September 27, 2020
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Website ~ www.stjosephsbabylon.org
**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

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**Masses**

**Monday - Friday**
- 7:30 AM & 9:00 AM
- Saturday (Church) -- 5:00 PM

**Saturday (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](http://www.stjosephsbabylon.org)
- 9:00 AM Daily Mass (English); 10:30 AM Sunday (English);
- 12:00 PM Sunday (Spanish)

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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. 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  
1Lt MarcAnthony Parrino  
1Lt R.J. Parrino  
Sgt. Lauren Colantropo  
Pfc Alyssa E. Grimaldi  
Pfc Joshua J. Coughlin  
Malik Rodriguez  
Nelson Sanchez, Jr.

**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 Pitiito  
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

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

**First Time**~ Nicolas William Mattera & Molly Kathleen Whalen  
Michael Robert Hartuett & Kelly Nicole McNicholas

**Second Time**~ Michael Zadroga & Samantha Demarco  
Frank Lynch & Jeanette Franzino

**Third Time**~ Robert Louis Peterson, Jr. & Caitlin Louise Caputo  
Joshua Soto & Katelyn Jones  
James Powers & Chelsea Maley

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### Mass Intentions

**Monday- September 28**
- 7:30AM  
  Frances Mato
- 9:00AM  
  John Cuelic

**Tuesday- September 29**
- 7:30AM  
  People of St. Joseph’s
- 9:00AM  
  Russell Michael Mantione

**Wednesday- September 30**
- 7:30AM  
  Chinnamma Samuel
- 9:00AM  
  Geroge Rebecchi, Jr.

**Thursday- October 1**
- 7:30AM  
  People of St. Joseph’s
- 9:00AM  
  Betsy Dunn

**Friday- October 2**
- 7:30AM  
  People of St. Joseph’s
- 9:00AM  
  Angelina Burdi

**Saturday- October 3**
- 9:00AM  
  Teresa Flanagan
- 5:00PM  
  Raymond Auer

**Sunday- October 4**
- 7:00AM  
  People of St. Joseph’s
- 9:00AM  
  People of St. Joseph’s
- 9:15AM  
  People of St. Joseph’s
- 10:30AM  
  Dorothy Gibbons & Bernard Duffy
- 10:45AM  
  Warren A. Culpepper
- 12:00PM - Español
**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

**Parish Office:**
(631) 669-0068 Ext. 100

**Cemetery Office:** (631) 669-0068 Ext. 107

**Faith Formation Office:** (631) 587-4717

**Hispanic Office:** (631) 669-0068 x 131

**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

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**Our Parish Mission Statement**

The Parish of St. Joseph is a Roman Catholic Community of Christ’s Disciples: 
We Welcome. We Worship. We Witness.

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**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.
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 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!

Bulletin Reflection:

Today’s second reading tells us to put others before ourselves.
There is a popular saying that is related to this reading,
“God first, others second, me third.”
In our Gospel reading today, the older brother “changed his mind.” The younger brother simply broke his promise. The distinction comes at the point of honesty. When the older son said, “I will not go.” He meant what he said. Whatever his reasons he had no intention of working in the field. And he had the courage and integrity to say so. He was wrong, but he was honest. The younger son said, “I will go,” but he never followed through. There is no suggestion that he changed his mind. It would appear that he never intended to go. He was just saying the expedient thing, the thing he knew his father wanted to hear. Honesty had little or no place in his life.

Our parable, today, at least in part, is a plea for integrity. Honesty is absolutely vital in religion. What could be more absurd than relating to God on the basis of pretense? He knows our minds. He understands every secret thought and deed. To pretend with him is an exercise in futility. One of the most difficult things in life is to really be honest. But if there is ever a time when honesty is absolutely imperative it’s when we stand face to face with Jesus Christ. Do not pretend about your faith. Be honest about the things you feel. Be honest about the things you believe and the things you doubt. Be honest about the things you have done and the things you have failed to do. Our faith in God has to do with eternal truth. And if we lie about that, where do we go from there?

A second thing that is vital in religion is action. Notice the action verbs in the parable. The father said, “Go, work.” Which son did the will of the father? Not which one understood, but which one did? This is the imperative thing.

Action is vital in religion. That is what Jesus is saying. The important thing in your life and mine in not beautiful words or correct opinions. It is being honest with ourselves and with God and then doing something about it.

**Actions Speak Louder Than Words**
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’s letter in the bulletin 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 them know when they 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.

