October 11, 2020
Twenty-Eighth 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
For Our Deceased

Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Ruth V. Leitch, Peter Petrassi & Louis N. Scalise.

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 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 Colanntrupo
- 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 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

Readings For The Coming Week:

**Monday, October 12**
- Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1;
- Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32

**Tuesday, October 13**
- Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48;
- Lk 11:37-41

**Wednesday, October 14**
- Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6;
- Lk 11:42-46

**Thursday, October 15**
- Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1-6;
- Lk 11:47-54

**Friday, October 16**
- Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13;
- Lk 12:1-7

**Saturday, October 17**
- Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3b, 4-7;
- Lk 12:8-12

**Sunday, October 18 ~ Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- Is 45:1, 4-6;
- Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10;
- 1 Thes 1:1-5b;
- Mt 22:15-21
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wedding Banms

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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 September:

Justin Ryan Bender, Gabriella May Bendernagel, Joseph Binetti, Robert Daniel Bowker, Delilah Marie, Bubel, William Joseph Goodbody, Ryann Shannon Millar, Sienna Grace Nuzzi, Julia Rose Parker, Abigail Jayne Passaro, Rylee Elizabeth Peters, Jason Alex Rhoades, Sofia Daniela Salamone, Julia Lynn Sylvan, Pablo Lecuna Villa

Monday- October 12
7:30AM                Holiday- No Mass
9:00AM                Frank Matarese

Tuesday- October 13
7:30AM                Stjepan Jurlina
9:00AM                For the Intentions of Christine Samela

Wednesday- October 14
7:30AM                For the Intentions of Mary Domanico
9:00AM                August Ziegler

Thursday- October 15
7:30AM                People of St. Joseph’s
9:00AM                Joanie Butler Goeren

Friday- October 16
7:30AM                People of St. Joseph’s
9:00AM                Cathy Kurdt

Saturday- October 17
9:00AM                Joan Prenderville
5:00PM                Rosemary & Vincent DeMartino
                      Margaret & John Hargraves
                      Margaret & Albert Heinitz

Sunday- October 18
7:00AM                People of St. Joseph’s
9:00AM                Josephine & Gerard Kelly
9:15AM                People of St. Joseph’s
10:30AM               People of St. Joseph’s
10:45AM               People of St. Joseph’s
12:00PM               Español

Mass Intentions
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 Nolan Hall.
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing to inform you of some upcoming changes in our staff here at the parish, this time in reference to our clergy personnel. We have already begun to enjoy the blessings of Fr. Marcin Nabozny's ministry here at our parish, and we are thankful for his pastoral presence and the missionary spirit that he brings to his priestly work. However, the benefit of the addition of Fr. Marcin is not, and was never intended, to come without related changes.

Specifically, I am tasked with bearing the news that last week we were informed that Fr. Ethel Anarado will be moving to a new assignment in St. Catherine of Sienna parish in Franklin Square. This assignment is to begin on October 14th of this year, unless circumstances dictate the need for him to move earlier. Fr. Ethel has been a member of our parish community since the Summer of 2015. We have been graced to experience the joy and humor that exudes from Fr. Ethel. He has shared his knowledge with us through his preaching and teaching. We have experienced God's mercy through his work of anointing and hearing confessions. Families have encountered the grace of God in crucial moments of their life, as he celebrated baptisms, funerals, and weddings. Fr. Ethel's commitment to his sacramental ministry has certainly enriched our community with an abundance of God's blessings. And his work of counseling parishioners has brought great peace to those going through trying times. Yet now we reach a point where we must try and return some portion of the love he has shown us, as we ask God to bless him generously as he moves forward to this new assignment. I do invite you to find ways of personally sharing your gratitude with Fr. Ethel for his ministry here at St. Joseph. While we undertake the call of the priestly office out of a desire to serve, looking for rewards that are only found in heaven, there is still tremendous encouragement when we are able to know that our sacrifice has borne some fruit.
A Message from fr. Jason

