Pastoral Team
Rev. Jason U. Grisafi,
Pastor
Rev. Ethel Anarado,
Parochial Vicar
Rev. Marcin Nabozny,
Parochial Vicar
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

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; 10:30 AM & 12:00 PM (Spanish)
(O’Connell Chapel) - 9:15 AM & 10:45 AM

The following Masses will be Live Streamed on www.stjosephsbabylon.org
9:00 AM Daily Mass (English); 10:30 AM Sunday (English);
12:00 PM Sunday (Spanish)

Sunday Masses require reservations. Seating will be assigned.
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wanted to return, this week, to providing an update to you via the bulletin because we have some joyous news to announce. We are happy to say that Fr. Marcin Nabozny has joined our parish community as a parochial vicar. I will invite Fr. Marcin to introduce himself to you all at a later time, but for now I would like us to be united in prayer, first in thanksgiving for the gift of Fr. Marcin’s assignment, and second for his own priestly ministry: that it may be strengthened to produce an abundant harvest here at St. Joseph parish. If you are registered to come to Mass this weekend, please be on the lookout for Fr. Marcin so that you can welcome him, personally, and get to know him.

This Monday we will be completing our course on Christifidelis Laici. The document has been an enlightening read, and I believe that there is a wealth of pastoral insight that we may consider implementing right here in our parish community. You can still join us for the final conversation from 7pm - 8:30pm on Monday night, either through the transmission on the website or in person in the Fr. Gorman Room.

As we look to September, the parish will be focusing on creating a safe start to both our Nursery and Faith Formation programs for this academic year. The nursery school will be running sessions in person, on the parish property. Faith Formation will take a new approach this year: each family will conduct catechetical instruction in their own home, and the parish will supplement that instruction both through online resources and through periodic meetings. The exact details of this new program are still being worked out, but I ask all parishioners to pray for the success of this new style of teaching the faith.

This September we are also hopeful to extend the hours for which the church will be opened on Mondays and Wednesdays. In addition, we are hoping to dedicate some of that extended time to solemn exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. A form will be posted to the website in the upcoming weeks to gauge interest and determine the best times to have exposition.

Finally, we are in the final stages of preparing a thorough update of the financial position of the parish. The presentation will have two parts: the first looks at the impact of all that has happened from the start of the coronavirus quarantine up until the end of this fiscal year. The second will look at our expectations as we start the next fiscal year, and will envision certain paths we can take into the future.

I am encouraged by how many of you persevere in your daily spiritual routines, and at how you strive to remain connected to our parish community, even when we can do so in a restricted way. Please know of my own daily prayers for you. May God continue to watch over and protect all of us.

Sincerely,
fr. Jason
Prayers 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. Dyan Kelly
- Lt. Christian Amelia
- PO1 Rasheen Tice
- PO2 Kristen Tice
- PO3 Matthew Waldron
- E2 Liam McKeown
- E3 Nicholas Ruf

**U.S.M.C.:**
- Capt. Matthew Witcosky
- 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 Loretta Sullivan

For Our Deceased

Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Marilyn R. Jordan & Donna Theresa Ryan.

Readings For The Coming Week:

**Monday, August 31**
1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday, September 1**
1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday, September 2**
1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday, September 3**
1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

**Friday, September 4**
1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday, September 5**
1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 134:17-21; Lk 6:1-5

**Sunday, September 6 ~ Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- Ez 33:7-9;
- Ps 95:1-2, 6-9;
- Rom 13:8-10;
- Mt 18:15-20
First Time~ No Banns
Second Time~ Joseph Casale & Arielle Maggipinto
Third Time~ No Banns

Monday- August 31
7:30AM  People of St. Joseph’s
9:00AM  Chinnamma Samuel

Tuesday- September 1
7:30AM  People of St. Joseph’s
9:00AM  Sister Frances Berski

Wednesday- September 2
7:30AM  People of St. Joseph’s
9:00AM  Loretta Sullivan

Thursday- September 3
7:30AM  People of St. Joseph’s
9:00AM  Yolanda Disoro

Friday- September 4
7:30AM  People of St. Joseph’s
9:00AM  Chinnamma Samuel

Saturday- September 5
9:00AM  Tomas Garchiturena
5:00PM  Michael Guccione

Sunday- September 6
7:00AM  People of St. Joseph’s
9:00AM  People of St. Joseph’s
9:15AM  People of St. Joseph’s
10:30AM People of St. Joseph’s
10:45AM People of St. Joseph’s
12:00PM - Español
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

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Bulletin Reflection:  
“For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”  We are called to live for something far greater than goods and comfort. We are called to serve the Lord.

{Mt 16:21-27}
SUNDAY MASS RESERVATION SYSTEM

We are very happy to note that many people are beginning to feel more comfortable attending Mass in our Parish.

Special thanks go to our Volunteers who are making this happen! Each Mass has, at the very least, 5 people working to maintain safe-seating, and many people are remaining after each Mass to help with sanitizing each pew. This is our Catholic Community at its best.

THANK YOU!

