December 29, 2019 ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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 Marillo
Dr. Marie Drohan, Music Director
Mrs. Barbara McNulty, Pastoral Associate
Ms. Claire Moulé, Faith Formation
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 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 of Jesus 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.
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
The Sacraments of Life

Newly Baptized
Kyle Patrick Broderick, Amilia Rosa Delanoy, & Devlynn Margaret Reilly.

Preventing for Marriage
Banns Posted

First Time ~
Christian Lee & Cassie Jourdan

Second Time ~
No Banns

Third Time ~
Erik Svensson & Carissa Sackel

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 Deena M. Brando.

Mass Schedule & Readings For The Coming Week:

At this Mass, we remember

Monday, December 30
1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
7:45 Eleonor Twiss
Monday, December 30
9:00 30th Wedding Anniversary of Eric & Teresa Hansen
Tuesday, December 31
1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
7:45 Dean Principio
12:15 Joseph A. Cacamese
5:00 People of St. Joseph’s
6:30 (Español)

Wednesday, January 1 ~ Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (Holy day of Obligation)
Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
7:45 No Mass
9:00 Elisabeth Fiore
12:15 Joseph A. Cacamese
7:30 John & Gertrude Blaul

Thursday, January 2
1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
7:45 Anton & Rose Cully
9:00 Pietro DiStefano

Friday, January 3
1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3-6; Jn 1:29-34
7:45 Evelyn Stefanini
9:00 Robert Bruno

Saturday, January 4
1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
9:00 Julia Clifford
Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)
4:00 Confessions Today Fr. Ethel
5:00 People of St. Joseph’s Fr. Dave

Sunday, January 5 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
7:00 Michael Majersky Fr. Ethel
8:45 Ann Mc Ardle Fr. Francis
9:30 (NH) Elizabeth Ann Barr Fr. Ethel
10:15 Gerald Kirby Fr. Francis
11:30 (Español- NH) Fr. Dave
12:00 Nazzareno Ruffa Fr. Jason
5:00 John Pompay Fr. Jason

Eucharistic Minister Teams:
Weekend of December 28/29 - Team A
Weekend of January 4/5 - Team B
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we continue our celebration of the birth of Christ throughout this Christmas season, it is the perfect time to meditate on God's faithful presence with us throughout the year. We enter a new year of grace this week, and as a faithful people we have the chance to evangelize simply by remaining hopeful about the future. We say, "I will call this to mind as my reason to have hope: the favors of the Lord are not exhausted, His mercies are not spent; they are renewed each morning, so great is His faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:21-23).

I would like to elaborate on this with an example that comes from a homily that I preached a couple of weeks ago. That example is none other than our patron, St. Joseph. Take a chance to read over the beginning of Matthew's Gospel, and consider the life of our patron in the events leading up to the first Christmas. St. Joseph surely had certain expectations of what his life would be like once he was engaged to Mary. But with the news of her pregnancy, knowing that the child wasn't his own, those expectations changed. However, St. Joseph did not lose hope in the goodness of the Lord. Following the commandments of the Law, and the dictates of virtue, he devised a way to handle the situation that would be righteous and protect Mary.

Through the revelation of the angel, St. Joseph would find out that his expectations would truly need to change, but not for the reasons he thought. He would be called to devote himself to the care of Mary and her child in a way he would have never expected: in being father of the Holy Family, he would be the father of the Son of God! He left us no autobiography of what it was like to live his unique vocation, but we can certainly believe that St. Joseph approached his calling with hope. It is what we see him do in the few references Scripture does make regarding his life. No matter how many times he would need to change his expectations, no matter how many times things seemingly went wrong, St. Joseph persevered in his hope that the Lord would bring about good things for him and his family so long as he stayed faithful and followed Him. It is interesting to consider how he imitated another Joseph (the one found in the book of Genesis) in so many ways.

