March 22, 2020~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

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 Julio Murillo
Deacon John F. Sullivan- Retired
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

The Church will be open weekdays from approximately 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Mass will be televised on Catholic Faith Network
St. Agnes
Monday-Friday: 8:30 AM; 12:30 PM
Sunday: 11AM; 7 PM
La Santa Misa
Domingo: 6 PM

The Rosary
Sunday: 9:15 AM
Monday-Saturday: 12 PM; 6 PM
Domingo en Español: 5:30 PM

Lent
A Time to Renew

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.

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.

Catholic Faith Network
Optimum Channel 29/137
Verizon FiOs Tv Channel 296
Charter Spectrum Channel 162/471
Smart Phone Users can download the App for CFN
www.CFNtv.org

For latest information from the Diocese of Rockville Centre
DRVC.org
LICatholic.org
Prayers for Our Deceased

Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members.

Mass Schedule & Readings For The Coming Week:

Masses
Weekday and Sunday Masses
will be said privately by the Priest for the Mass intentions listed.

At this Mass, we remember

Monday, March 23
Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Jn 4:43-54
7:45 Harry Carlock
9:00 Frank L. O’Bremski

Tuesday, March 24
Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
7:45 Peggy Gallagher
9:00 James Dwyer

Wednesday, March 25
The Annunciation of the Lord
Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
7:45 James Dwyer
9:00 William Leitch

Thursday, March 26
Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
7:45 People of St. Joseph’s
9:00 Salvatore Messina

Friday, March 27
Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 43:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-10, 25-30
7:45 People of St. Joseph’s
9:00 People of St. Joseph’s

Saturday, March 28
Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12; Jn 7:40-53
9:00 Thomas Halligan

Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)
5:00 Edward J. Lane Fr. Jason
Carole LoValvo Joyce
Violet Buckenmeyer
For the Intentions of Roger Katz
Sissy Macaluso

Sunday, March 29~ Fifth Sunday of Lent
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
7:00 Joseph DeLuca Fr. Ethel
8:45 Timothy Hoch Fr. Jason
9:30 (NH) William Gillard Fr. Francis
10:15 Lynda Horowitz Fr. Ethel
11:30 (Español- NH) Fr. Jason
12:00 People of St. Joseph’s Fr. Ethan
5:00 Amira Lou Lumpris Fr. Francis

Prayers for our ill parishioners

For Our Sick

Prayers for Our Military

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 Amelia
PO1 Rasheen Tice
PO2 Kristen Tice
PO3 Matthew Waldron
E2 Liam McKeown
E3 Nicholas Ruf

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**U.S.M.C.:**
Capt. Matthew Witcosky
1Lt Lt. Marc Anthony Parrino
1Lt R.J. Parrino
Sgt. Lauren Colantropo
Cpl Alyssa E. Grimaldi
PFC Joshua J. Coughlin
Sgt. Malik Rodriguez
Nelson Sanchez, Jr.

**Capt. Matthew Witcosky**
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Sgt. Lauren Colantropo
Cpl Alyssa E. Grimaldi
PFC Joshua J. Coughlin
Sgt. Malik Rodriguez
Nelson Sanchez, Jr.

**U.S. Coast Guard:**
Capt. Matthew W. Sibley
CPO Benjamin Flad

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Altar Rose

In Memory of Larraine C. Cardinal
**Newly Baptized**

Zoey Savitri Marchan Berbig,
Zachary Anthony Capriola,
Jerson Cifuentes Rojo
& Allison Moira Winn.

**Bulletin Reflection:**

Jesus, our Lord and our God, heals the man who was born blind. The blind man believed in Christ and stood up to the harassment from the Pharisees who tried to trap him into denying Jesus.

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Some have expressed concern about not being able to drop off their Offertory envelope. First—thank you for that concern! Your donations are appreciated, and very much needed. Envelopes can be mailed to the Parish Office at 39 N Carll Ave, Babylon, NY 11702.

Our Parish also has the ability to accept on-line donations through a program known as FAITH DIRECT. It is a secure on line program which allows donations to electronically go to the Parish. You have the ability to adjust your settings for any amount or frequency. All details and even a video explaining FAITH DIRECT are on the website at: [https://stjosephsbabylon.org/faith-direct](https://stjosephsbabylon.org/faith-direct)

If you have any questions, please give the office a call. Thank you for your generosity.

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How do I find out about what’s going on in the Parish?

1 – Parish Website:  [www.stjosephsbabylon.org](http://www.stjosephsbabylon.org)
2 – Facebook: St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church

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**St. Joseph Family Life Ministry**

Keeping our young children, our Teens and our Young Adults involved in their faith is not easy, even on a good day. With our world changing day by day right now and our children home from school and off of regular routines, it is even more difficult.

**Your Parish is here to help!**

Please stay tuned to the website and FB page for ideas about how to have some **FUN N FAITH at home!**

In the meantime: **ENJOY HAVING THEM HOME!**

Talk about Family History and look at old Photo Albums. Write a letter to Grandma!

Clean out closets and put bags together to donate when the Thrift Store opens again.

Play Board Games! Watch old family videos! Celebrate your Family—your Domestic Church!

And Pray…..don’t Panic

**SAVE THE DATE:** Yes—We should all be looking forward to a night out in Fresh Air with family & friends.

Saturday, June 20th LI Ducks Fireworks Night. Parish Night out!!!

