October 25, 2020

Thirtieth 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.st josephsbabylon.org
For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Michael J. Rietta & John Viaggio.

Prayers 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. Army:**
LTC John Kallo
LTC Jon J. Uebel
Capt. Stephen Scudieri
1LT Mark Barbera
2LT Anthony C. DiBiase
LT Joseph A. Vandeveldt, III
SSG Josueh 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
1Lt MarcAnthony Parrino
1st Lt R.J. Parrino
Sgt. Lauren Colantrapo
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.A.F.:**
MSGT John Hatzidakis
SSGT Brandon Ward
AB Christopher Signoretti
AB Eric Benzing
AB Vincent E. Berger

Monday, October 26
Eph 4:32-5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6;
Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday, October 27
Eph 5:21-33; Ps 128:1-5;
Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday, October 28
Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5;
Lk 6:12-16

Thursday, October 29
Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10;
Lk13:31-35

Friday, October 30
Phil 1:1-11; Ps 111:1-6;
Lk 14:1-6

Saturday, October 31
Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2-3, 5cdef;
Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday, November 1 ~
All Saints
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14;
Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6;
1 Jn 3:1-3;
Mt 5:1-12a
Wedding Banns

First Time~ William Visgauss & Dana Bonventre
Second Time~ No Banns
Third Time~ No Banns

Mass Intentions

Monday- October 26
7:30AM Carlos Mora
9:00AM Salvatore Messina

Tuesday- October 27
7:30AM Dale J. Carlisle
9:00AM Agnes & Sam Lisy

Wednesday- October 28
7:30AM Vincent McGuire
9:00AM People of St. Joseph's

Thursday- October 29
7:30AM Al & Eleanor Schoomaker
9:00AM Beatrice Waters

Friday- October 30
7:30AM Vincent & Brendan McGuire
9:00AM James Schellenberg & Alexander Rennie II

Saturday- October 31
9:00AM Frank Matarese
5:00PM Nicholas Joseph Delillo

Sunday- November 1
7:00AM People of St. Joseph’s
9:00AM People of St. Joseph’s
9:15AM People of St. Joseph’s
10:30AM James Walsh & For the Intentions of
     Mary Walsh for her recovery
10:45AM People of St. Joseph’s
12:00PM -Español
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.
 Bulletin Reflection:

Jesus tells us that the two greatest commandments are to love God with all we have and to love our neighbors as ourselves.
NEWS FLASH: We have our First Reconciliation and First Communion dates. Children will be assigned a date and time for Reconciliation and families will have the opportunity to choose the day and time of their child’s First Communion. Emails will go out to all registered families this week asking you to choose a date. The dates will be given out on a first come, first serve basis.

First Reconciliation: will take place on Saturday January 9th & 16th from 12pm-4pm in the Nolan Hall. Letters will go out with your child's assigned date and time. Banner kits will be given out when the children come for their First Reconciliation

First Communions: Will take place on the following Saturdays:
April 17th @ 11am, 1pm & 3pm;
April 24th @ 11am & 1pm;
May 8th @ 11am, 1pm & 3pm;
May 15th @ 11am & 1pm;
June 12th @ 11am & 1pm;
June 19th @ 11am & 1pm

First Communion Celebrations - will be limited to 15 families per Mass.

Faith Formation Program 2020-2021 began the week of October 19th.
Emails have been 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 4-5pm, 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, 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
How Do We Love God?

Our Gospel reading today (Mt 22:34-40) at first glance seems a contradiction. Jesus was asked which is the greatest commandment. In reply He quoted a verse from scripture which says, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”

We can understand both the question and the answer, but it’s a little difficult to put the two of them together. Out of all the laws and commandments of the Old Testament, it stands to reason that some would be more important than others and possibly one would be most important of all. We can comprehend that thought and to some extent we can comprehend the idea of loving God. If God is Father and we are His children, surely it would be true that at least some of His children would love Him.

The two thoughts are reasonable enough. The difficulty comes in putting them together as question and answer. “Which is the greatest commandment?” That is the question. “Love God with all your heart.” That is the answer. And immediately we wonder - how can that be? How is it possible, even for God, to command love? Some husbands and wives, and some mothers and fathers have tried to do that and have utterly failed. So what is the explanation? What does it mean to love God?

Obviously, Jesus had in mind something totally different from our conventional concept of love. For the most part we are inclined to think of love as a fond feeling of warmth and affection. We sing about it, we read about it, we watch it in the movies. Love is a deep feeling that one person has for another. And quite clearly, not even God can demand that. How can you command the human heart to feel a certain way? If we are going to understand this business of loving God, we will have to start with something other than feeling.

It seems to me that the beginning point is awareness. We can deal with that. We can school ourselves to cultivate a consciousness of the presence of God. Most of us need to do that. We are surrounded every day that we live, by the footprints and handiwork of God. We need to teach ourselves to be aware of them. Elizabeth Barrett Browning expressed it beautifully when she wrote the lines:

“Earth is crammed with heaven,
And every common bush
Aflame with God,
But only those who see
Take off their shoes.”