As we enter 2020, maybe our life has gone in directions that we didn't expect. Maybe we've had to change our expectations; maybe we've had to do that many times. Let us look to St. Joseph as a model for how we can live in hope despite these challenges. Let us learn from him how to gain a tranquility of heart amid the storms of this life, and in so doing, prove our hope. Let our hope be rooted in faith, and that faith deepen our hope. 2020 will surely be a blessed year, as it is another year living in the grace of the Lord. Let us join St. Joseph in proclaiming this message!

Sincerely,
fr. Jason

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**Schedule for 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

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**March for Life**

_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!_

Our CMA for 2019 draws to a close on December 31st. If you have not had a chance to support the appeal please consider doing so before December 31st.

When you send your check in please make sure you indicate that it is for _St. Joseph’s Church in Babylon_. Then it will be applied to our parish goal. The appeal helps hundreds of thousands of people here on Long Island through the wonderful work of Catholic Charities.

*As of December 16, 2019 we have $121,988.00 in pledges and need $16,112.00 to meet our goal to receive our rebate from the Diocese.*

_Catholic Ministries Appeal forms are available in the Parish Office._
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Office Hours/Parish Office
(631) 669-0068
E-mail: secretary@stjosephsbabylon.org
Mon. to Friday 9:30am - 7:30pm
Sat. 9:30am to 4:00pm ☀ Sun. 9:30am -1:30pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12/15/2019
Collection $22,138.00
Last year $21,283.00
God Bless You!

In Observance of New Year’s
the Parish Office will be
closed on New Year’s Day,
January 1st.
The Parish Office will re-open on
Thursday, January 2nd at 9:30 AM.

HOTLINE NUMBERS

Crisis Pregnancy Center (631) 243-2373
Post-Abortion Counseling 1-888-456 HOPE
(Project Rachel)
National Human Trafficking 1-(888) 373-7888
Domestic Violence (Nassau County) Safe Housing (516) 542-0404 (24/7)
Domestic Violence (Suffolk County) Hotline & Shelter (631) 666-8833 (24/7)
Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk County (631) 360-3730
Office for Protecting Children/Young Adults-Diocease of Rockville Centre (516) 594-9063
Suicide Prevention (Nassau County) (516) 679-1111
Suicide Prevention (Suffolk County) (631) 751-7500
Talbot House: Chemical Dependence Help (631) 589-4144
Porn Addiction www.reclaimsexualhealth.com

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. Martha
PO1 Rasheed Tice
PO2 Kristen Tice
PO3 Matthew Waldron
E3 Nicholas Ruf

U.S.M.C.:
Capt. Matthew Witcofsky
1st Lt Marc Anthony Parrino
1st Lt 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 Jad
F.A. Madison Mulders

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

U.S.A.F.:
MSGT John Hatzidakis
SSGT Brandon Ward
AB Christopher Signoretti
AB Eric Benzing
AB Vincent E. Berger
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.

The Faith Formation Office will be closed from Tuesday, December 24th through Wednesday, January 1st. We would like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas Season.

Level 1 & 2 Catechist Meeting – Thursday, January 2nd @ 4pm in the O’Connell Room. Please RSVP: cmoule@stjosephsbabylon.org

Level 2 students are expected to attend any Mass the weekend of January 4th & 5th. 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 8 Reconciliation Services – Saturday, January 11th @ 11:15am & 12:45pm in the Church. Students with last names beginning with the letters A-L are to attend the 11:15am service and students with last names beginning with the letters M-Z are to attend the 12:45pm service.

Level 8 Confirmation Retreat – Saturday, January 25th from 9am-1pm in Nolan Hall. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to allow time to sign in. The retreat costs $20 per student to cover the cost of lunch and for the retreat director. Please make checks payable to St. Joseph’s FF or bring cash.

Level 8 Confirmation will be celebrated on Wednesday, February 12 with Bishop Henning. Please pray for our Confirmation candidates and their families.