Many thanks to all those who helped with the First Holy Communion Masses:
Cathy Midura, Theresa O’Donovan, Toni Tartaglia, Sharon Saragnese, Leslie Witthohn, Cathy Post, Gerry Cuff, Marie Drohan and the music ministers and all the priests.
The Pumpkin Prayer

Dear Jesus,

As I carve my pumpkin help me pray this prayer:

Open my mind so I can learn about you; (Cut the top off the pumpkin) Psalm 100:3

Take all my sin and forgive the wrong that I do. (Clean out the inside) I John1:9

Open my eyes so Your love I will see; (Cut eyes shaped like hearts) Psalm 119:18

I’m sorry for the times I’ve turned up my nose at what You’ve given tome. (Cut a nose in the shape of a cross) Psalm 86:5

Open my ears so Your Word I will hear. (Cut ears shaped like the Bible) Proverbs 18:15

Open my mouth to tell others You’re near. (Cut the mouth in the shape of a fish) Psalm 118:17

Let Your light shine in all that I say and do! (Place a candle inside and light it!) Matthew 5:16

Amen!

Author Unknown
Welcome to our Newly Baptized Parishioners
And Congratulations to our First Holy Communion and our Confirmation Students
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.

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
Thrift Shop Announcement

Due to the COVID-19 the Thrift Shop will remain closed until further notice, so please do not leave any donations on the Thrift Shop’s entrance. For health reasons, any item left on the steps will be disposed of.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Our Pantry is in need of:

Easy-open, no cook, ready-to-eat pasta (for the homeless emergency bags)

Cooking Oil
(small bottles)

Mayonnaise

Apple Juice
PARISH UPDATES

WEEKEND MASS RESERVATION SYSTEM — is going well, and is helping us keep everyone safe. If the Mass you want to attend is FILLED please sign up on the WAIT LIST—very few people have been turned away………We need to know you want to attend!
Remember, if you don’t use the computer, just give us a call and we will register you. 631-669-0068 ext 100

The CHURCH BUILDING—remains CLOSED as we continue to work with professional Exterminators to treat the building and get rid of the fleas.
All Masses and Sacraments are taking place in Nolan Hall and the O’Connell Room Chapel.

DONATIONS:
Please do NOT leave any clothing or food donations on the steps or anywhere on the Parish Grounds—we do not have the ability to store items at this time and they will be discarded.

Call us ahead of time so we can make special arrangements if possible: 631-669-0068 ext 202

Financial donations are most appreciated and needed at this time. Envelopes may be placed in the mailbox which is on the front of the Parish Center, or in the baskets at Mass. You also have the opportunity to sign up for FAITH DIRECT and make your donation electronically.

https://membership.faithdirect.net/NY84
Feel free to give the office a call if you have any questions.

CONFESSION — Saturday mornings 10-11 and Wednesday evenings 7 –8pm in the O’Connell Room Chapel
Please pull into the Parish Center Parking Lot and follow the directions of our Staff & Volunteers.

Have you seen fr. Jason’s video about the state of the Parish facilities?
It is on the website—but if you don’t have computer access and you want to learn more, please give the office a call.
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 9:30am to 1:30pm.

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

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.

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.

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.
Like many during the past six months, I took advantage of the opportunity to clean, purge, declutter…choose any term which you prefer…items which seemed important to me at the time, but, at this point of my life, are far less sentimental than they were when they were carefully put aside. While Barbara did the heavy lifting in terms of sifting through boxes and boxes of our children’s early handiwork and recognitions and our one-time keepsakes and photographs, when it was my turn, I found some items I had no idea existed, others where identities of participants that could not be made, and a few with no apparent reason as to why they were put aside at all.

This ongoing process, however, was refreshing in many ways. As one whose senior moments are becoming more frequent, I delighted in recapturing moments, wondering where life took others, and remembering how our children once were, well, children. In a metaphoric sense, I suppose, I was simplifying my life by ridding it of distractions (not to mention saving the children of going through the same items later).

If there were a common thread among the voluminous items, it would be the focus on friends and family, many of whom are still in our lives. In a world which values disposability, I was able to take some delight in knowing choices I made earlier in my life, especially in terms of people, were solid ones. And while most of what I looked at was eventually discarded, the momentary joy I experienced with each item made the exercise well worth its undertaking.

Each of us is called to live a lifetime which will merit an eternity with God in heaven. We will not be judged on one particular event, but on the totality of what we have done, whom we have loved, where we have been, why we have made particular choices, and when we knew God should be the center of our lives. My recent nostalgic exercise reminded me such Grace-filled moments are but a reflection of His love for all of us.

Becan Maher
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 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.