In order to continue following these safety guidelines, it is necessary that we continue the SUNDAY MASS RESERVATION SYSTEM. This can be found on the parish website or by clicking here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054dacaa2ca5f94-sunday1

PLEASE NOTE: Our Masses are filling to CAPACITY. We cannot guarantee seating for WALK-INS. The registration system opens on Wednesdays at 10am and CLOSES on Saturday at NOON.

If you have a questions about the system, you may call during business hours:
Monday—Friday 9:30am—4pm
631-669-0068 ext 108 or you may send an email back when you reserve your Mass Registration to bmcnulty@stjbabylon.org

If you do not have access to a computer, please give us a call and let us know!

Thank you. Stay Safe—and continue to pray for one another!
Deacon’s Column

Take Up the Cross

When confronted by the CROSS, it speaks to us of sacrificial love. This may sound like a contradiction, but it is plain that most of us do not like to make sacrifices. We would not mind if someone else should choose to sacrifice on our behalf. Anyone who thinks that, has never had much experience with, or given much thought to, the power of sacrificial love.

From somewhere I remember a story about a man who was camping in the wilderness. He had with him his pet dog. Together they would go on hikes and explore the area around their camp. On one of those excursions, the man was attacked by a bear. His dog who was nearby, saw what was happening and immediately flew into the fray. He was, of course, no match for the bear. Two or three blows from those powerful paws, and the dog was dead. But the distraction allowed enough time for the man to escape. And looking back on the experience, he said, “It’s a painful thing to be died for -- even by a dog.”

So it is, and most of us had rather not be reminded of the sacrifices that have been made on our behalf. Especially do we have that attitude toward the supreme sacrifice -- Jesus on the cross. If the truth that he did that for us ever takes hold of our hearts, it will call for some commitments that we may not be willing to make.

I think we instinctively know that. So, most of the time, we look the other way, not wanting to be reminded of the sacrifice that was made on our behalf.

After speaking of his own death, Jesus called on each disciple to deny self, take up a cross, and follow Him. He issues us the same kind of call. The cross is more than a fact of history. It is a way of living, and he challenges you and me to live that way.

I remember a story about Fr. Damien addressing his community of lepers on the island of Molokai. Often he had used the phrase: “You who are lepers.” But there came a day when he stood before them and said, “We who are lepers.” It is reported that in that moment the very air became electric. You could have heard a pin drop. For the people knew they were in the presence of one who had found the principle of the cross.

There is no kind of living on earth to compare to that. In the final analysis, it is the only way of life that works for the individual, and the only way that will ever make any real difference in our world. We need to be confronted by the cross.

Follow Your Hearts

Deacon Mike
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 began last weekend! 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 began on Saturday, August 15th and continue through Sept. 26th with the exception of Labor Day weekend. Additionally, these Masses are being live streamed so that those who are unable to attend can watch it online at stjosephbabylon.org/fc

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

Want to join Family Ministry in prayer? Newcomers welcome! You don’t need to have prayed the Rosary before—all prayers are available on screen.

Log on to ZOOM at 7pm Monday Night for Rosary:
Meeting ID: 789 4230 5700   Password: Rosary

Many thanks to our FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY Volunteers—Tom, Jennifer, and Sophia!
They filled 500 special bottles with water — Those bottles were then distributed and Blessed this weekend at all Masses so that everyone would have some Holy Water at home in their Domestic Church!
Please continue to pray for our families!

And more thanks to some of our Teens— Joseph, Sara, and Evan
They have helped move the chairs in the O’Connell Chapel more than once!
And Evan & Sara also volunteer with their Mom, Carmela, on Sunday mornings at the 7am Mass!

Have some time, and want to volunteer? Let us know!

2 projects looking for help: Gardening & Painting/Spackling
Email: volunteer@stjbabylon.org
Or leave a message for Barbara at (631) 669-0068 ext 108
THANK YOU.
We are presently taking 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 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.
**SOME PARISH UPDATES**

The Parish Office is monitoring phone calls, e-mails, and regular mail. Messages will be returned as soon as possible. To maintain proper health & safety protocols the building and facility remains CLOSED AT THIS TIME to Visitors. Staff & those by appointment are the only persons admitted to the building. Thank you for your patience.

**CONFESSION** Offered right now in Nolan Hall on Tuesday evenings between 7pm-8pm & Saturday mornings between 10am-11am. Please pull into the Parish Center Parking Lot and follow the directions of our Staff & Volunteers.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**—Please continue to pray for our children. First Holy Communions are now being scheduled throughout August & September. The Faith Formation Department is in touch with all families involved.

**COMMUNICATION**—please sign up for Constant Contact to receive the latest updates. All info on the home page of the website: [www.stjosephsbabylon.org](http://www.stjosephsbabylon.org)

**SUNDAY MASS**—Mass reservation system is working well. We are confident that we are keeping everyone as safe as possible and we continue to follow all health and safety guidelines. We are evaluating the current Mass schedule based on Parish need, and may be making changes to the schedule in the next couple of weeks.

If you have computer access—please follow the instructions on our parish website to register each week. [www.stjosephsbabylon.org](http://www.stjosephsbabylon.org)

If you do not have computer access, please give the office a call at 631-669-0068 ext 100 and we will help you with the registration.

