December 8, 2019 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

Pastoral Team
Rev. Jason U. Grisafi, Pastor
Rev. Ethel Anarado, Associate Pastor
Rev. David Atanasio, In Residence
Rev. Francis A. Samuel, O.I.C. Resident/Associate
Deacon Michael J. Leyden
Deacon John F. Sullivan
Deacon Julio Murillo
Dr. Marie Drohan, Music Director
Mrs. Barbara McNulty, Pastoral Associate
Ms. Claire Moulié, Faith Formation
Ms. Anna Rose Regan, Business Manager
Mrs. Patricia Taggart, Nursery School
Mrs. Sigrid Villalobos A., Parish Social Ministry

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

We Celebrate the 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 3rd 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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Hours of Adoration: Mon (7am-9pm); Tues. (8am-9pm); Thurs. (8am) - Fri. (Midnight). We have Holy Hour to the Holy Face every Wednesday at 5pm & Friday at 3pm in the Divine Mercy Chapel. Call Parish Office for more information.

Nocturnal Adoration
A Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament is offered on the First Friday of each month, from 9:00pm to 10:00pm in the Chapel.
Newly Baptized
Makenna Ann Cunniffe, Giancarlo Alberto Guzman, Hunter Thomas Gordon, Rosie Lynn Petito & Grant Nicholas Tsokris.

Preparning for Marriage
Banns Posted
First Time ~
Eric Feingold & Elizabeth Mondelli
Fernando Hernandez & Stephanie Andreina Bohorquez
Second Time ~
Michael Ferrigno & Katielynn Romano
Third Time ~
No Banns

For Our Sick
Please remember the sick of our Parish in your prayers: Aidan Peña, Attracta Roche, Charles Chertiza, Joseph Hovanec, Frank Peterson, Steve Peterson, Diana Peterson, Martin Kennedy, Judythe Picini, Annie Caputo, Terrence McGoldrick, Michael Marano, Michael Schauer, Stephanie Diaz, Michelle Diaz, Christian Lavoie, Patty Orzano, Monica Restrepo, Sophie Sanson, Norman Gomez, Silvio Gomez, Evelyn Scalise, Madison Milo, Dominick Scalise, Christine Lynn, Lisamarie Hulsen, Edward Henry, Providence Colascione, Sandra Lakotta, Lori Senatore, Baby Jonathan Cerniglia, Viola Plansker & Family, Evelyn Valentian, Bill Valentin, Margaret Riener, James Drohan, Frank McLaughlin, Donna Russo, Arianna Messina & William McDonald.

For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Clifford R. DiMuro, Peter Figoski & Salvatore Messina.

Mass Schedule & Readings For The Coming Week:

At this Mass, we remember
Monday, December 9 ~ Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
7:45 Attilio, Domenico & Colao Families
9:00 Viola Rebecchi

Tuesday, December 10
Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10-13; Mt 18:12-14
7:45 Therese Gigante
9:00 William Bruno

Wednesday, December 11
Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
7:45 Eugene Krawchuk
9:00 In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother

Thursday, December 12
Zec 2:14-17 or Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; (Ps) Jdt 13:18bc, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 or 707-712
7:45 Ravi Maharaj
9:00 Maryann Arcise

Friday, December 13
Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
7:45 Jimmy Marotta
9:00 Evelyn Ferguson

Saturday, December 14
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2-3, 25-16, 18-19; Mt 17:19a, 10-13
7:45 Harold & Noreen Hager

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 Sabrina Milagros Pacheco Fr. Francis
Richard Mayer
Vincent Tenety, Jr.

