January 26, 2020~ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 Moulê, Faith Formation
Mrs. Patricia Taggart, Nursery School
Mrs. Sigrid Villalobos A., Parish Social Ministry

We Celebrate the Eucharist
Sunday Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil - 5:00pm Church
Sunday Church - 7:00am, 8:45am, 10:15am, 12:00pm, 5:00pm
Nolan Hall - 9:30am- Family Mass
11:30am (en Español)
Weekday Mass Schedule
Mon. to Fri. - 7:45am, 9:00am Church
Saturday - 9:00am Church

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

We 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 3pm & 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 Sacraments of Life

Newly Baptized
Amiyah Nicole Andrade, Vita James Cardullo, Clara Anne Condra & Henry Joseph Hanley.

Preaching for Marriage
Banns Posted

First Time ~
No Banns

Second Time ~
No Banns

Third Time ~
No Banns

For Our Sick

Altar Rose
In Memory of Sylvia Wanser

For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Evelyn Valenti, Florence Stannard-Kuehne & Rita Ploss.

Mass Schedule & Readings For The Coming Week:

At this Mass, we remember
Monday, January 27
2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30
7:45 All Soul Day Novena-2
9:00 Bill Beaulieu

Tuesday, January 28
2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19, Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35
7:45 All Soul’s Day Novena-3
9:00 Maribel Troche

Wednesday, January 29
2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20
7:45 All Soul’s Day Novena-4
9:00 Leo Impellizzeri

Thursday, January 30
2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25
7:45 All Soul’s Day Novena-5
9:00 Madeline Cafapano

Friday, January 31
2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
7:45 All Soul’s Day Novena-6
9:00 Michael G. Buckley & Dana J. Ewald

Saturday, February 1
2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
9:00 Frances Iaconetti

Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)
4:00 Confessions Today Fr. Francis
5:00 All Soul’s Day Novena-7 Fr. Francis

Sunday, February 2 ~ The Presentation of the Lord
Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
7:00 All Soul’s Day Novena-8 Fr. Dave
8:45 Edward Doherty Fr. Jason
9:30 (NH) Martin Keaney Fr. Francis
10:15 People of St. Joseph’s Fr. Jason
11:30 (Español- NH) Fr. Jason
12:00 Bridget Cronin Fr. Francis
5:00 Gerrie Horne Fr. Dave

Eucharistic Minister Teams:
Weekend of January 25/26 - Team A
Weekend of February 1/2 - Team B
From the desk of fr. Jason

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last week's bulletin addressed specific ways of growing in the sanctifying grace of God during Ordinary Time. This week, I would like to continue that theme in a particular way. One of the fascinating elements of our Catholic faith is the rich set of traditions that have developed throughout the 2000 years of Church history. There are numerous blessings and activities that our ancestors in the faith used throughout the year in order to remember that God's grace is present and active among us at all times, not just the special seasons of the year. We are familiar with special traditions during Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, yet there are even more that exist outside of those special times. In fact, we are in the midst of a series of interesting traditions: the blessing of wool, Candlemas, and the blessing of throats.

The feast of St. Agnes took place on January 21st. As an early virgin-martyr, the life of St. Agnes is worth consideration for all Catholics, but particularly for us members of the Diocese of Rockville Centre because she is the patroness of our diocese. On her feast day, there is a tradition for the Pope to bless lambs (the name "Agnes" sounds like the word for "lamb" in Latin) whose wool will be used to make a special vestment called a "pallium" that is worn by archbishops. On February 2nd, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, where there has been a long standing tradition to bless candles. This has led to the day being called Candlemas. In fact, the Roman Ritual (the red book the priest uses at Mass that has the official prayers for Mass) has a rite for a special procession and blessing of candles. The next day is the feast of St. Blaise, on which there is the blessing of throats using the candles blessed the previous day. As of writing this, I'm not sure if we'll have time this year to do an extended blessing of candles, but we will certainly bless throats after the daily Masses on February 3rd. Even more, veneration of St. Blaise is part of a wider tradition of turning to a series of 14 saints, whose intercession against various diseases can be traced back at least 600 years. This group, collectively, has been called the 14 Holy Helpers.

