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

Please Note
Sunday Masses require reservations. Seating will be assigned. Please be sure to register the number of people in your family who will be sitting with you so we can seat you together.
Masks must be worn at all times both for Sunday Masses and Daily Masses. Reserve your seat at www.stjosephsbabylon.org

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.
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.
Reconciliation
Saturday: 10am-12pm in the O’Connell Room.

Masses
Monday - Friday --7:30 AM & 9:00 AM ; Saturday - 9:00AM
Saturday (Church) - 5:00 PM
Sunday (Church) - 7:00 AM; 9:00 AM; 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM (Spanish)
(O’Connell Room) - 9:15 AM & 11:15 AM

The following Masses will be Live Streamed on www.stjosephsbabylon.org
9:00 AM Daily Mass (English); 11:00 AM Sunday (English);
1:00 PM Sunday (Spanish)

Sunday Masses require reservations. Seating will be assigned.
Prayers for our ill parishioners

For Our Sick
Please remember the sick of our

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, July 20
Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday, July 21
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday, July 22
Sg 3:1-4a or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-11; Mt13:10-17

Thursday, July 23
Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7b, 8-11; Mt13:18-23

Friday, July 24
Jer 3:14-17; (Ps) Jer 31:10-13; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday, July 25
2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1b, 2-6; Mt 20:20-28

Sunday, July 26 ~
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72; 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Prayers for our 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. Army:
LTC John Kallo
LTC Jon J. Uebel
Capt. Stephen Scuderer
1LT Mark Barbera
2LT Anthony C. DiBlasi
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.M.C.:
Capt. Matthew Witcofsky
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

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

For Our Sick
Please remember the sick of our Parish in your prayers.
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-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
CDC 1-800-232-4636

{ Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30 }
Re-Registration
Registration for Faith Formation classes is ongoing. If you have not done so already, please mail completed registration forms and check to the Faith Formation Office.

New Family Registration - Please mail your child’s Baptism Certificate and completed “New Registration: form and a check for the registration fee. The fees are as follows: 1 child $150, 2 children $215 and 3 or more children $270.

The office is now open for employees only. We will advise you when our doors are approved to be open to the public.

First Holy Communion dates have been rescheduled! Emails have been sent out to the families with their new First Communion dates. We can only have 15 children at a Mass and seating is limited to one pew per family. The dates begin on Saturday, August 15th and continue through Sept. 26th with the exception of Labor Day weekend.

First Communion Banner Kits are now available to be picked up outside the Parish Center front door from Monday – Friday from 9:30am – 1:30pm. Please call the Faith Formation Office @ 631-587-4717 when you arrive and someone will bring your banner kit to the front door. The banners should be made at home and placed by the family at the end of the pew on Communion day and they must be taken home after the Mass.
God Bless America!

Remember, the Blessed Mother is the Patroness of the United States.
The Rosary is a wonderful prayer for the whole family.
Take 20 minutes out of your day today, and PRAY, as a FAMILY!

FUN & FAITH

On Tuesday, July 6th— we had an Ice Cream Social and played “Stump the Seminarian”
on VIMEO
Some questions were submitted early, others were called or written in during the evening.
Congratulations to our Seminarian, Patrick who answered just about every question! (he had hints for a few)
It took a lot of courage to sit in that hot seat—and have fr. Jason asking you random questions!

Thank you to everyone who participated virtually. It was a fun night, and we learned a lot about Patrick, about our Faith, and about the importance of some laughter in this time of stress.
Stay tuned for ROUND 2!
We are presently taking Sunday Mass Intentions for July and August 2, 9, 16, & 23, and Weekday Mass Intentions, Altar Rose, Candles, and Bread/Wine through December 2020.

To have your loved one remembered in a special way at Mass, please call the Parish Office at (631) 669-0068 ext 100. Leave your name, telephone number and the date/time of your Mass request and you will receive a call back to see if it is available.