St. Joseph’s Nursery School
2020-2021 Registration

OPEN HOUSE
Saturday, January 11th and
Saturday, January 25th
10:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m.

Programs available for children: 4 months – Pre-K
4 months – 30 months for child & caregiver
  2½ yr. olds – 2 days
  3 yr. olds – 2, 3, 4, or 5 half days
  4 yr. olds Pre-K – 3, 4, or 5 half days
STEAM, gym, enrichment classes and more!

Tours are available on school days by appointment. Please contact us at 631-661-4559 or nurseryschool@stjosephsbabylon.org
Our newly-formed Family Life Ministry has lots of great plans for 2020 --- would you consider becoming a part of our team? We all have busy lives, so we only take on those activities which work for our family schedules, and we all agree that our time spent with our St Joseph’s Parish Family, is time well spent!

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY TEAM is made up of Moms, Dads, Grandmas, Grandpas, Young Adults, Seniors, Friends & Neighbors, looking to be involved. There is something for everyone! Check out the Parish Website for more details --- and please consider joining us!

FROM OUR FAMILIES TO YOURS -
Best wishes for a Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, New Year!
ST. JOSEPH’S BLOOD DRIVE

December 30th, 2019
3:00pm to 9:00pm
in the O’Connell Room
MEATBALL HEROES
TO ALL DONORS

For further information contact: Bill Jimenez
(631) 539-8734 or jimenezbill@aol.com

Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Did you receive a new cell phone for Christmas?
Do you have an old cell phone sitting around collecting dust?
JCDA will be conducting our annual cell phone drive. Look for the boxes in the back of the Church, in the breezeway, and outside of the Parish Office. Collected phones are reformatted by Verizon and donated to domestic violence shelters to help victims have a safe way to communicate with emergency services.
Boxes will be set up until January 6, 2020.

8th NY District Presents
The Races
To Benefit the Mercy Inn Soup Kitchen
Saturday, January 11, 2020
7:00pm (Post Time: 7:30pm)
St. Mathews Recreation Hall
35 North Service Rd., Dix Hills, NY
$12 (adults); $6 (children);
$15 (Adults at the door)
Includes: Frankfurters, chips, unlimited beer, wine & soda, coffee, dessert, and race program
Fun for the Whole Family
Ticket sales
DD Charles Shami (631) 943-4715
GK Guillermo (Bill) Jimenez (631) 804-0575
Make checks payable to
Our Lady of the Rosary Council #4428

Catholic Daughters of the Americas-Court Bishop McDonnell #1403
Invites you to a Baby Shower for the benefit of THE LIFE CENTER
on Thursday, January 16th, 2020 in the O’Connell Room at 7:30 pm
(doors open at 7:00 pm)

Come enjoy the party and support the women and men who have made the good decision to have their babies.
Please bring “new” baby items such as diapers, bottles, outfits and formula and you can place items in the bassinets you will find in the Church, and Hall over the next two weeks.
Unwrapped gifts, please. No toys or stuffed animals, please.
For additional information call, Dorothy Buckley @ (631) 539-8522.
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

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Parish Social Ministry

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.

The Contemporary Music Ensemble is seeking a keyboard player and/or other musicians to join the group.
We serve at the 12 noon Mass and play contemporary Christian music similar to that which is heard on K-Love radio.
Knowledge of popular music accompaniment is ‘a plus’. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office.

“Thank You”

On behalf of all of the families who assisted our families in need during Thanksgiving & Christmas, Parish Outreach says THANK YOU VERY MUCH for your generosity. We are grateful to those who adopted a family through our Angel Brigade and to all of you who took tags from our Giving Tree. The families were overwhelmed by your generosity.

In partnership with St. Vincent De Paul, we were able to supply food and food cards. We are blessed to work closely with our SVDP conference and truly appreciate its work in meeting the needs of our local families.