Sunday, December 15 ~ Third Sunday of Advent
Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11
7:00 All Souls in Purgatory Fr. Dave
8:45 People of St. Joseph’s Fr. Jason
9:30 (NH) Stephen Mielenzuk Fr. Ethel
10:15 Bruno Izzo Fr. Francis
11:30 (Español - NH) Fr. Jason
12:00 Tyler Abizeid Fr. Ethel
5:00 Anthony & Susan Ballerano Fr. Jason

Eucharistic Minister Teams:
Weekend of December 7/8 - Team B
Weekend of December 14/15 - Team A
From the desk of fr. Jason

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This week we are presenting our financial Statement of Activities for 2019. We make such a presentation in the bulletin each year in order to be good stewards of the treasure that you generously give for the building up of the parish. While I normally want to let the facts speak for themselves, I believe that commentary on this year's report will help position us for some new initiatives in 2020.

First of all, I call your attention to the fact that we had an operating surplus of about $65k, and a net surplus of about $25k. The difference between the two mainly comes from extraordinary repairs done to the school and convent boiler systems, as well as some necessary plumbing repairs done in both buildings. While a surplus is always better than a deficit, I do not want to misrepresent the financial health of the parish. So, here are some other facts that can be drawn out of the numbers presented, which help give a more comprehensive picture:

- Our net operating surplus represents 2.7% of our operating revenue.
- Meanwhile, the total collection revenue dropped by 3.9% from the year before. Collections represent approximately half of our operating revenue. In fact, collections have been on a steady decline over the last 25 years, decreasing about 10% per decade, when adjusted for inflation.
- Our insurance rates are scheduled to increase by 10% next year.
- Heating and electric costs are scheduled to increase by 5% next year.
- Some of our savings from 2019 came from the temporary elimination of certain crucial services (e.g. IT services), which have since been reinstated.
- While it does not affect all employees, it should be noted that the minimum wage increases in New York state from the end of 2016 to the beginning of 2021 represent a 50% increase over about 5 years.
- Finally, as you may recall from our parish sessions in June, we still have approximately $1M worth of essential roof and boiler repairs to do. Similarly, the state of the convent building continues to decline. While these are not operating expenses, they are important to keep in mind.

In light of these realities it is clear that now is a time for planning and exercising the virtue of prudence. Be assured that our expenses are very closely monitored and that we continue to seek new ways of cutting our operating costs without needing to curtail parish programs. However, such actions alone are not going to help us avoid falling into an operating deficit. To that end, I would like to begin the conversation about increasing our giving trends as a parish. I have been analyzing some of the information that we have from the last year, and I believe there is a lot for us to learn, and a lot of potential for growth. Therefore, starting in January of next year, I will hold another series of information sessions, like the ones in June, where we can reflect on this specific aspect of our financial health. Those meetings will serve as a time for us to reflect on our own contributions to the parish. Finally, all parishioners will be asked to prayerfully consider taking a new step in their financial commitment to the parish.

A time like this is remarkable in its ability to awaken within us a new sense of dedication to the mission entrusted to us by Christ. In acknowledging the blessings already received, we can follow the Lord in hope, putting the gifts He has given us to new and better use. The harvest is abundant, and our parish plays a crucial role in the work of evangelization in our local community. The initiatives of 2020 are meant to help ensure that all fiscal necessities of this work are available for the years ahead of us. I thank you in advance for your prayerful reflection on this topic.

In Christ,
fr. Jason
### Financial Report 2019

St. Joseph R. C. Church - Babylon

**12-MONTH STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

for the FISCAL YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2019 and 2018

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<td>$24,854</td>
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(1) Extraordinary expenditures -- Included in the $119K of extraordinary expenditures in 2019 are:

- Major repairs to heating systems in various buildings
- New marble St. Joseph statue and base, covered by insurance proceeds
- Renovation of new classroom for STEM program in Nursery School

(2) Extraordinary expenditures -- Included in the $115K of extraordinary expenditures in 2018 are:

- Mitigation and repairs in the convent building (thrift shop) and rectory following incidents which resulted in water damage. These repairs were covered by insurance.
- Major repairs to heating and air conditioning systems in various buildings
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
Talbot House: Chemical Dependence Help (631) 589-4144
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.