We've considered just 3 days, and just a single aspect of each of those days. There are many traditions that have helped Catholics make Ordinary Time something extraordinary. Were you familiar with these? Are you aware of other traditions during the year? Speaking of the extraordinary, on Friday, January 31st, there will be a celebration of the Extraordinary Form of the Mass of the Roman Rite here at our parish, starting around 7pm. That's a formal way of saying that the Mass will be celebrated according to the ritual set in place in 1962, which is an amended form of the ritual established in 1570 by Pope St. Pius V. The event is being sponsored by the Diocesan Young Adult ministry, though all are invited to attend. It will be a solemn high Mass. If you remember the way Mass was celebrated in the past, or just want to experience anew something that is part of our Catholic tradition, I invite you to come. As a note: mostly everything will be in Latin, except for the homily. It is also the anniversary of the installation of Bishop Barres as our bishop, and so it is a wonderful way to commemorate that special event and to pray for him.

The transforming power of God's grace is more often experienced through daily commitment to our religion, rather than one extreme moment of conversion. As Catholics, we can be enriched by so many different traditions that provide us with strength along our pilgrimage of life. Perhaps we will seek to look into some of these hidden treasures of the faith during Ordinary Time, and find new inspiration to live the life of discipleship in Christ.

Sincerely,
fr. Jason

There will be new Altar Server Training on Saturday, February 8th from Noon to 2PM in the Church for any elementary or middle school students who would like to become altar servers. All current altar servers are welcome to attend but do not need to attend. For more information call Kathy at (631) 418-7424.
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

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

HOTLINE NUMBERS

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

Bulletin Reflection:
In today’s Gospel we witness the beginning of Jesus’ Galilean ministry. Previously in this chapter of Matthew, Jesus was tempted by the devil but He never gave in. As stewards, we will experience temptations, despair and setbacks but we must pray that the Holy Spirit can help us throughout it all!
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 February 1st & 2nd to receive a Catholic Prayer booklet and a special blessing.

Level 2 students are expected to attend any Mass this weekend to receive a special blessing and to have their Mass Booklets blessed.

The Child Lures Prevention Program, “Think First and Stay Safe”, will take place on Thursday, January 30th @ either 4pm or 6:30pm in Nolan Hall for Levels 5 & 6

The Level 7 students are expected to attend Mass the weekend of February 8th & 9th to hand in their Community Service Pledges and to receive a special blessing.

Confirmation will be celebrated on Wednesday, February 12th with Bishop Richard Henning. Please keep our Confirmation Candidates, their sponsors and their families in your prayers. Please note: There will be no Faith Formation classes on Wednesday, Feb. 12th due to Confirmation.

Children’s Coloring Page

Jesus called out to them, "Come, be my disciples, and I will show you how to fish for people!"
Matthew 4:19 (NLT)
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Youth and Family Ministry

SERVICE TEAM
Teens looking for Community Service Opportunities, please check the website at:
https://stjosephsbabylon.org/community-service
Adult help also very much appreciated!

Saturday 2/8—Help at the Pasta Dinner. 10am-Noon Table Set Up & Decorate
6-9pm—Help needed: serving, leading games, cleaning up
Sunday 2/9— Nolan Hall Clean Up 3-5pm MUST SIGN UP IN ADVANCE!
Monday 2/24-- Help with Mardi Gras Set Up After 7pm
Tuesday 2/25-- Help at Mardi Gras: 5-9pm Set Up, Servers, Game Leaders, Clean Up

Please sign up now. We are forming our teams so we know we have enough people to help at each event. THANK YOU.
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Brainstorming Session!
Adults, can you help out at the Pasta Dinner or Mardi Gras?
We are meeting on Monday night 1/27 @ 7:30pm in Room 260
Can’t make the meeting, but want to be involved?
E-mail: bmcnulty@stjosephsbabylon.org Or give me a call at 631-669-0068 ext 108

Do you have a special MARINARA SAUCE you would like to donate for the Pasta Dinner?
Showcase your talents! Join our Team to help us prepare!
Call Carol at: 1-631-901-7944

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Saturday, JUNE 20TH — LI Ducks Fireworks Game—
Parish Night Out

SCOUT SUNDAY — Sunday, February 2nd
All Scouts are welcome to join us at the 9:30am Mass in Nolan Hall for a special blessing.
Girl Scout & Boy Scout Leaders, please contact
Sarah Gillen at 516-816-1735
with any questions or to let us know your troop will be joining us. We would love to have our Scouts assist at the Liturgy!
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 $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 at (631) 553-0160.
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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