Donations may be mailed in or dropped off in the Mailbox outside the Parish Office. Once payment is received your Mass card will be mailed to you.

Please be sure to clearly label your donation as Mass Intention-Attention Theresa on the envelope.

The Sunday Mass Schedule which is available at this time for the months of July & August is as follows:

Saturday—English (Church): 5:00pm
Sunday—English (Church): 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am
(O’Connell Room): 9:15am, 11:15am
Spanish (Church): 1:00pm

The Weekday Mass schedule is available through December and is as follows:

Monday-Friday: 7:30am & 9:00am
Saturday: 9:00am

Thank you for your patience.
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-1pm.**

*Please help us help others.*

*Your monetary support and grocery food cards can make a difference.*

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*Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much! But we can not do it without you!*

Without doubt, COVID-19 has changed and affected the entire world. These are difficult and uncertain times, but we have to be prepared and have faith that we will be well soon. It is for this reason that Outreach is getting ready for our ‘Back to School Distribution 2020.’

Children need constant encouragement and support to succeed. As a community we can help make that happen. Sending a child to school with new and needed supplies instills a sense of pride, along with the message that school is important. New school supplies can be expensive and unaffordable to a family with a limited income. St. Joseph’s “Back to School Program,” helps with supplies that families are unable to provide.

If you are able to help a child, you can either donate supplies or buy a gift card to Target, CVS, or Walmart. School supplies can be dropped off at the Outreach Center on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10am - 1:00pm.

**Listed below are the school supplies that children need:**

*New Backpacks, Binder & Subject dividers for binders, Loose leaf paper,*

*#2 Pencil/ Pens (red, blue, black), Composition books, Double pocket file folders,*

*Rulers/Scissors/ Erasers, Glue sticks & Glue bottles, Index cards 3 x 5,*

*Washable markers & crayons, Graphing calculator*
We are living through very hard times, but there are services and support available. We will get through this together.

**SUFFOLK RESOURCES**  
*Suffolk County General Assistance/ Suffolk Cares: 3-1-1*

**LEGAL SERVICES:** The Touro Law Center Helpline can help answer legal questions and give referrals to qualified legal counsel. To speak with an attorney,  
Please call- (631) 761-7198

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES:** If you are experiencing family or domestic violence, there are a number of organizations in Suffolk ready to help today.

LIADV- (631) 666-8833  
The Retreat- (631) 329-2200  
Crime Victims Center- (631) 689-1800  
Brighter Tomorrows- (631) 395-1800  
VIBS- (631)360-3606  
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**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES:** The Association for Mental Heath & Wellness Helpline is available to Suffolk residents and can provide info and referrals to resources for anyone living with mental illness, their families, and service providers.  
Call: (631) 471-7242 X 2

**Apply for SNAP:** SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), also known as *food stamps* can provide financial support for purchasing groceries. To learn more or to apply today,  
Please call- (516) 505-4437

**Apply for WIC:** The WIC (supplemental nutrition for Women, Infant, & Children) Program access to free healthy food, formula, and services for women & children up to age five, including nutrition counseling & breastfeeding support. To apply,  
Call the Growing Up Healthy Hotline: 1-888-522-5006

**Apply for HEALTH INSURANCE:** At HWCLI, our certified navigators can help you enroll in free or low-cost health insurance plans through the NY state of Health Marketplace. If you have questions about your insurance or are interested in applying,  
Please call- (516) 505-4426

**CHILDCARE SERVICES:** If you have questions, or to be connected with a qualified provider,  
Call the Child Care Council of Suffolk at: (631) 462-0303

**Apply for UNEMPLOYMENT:** If you have lost your job due to the COVID-19 pandemic, you can apply for unemployment benefits by calling:  
1-888-209-8124