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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
Lt. Christian Amelio
MA2 William S. Murtha
PO1 Rasheen Tice
PO2 Kristen Tice
PO3 Matthew Waldron
E3 Nicholas Ruf

**U.S.M.C.:**
Capt. Matthew Witcofsky
1st Lt. Marc Anthony Parranto
1st Lt. R.J. Parrino
Sgt. Lauren Cantoreto
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 Kallio
LTC Jon J. Uebel
Capt. Stephen Scuderi
1st LT Mark Barbera
2LT Anthony C. DiBiase
LT Joseph A. Vanderveldt, III
SSG Josua Insull
SSG David C. Ray
Sgt. Edwin Zambrano
SPC Elliot Chodkowski
SPC Alexandra Diaz
PFC Dominick Pititto
PV2 Danny Borschein
Eric Stein

**U.S.A.F.:**
MSGT John Hatzidakis
SSGT Brandon Ward
AB Christopher Signorelli
AB Eric Benzing
AB Vincent E. Berger
Second Sunday of Advent

Faith Formation

The Faith Formation Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-4pm.

Visit our website @ www.stjosephsbabylon.org
for information regarding upcoming meetings, events and other parish news. Faith Formation Handbook is also on the website!

A note about attending Mass: Please remember to bring your Mass attendance envelope, print all your children’s names and grade levels clearly and include your last name. While donations are appreciated, the envelopes are mainly for attendance purposes. Weekend Masses begin on Saturday at 5pm and continue through Sunday @ 5pm.

Level 1 students are expected to attend any Mass the weekend of December 21st & 22nd. Please bring in donations for the Food Pantry (check the Outreach Center’s page in the bulletin for the items most needed and thank you for any donations you are able to provide).

Level 3 students are expected to attend any Mass the weekend of December 14th & 15th to receive an Advent gift.

Level 5 Mass Booklets are to be returned at any Mass this weekend.

Level 7 Retreat – Saturday, December 14th from 9am – 1pm in Nolan Hall. Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to allow time to sign in. Lunch will be provided. The cost of the retreat is $20 to pay for the retreat director and lunch. Please make checks payable to St. Joseph FF.

Level 8 Confirmation Interviews will take place on Thursday, December 12th from 3:30pm – 5:30pm. Parents have been notified of their child’s date and time of their interview. Please contact the Faith Formation Office if you need to change your child’s date and/or time.

My good deed for the week was: John helped clean the house, Abby prayed for her sick neighbor, Dominic helped his dad set up and decorate the Christmas village, Aidan had his friend over and they went to Mass and he cleaned up by himself, Julianna cleaned up and helped with her baby sister, Ava helped her mom make pancakes and brownies, Christopher shared with his brother, Skylar helped her brothers build a pillow fort, and Ryan and Avery invited their grandmother to Church.

TODDLER CLASSES
Register now for January classes

Bouncing Babies: 4 months to 12 months Wednesday mornings 10:30am-11:15am.
Babies and caregivers will socialize, enjoy age appropriate toys, songs and activities beginning January 8th.

NEW! Littlest Learners – Messy Art Friday mornings
Age 12-24 months 9:15am-10:00am. Age 24-36 months 10:30am-11:15am.
With the guidance of their caregiver, classes encourage children to experience, touch, see, learn and create. Six week session $120.

Let's Play: 12-24 months Mondays 9:00am-10:00am.
Our teachers will engage you and your child with age appropriate educational toys. The children will also participate in “circle time” activities along with songs and finger plays, as they enjoy socializing with other children and their parent/care giver; $125 winter/spring semester beginning January 6th.

Toddling Twos 25-36 months Mondays 12:00pm - 1:30pm.
This class will meet for 1 and 1/2 hours Mondays at noon, where they will be able to socialize and participate in learning activities. This program will include an introduction to various art techniques, songs and story time; $175 winter/spring semester beginning January 6th.

If interested, please contact at 631-661-4559 or email us nurserschool@stjosephsbabylon.org.

