot Chodkowsk
- PFC Dominick Pitarro
- PVT2 Danny Bornschein
- PVT2 Alexandra Diaz
- Eric Stein

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

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

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

**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

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**Eucharistic Ministers Meeting**

**Attention EM's:**

**Mark Your Calendars**

Our last meeting for the year is Saturday, June 1st in the O'Connell Room.  
It will be a Breakfast Buffet for All Ministers and their guest.

Please call Lorraine at (631) 553-0160 or Ada at (631) 741-4373 to confirm your attendance and what you will bring to contribute to our Breakfast Buffet.

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**Bulletin Submission Dates**

**IMPORTANT!!!**

The general rule for bulletin submission is that bulletin notices should be submitted 10 days prior to the bulletin date except during the seasons of Advent and Lent when notices should be submitted 20 days prior to the bulletin date.  
Request Forms can be obtained in the Parish Office.  
**Thank you, Joanne Maher - Bulletin Editor**

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**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.

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**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
Adoration Coordinators  
Josephine:(631) 940-7280  
Claudia:(516) 203-5221

We have Holy Hour every Wednesday at 5pm & Friday 3pm in the Divine Mercy Chapel. All are welcome to join us for a beautiful hour of sung prayer of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, The Holy Rosary, Stations of the Cross, & other prayers and devotions.

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**Reflection for Today**

In today’s first reading, we see Paul and Barnabas preaching to both the Jews and the Gentiles. We should reflect on and give thanks to God for those individuals who have passed the faith on to us. It may have been our parents, a catechist, a good friend, or our parish priest who introduced us to the faith. While thanking God for those special people, become an evangelizer yourself to those around you!
Open to all in Grades K—5
August 5th - 9th
9:00 am—Noon
Registration Forms available in the Parish Office
**take advantage of Early Bird Registration before May 31st

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!!

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

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)
Happy Mother’s Day! As we join together to celebrate the wonderful Moms in our lives, let’s also take time to remember and pray for all the thousands of Moms who worry about how they are going to put food on the table for their children this week.

More than 35% of the 300,000 people on Long Island who receive emergency food each year are children under the age of 18.

Please consider supporting the work of the Catholic Ministries Appeal so that we can continue to care for God’s children and their families through our Parish Outreach programs and Catholic Charities.

Our hope is that each family will make a gift. We cannot ask everyone to consider the same size gift, but after prayer and reflection, each family is invited to make a gift in response to God’s generosity in their lives.

No gift is too small and all gifts make a difference in the lives of others!

For more information visit www.drvc.org/CMA or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296  Thank You!

St. Joseph Parish - CMA Totals

| St. Joseph’s Parish  Catholic Ministries Appeal 2019 as of 5/6/2019 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Goal                           | Pledges         | Donors          | Average/Gifts | Percentage of Goal |
| $138,100.00                    | $88,845.00      | 215             | $413.23       | 64.3%            |
HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!
A very Happy Mother’s Day to all Moms, Grandmothers, Aunts, Godmothers, and to all of the very special women in our lives.
And let us all remember to thank the Blessed Mother today for her Fiat—her Yes!

Parents, Grandparents — help your Teens stay connected to their Faith in College!

Graduating High School?
Don’t leave your Faith behind you! Connect with the Newman Club or Campus Ministry at your college.
Send me an email and I will have Newman Club reach out to you in the fall!

Barbara McNulty at youth@stjosephsbabylon.org.
Include your first & last name and name of the college or university attending in the fall.

Many thanks to Babylon H.S. Senior, Agnes Goldin and to Principal Cirone for inviting St Joseph’s to be a part of their first ever Volunteer Day.

Fr Jason & Barbara McNulty spent the morning greeting students and talking about the wonderful Service Opportunities available within our Parish.

Also special thanks to Mary Oehrlein.
Your beautiful t-shirt quilt was a great conversation piece and enhanced our table.

We look forward to serving the community with our students!

Some of our Monday Night “Girls Only” Group got together for a clothing swap this week.
They had a lot of fun trading clothes and in the end left a bag full of great donations for those in need. Thank you girls!

Special Thanks to parents Keith Lynch, Kirsten Schiffer, and Jackie Giarananta for stepping in and running the night!
NEXT Monday night meeting will be June 3rd.

To all those returning our prayer butterflies: there are baskets at the back of the Church, or please bring them back to the Parish Office. Thank you.

Moms of Teens n Tweens
Have a teen getting ready for High School next year?
Not sure what to do with your Middle Schooler who is always on his video games?
Are you preparing for the ‘empty-nest’ as your teen goes off to college?

