April 12, 2020 ~ Easter Sunday

“Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.” Luke 24:5-6

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
Call the Parish Office.

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

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

DRCV.org
LICatholic.org
For Our Sick


For Our Deceased

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

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 Kasheen Tice
- PO2 Kristen Tice
- PO3 Matthew Waldron
- E2 Liam McKeown
- E3 Nicholas Ruf

**U.S.M.C.:**
- Capt. Matthew Witcofsky
- 1stLt MarcAnthony Parrino
- 1stLt 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 Flad

**U.S. Army:**
- LTC John Kallo
- LTC Jon J. Uebel
- Capt. Stephen Seuderi
- 1LT 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 Pititto
- 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

**Monday, April 13**
Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8

**Tuesday, April 14**
Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday, April 15**
Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

**Thursday, April 16**
Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday, April 18**
Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15b, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15

**Sunday, April 19 ~ Second Sunday of Easter**
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)
1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31
Office Hours/Parish Office: (631) 669-0068
E-mail: secretary@stjosephsbabylon.org
Cemetery Office: (631) 669-0068 Ext. 107
Faith Formation Office: (631) 587-4717
Hispanic Office: (631) 669-0068 x131
Outreach Office: (631) 669-4544
Food Pantry: (631-669-0068 x 201)
Thrift Shop: (631-669-5574)
Nursery School: (631) 661-4559
Youth Ministry: (631) 669-0068 x 108
Parish Office Fax: (631) 669-9175
WebSite: www.stjosephsbabylon.org

HOTLINE NUMBERS

Crisis Pregnancy Center (631) 243-2373
Post-Abortion Counseling (Project Rachel) 1-888-456 HOPE (4673)
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
CDC 1-800-232-4636
Alleluia! He is Risen.

It is a difficult Easter-- we cannot deny it.  But it is STILL EASTER--Christ is RISEN!

Remember - although we are not in the building of the Church as Community, we still ARE the CHURCH at home--the Domestic Church! Our website has a PARENT RESOURCE page https://stjosephsbabylon.org/youth-ministry with videos, links to study guides, links to Faith Games, and more to help us minister to one another at home. If you are looking for something and can’t find it, please email: bmcnulty@stjosephsbabylon.org or leave me a voice mail at (631) 669-0068 ext 108 and I’ll help you locate what you need.

Take some time today to pray together with your family-- watch Mass on line (Fr. Jason has been posting almost daily!). And please don’t forget the neighbor who is isolated-- give them a call to let them know someone is thinking about them.

What are some things our Parish is doing to help others in need during this time of isolation?

- Families are sending cards to some of the Nursing Homes which usually receive visits from our Priests and our Ministers bringing Communion.
- One of our Teens, Jack Hogue-- was able to help Outreach/Social Ministry by delivering bicycles he restored for his Eagle Scout Project.
- Other Ministry Leaders are making phone calls, helping with shopping, and connecting via ZOOM or some other meeting platform.

On a Personal Note: To all of our First Responders, Our Medical Personnel, and all those who are putting their lives on the line helping others on a daily basis-- THANK YOU. You are in my prayers.

And to those who have lost a loved one during this time of quarantine--please know you are in my prayers, too. Grieving is all that more difficult when you can’t gather in person with your family.

And to everyone else:

PLEASE stay home to keep yourself, and others healthy and safe. Thank you.

Blessed Easter to all. Barbara McNulty
Faith Formation

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

Changes to First Communions

The April 25th date has been moved to Saturday, May 30th & the May 2nd has been moved to Saturday, June 13th.

For those who were scheduled for the April 25th @ 11am-- your new Mass will be on May 30th @ 2:30pm and rehearsal will be on Wednesday, May 27th @ 5pm.

For those who were scheduled for the April 25th @ 1pm-- your new Mass will be on May 30th @ 1pm and rehearsal will be on Wednesday, May 27th @ 4pm.

For those who were scheduled for May 2nd @ 11am-- your new Mass will be on June 13th @ 11am and the rehearsal will be on Wednesday, June 10th @ 4pm.

For those who were scheduled for May 2nd @ 1pm-- your new Mass will be on June 13th @ 1pm and the rehearsal will be on Wednesday, June 10th @ 5pm.