Parish Outreach News

PRO-LIFE: Life Center of Long Island
We are a not-for-profit organization located at 1767 Deer Park Avenue, Deer Park, New York 11729. PH. (631)243-2373, or web site: www.lifecenterli.org. The Organization gives free pregnancy tests, counseling, and so much more, to people experiencing a crisis pregnancy. We rely greatly on donations of money, baby items, baby furniture, and baby clothes sizes new born to 3T. Contact: Mary Ann & John Lando at (631) 586-5981.

Parish Outreach Needs the following items:
Water bottles, Toilet Paper, Peanut butter, Canned soups, Ketchup, Baby Diapers

We have a Mother who is in need of a CAR SEAT for her two year old daughter, if you have a used one in good condition, please call us at 669-6900 ext 202.

Thanks for your support.

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, February 3, 2020 at 9:45 AM in Room 256 of the Parish Center.
All are welcome!

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

Lazarus Ministry
On Saturday, February 8, 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.

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.
Deacon’s Corner

WHAT IS OUR CALLING?

We must not make the mistake of dividing life into the sacred and the secular. All of life is sacred when it is touched by the presence and power of Christ. A high purpose for living can be found on the farm or in the factory just as surely as it can be found in the church. You don’t have to quit your job to follow Christ. You don’t have to move to another house or another town to follow Christ. You can do that right where you are. It has nothing to do with how you make your living; it has everything to do with how and why you live.

I heard recently of a woman who had a little plaque hanging above the kitchen sink where she cooks the family meals and washes the dirty dishes. It said, “DIVINE SERVICES ARE CONDUCTED HERE THREE TIMES A DAY”. That woman had caught the vision of a higher purpose. She wasn’t just a housewife; she was a homemaker. She was in business with God, the great builder of homes.

That same concept can be applied to your life and mine whether it be at home, at school. At work, or at play. Divine services conducted here daily. All of life can be touched with a sense of the sacred. We are no longer just catching fish, or building cars, or planting crops, or sweeping floors, or selling clothes. Whatever we are doing, we are in business with God; we are following Christ. And if I know anything about the business of God, it always has something to do with service.

That, I suppose, is the bottom line of a higher purpose for living. Every low form of living in some sense centers in self. Making money is okay, but if the central consideration is self it very soon turns to greed and ugliness. Having fun is all right, nothing wrong with a good time; but if all that matters is the entertainment of self, it opens the door to moral decline. Catching fish is an ancient and honorable trade; but if that is all that you do and you do it all for yourself, there is something missing. What Jesus did was rescue Peter and Andrew, James and John from littleness of life. He gave them something better to live for than self. They were still fishermen, but they had a higher purpose. They were “fishers of men”. He will do the same for any of us who have the courage to follow him.

PEACE AND LOVE

Deacon Mike

Reflections

FAMILY MATTERS, VOLUME 214

While the importance of family can never be overstated enough, there is far too often discord which ruins lives for many years and causes younger generations to become somehow involved in things in which they were never a part. A good friend recently revealed a situation in his family which has plagued him for many years and how over the years he was able to reconcile things:

“We've had some prolific family feuds through the years predominantly over a family business when the 3rd generation took over. The thing I have noticed in my own life is that the grudges I once held for the perpetrators no longer have the seismic proportions I once thought. I'm basically done vilifying those whom I felt caused the trouble and the progression was from hate to ignoring to pity. Yeah, I firmly believe money is the root of evil, but the trick is to allow time to heal all wounds.”

This honest appraisal comes from someone with a good heart. Yet even good hearts fall victim to situations where pressure may be applied by others to look at things differently, where loyalty becomes questioned, where the glass is never close to being even half full.

Over time, my friend reveals this take on the matter in question changed considerably. As I get older, I find myself mellowing a bit and can be more flexible, more palatable, and more forgiving. The problem I now see is these virtues, if that be the right word, could have come sooner had I turned the initial trial over to God.

