September 6, 2020 ~ Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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
Wednesday: 7pm-8pm and Saturday: 10am-11am in the Nolan Hall.

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 Parishioners and Friends of St. Joseph Church,

The priest's task is to serve God and people in various places on earth. By the decision of the Bishop of Rockville Centre, John O. Barres, I was assigned to work at St. Joseph Church in Babylon. In the few days that I have been here, I have met some very nice people who work here and parishioners, as well, who come to the daily or Sunday Eucharist. I extend a word of greeting to all of you, including those who, due to COVID 19, cannot attend Mass.

It is an honor for me to start my work in this beautiful and history-rich parish. I am very grateful to Fr. Jason, our pastor, and all the priests I have met here: Fr. Francis, Fr. Ethel, and Fr. Dave, who are helping me to get to know the new parish well. I'm thankful, also, to Parish Staff for their help. I thank them very much for that. I am pleased that I have the opportunity to cooperate with very intelligent and good priests.

As my name and surname indicate, I come from Poland, where I grew up and was ordained a priest in 2007. After two years of work in the parish, I was sent to study the history of the Church and archives at the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin. I graduated my studies by defending a doctorate in 2015. From 2016, when I first came to the US, I have come to love Long Island and the Rockville Centre Diocese. I asked my bishop in Poland for permission to start my work in the USA. Here, I worked in two parishes: St. Hedwig in Floral Park and, briefly, in St. Joseph in Garden City. I was then asked by my bishop to teach full-time at a university in Poland for one year. My time in those two parishes gave me the opportunity to meet wonderful priests and parishioners and to learn about how the church in the USA functions.

Now, it is with great joy that I am starting my work in the parish of St. Joseph in Babylon and at the start I am asking you to pray that I will fulfill my duties well. I entrust you to the protection of our great Patron St. Joseph.

May God bless you and your loved ones,

Fr. Marcin
Prayers for our ill parishioners

For Our Sick

Readings For The Coming Week:

Monday, September 7
1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 8 ~
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6abc; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Wednesday, September 9
1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday, September 10
1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14b, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

Friday, September 11
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 8-12; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday, September 12
1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday, September 13 ~
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 27:30-28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

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
U.S.M.C.:
Capt. Matthew Witcofsky
1st Lt. Marc Anthony 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 Pittito
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
Chinnamma (Chacko) Samuel

For Our Deceased

Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Charles A. Alessi & Ann Dell’Erba.
So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ ~ Galatians 3:26-27

We welcomed the following new members in the month of August:


Monday- September 7
7:30AM  No Mass- Holiday
9:00AM  Laura Ann Farrell

Tuesday- September 8
7:30AM  People of St. Joseph’s
9:00AM  Chinnamma Samuel

Wednesday- September 9
7:30AM  People of St. Joseph’s
9:00AM  Thomas Olson

Thursday- September 10
7:30AM  Chinnamma Samuel
9:00AM  Mina Kearns

Friday- September 11
7:30AM  First Responders & Their Families
9:00AM  Victims & Their Families

Saturday- September 12
9:00AM  Lucille Ruggiero (Anniversary)
5:00PM  Frederick & Dorothy D’Souza

Sunday- September 13
7:00AM  People of St. Joseph’s
9:00AM  Frank Matarese, Sr.
9:15AM  People of St. Joseph’s
10:30AM  People of St. Joseph’s
10:45AM  People of St. Joseph’s
12:00PM -Español

Wedding Banns

First Time~  Robert Louis Peterson, Jr. & Caitlin Louise Caputo
          Joshua Sato & Katelyn Jones
          James Powers & Chelsea Maley
Second Time~  No Banns
Third Time~  Joseph Casale & Arielle Maggipinto
**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](http://www.stjosephsbabylon.org)

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**Bulletin Reflection:**

St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Romans that to love our neighbor is to obey God. When we love our neighbor, we recognize the dignity in that person and realize that they are also created and loved by God.

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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/904054daca2ca5f94-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 question 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!
Faith Formation Program 2020-2021 – ‘The parish will be focusing on creating a safe start to both the Nursery School and the Faith Formation Program. While we are able to provide in person instruction for the Nursery School, we are unable to do this for the Faith Formation Program due to the large numbers of students. Faith Formation will take a new approach this year and each family will conduct the catechetical instruction in their own homes. 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 and we ask all parishioners to pray for the success of this new style of teaching the faith.’

Please note: This was part of Fr. Jason letter in the bulletin dated August 30th. Many families are concerned with the amount of time their children will be spending on the computer this year and have requested to purchase books instead of working online. The books have been ordered and we will send an email out to the families to let you know when you will be able to purchase them. There were also a number of families that wanted to purchase both the book and the online program. Details about the online program will be sent out via email in the coming weeks.

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.
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!

Many Thanks to our volunteers (and there are a few not in the picture) who moved nearly 400 chairs and prepared Monsignor Nolan Hall so it is ready for Mass. The job was done in record time—they finished in about half an hour.

Thank you!!

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 Wednesday 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

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

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

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

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.

Back to School:
If you are in need of school supplies, 
Please call us at (631) 669-0068 ext. 202 or 203

Outreach is in need of the following:
Canned tuna fish, Frozen meat, Canned fruit, Cereal, Face Masks, Any kind of disinfectant
Thank you for your generosity

We also have walkers, crutches and diapers for adults.
Please call outreach at (631) 669-0068 ext. 202
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.

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.

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

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.
As you might well imagine, each Labor Day weekend, the traditional start of the academic year for schools under the secondary level, I have had to come up with some new way of suggesting an application to basically the same thing: how to have a successful school year. One of the few good points of the pandemic, however…at least for this writer….is how the focus of the upcoming school days has changed, though it will probably be in a constant state of transformation in the weeks and months ahead.

Uncertainty. This is the feeling probably all of us have as the school bell rings for the first time. Depending on where the student lives, her/his grade level, means of transportation, and accessibility to childcare for working parents, this year will have as challenging a beginning as any we have faced. Parents will encounter all sorts of parameters to determine what is best for their child. Teachers have a multiple of considerations to factor as they prepare for classroom presentations. School principals and other administrative staff members have challenges from government, parents, unions, and the students. The support staff must work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure buildings are safe. The only thing which is certain is the uncertainty which everyone involved in education will be facing.

As we should do when uncertainty creeps into our lives is pray. Most of us have been praying on this matter, but it certainly has taken much longer than we suspected it would, and, each time we see a light at the end of the tunnel, something new occurs to extinguish it. This should not diminish our intensity; it should only increase it.

A common phrase we have heard over the past six months is “We are all in this together”, and so we are. As we pray, let us ask God for the Grace our students, parents, teachers, administrators, and support staff need to work closely to ensure the academic year is fruitful for themselves and for all around them.
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 - Jueves de 10 a.m. a 1 p.m.
¡Tenemos bicicletas desponibles!
Comunicarse con Sigrid al 631 669 0068 ext. 202

Si necesita útiles escolares, llaménos al (631) 669-0068 ext.202-203 con Sigrid, también tenemos caminadores, muletas y pañales para adultos.

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.