Registration for 2, 3, & PreK classes 2020-21 school year!
January OPEN HOUSE DATES
January 11th & 25th 10:00am-12:00pm
Fun in the Gym! Board Games! Ping Pong!
Come check out the Madonna Room and enjoy some Fun & Faith on Fridays!

More details and sign up is on the parish website at:
https://stjosephsbabylon.org/youth-ministry

Friday 12/13 7:00pm—8:30pm
All in Grades 6 and above welcome to join us!

DONATIONS of water bottles and small bags of chips or cookies would be greatly appreciated for these nights!
(Please leave in Parish Office Att: Barbara McNulty. Thanks!)

Come Join Us
St. Joseph Christmas Pageant
December 8th
3 PM
in the Church
Donations are gratefully accepted for Outreach.
Second Sunday of Advent

Schedule for Advent and Christmas 2019

Advent Saturday Night and Sunday Mass Schedule
Saturdays: December 7th, 14th, & 21st at 5:00 PM in the Church
Sundays: December 8th, 15th & 22nd at 7:00 AM, 8:45 AM, 10:15 AM, 12:00 PM & 5:00 PM in the Church 9:30 AM in Nolan Hall
11:30 AM Misa en Español in Nolan Hall

Advent Sacrament of Penance
Saturdays: December 7th, 14th, & 21st 4:00 PM to 4:45 PM in the Church & Monday, December 23rd from 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM in the Church

Children’s Christmas Pageant
Sunday, December 8th at 3:00 PM in the Church

National Night of Prayer
Sunday, December 8th at 9:00 PM to 1:00 AM in the Church

Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary and Mass
Thursday, December 12th at 7:00 PM in Nolan Hall

Blessing of Expectant Parents
All Masses December 14th & 15th

Christmas Eve Mass Schedule
Christmas Eve: Tuesday, December 24th
Caroling 30 minutes before all Masses
4:00 PM Church- Contemporary Music Ensemble
4:15 PM Hall - Adult Folk Ensemble
4:15 PM (in English) in La Cappilla- Children’s Choir
6:00 PM Church- Guitar & Cantor
6:30 PM Misa en Español in Nolan Hall - Hispanic Choir
10:00 PM Church- St. Joseph’s Choir
Midnight Church

Christmas Day Mass Schedule
Wednesday, December 25th
7:00 AM Church -Guitar & Cantor
8:45 AM Church -Guitar & Cantor
10:15 AM Church -Organ & Cantor
12:00 PM Church- Contemporary Music Ensemble
No 9:30 AM Mass in Nolan Hall Christmas Day
No Misa en Español in Nolan Hall Christmas Day
No 5:00 PM Mass in Church Christmas Day

Feast of the Holy Family
Celebrated at all Sunday Masses, December 29th

Solemnity of Mary (This is a Holy Day of Obligation)
Eve Masses Tuesday, December 31st
5:00 PM English Mass & 6:30 PM Misa en Español in the Church
Wednesday, January 1st
9:00 AM, 12:15 PM & 7:30 PM in the Church
Bulletin Reflection:

We must be good stewards of God’s gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks of today: “Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

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: svillalob@stjosephsbabylon.org Fax Number: (631) 620-3267

The Giving Tree
Helping Those in Need

Christmas is here.
“Giving Tree Program”

Please take a tag to help our Outreach families.
We ask that you purchase the gift, attach the tag, and return it unwrapped to Parish Outreach or the Parish Office by December 9th.
Please do not leave gifts in the Church, Thanks for all you do.

Outreach News:

Parish Social Ministry will be closed from Monday, December 23rd through Thursday, January 2nd.
Parish Outreach is in need of gloves and hats for our homeless people.

Eleanor Burns made a donation to the Parish Outreach in Loving Memory of: Kay Baker

Our Food Pantry is most in need of these items:
Canned Vegetables, 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.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society

During the season of Advent, the members of St. Vincent de Paul Society will be helping out at Outreach by picking up food at local food banks and bringing it back to our Food Pantry. We will be assisting families who come to Outreach for food for the Christmas holidays. We continue our work of helping the poor in our community.