I must also share with you another clergy personnel change, and that is in regards to our other associate, Fr. Francis Samuel, OIC. Fr. Francis is currently in the process of transitioning from full time parish work into his next phase of ministry, which will be conducted in "retirement" (one can not truly retire from being a priest!). Although we do not know the exact details of Fr. Francis' future, we do believe that some steps will take place near the end of this month. Being a member of a religious order, it has been recognized that the wisdom and experience of Fr. Francis, along with his spiritual insights, could greatly assist his community through his abiding presence among them. That is to say, we anticipate that at some future time Fr. Francis will go to reside with other members of his religious order as he moves into retirement. More specifically, plans are being worked out for Fr. Francis to reside at St. Ignatius Loyola parish in Hicksville, where Fr. Shibi Pappan, OIC is administrator. Fr. Francis has been a member of our parish community since June 26th 2002, which is a long time for a priest to serve in one specific parish here in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. The spirituality of a religious order priest brings unique gifts to a community, and we have been richly blessed to receive from these gifts for such a long time. His peaceful, humble, and wise spirit leaves a mark on all of us. We give thanks to God for all of the sacraments he has celebrated, sacramentals and blessings he has performed (especially blessing animals on the feast of his namesake!), for his preaching, writings and teachings, and his priestly presence throughout these 18 years. I ask you also to find ways of personally sharing your gratitude with Fr. Francis for his ministry here at St. Joseph.

Of course, it normally would be fitting to have a public display of our gratitude at some type of event, but given our current precautions regarding the coronavirus it is not prudent to do so at this time. The three of us have spoken, and it is our plan to have some gathering in their honor in the future, once the threat of infection has been minimized. That is why I ask you, again, to please find personal ways of thanking these two priests for bringing the sacramental presence of Christ, the Good Shepherd, here to us in different ways.

Finally, in a public, yet personal way, I would like to thank Fr. Ethel and Fr. Francis. You have both been very generous with me, aiding me as I tried to find my way around this office of pastor at a young age. You have shared the treasures of your priestly experience and fraternity in an unfailing way. We have been able to share the crosses and resurrections of ministry together in some profound moments. And, as we underwent the trial of quarantine together, we literally depended on each other to survive: caring for one another in those exceptionally uncertain days. I thank you both for the ways you have enriched my life in our two years together here. Ecce quam bonum et quam decorum habitare fratres in uno (Psalm 133:1).

Sincerely,

fr. Jason
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!

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**Bulletin Reflection:**

Lacking the wedding garment barred the man from entering the King’s wedding feast. The USCCB’s Bible commentary sees the “wedding garment” in today’s Gospel as a representation of repentance of sins. This Gospel reading stresses the utmost importance of repentance of sins.
Deacon’s Column

Enter the Feast, Everything is Ready

Life comes to us and says, “Everything is ready, Come to the feast.” That is where the matter now stands. It is up to each of us as individuals to decide what we will do with that invitation. We can accept it and move ahead, or we can refuse it and slide back. The only thing we cannot do is stay where we are. Life cannot be put on hold. It keeps moving along, and we are going with it one way or another. Which it is depends upon what we do with God’s invitation to greatness of character.

Another thought. The acceptance of an invitation requires that certain conditions be met. When the host came into greet the guests, he observed among them a man who was not properly dressed. That man was immediately evicted from the banquet. At first reading, this part of the parable does not sound like Jesus. He was never one to stand on conventionality. The manner of one’s dress, for the most part, meant very little to him. So what is he saying? Simply this: every invitation in life carries with it certain conditions, and the invitation can be accepted only by those who are willing to meet the conditions.

Years ago, a famous Protestant minister in New York preached a sermon entitled “On Catching the Wrong Bus.” In it he told a story about a man who intended to go one place but accidently got on a bus that was going somewhere else, and after long hours of riding the wrong bus, he ended up where he never planned to be.

Life is like that. Good intentions are not enough. If we accept an invitation we must meet the necessary conditions, or else we only fool ourselves. Often we speak of a good education. The ‘bus’ that will take you there is discipline, hard work, and long hours of study. If you are not willing to meet those conditions, you cannot accept that invitation. The same is true of great character. Right now we are ‘riding a bus’ that is either taking us toward that destination or away from it. We will not just wake up one morning with strength of character. The little daily decisions that have to do with right or wrong, integrity or compromise – those are the conditions that must be met.

Life is like a banquet. The preparations have been made. Nothing is wanting. God has done everything that even God can do. What happens now is up to us. The invitation is in our hands. Everything is ready. Come to the feast.