We thank Margot Denza for her hard work putting together our Angel Brigade program and Adriana Mascari and Kathy Smith who worked next to me, hand in hand until late hours for several days, checking files and putting together our different programs and to all our Parish Social Ministry volunteers. Thank you so much for your dedication and compassion. You make a positive difference in many peoples lives!!

Our special thank you to Joe and Tom the owners of “Torta Fina Bakery” who supplied baked goods to all of our families to sweeten their holiday. Torta Fina bakes more than 150 delicious bread loaves, every year, between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

We thank the Nursery School and Faith Formation for the food drive. We thank The American Legion for filling up our Pantry and also for the food card donations. We thank all of you for the many wonderful gifts, toys, gift cards and donations. With your help, Parish Social Ministry was able to brighten “Thanksgiving & Christmas” for over 150 families.

We are truly blessed

Lazarus Ministry

On Saturday, January 11, 2020 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.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society

The St. Vincent de Paul Society wishes all our friends and parishioners

A HAPPY NEW YEAR
filled with God’s love and blessings!
The next meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 9:45 am in Room 256 of the Parish Center.

All are welcome!

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On behalf of all the friends and parishioners of the Parish, we wish you a healthy and happy New Year.

Our Parish Social Ministry Outreach team will be happy to assist all those in need during this Holiday season.

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**Deacon’s Corner**

**Chicken Soup**

(from A World of Stories for Preachers and Teachers by William Bausch)

In J.D. Salinger’s book, *Frannie and Zooey*, there is a powerful scene in which Frannie comes home from college a nervous wreck. Her well-intentioned but misguided efforts to explore the depths of religious mysticism have left her extremely tense. Bessie, her mother, is concerned and shows that concern by bringing her distressed daughter a cup of chicken soup. Even though Frannie knows her mother is trying to be comforting to her, the offer of the chicken soup annoys her, and she lashes out at her mother.

Frannie’s brother confronts her and tells her that her approach to religion is all wrong. He says, “I’ll tell you one thing, Frannie. If it’s the religious life you want, you ought to know that you are missing out on every single religious action that’s going on in this house. You don’t have sense enough to drink when someone brings you a cup of consecrated chicken soup, which is the only kind of chicken soup that Mom ever brings to anybody.”

Deacon John

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**Reflections**

**Y2K REVISITED**

It is difficult for me to realize 20 years have passed since the frenzy surrounding the end of 1999. While in most years people are getting ready for their New Year’s Eve merriment, some were desperately adjusting their computer system before the new century began.

The crux of the dilemma, which some forecasted to be the end of the financial world, was the initial determination to make any entry requiring a year be two digits; for example, 1946 would be entered as 46. This was done because it was cheaper to store two digits than four digits. As far back as 1985, forecasters saw this as a real problem affecting the banks, power companies, transportation providers, and to a far lesser extent those owing personal computers. I was on a committee at the College which decided each computer on campus had to be upgraded with software to address the Y2K Bug, a task which took well over a year to complete.

It was estimated that over 300 billion dollars was spent on Y2K, though not all on hardware or software. Many fundamental religious leaders preached the need for repentance and preparation for personal survival. This resulted in sales in publications, survival kits, generators…just about anything needed for the new landscape on January 1, 2000.

The date arrived with no problems with ATMs, no plane crashes, no civil wars. I was not terribly relieved because I did not buy into the hype. What the controversy did, however, was make me realize how important it is to be sure my relationship with God is as strong as it can be…just in case.

2020 is a few days away, though I am sure some of us already have a resolution or two in mind. One thing we should consider is deepening our Catholic faith, living the kind of life we are called to live, and helping those around us in any (and every) way we can.