The next meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is on Monday, December 9, 2019 at 9:45am in Room 256 of the Parish Center.

All are invited to attend!

Lazarus Ministry

On Saturday, December 14, 2019 at the 9:00 AM Eucharist we will have our monthly Liturgy for the commemoration of the dead. All those who have lost a loved one, at any time in the past, are invited to join us. We especially welcome the family and friends of those who have died in the previous month or whose anniversaries occur during this time.

A table will be placed in the Baptistry for the family or friends to place pictures of those who have died. There will be a place for family or friends to write the names of those to be remembered at the General Intercessions. There will also be an opportunity to remember each loved one by name in the Book of the Dead.

Members of the Lazarus Ministry will be present to welcome you and to offer guidance; please let them know when you arrive.

For questions or further information, please call Barbara Schade at 631-968-8793.

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Congratulations

Congratulations to the following St. Joseph parishioners who received Honor Roll certificates for the First Quarter 2019-2020 School Year at St. Anthony’s High School and St. John the Baptist High School.

We are very proud of your accomplishments.

St. Anthony’s High School

- Erica Annett
- Michael Castellino
- Matthew Cimaszewski
- Matthew Dahill
- David Dahill
- Anna Descovich
- Avery Descovich
- Anita DiBari
- Robert Doherty
- Ryan Elwood
- Caleigh Elwood
- Patrick Gaffney
- Ryan Gaffney
- Emmanuel Green
- Katherine Grosso
- Julia Mulroy
- Paige Olsen
- Gavin Pallas
- Kylie Panzer

- Joseph Pilewski
- Teagan Scanlon
- Kaitlynn Schneider
- Anna Stroh
- Theodore Stroh
- Tenley Wojt

St. John the Baptist High School

Summa Cum Laude
- Samantha Cannetti
- Alyssa Cosentino
- Christen Vota
- Owen Boxer
- Nicholas Olejnik
- Kate O’Malley
- Celeste Pozderec

Magna Cum Laude
- Olivia Kolman
- Joseph Pena
- Jason White
- Jack Smith
- Ainsley Berrin
- Lindsey Gaare
- Ella Hickey
- Liam Lavin
- Morgan Pallas
- Vanessa Rosero
- Nicolette Mills
- Lauren Ragen
- Mattison Schaefer
- Samantha Shea

Cum Laude
- Daniel Baldauf
- Delaney Baldauf
- Peyton McMillan
- Tyler Molinaro
- Michelle Arroyo
- Matthew Inzirillo
- Corey Vaiana
- Madeline Fleming
- Julia Lanza
- Brooke Thuma
- Julio Villalobos

Memorial Poinsettias

Each year during the Advent season, as we prepare for the celebration of the Birth of our Savior, our thoughts turn to memories we hold dear in our hearts. For so many of us who have lost a beloved family member or someone dear to us, it is also a time of remembrance of our departed loved ones. As a way of commemorating their memory at this joyous time, we invite you to memorialize one of the many Poinsettia plants that will grace our altars in the coming weeks.

Poinsettias will be placed in our Church, Hall, and Capilla. Your contribution of $20 will make this effort possible. A list of all Poinsettia donations will be published in our Parish bulletin in January.

The closing date is Wednesday, December 18, 2019. Please drop off your donation and order form to the Parish office or place it in the collection by the weekend of December 14/15. Know that you and all your loved ones will be remembered as our generous benefactors as we celebrate the Christmas season!

Poinsettia Order Form

Please accept my contribution of $______ for (____) Poinsettia plant(s).

Please Print: In Memory of __________________________

Requested by:____________________________________

Phone Number: (Required)________________________

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**The National Night of Prayer for Life**

As soon as the Holy Spirit overshadowed the womb of the Virgin Mother, God immediately became one of the human family. In a like manner when a child is conceived in his mother’s womb, he becomes one of us. This little human being now dwells among us. So that the world may understand this truth, 

COME PRAY WITH US!