Live in the House of the Lord All the Days of Your Life

Deacon Mike
Faith Formation Program 2020-2021 will begin the week of October 19th. Emails will be sent to all registered families telling them what to expect this year and to let you know what the children should be working on at home.

Book sales will take place Monday – Friday 9am-3pm, please call 631-587-4717 when you arrive and let us know what grade level books you need and we will bring them out to you. Monday – Thursday 4-6pm, please call 631-669-0068 and ask for Leslie. Please leave a message if you get the answering machine. She may be on another call or away from her desk.

Please either bring cash or a check made payable to St. Joseph FF

Levels 1, 3, 4, 5 & 6 are $25 each,
Level 2 is $35 (and includes a Communion banner kit to be given out at a later date).
Level 7 is $35 and is used for both level 7 & 8 – please remember to keep the book for next year.

The Parish Center is not open to the public yet, so please call when you arrive and let us know you are here and what you need and we will meet you at the front door.
Please wear a mask.

Re-Registration - If you have not done so already, please register your children for the 2020-2021 school year and purchase the books at the same time.

New Family Registration - Please mail a copy of 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. You can also come to the office and call when you get here and we will come out to the front door to meet you – see phone number listed above.

New and Re-registration forms can be found on the website: stjosephsbabylon.org; Faith Formation; Registration forms
LET US PRAY!

October is one month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We have all faced unprecedented challenges in the last few months - and through it all, our Church and our Parish has continued to welcome people to pray, both virtually, and in person.

Family Ministry would like to take this opportunity to welcome each of you to pray Virtually with us:

Wednesday evening October 14th from 7:00—7:30pm
via ZOOM
Log on to ZOOM.com

Click “Join a Meeting” and then add:
Meeting ID: 789 4230 5700   Password: Rosary

All Ages Welcome!
If you have any questions, please give Barbara a call at  (631) 669-0068 ext 108
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.
**Please Help Outreach**

“We are getting ready for Thanksgiving”

“Thanksgiving is a joyful celebration.” We reflect with gratitude on the blessing we’ve received and give to those who are struggling. This year, we are once again calling upon you for donations of **food, strong new grocery bags and supermarket gift cards** to help the families in need for Thanksgiving celebration.

We help, on the average, 20 families a day with food and some financial assistance, and would not be able to care so generously for our clients without the help we receive from our parishioners here at St. Joseph.

We ask that all donations arrive at Outreach-Center by Thursday, November 12, so that all families may receive food in time for the holiday.

Thank you!

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**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.
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

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 10-11AM and
Wednesday evenings 7–8 PM
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.
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 children are so happy to be back to school here at St. Joseph’s Nursery School! With much planning and many changes to our daily routines, we have reopened safely.

Openings are still available in our 3 and 4 year old programs. Our Parish Play Group and Toddler classes are on hold for now. If you would like more information, call us at 631-661-4559.
Let’s stay connected, Register Now for Constant Contact

Go to https://stjosephsbabylon.org

On right side, Let’s Stay in Touch!
Register for Constant Contact, Click on Sign Up Now button
Celebremos los Sacramentos

**Bautizo**
Llamar a la oficina (631) 669-0068 para mayor información

**RICA**
Los invitamos a una preparación spiritual de conversión a la Fe Católica.
Llamar al teléfono: (631) 741-4373 (Ada Gonzales)

**Matrimonio**
Se solicita a las parejas que llamar a la oficina al menos seis meses antes de la boda para una cita con un sacerdote o diácono y para fijar la fecha y hacer los arreglos.

**Uncion de las Enfermos**
Llamar a la oficina (631) 669-0068

**Confesiones**
Llamar a la oficina (631) 669-0068 para más información
COMUNIDAD DE ORACION PESCADOR DE HOMBRES-BABYLON-TE INVITA AL MES MISIONERO MARIANO

Octubre Viernes 7 - 9 pm

By Zoom ID 4981091934 Password rccBabylon

“Dichosa tu que has creído porque lo que te ha dicho el Señor, se cumplirá” Lucas 1, 45
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.

Do you need to fulfill your Marriage Prep Requirement?

Engaged Encounter is an effective PreCana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Couples are provided with social-distancing during this time.

Our next 2-day weekend will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington the weekend of November 14-15, 2020.

For information please call Lenny & Pat Walker at (631) 563-1032 or visit www.engagedencounterli.org.