The May 9th Masses are tentatively still on, pending further social distancing mandates.

The above dates are also subject to change for the same reason.

If any of these dates do not work for your family, please send a written request to Claire via email- cmoule@stjosephsbabylon.org or mail requests to the Faith Formation Office.

Let’s hope and pray for a quick end to this pandemic!
“Christ is risen from the dead! Truly risen! Alleluia!
So let us each day rise with Him,
beyond all the little and great deaths that come our way-----
Let us raise up our whole lives to God, the source of all life,
the very ground of our being. For with Christ,
we are a people who rise and rise again!

(Gregory Norbet)

No one should go hungry during this Covid-19 pandemic.

Following the regulations of the Department of Health
the Outreach Center has been open supporting the most vulnerable people
affected by the pandemic.

New Operation Days & Hours:
Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
Hours: 10am-12pm.
Please help us help others. People in your community need your help.
Your financial support can make a difference.

Outreach is in need of:
Please remember the homeless clients who stop in for help at our Outreach
Center. We are happy to provide them with small “emergency kits” of
ready-to-eat food, that is, food that doesn’t need to be heated or refrigerated.
Unfortunately, our stock is running low.
Please help us by donating the following items:

Bottled water
Canned soda or juice
Granola or cereal bars
Tuna packets
Liquid Instant Breakfast
Small bags of chips, trail mix, pretzels, cookies, etc.
Cheese and cracker packages
Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste.
Cleansing wipes, Razors.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing help, Your support is truly appreciated.
Reflections

THE NEW NORMAL—VOLUME III

When I met Al, we were both teaching in rival Catholic high schools. He was also the basketball coach, the sport being his passion since his CYO days. Son of Cuban immigrants who spoke little English, Al and younger brother Carl spent most of their spare time on neighborhood courts year-round. An injury ended Al’s playing career, so he turned to coaching. Soon after we met, Al was off to the college ranks and then the pros where he was a scout for 30 years.

These days, things are difficult for the once very active Al. His mobility is extremely limited and it has confined him to his house for the past three years. Single and the only member of his family still alive, Al relies on a neighbor who does his shopping and medical personnel which stop by three times a week to maximize his health.

When I heard about Al’s plight, I sent him a get-well card and have done so on a regular basis. Just before Christmas, I paid him a visit and was entertained with his stories of the NBA, NCAA, and Long Island high school basketball stars. Nonetheless, as I left I wondered how he survives in such isolation.

Now I am beginning to understand.

Here we are on Easter Sunday and in a sense, we may feel we are in a tomb as was Our Lord and Savior. Yet in His seclusion, Jesus transformed His physical condition and left the tomb resplendent in His glory. How will we transform ourselves? Can we purge things which have isolated us from God and from our families and friends? Can we deepen our faith by reading Scriptures, saying the Rosary, practicing spiritual works of mercy, or simply praying for one another? Can this be the moment we truly commit ourselves to God?

Television and the internet provide opportunities for daily Mass and other spiritual exercises. Let us use the time in our Grace-filled tomb prudently, and, like Christ, walk out dazzling to all when the COVID-19 stone is rolled away, and we are free again.

HAPPY EASTER
Join in the Fun with your School Friends and Teachers!

St. Joseph’s Nursery School has been posting a Daily Challenge on Facebook and Instagram and a weekly newsletter for each age level to keep the children involved in school activities while at home with their families.

The teachers have also been calling the children to say hello and let them know that they miss them. We have had a wonderful response. The children and their families are so happy to hear from us and participate in our challenges and newsletter activities.

Check our Facebook and Instagram to see the fantastic photos that have been posted. If you have not yet requested our newsletter and would like to receive it, all you need to do is email us at Ms.Assante@gmail.com.

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

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

1 – Parish Website: www.stjosephsbabylon.org
2 – Facebook: St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church
Easter 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

None of us could have imagined even weeks ago, that we would celebrate Holy Week and Easter Sunday virtually.

I have been amazed and inspired by the creativity and initiative of our pastors, our people and our parishes to continue evangelizing all of Long Island.