Complete the 2020 Census: The funding that Long Island receives to support many of these resources depends on a full, fair, and accurate Census count. Don’t miss out on the chance to be counted - everyone counts and we are counting on you to fill out the Census today!  
By phone: 844-330-2020  
Online: my2020census.gov

Questions? We are here to help: (516)483-1110 or LIVOAD@WCLI.COM or HWCLI.COM
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**NASSAU RESOURCES**

Nassau County Coronavirus Hotline: (516) 227-9570

**LEGAL SERVICES:** The Touro Law Center Helpline can help answer legal questions and give referrals to qualified legal counsel. To speak with an attorney,

Please call- (631) 761-7198

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE Services:** if you believe you could be experiencing domestic or family violence, do not wait - there is help available. The Safe Center LI has a confidential hotline operating 24/7.

Counselors are ready to answer your call: (516) 542-0404

**MENTAL HEALTH Services:** The Mental Health Association of Nassau County has a peer-to-peer warm line where callers can connect with someone who has been there and understands. To connect with someone who is ready to listen, 24/7,

Please call- (516) 489-0100 X 1

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**Apply for HEALTH INSURANCE:** At Central Nassau Guidance and Counseling, certified navigators can help you enroll in free or low-cost health insurance plans through the NY State of Health Marketplace. If you have questions about your insurance or are interested in applying,

Please call- (516) 707-0297

**CHILDCARE Services:** If you have questions, or to be connected with a qualified provider,

Call the Child Care Council of Nassau at: (516) 358-9250

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Most of us like to think of ourselves as essentially good people. An there’s an element of truth to this image that we hold of ourselves, but we all know that it isn’t the complete picture. There is another side to every one of us. We cannot explain it, we are not proud of it, but we know it’s there. At times, for seemingly no reason, we can become cross and selfish, and downright mean. Later on we will say, “I was not myself”, or, “Something got into me”, or, “I don’t know why I did that.”

We are recognizing the duplicity of our nature. Within the individual human heart there is a capacity for both good and evil. One of our philosophers said it like this, “Really, I’m a decent, kindly lovable man; but there is another fellow with repulsive ways who sometimes gets into my clothing; uses my name and gets mistaken for me.” We have all met that same person, running around in our clothes and getting mistaken for us. In every one of us, there is a strange mixture between wheat and weeds.

If you read the Bible with this thought in mind, you discover the same mixture in the lives of people who wrote and played major roles in the sacred book. Some of the conflicts and contrasts are almost unbelievable. On one page there is Simon Peter saying to Jesus, “Lord, I would follow you to prison and to death. I would never deny you; I would die first.” Then you turn the page and find this same Simon Peter warming his hands at the devil’s campfire, and you hear him say, “Jesus, who is Jesus? I don't know what you are talking about.”

Then with a pathetic and cowardly oath, he adds, “I tell you, I never knew the man.”

So, what we must do is just face the truth about ourselves in particular and people in general. There is no reason for shallow optimism about human nature. Every person is a sinner; that we can not deny. Every person is a potential saint; this we need to believe.

Jesus understood the dark side of human nature better that anyone else. He knew what it could do. It nailed him to a cross. But he kept on believing that people were redeemable, and believed it so deeply that he bet his life on it. So, when I am tempted to lose faith in people, all I need to do is look to Christ. He keeps believing in the human race. He keeps believing in our world. But most of all, he keeps believing in you and me.

Help Us Lord, We Thank You

Deacon Mike
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 online donations through a program known as FAITH DIRECT.

It is a secure online 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

Reflections

THE NEW NORMAL—VOLUME XVI

Though I played CYO basketball at St. Boniface School in Sea Cliff, I realized when I tried out for the freshman team at St. Mary’s High School in Manhasset my playing days were over. Because I did love the game, however, I became the manager of the team and one of my main tasks was to keep the official score. I did the same for the JV and eventually the Varsity teams, so when I got to Providence College, I was well prepared to be the basketball manager there as well. Keeping score was my specialty, you might say.