Love One Another

Deacon Mike
MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION
ALL SOULS DAY

The Ministry of Consolation invites all parishioners, especially the family and friends of those who have lost a loved one within the past year, to join us for a Live Streamed All Souls Mass.

Monday, November 2, 2020
9:00 AM

The Mass can be viewed on our parish website at: WWW.STJOSEPHSBABYLON.ORG

This Mass will include a reading of the names of the deceased for the period October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020.

We invite you to join the St. Joseph Parish Community in prayer for those who have begun a new life in Christ.

Please Note:

There will not be a Mass at St. Joseph’s Cemetery for ALL SOUL’S DAY.
Please join us for the LIVE STREAMED ALL SOULS MASS on Monday, November 2, 2020 at 9:00 AM at www.stjosephbabylon.org

This coming Monday, October 26th, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Church from 7—8pm.

The Church will be open for those who wish to spend some quiet time in Adoration.

There will NOT be a prayer service this week, and reservations will NOT be required.

All who wish to stop by for some silent individual prayer are welcome to do so. It is not necessary to stay for the full hour.

Please be mindful of the limited capacity of our Church.

Masks must be worn at all times and social distance maintained.

There will be wipes and sanitizer available in the Church—please be courteous of others and wipe down your seat as you leave.

Thank you for praying with us.
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.
(Best time to call is between 2 - 6 PM Monday- Friday)

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

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!

Psalms 95:1,2,6

O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.
O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

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

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Reflections

THE NEW NORMAL—VOLUME XXX

As we approach the end of the seventh month of our new existence, the colder and darker
months will be soon be here, and we will again be somewhat limited in what we may be able to safely
do. Collectively, this has been a period of profound disappointment on many levels. Our family life
has suffered, our social life has suffered, and our parish life has suffered as well.

In most cases, these times have really been the fault of no one in particular. For our own safety,
we have been told by the “experts” how to shop, where to eat, and what is the best way to watch
televised Mass on Sunday. While we have been frustrated at times, for the most part, there has been no
one close to us responsible for our feelings.

What happens, however, when someone we know disappoints us?

Recently I found myself in this situation, and the range of thoughts going through my mind
were shock, anger, disbelief, heartache…and I could probably add a few more negative feelings. It
was a classic case of thinking you knew someone, but you really did not. Perhaps, I am as much to
blame as the other person as I probably took too much for granted, heard what I wanted to hear, and
ignored the adage, “If it’s too good to be true, it’s too good to be true.”

Letting go of things which disturb us is not often easy. This is true because we always try to
do it by ourselves, thinking we do not need any help. Jesus was quite specific about such situations,
“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest; for my yoke is easy, and
my burden light.”

As we pray, let us ask Our Loving God for the Grace we need to accept His guidance,
His consolation, and His love when we seem to be in pain caused by another.

It is always there for the asking.

Bruce Maher
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

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.

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El próximo Lunes 02 de Noviembre se oficiara una misa en memoria a nuestros fieles difuntos en la Iglesia Principal a las 8:15 pm

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
Intercessory Adoration & Prayer for Priests and Seminarians

Everyone is Welcome to join the bi-annual tradition of praying for priests and seminarians of the Rockville Centre Diocese. Every priest and seminarian’s name will be read aloud.

Adoration and silent prayer will take place on
Tuesday, October 27, 2020
Open Hours: 6 PM - 10 PM

Prayer participants are welcome to come and go at these participating parishes.

** Please follow all COVID regulations**

Cure of Ars, Merrick; Holy Name of Jesus, Woodbury; Infant Jesus, Port Jefferson (7-9 PM only);
Maria Regina, Seaford; Our Lady of Poland, Southampton (6-8pm only);
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst; St. Agnes Cathedral, RVC (Holy Cross Chapel);
St. Aiden, Williston Park; St. Anthony, Oceanside; St. Anthony of Padua, Northport;
St. Barnabas, Bellmore (1-4 PM only); St. Dominic, Oyster Bay;
St. Isidore, Riverhead (6-8 PM LIVE STREAM at saintisidoreriverhead.org);
St. Mary of the Isle, Long Beach; St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays

Please pray along with your fellow parishioners of RVC Diocese and help make praying for priests a regular devotion two times every year, every Tuesday before All Souls Day and every Tuesday after Divine Mercy Sunday.

Sponsored by PrayforPriestsDRVC@aol.com or (516) 458-0004.

Each year Molloy College hosts a Fall Open House for prospective students and their guests. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will be hosting our Open House virtually, via Zoom.

** Fall Open House **
Sunday, November 15, 2020
1:00 PM

To register: www.Molloy.edu/openhouse
* Once you register, you will receive the Zoom link.

Brother John Blazo of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers would like to extend his sincere thanks to Fr. Grisafi and all the Parishioners of St. Joseph’s Church for their warm welcome and generosity.

Needles to say your contributions will be a great help towards our efforts to bring the “Good News” to all nations.

We will remember the People of St. Joseph in our Masses and prayers.