Whether it is video-streaming Masses and Eucharistic adoration, conducting a virtual parish mission, or a health precaution sensitive Eucharistic procession through neighborhoods, you are all moving forward and trusting in the transformative power of the Risen Christ as we continue to experience the tragedies, trauma, unemployment, financial and economic distress of the COVID-19 crisis.

The light that streams from the glorified wounds of the Risen Jesus always touches and transforms our wounds and fears, and the wounds and fears of the world.

We remember in a special way this Easter Sunday and throughout the Easter season the souls of those who have died from the corona virus and their families, and those who, as Pope Francis says, are “writing the decisive events of our time: doctors, nurses, supermarket employees, cleaners, caregivers, providers of transport, law and order forces, volunteers, priests, deacons, religious men and women and so very many others.” We remember our families and the efforts of each of us to care for our families and our neighbors.

While we are all in pain that our Holy Week 2020 needs to be a virtual one, we do have a Pastoral Letter, The Great Week: A Pilgrimage with the Lord in Holy Week which can help strengthen, lift and inspire our virtual Holy Week celebrations.

This Pastoral Letter is a user-friendly, easily understandable synthesis of Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum, its liturgical theology, spirituality and history, designed to show the relationship between the Sacred Liturgies of Holy Week and Catholic Evangelization.

I encourage everyone to participate in all the Holy Week liturgies virtually through the Catholic Faith Network (see: catholicfaithnetwork.org for details) and through your own parishes streaming the liturgies.
Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Ninguno de nosotros podría haber imaginado hace semanas, que celebraríamos la Semana Santa y el Domingo de Pascua virtualmente.

Me ha sorprendido e inspirado la creatividad e iniciativa de nuestros párrocos, nuestra gente y nuestras parroquias para continuar evangelizando toda Long Island.

Ya sea mediante las Misas en video y la adoración Eucarística, el llevar a cabo una misión parroquial virtual o hacer una procesión Eucarística, manteniendo las precauciones de salud necesarias en los vecindarios, todos siguen adelante y confían, a medida que continuamos experimentando las tragedias, los traumas, el desempleo, la angustia económica y financiera de la crisis COVID-19, en el poder transformador de Cristo Resucitado.

La luz que fluye de las heridas glorificadas de Jesús Resucitado siempre toca y transforma nuestras heridas y miedos, y las heridas y temores del mundo.

Recordamos de manera especial este Domingo de Pascua y durante toda la temporada de Pascua las almas de aquellos que han muerto por el corona virus y a sus familias, y aquellos que, como dice el Papa Francisco, están "escribiendo los acontecimientos decisivos de nuestro tiempo: los médicos, enfermeras, empleados de supermercados, limpiadores, cuidadores, proveedores de transporte, fuerzas de orden público, voluntarios, sacerdotes, diáconos, religiosos y religiosas y muchos otros". Recordamos a nuestras familias y los esfuerzos de cada uno de nosotros para cuidar a nuestras familias y a nuestros vecinos.

Si bien todos sentimos que nuestra Semana Santa 2020 debe ser virtual, tenemos una Carta Pastoral, La Semana Mayor: Una Peregrinación con el Señor en Semana Santa que puede ayudar a fortalecer, levantar e inspirar nuestras celebraciones virtuales de Semana Santa.

Esta Carta Pastoral es una síntesis fácil de entender de la Semana Santa y del Triduo Sagrado, su teología litúrgica, espiritualidad e historia, diseñada para mostrar la relación entre las Sagradas Liturgias de la Semana Santa y la Evangelización Católica.

Yo los animo a participar en todas las liturgias de la Semana Santa virtualmente a través de Catholic Faith Network (ver: catholicfaithnetwork.org para los detalles) y a través de las liturgias transmitidas por sus propias parroquias.

Aprovechemos esta oportunidad única y virtual de evangelización para rezar para que Cristo Resucitado pueda liderar un regreso masivo de los católicos de Long Island a una participación

Debido a problemas de publicación con la página 2 de la carta del Obispo, puede acceder a la carta completa en drvc.org/wp-content/uploads/Easter-Letter-Final-Spanish.pdf