April 19, 2020 ~ Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

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

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
DRVC.org
LICatholic.org
For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members.

Prayers for Our Sick
Please remember the sick of our Parish in your prayers:

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 Tiece
PO2 Kristen Tiece
PO3 Matthew Waldron
E2 Liam McKeown
E3 Nicholas Ruf

U.S.M.C.:
Capt. Matthew Witoysky
1st Lt MarcAnthony 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 Flad

U.S. Army:
LTC John Kallo
LTC Jon J. Uebel
Capt. Stephen Scuderi
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

Altar Rose
In Memory of
William G. Swanson

Readings For The Coming Week:

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

Monday, April 20
Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 21
Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 22
Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday, April 23
Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday, April 24
Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday, April 25
1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

Sunday, April 26 ~ Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22-23; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;
1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35
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

Appealance to the Disciples
{Jn 20:19-31}
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
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 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 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!
Parish Social Ministry

Parish Social Ministry (PSM) Outreach by phone (631) 669-4544
E-mail: svillalobos@stjosephsbabylon.org  Fax Number: (631) 620-3267

Volunteers Gratitude

Volunteers have the most amazing superpower of all.
When they touch one person, They touch them all.

The most sincere thanks to all Parish Outreach workers for their dedication and courage, putting their own health at risk to provide the basic necessities to those in need during this difficult time that we face throughout this COVID-19 pandemic.

Likewise, thanks to the Thrift shop ladies, the members of St. Vincent de Paul, and the Knights of Columbus for all the cleaning they did when we had the flood.

Thanks to all of you for always responding to our emergency requests. Your help allows us to offer a ‘safe haven’ in this difficult time. Without a doubt, we are very blessed.

“A volunteer is a little pencil in the hand of God, who is writing a love letter for the world.”
~Mother Teresa

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 IV

We all acknowledge the real heroes in the current battle are the medical staffs, first responders, and any person who is dealing with those compromised by the COVID-19 virus. It should not come as any real surprise, however, as these caregivers, especially those who deal with the elderly, possess the critical skills, the perfect temperament, and the compassionate ear for those whose lives are in the late innings. Warm feelings often develop which stay with these trained professionals long after their service is completed.

Such was the case with Maggie, a visiting nurse who weekly examined my friend, Fr. Tom. Well into his 80s when he passed away in November 2018, Tom spent his final months in the care of his two nieces on the Jersey Shore, where Maggie would stop by to monitor his health. As a sign of her affection for Fr. Tom and his family, Maggie brought an orchid to the family home after the burial. While Tom’s nieces were exceptional in the daily care they gave him, such could not be said for their treatment of the orchid. It slowly withered, the victim of far too generous watering. Because of its sentimental value, however, the nieces could not get rid of it. They found a Campus Ministry sticker Tom had in his desk, a holdover from his days as a college chaplain, and stuck it on the pot, thinking, perhaps, his spirit might do better.

Soon after Ash Wednesday, well over a year since it withered and still without attention, the orchid bloomed.

Some of us are feeling quite abandoned these days. The lack of interaction with others, the elevated sense of uncertainty, the frustration of being collectively helpless…all these and many more scenarios have prompted many to look to where God is in all of this and have yet to see Him.

In Scriptures, we are repeatedly promised our loving God is always with us. This is a time when we must trust in this knowledge and ask to feel His presence and for His Grace to see us through this pandemic. Like the apparently ignored orchid, we too shall bloom very soon.

Buon Natale