**WAIT LIST**—If you find all Masses are filled, kindly sign up for the ‘Wait List’. When a spot opens up, we will give you a call.

**RESTROOMS**—We are sorry for the inconvenience, but, in order to comply with all health & safety guidelines, the RESTROOMS REMAIN CLOSED at this time.

**BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, & FUNERALS** are being held in the Church at this time HOWEVER, there is limited seating, and all other Health & Safety Guidelines remain in place. If you have any questions, please check with the Clergy or Ministry Leader who is coordinating the Sacrament or Liturgy for you.

**LIVE STREAM**—Daily & Sunday Mass continue to be Live Streamed. All can be viewed on the Parish Website, the Facebook Page or on the Parish Vimeo channel: [https://vimeo.com/stjbabylon](https://vimeo.com/stjbabylon)

**DONATIONS**—Our Social Ministry Department is in need of Target, Walmart, Staples Gift Cards as well as School supplies to help our children with the items they will need. Donations can be brought to Outreach Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 10am—1pm or brought to Mass with you on Sunday. THANK YOU.

Thank you very much to those who have continued to mail in their Parish Envelopes and Donations. This has been a tremendous help, during these difficult times.

Envelopes may be placed in the Parish Center mailbox at any time. You may also enroll in our on-line giving program: Faith Direct at [https://membership.faithdirect.net/ny84](https://membership.faithdirect.net/ny84)
**Parish Social Ministry**

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

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**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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**Thank You**

**We are truly Blessed!**

Thank you for the generous contributions of gift cards for school supplies. We were able to assist about 95 children and their families start off the school year on a positive note.

We would like to send a special thank you to the Catholic Daughters and the Knights of Columbus for their annual financial support and also for school supplies, gift cards and winter coats. We thank the St. Vincent de Paul members for their unconditional support. We are also very grateful to our Parish Social Ministry volunteers for their unwavering cooperation, love and dedication. Thanks to all of you, many children will have a fresh start this school year.

We would like to thank in a very special way, Ron & Mary Lasley, for their generous donation of $4,100 to the Outreach Center.

Thank you all and my God fill your home with blessings and happiness.
Congratulations to the following St. Joseph parishioners who received Final Honor Roll certificates for Kellenberg Memorial High School for the 2019-2020 school year.

We are very proud of your accomplishments.

Zachary Baldassare
Julianna DiBiase
Gianna Felicetti
Michael Felicetti
Peter Gillen
Helen Hansen
Hollyanne Hansen
Justin Karcher
Kali Maroney
Laken Maroney
Alden Sahi

Our Environment Committee beautifies our Church altars, and the large outside planters with potted flowers and plants. We are asking for donations by check, made out to St. Joseph’s Church, (labeled Environment Committee in the memo section of your check.) Checks can be dropped in the Sunday Collection Baskets or placed in the mailbox outside the Parish Office.

Thank you for helping us beautify our Church and grounds.

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 1pm.

We continue to pray for all our friends who are especially burdened at this time.

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.
Reflections

THE NEW NORMAL—VOLUME XXIII

I have often said the benefit of being a teacher comes later in life when you see or hear from one of your former students. In 1969, I found myself in a classroom at St. John the Baptist HS, though I had no previous desire nor requisites to be there; perhaps, a tale for another day. I taught several different business subjects, and the class I remember most is Sales and Advertising. It remains a haunting memory.

The class was held during the final period of the day with 10 boys and one girl. The athletes sat in the rear of the left rows, the flower children sat in the rear of the right rows, and Michelle sat in the middle. Each day was a struggle to get them to read, answer questions, avoid harassing the other group (Michelle was happy to be ignored), or participate in any meaningful way.

In desperation, I came up with a plan: make a video. This was 1971 and technology was in its infancy. The class had to work together, create an outline, write a script, assign parts, rehearse, and finally record. A morality play of sorts, “You’re Only Cheating Yourself” turned out to be a unifying project, and by the end of the semester the class actually enjoyed each other’s company.

Whenever I saw one of the cast members over the next 49 years, the first words out of his mouth were often, “You’re only cheating yourself”, uttered with a broad smile. Tim Hirten, who received a basketball scholarship to Steubenville College, played with the Washington Generals (the foil for the Harlem Globetrotters), and later became a Catholic priest, was known and loved in many circles. This is why it was so heartbreaking when he chose to end his life.

We understand cancer, know of hypertension, but often have no idea about depression, a real disorder often misunderstood as a weakness. Tim’s depression became controlling with dire results.

Many among us during this pandemic are alone. With God’s Grace let us reach out to them with calls, visits, emails…and especially prayers.

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
Les invitamos al grupo de oración
los viernes a las 7 p.m. vía zoom
ID# 498 1091 934
Contraseña rccBabylon

El grupo de Madres en Oración invita a todas las madres que deseen pedir a Dios por sus hijos, a unirse vía zoom ID# 711 2521 020 Contraseña Maria Jueves 7:30 p.m.

¡Donde hay una madre que ora, no habrá un hijo que fracase!

El nuevo horario de Outreach es:
Lunes - Miercoles - Juevesde 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.

Cargo público 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.