We will keep you posted about ticket sales!

fr. Jason will be uploading video and Live Stream which will be on the Parish Facebook Page and our website:

[https://stjosephsbabylon.org/news-events](https://stjosephsbabylon.org/news-events)
March 19 has always been celebrated by the Universal Church as the feast day of St Joseph. And coincidentally, that’s the feast of our Parish Patron Saint here at St Joseph’s, Babylon, New York. As we silently ponder the mystery of life and salvation in the silence of our homes and silent spaces, occasioned by the coronavirus pandemic—which has taken in its toils thousands of lives around the globe, and has made us scamper for safety too, I wish to reflect on one or two things on the spirituality of this feast.

The name ‘Joseph’, a name which from its Hebrew derivative means ‘May God increase’ was the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster-father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He was a quiet gentle carpenter of Nazareth. Not much was written about him. He was not known to speak much. But his silence spoke volumes in bearing testimony of his care, love, devotion and protection of the Holy Family. He protected Jesus and Mary. During the flight to Egypt, he led them to safety and patronage. He was always there for them. Many artistic representations have always shown him as an elderly man—but he fought to see them well catered for.

In Matthew 1.24, we read that he did as the Angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. In this, we see his mission as ‘custos’—a word which we can sparsely translate as a protector, a custodian, a guardian. He discovered his mission in the Theodrama as the protector of Jesus and Mary. And Joseph’s role extends through to the Universal Church too. Writing about this in his encyclical, Redemptoris Custos, Saint John Paul stated that ‘Just as Joseph took loving care of the Mary and gladly dedicated himself to Jesus Christ’s upbringing, he likewise watches over and protects Christ’s Mystical body, the Church’ (Redemptoris Custos, 1). Where do all these lead us? In Joseph, we too as Catholics, and members of this parish could learn how to respond to God’s call of protecting Jesus Christ in our lives from the poison and stain of sin. And also be able to protect others too. At the age where the voice of secularism and egodrama seem to pander all in their wake to swallow the voice of God and destroy our faith, we have to stand tall, defend our faith and become true custodians of our faith and the Church. In this sense too, we have to be true Apologists for our Catholic faith.

We are also meant to be protectors of one another. This time of the coronavirus pandemic is time to check out on our next door neighbours, not necessarily by intrusion into private space but could be by phone calls, emails and other forms of communications. Always be mindful of social distancing please. Perhaps, it may be good to call around to other members of our Parish community, the elderly, the sick and the infirm. Those who are lonely too need our care and love. We are all members of one community of faith. This is a time to care. And perhaps, you could render a hand of help for those in need, help in inviting the authorities to take care of particular situations, medical personnel, etc. We are all in need of one another’s care and love as we go through these tough days. And remember, your life is not just about you. A candle loses nothing in lighting another. We are all connected with one another as brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ!
Deacon’s Corner

NONE SO BLIND

One of the elements of blindness is the inability to see ourselves. Notice, in today’s reading, the contempt for the man born blind. They said to him, “You were steeped in sin from your birth. Who are you to be teaching us?” They were, of course, right about the man. He was a sinner. The interesting thing is how they failed to see the same truth applied to them. They were very moralistic people, and they had a sharp eye for sin, but there was something artificial about it. Whenever they spoke of sinners, it was always in the second person or the third person, never in the first person: “you sinners”, or “those sinners”, never “we sinners.”

Exactly how they exempted themselves from the fellowship of the fallen is not quite clear. But one thing is clear, you and I must guard against the same mistake. The church is not an exclusive society for saints, it is hospital for sinners. We are here, not because we are good, but because we are guilty. We do not need to wallow in our guilt. There is nothing healthy about that. But we do need to stay real about it. We are not critics standing off and looking on a sinful world, we are part and parcel of the whole problem. This was something the Pharisees failed to comprehend. They never faced the facts about themselves, and there are none so blind as they who will not see.

There spiritual blindness was reflected in their attitude toward Christ. This was, in fact, the crux of the problem. They were determined not to believe in him, and nothing he could say or do would change that. They had their own ideas about God. They had their own concept of the Messiah. It was only a theory, something on paper, but they were sticking by it, and no Galilean Carpenter was going to change their minds. All of this business about love and compassion and forgiveness meant nothing to them. They were too busy dotting the doctrinal “I’s”, and crossing the theological “t’s”. They had deliberately closed their eyes, and not even God can cure that kind of blindness.

The central truth about God is love. We can use that as a guideline. The more we know of love, the more we know of God. However brilliant our theology and strict our morals, we are strangers to God unless we are in the business of loving and helping people.

LORD, HELP US TO SEE

Deacon Mike

Reflections

MONTHLY DEALS

I think the first time I saw one was at a local car wash. The sign offered a “monthly” plan of unlimited washes at what I considered to be a reasonable cost. Of course, as an occasional car wash consumer, the bargain did not interest me. The next such monthly deal I noticed was at the one of the multiplex theatres. This price included daily admissions and was indeed enticing for two reasons: I could see all the current movies, or, if the one I chose was boring, I would have a nice place to nap during the afternoon. Finally, if you are a coffee drinker, there is an offer for the entire month, the price of which is the equivalent to three cups of coffee at the regular price. I wondered why so suddenly such deals are all around us.

The answer, of course, is sales in these industries are down and something must be done to attract more customers. Yet unlike a reduced sales price in a local supermarket, in order to get such price breaks, one must agree to participate for an extended period, probably at least a year. What intrigues me is the probability that each location is still making money on the deal, further prompting me to wonder why the price was so high in the first place.

The first “monthly” deal I remember was “Nine First Fridays”. At St. Boniface, we learned that if we attend Mass and receive Holy Communion on the first Friday of each month for the intentions of the Sacred Heart, there will be extra Grace at the time of death. Such a deal is completely voluntary, will not be ruined by a rainstorm, force you to sit through unwatchable flicks, and is not habit forming.

April 3 is right around the corner. Why not make that your first First Friday.