3 Hours of Prayer for the Respect for Life at all stages will be held on

**Sunday evening, December 8, 2019 from 9:00 PM to 1:00 AM in St. Joseph’s Church.**

(We will Praying with all US time zones the last hour.)

Sponsored by the Respect Life Ministry of St. Joseph’s.

Please come and pray with us for all who are vulnerable and need our prayers for God’s protection.

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March for Life St. Joseph’s!
Friday, January 24, 2020
Looking for Parishioners to go to
Washington, D.C.
If interested, please call
(631)-661-3302 ASAP.

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**Catholic Ministries Appeal 2019**

A parishioner said that whatever we raise from now until December 31st for the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) he will match it! **What a most generous gift!**

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

Our next meeting is

Wednesday, December 11th at 6-10pm

**Christmas Party at Gemelli’s Bergen Point**

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**Junior Catholic Daughters of America**

The Junior Catholic Daughters will host its

Advent Prayer Service and Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 10 in Room 258.

Girls ages 10 and older are welcome to join us as guests.
Doors open at 7:15pm.
Please contact Laura at 631-704-0035 for more information.

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Benefit Concert for the poor in our surrounding communities via
The Mercy INN Soup Kitchen, Wyandanch

**A Prelude to Christmas**

Sunday, December 15, 2019 7:00 PM

Church of St. Joseph
39 N. Carll Avenue
Babylon, NY 11702

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A FOND GOODBYE

I first met Christine over 50 years ago. Although I did not know her as well as I did most of her nine siblings, I always got the impression Christine had a big heart which seemed open to those most in need.

Though death was a subject Christine tried to avoid at all costs, she decided to make a special effort to visit her sister Elie who was waging a gallant fight against cancer. Hospital stays, surgeries, chemo, Elie experienced the ups and downs of this insidious disease with courage, determination, and...most importantly...deep faith that her Loving God was with her at each moment. Knowing Elie would soon leave for her home in Florida, Christine traveled to see Elie in Connecticut for what she knew would be the final time.

On the way there, Christine conjured cheerful stories, important family remembrances, and just about anything she could to bring some cheer to Elie. From the moment she arrived, however, Christine was amazed with how positive and how accepting Elie was with her situation. Deeply religious all her life, Elie happily explained to Christine how grateful she was to God for the many blessings in her life: her children still got along with each other, the grandchildren visited often, and she and husband Mike remained soul mates since they met in high school. “I have had a great life,” Elie told Christine, “and an eternity with His Love will be wonderful.”

Suddenly Christine understood. Though she had visited to say goodbye to her sister, Elie’s positive attitude in the face of her uncertainty gave Christine as sense of peace in her own life. She began to look around and appreciate all she had been given.

A week later, it was time for the final good-bye. Christine passed away suddenly after an apparent heart attack. Her family believes she was well prepared to die, thanks to her visit with her loving sister who brought God back into her life.
St. Joseph the Carpenter Knights of Columbus
are proud to present the annual

**Breakfast with Santa**

*Sunday, December 8th in the O’Connell Room*

**10:00AM to 12:00PM**

Everyone is Invited!!

*Pancakes, Sausage, Cookies, Juice, Coffee & Tea.*

Santa will be coming, so please bring a small gift for him to give your child.
Please wrap and write your child’s name on the gift.

**Admission is FREE!!**

Please RSVP to Dan Tergesen at dntergesen@optonline.net or call (631) 422-3563.
Please specify the number of adults and number of children attending.

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**Catequesis 2019/2020**

Para la catequesis de Primera Comunión, los niños y niñas pueden inscribirse a partir del 1er grado.
Para mayor información llamar al teléfono (631) 587-4717 oficina de Faith Formation.

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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 Jason Grisafi @ (631) 669-0068 x 106.