I have often wondered if this activity had any bearing on the fact that, up until my mid-40s, I found I was keeping score for other aspects of my life. Though I had, for the most part, been very silent when I saw the scoreboard was lopsided, I tended, unfortunately, to remember things were not ‘even Steven.’ I might do what I thought was something nice for a person and expected to at least get a response, and when I did not receive one, I became somewhat bitter.

Then I started to play golf.

I was quite terrible and found it embarrassing to keep score. Then someone told me, “Beam, you’ll never get better if you don’t keep score.” Now I was keeping score again, but, unlike my previous ventures, I was only keeping score on myself. So, if I scored 140 (which I often did in the beginning) one week, but took 138 shots a week later, I was able to see my improvement. I only had myself with whom to compare.

Eventually, I was able to see the connection between scoring golf and scoring Life. No longer was I looking past the good deed itself. My vision would only be centered on what could I do next.

God gives us bountiful, Grace-filled opportunities to do something kind, needed, or deserving for others. We should be thankful for these chances and do them joyfully, knowing, unlike golf, the higher the score the better!!!
VOLUNTEERING

The Heart of a volunteer is never measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others.

We welcome all our Catholic sisters to add their names to the roster of the largest Catholic women’s organization in the world through Court Bishop McDonnell # 1403. Contact us at for further information at catholicdaughters1403@gmail.com.

Since the start of the pandemic, our society has been unable to meet as a group. We are accessible to our friends and parishioners by way of telephone. If you would like to contact us please call 631-669-0068 ext. 201. Someone will get back to you. We operate when Outreach is open on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10am to 12pm. We continue to pray for all our friends who are especially burdened at this time.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP

Saint Joseph the Carpenter Knights of Columbus Council 14771 is proud to announce the Francis Ferguson Scholarship Fund for registered parishioners of St. Joseph Church, Babylon who will be entering as a freshman, attending a Catholic High School in September of 2020.

There will be two $500.00 scholarships awarded. Requirements are simple:
-A 200 word composition, written by the student describing what “Attending Catholic High School Means to Me.” Written in the student’s handwriting, not typed on a computer.
-And this completed application:

Student Name: ____________________________ Telephone No. ____________________________
Address: ____________________________ Date of Birth: ___________

School Attending in September 2020: ____________________________

Please mail application and composition to:
Richard Maerki,
Knights of Columbus Council 14771
14 Buoy Lane, West Islip, NY 11795

DEADLINE: Before August 30, 2020
El nuevo horario de Outreach es:
Lunes - Miercoles - Jueves de 10 a.m. a 1 p.m.
¡Tenemos bicicletas desponibles!
Comunicarse con Sigrid al 631 669 0068 exr. 202

Noticias del Ministerio Parroquial

Nuevo recurso: carga pública y elegibilidad de inmigrantes para beneficios públicos

La Coalición de Inmigración de Nueva York y el Empire Justice Center se complacen en anunciar un nuevo recurso para proveedores de servicios que apoyan a los no ciudadanos en el acceso a los beneficios públicos.

Carga pública y elegibilidad de inmigrantes para beneficios públicos es un cuadro que detalla la elegibilidad de los no ciudadanos para una serie de beneficios federales y del estado de Nueva York, y cuáles podrían tener implicaciones de cargos públicos. Este recurso se basa y actualiza la información de las herramientas anteriores de Empire Justice con respecto al acceso de los ciudadanos a los beneficios, y superpone las implicaciones de la nueva regulación del Departamento de Seguridad Nacional que define la inadmisibilidad de la carga pública.

Únase a nosotros el jueves 7 de mayo de 1:00 a 2:00 pm para obtener una descripción general de la herramienta, una explicación de algunos de los conceptos fundamentales subyacentes y una breve discusión de los beneficios recientemente disponibles en respuesta a COVID-19 y a los inmigrantes capacidad de acceder a esos.