*Have a blessed 2020.*

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**Sociable Single Seniors Trip**

SOCIABLE SINGLE SENIORS HAS BOOKED A TRIP TO SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE IN LANCASTER, PA TO SEE ‘QUEEN ESTHER’ ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2020. THE COST IS $159/PP AND INCLUDES TRANSPORTATION, TICKETS TO THE SHOW, AND LUNCH AT THE SHADY MAPLE SMORGASBORD RESTAURANT. THIS IS A ONE-DAY TRIP AND IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING US, PLEASE CONTACT LORRAINE DECANDITIS @631-553-0160.
Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

Durante este tiempo de la Navidad tenemos la oportunidad de meditar sobre la presencia de Dios entre nosotros. También, esta semana empezamos un año nuevo de gracia, y podemos anunciar el Evangelio cuando vivimos con esperanza en las bendiciones que vienen. Decimos, "Me pongo a pensar en algo y esto me llena de esperanza: La misericordia del Señor no se agota ni se agota su compasión; ellas renuevan cada mañana, ¡qué grande es tu fidelidad!" (Lamentaciones 3:21-23).

Quiero hablar un poco más del testimonio de la esperanza que tenemos como cristianos. Estos son pensamientos que comparten en una homilía de la otra semana. Nuestro patrono es un ejemplo santo de vivir con esperanza. Leamos otra vez del inicio del Evangelio según San Mateo, donde encontramos a San José unos meses antes de la Navidad. Por supuesto, San José tenía sus propias expectativas de su futuro con María. Pero, cuando él supo que ella estaba embarazada, sabiendo que el niño no era suyo, él tuvo que cambiar sus expectativas. Sin embargo, San José no perdió su esperanza que Dios es bueno. Siguiendo los mandamientos de la Ley y el camino de las virtudes, concibió un plan recto para proteger a María. Por la revelación del ángel, San José tuvo que cambiar sus expectativas otra vez. El sería el padre del Hijo de Dios. Él no dejó una autobiografía de su vida, pero ciertamente él vivía con mucha esperanza. Las escrituras no dicen mucho de él, pero siempre lo presentan lleno de esperanza. ¡Cuántas veces él tuvo que cambiar sus expectativas! ¿Cuántas veces él encontró la cruz en su vida? San José siempre perseveraba con la esperanza que Dios iba a guiarlo a un futuro mejor, siempre y cuando él perseverara en la fe y siguiera al Señor. Es interesante que la vida de San José es similar al José de Génesis. Empezamos el año de la gracia 2020. Tal vez nuestra vida no es como habíamos planeado. Tal vez tuvimos que cambiar nuestras expectativas muchas veces. Tal vez nos sentimos que no hay nada en el futuro para nosotros. Veamos a San José, él es como un padre para nosotros, y un modelo para imitar. Él quiere enseñarnos cómo podemos vivir con esperanza durante tiempos muy difíciles. Puede mostrarnos como tener un corazón tranquilo en medio de las tormentas de la vida. 2020 va a ser un año muy bendecido, porque es otro año de vivir en la gracia del Señor. Juntos con San José, ¡proclamemos este mensaje al mundo!

En Cristo,

p. Jason

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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:** Invita a vivir un fin de semana con Cristo. Tenemos ¡Programa todos los domingos a las 12:30pm, en el Salón # 256. Más información contáctese al Sub-Vocal de Piedad Geremias Herrera @ gherreras29@gmail.com.

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

**RENOVACIÓN CARISMÁTICA:** 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 más información contáctese con Jamie Duque al (631) 805-2654.

**COMUNIDAD DE MARÍA:** 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 Salón # 256. Para la agenda, contáctese con Ana Ramos @ rosesformarybyana@live.com.

**ROSARIO:** Domingos a las 11:00am en la Capilla.

**HERMANAS UNIDAS:** Todos los segundos domingo de cada mes, en el salón # 256, después de la misa.

**EL APOSTOLADO DE LA CRUZ:** Todos los jueves de 7:00-9:00pm en el Salón # 256. Comunicarse con Adriana Mascari o Luz Marina López.

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

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

**MONAGUILLOS O ACOLITOS:** Contáctese con Lidia Correa @ (631) 290-9145. Los niños deben haber recibido la Primera Comunión.