Join us for prayer and a simple chat with others who understand your frustrations.

Wednesday, May 22nd at 7pm in Room 260
RSVP by Monday, 5/20 Thank you.
bmcnulty@stjosephsbabylon.org.
Barbara McNulty 631-669-0068 ext 108
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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.

Congratulations to Amanda Plunkett for winning the re-registration raffle. Thanks to all the families that participated in the raffle by re-registering their children by May 1st.

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 6 students are expected to attend any Mass this weekend to return their Prayer Petitions and to receive a special blessing. If any family would like to bring up the gifts next weekend please contact the Faith Formation Office by Wednesday.

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 Saturday May 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: Travis helped a friend when he broke his arm, Clare unloaded the dishwasher without being asked and she lent her pencil to another student in her class, Frances cleaned the house, Mildred read stories to her little sister at bedtime and shared an important lesson about being kind to everyone, Samantha helped her great grandma around her house, Sansai did what his brother wanted to do, Sofia helped her friend clean her room, Vincent listened to his parents and helped around the house, Adriana helped her dad clean the garage, Jordan cheered his pitcher up when he was upset that he wasn’t pitching that good, Kiera helped her brother with his homework, Scarlet was nice to friends and teachers at school and Juliet and Alexa were dog sitting a dog and donated shampoo and toothpaste.

Children’s Activity Page

In each of the sheep, write down the name of someone you know who is a follower of Jesus.

What are some of the ways we can follow Jesus?
**Knights of Columbus Scholarship**

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
39 N. Carll Ave. or 14 Buoy Lane
Babylon, NY 11702 or West Islip, NY 11795

DEADLINE: Before June 30, 2019

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**Catholic Daughters of the Americas - Court Bishop McDonnell #1403**

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

**Court Bishop McDonnell #1403**

Tell a friend!

Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month - September thru June.

Come and visit one of our meetings and mingle with our members and learn how we work in **UNITY and CHARITY** to help others less fortunate.

For more information contact Terry Hoffman
631-669-0198

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**Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas**

The members of the Junior Catholic Daughters wish our female role models a wonderful Mother’s Day!

On April 23, some members and counselors enjoyed a great day visiting The Metropolitan Museum. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 21 in the O’Connell Room.

Doors open at 7:00pm. We will be setting up events for next year.

We welcome girls ages 10 and older to join us!
Deacon’s Corner

A Mother’s Prayer

“Precious Heavenly Father,
Give me patience; when little hands tug at me with their many demands.
Give me gentle hugging arms; to help protect them from rebellions harm.
Give me wisdom from above; to teach these little ones of Your love.
Give me strength, Your love not to spare; that they may obey and live under Your care.
Give me a spirit…quiet and meek; let my words show kindness as I speak.
Give me the ability to teach from the heart; to help my children learn Your Word from the start.
Give me the words You’d have me say; to teach my children how to pray.
Give me time, special moments to share; that they may know, “Mommy really does care.”
Give me hands that work willingly; a steadfast example that I may be.
Give me courage to stand in Your might; to teach my little ones to always do right.
Give me boldness to do all these and more; that I may not be ashamed when I stand at Your door.

Thank you Father, In Jesus Name I pray, Amen.”

Author unknown

Deacon John

Reflections

THE WORKINGS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The recent fire that consumed the Cathedral of Notre Dame in France was indeed heartbreaking. Almost immediately there was a response from many who pledged to ensure the once magnificent edifice would be nothing less after repairs and refurbishments were completed. Such a reaction was not surprising to many Catholics who, in other catastrophic instances in history, responded immediately with prayers and financial resources.

Of course, there were others who viewed the devastation as symbolic of what needs to happen in the universal Catholic Church. Just as one of the most prominent representations of our Church was destroyed, so must the present structure of our Church; the process of restoration, they add, will include input from both the laity and clergy, suggesting less dogma and more sensitivity.

I have often mentioned, I do not see the signs from above that others do, and those moments of grace which do come to me seem uniquely personal. Though in college I was exposed to the Summa Theologica by the great St. Thomas Aquinas, O. P., the dynamics of the Papacy are foreign to me. What I do know is the Catholic Church has always been guided by the Holy Spirit…and the one time the Spirit did use fire, nothing was destroyed.