We are called to love, but we often let things get in our way to carry out that command. Let us ask for the Grace we need to promote harmony in our lives and the lives of those we really should love most.
From Sean P. Dolan, Director of Communications, DRVC

Morning Star Initiative, to revitalize Catholic elementary school education on Long Island. The goal of this initiative is to restore a robust Catholic culture to the DRVC schools, improve academics, and create a more fiscally sustainable model for schools. The Diocese will partner with the Marianists, who have two centuries of Catholic educational commitment and expertise. The Diocese has asked Brother Thomas Cleary, S.M., President of Chaminade High School, to serve as the Chief Revitalization Officer and to spearhead this effort. He will be assisted by his fellow Marianists, who will seek feedback and ideas from the full spectrum of those with a stake in a revitalized Catholic elementary education, including our parishioners. We value your input, so please share your thoughts.

Please visit the Diocese of Rockville Centre’s website at Morningstarinitiative.org for more information, and email morningstar@drvc.org to give feedback or find out more ways to get involved.
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Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

La semana pasada, yo escribí sobre las prácticas de la fe que pueden crecer la gracia de santificación en nosotros en el Tiempo Ordinario. Yo quiero continuar este tema. Los 2.000 años de la historia Católica nos dejan muchas tradiciones especiales. Nuestros antepasados desarrollaron muchas bendiciones para usar por todo el año para recordar que la gracia de Dios está siempre con nosotros, no solo en los tiempo solemnes. Conocemos las tradiciones del Adviento, de la Navidad, de la Cuaresma, y de la Pascua, pero hay aún algo más que ocurre en el Tiempo Ordinario. Actualmente, estamos en medio de tres bendiciones especiales: la bendición de la lana, La Candelaria, y la bendición de las gargantas.

La fiesta de Santa Inés era el 21° de Enero. Ella era una mártir y virgen, entonces debemos contemplar su vida y aprender de ella como vivir con virtud. Pero, en particular, debemos venerarla porque ella es la patrona de nuestra diócesis de Rockville Centre. En el día de su fiesta, el Papa bendijo unos corderos (porque el nombre "Inés" parece como la palabra "cordero" en Latín) la lana de ellos va a usarse para hacer una vestidura llamada "un palio," llevado por un arzobispo. El 2° de Febrero es la Fiesta de la Presentación del Señor en el templo. Hay una tradición de bendecir las velas ese día. Por lo tanto, llamamos la fiesta "La Candelaria." En el Ritual Romano (el libro rojo que el sacerdote usa en la Misa que tiene las oraciones de la Misa) hay una procesión especial para bendecir las velas antes de la Misa. El siguiente día es la fiesta de San Blas, cuando bendecimos las gargantas con las velas bendecidas el día anterior. Lo haremos este año después de las misas lunes, el 3° de Febrero. La veneración de San Blas es parte de una tradición de invocar a un grupo de catorce santos para recibir protección contra las enfermedades. Llamamos el grupo "Los Santos Auxiliadores".

Aquí, hablé de solo tres días, y solo un aspecto de cada día. Hay muchas más tradiciones en la fe Católica que hacen el Tiempo Ordinario como un tiempo extraordinario. ¿Conocías de estas fiestas? ¿Conoces de otras en el año? Porque hablamos de lo extraordinario, yo quiero mencionar que el Viernes, 31° de Enero, vamos a ofrecer una Misa en la forma extraordinaria del ritual romano a las 7pm. Es decir que vamos a tener una misa en la manera establecida en 1962, que es basada en la misa establecida en 1570 por el Papa San Pio V. El grupo de los jóvenes adultos de la diócesis va a patrocinar el evento, pero todos pueden asistir. Será una misa solemne. Si recuerdas la forma antigua de la misa, o si quieres familiarizarte con esta oración de la tradición Católica, le invito a venir. Tenga en cuenta que esta forma de la misa es en Latín. También, es el aniversario de la investidura de Bishop Barres como el obispo de nuestra diócesis. Entonces, es una oportunidad para orar por él en una manera especial.

Es más común experimentar la transformación de la gracia de Dios por la fidelidad diaria en vez de un momento especacular. Como Católicos, tenemos muchas tradiciones para crecer nuestra fe y para fortalecernos en nuestra peregrinación de la fe. Tal vez vamos a considerar estos nuevos tesoros escondidos de la historia de la Iglesia para inspirarnos a vivir como discípulos de Cristo.

En Cristo,

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