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

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

**CURSILLO DE CRISTIANDAD:** Los invita a vivir un fin de semana con Cristo. Tenemos Últreya todos los domingos a las 12:30pm en el Salón # 256. Mas información contáctese al Tel. # 669-0068 Ext. 100.

**MADRES ORANDO POR SUS HIJOS:** Todos los Miercoles de 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM. Para informacion, contactese con Ana Ramos @ (631) 617-2129.

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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 Comunicarse con Adriana Mascari. (631) 681-0005

**COMITÉ:** El primer sábado de cada mes a las 10:00am en el salon # 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:** Viernes de 7:00 PM.

**HORA SANTA:** Cuarto domingo del mes. 12:30pm

**MONAGUILLOS O ACOLITOS:** Contáctese con Lidia Correa @ (631) 290-9145. Los niños deben haber recibido la Primera Comunión.
Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

Esta semana les presentamos nuestra Declaración financiera de las Actividades de la parroquia en 2019. Hacemos esta presentación cada año para ser ministros buenos del tesoro que dan generosamente a la parroquia. Aunque usualmente yo permita los hechos a hablar por sí solas, yo quiero señalar unas detalles para prepararnos por nuevas cosas en 2020.

Primero, quiero señalar que tuvimos un excedente de explotación bruto de $65k, y un excedente de explotación neto de $25k. La diferencia es por arreglos del sistema de calefacción y del sistema de las cañerías en la escuela y el convento. Aunque un excedente sea mejor que un déficit, yo no quiero deformar la realidad de la salud financiera de nuestra parroquia. Entonces, aquí son ortos hechos para considerar:

- El excedente de explotación bruto es 2.7% del los ingresos operativos.
- Además, los ingresos de la colecta en las misas disminuyó 3.9% del año pasado. Los ingresos de la colecta es casi 50% de nuestros ingresos operativos. Actualmente, la colecta ha disminuido por casi 10% cada década desde 1995, cuando ajustemos para la inflación.
- El costo para la seguridad va a crecer 10% en 2020.
- El costo para calefacción y electricidad va a crecer 5% en 2020.
- Una parte de nuestros ahorros del año pasado son de la eliminación temporaria de servicios muy necesarios (por ejemplo: servicios de TI), que tuvimos que reestablecer.
- Aunque no afecte todos los empleados, debemos comprender que la crecimiento del salario mínimo en NY del término de 2016 hacia el inicio de 2021 es 50% en casi 5 año.
- Finalmente, si asistió la reunión de era en Junio del estado de la parroquia, sabe que tenemos $1M de arreglos necesarios de las techas y el sistema de la calefacción. Al mismo tiempo, la condición del convento continua disminuir.

Es claro que estamos en un tiempo para planear y ser prudentes. Por favor, ten confianza que observamos las finanzas con mucha atención y siempre buscamos por nuevas manera de reducir los costos sin terminar programas. Sin embargo, lo no es suficiente para parar un déficit de explotación. Entonces, quiero empezar una conversación sobre los hábitos de donar en nuestra parroquia. He analizado mucha información de los hábitos del 2018 y 2019, y creo que podemos aprender mucho. Entonces, comenzando en enero, vamos a tener una reunión, como la en Junio, para pensar en esta dimensión de la salud financiera de nuestra parroquia. Será un tiempo de pensar en nuestra propia contribución a la parroquia. Finalmente, voy a pedir a todos los parroquianos a considerar en oración como puede avanzar su compromiso financiero a la parroquia.

Nuestra época es lleno de las posibilidades, y esta reflexión puede crear en nosotros una nueva sentimiento de hacer la misión dado por Cristo. Recordando las bendiciones que hemos recibido, seguimos al Señor en la esperanza, usando los regalos que ha puesto en una manera mejor. La cosecha es abundante, y nuestra parroquia tiene un papel central en la evangelización de nuestra comunidad. Las iniciativas del 2020 va a prepararnos a tener las necesidades financieras para hacer este trabajo del Señor. Gracias por considerar estas cosas.

En Cristo
p. Jason