In the time I have been able to reflect on this page, I have summarily avoided promoting my personal thoughts on faith, morals, and the workings of the universal Church and its local affiliates. These thoughts simply suggest the Holy Spirit will continue to be with us as was the case in other times when the Catholic Church seemed to be crumbling from within. The Holy Father will guide his flock, not in reactions to calamitous events, but by the Holy Spirit whose presence has been with the Church since its inception.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY
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

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 with rent, electricity, oil & gas bills and allows us to run the homeless program 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, allow families to buy perishable items that we do not have in our pantry, like eggs and milk as well as 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.)
Coffee
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

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.

The next meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is on
Monday, May 13, 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/ Body Wash

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

Thank you for your past and future donations.
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Spiritual Adoption Closing Mass & Rose Sale

Please don’t forget to mark your calendars!

Sunday, June 16, 2019
Father’s Day
10:15 AM Mass

Over 400 parishioners have prayed for their child everyday for the past 9 months. At this Mass, please feel free to bring an unwrapped gift for a newborn and perhaps another for an older sibling. At this Mass, you will be asked to present your gift(s) and any monetary donations for the Life Center of Long Island before the bread and wine are offered.

Suggestions: baby food, formula, diapers, layettes and clothing (newborn to 18 months and for older siblings)

Roses will be sold after the 10:15 AM Mass in honor of our wonderful fathers, in dedication to St. Joseph, our patron and in celebration of LIFE in all of its stages in all of God’s glory.

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

"María permanece, desde el comienzo, con los apóstoles a la espera de Pentecostés [...], siendo «feliz la que ha creído», a través de las generaciones está presente en medio de la Iglesia peregrina mediante la fe y como modelo de la esperanza que no desengañía" ~ Papa St. Juan Pablo II, Redemptoris Mater 42

Verdaderamente, debemos pensar en el lugar especial en nuestras vidas que tenemos por María cuando damos honor a ella por este mes de Mayo. Es bueno que mostremos devoción a un santo, como un patrón. Y espero que cada uno de nosotros aprende la historia de los santos, o lee las obras de los santos. Pero, cada Católico debe preparar un espacio especial en su corazón por la Santísima Virgen María. Deberíamos pedirle por su consejo maternal cada día, porque ella es una modelo perfecta y una intercesora poderosa.

A algunos este honor les parece estar demasiado. Yo no quiero usar este espacio para hacer un apología de nuestras doctrinas de la Santísima Virgen María, pero piensen en esto: damos honor a María porque Dios lo hizo primero. Él la dio honor cuando mandó al ángel Gabriel para saludarla llamándola “llena de gracia.” ¿Qué honor en la tierra es más grande que ser la madre de Dios (sin embargo, sabemos que ella es más santa por seguir la voluntad del Padre)? Ella es la única que Dios perseveró del pecado original a través de la concepción inmaculada. Y ella es la única que Dios levantó cuerpo y alma para estar con su Hijo en el cielo. Si Dios la dio estos honores, ¿porqué los negamos?

¿Cómo honramos a María? Por los siglos, muchas tradiciones piadosas desarrollaron. Espero que somos conscientes de las oraciones comunes: la Ave María, el Rosario, las oraciones de la novena de la medalla milagrosa. Hay devociones menos comunes, por ejemplo, la corona franciscana, las oraciones en el estilo Akathist, o usar arte religioso para meditar. También podemos leer de Nuestra Señora en las Escrituras, o escuchar de sermones sobre ella (los de San Bernardo de Clairvaux son famosos).

Finalmente, podemos hablar con ella, como nuestra madre, en el silencio de nuestras almas. Estamos esperando por la permisión del diócesis para arreglar la techos del templo principal y la de la oficina/escuela. Pero, hay nuevos proyectos que debemos hacer que cuesten más que los otros. Por lo tanto, yo quiero invitar a cada una de ustedes a participar en una conversación de nuestros edificios para ayudarme decidir lo que vamos a hacer. Hará dos reuniones en inglés, Sábado, 15 de Junio de la 1 a las 3 pm y Miércoles, 19 de Junio de las 7:30 a las 9:30 pm. Yo quiero tener otra reunión en Español, posiblemente el 2 de Junio después de la Misa en Español. Antes de reunir, voy a preparar información para leer para que puedan ser conscientes de la historia y condición de los edificios. También es una oportunidad para conocer mejor como funciona una parroquia aquí en Long Island. Yo espero que participarán. Yo creo que las conversaciones ayudarán nuestra parroquia mucho.

En Cristo,
p. Jason
**Felicidades**  
**En su primera Comunión**  

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*Nuestro más profundo agradecimiento a todos los Catequistas voluntarios por su dedicación incondicional de enseñar el de Cristo.*

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**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.  

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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.  

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

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