December 6, 2020
Second Sunday of Advent

Website ~ www.stjosephsbabylon.org
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Reserve your seat at www.stjosephsbabylon.org

Masses

Monday - Friday -- 7:30 AM & 9:00 AM
Saturday -- 9:00 AM
Saturday (Nolan Hall) -- 5:00 PM
Sunday (Church) -- 7:00 AM; 9:00 AM; 10:30 AM & 12:00 PM (Spanish)
(Nolan Hall) -- 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)

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**An Advent Mission**

*The Light of Hope in the Midst of Darkness*

Join us in the Church every Monday and Wednesday from 7-8 PM for an Advent Mission hosted by our Clergy. Give yourself the gift of time spent in prayer & faith. Each evening stands on its own with HOPE as the overall theme. Join us for one night or several.

All ages welcome!!

Social Distance will be maintained and masks must be worn at all times. The evening will be LIVE STREAMED. We do not expect to need reservations, but if the Church fills up too quickly we will add reservations for the second week or move to Nolan Hall.

*Monday, 12/7- father Jason*

*Wednesday, 12/9- Father Dave*

*Monday, 12/14- Father Erno*

*Wednesday, 12/16- Father Marcin*

*Monday, 12/21- father Jason- en Espanol*

*Wednesday, 12/23- father Jason- en Espanol*

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**The National Night of Prayer for Life**

As soon as the Holy Spirit overshadowed the womb of the Virgin Mother, God immediately became one of the human family.

In a like manner when a child is conceived in his mother’s womb, he becomes one of us. This little human being now dwells among us. So that the world may understand this truth, COME PRAY WITH US!

4 Hours of Prayer for the Respect for Life at all stages will be held on Tuesday evening, December 8, 2020 from 9:00 PM to 1:00 AM in St. Joseph’s Church.

(We will Praying with all US time zones the last hour.)
For Our Deceased  
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members.

Prayers for our ill parishioners

For Our Sick  
Please remember the sick of our Parish in your prayers:


We continue to pray for the following military personnel and their families:

**U.S. Navy:**
- Lt. Cdr. Michael Catalano
- Lt. John T. Izso
- Lt. Caroline Mayer
- Lt. Christian Amelia
- PO1 Rasheen Tice
- PO2 Kristen Tice
- PO3 Matthew Waldron
- E2 Liam McKeeown
- E3 Nicholas Ruf

**U.S. Army:**
- LTC John Kallo
- LTC Jon J. Uebel
- Capt. Stephen Scuderri
- 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
- Capt. Matthew W. Sibley
- CPO Benjamin Flad

**U.S.M.C.:**
- Capt. Matthew Witelosky
- 1Lt MarcAnthony Parrino
- 1Lt 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.A.F.:**
- MSGT John Hatzidakis
- SSGT Brandon Ward
- AB Christopher Signoretti
- AB Eric Benzing
- AB Vincent E. Berger

**Prayer for Our Military**

Monday, December 7
Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14;
Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 8 ~
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3: 9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday, December 9
Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10;
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 10
Is 41:13-20; Ps 119 (118):151-152;
Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 11
Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6;
Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 12 ~
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:39-47

Sunday, December 13 ~
Third Sunday of Advent
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11;
(Ps) Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54;
1 Thes 5:16-24;
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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

**Altar Rose**
In Memory of George & Viola Rebecchi

**Bread & Wine for the Eucharist**
In Memory of Mrs. Louise Cassese McKenna and Mrs. Ligia Soares Murta
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 in the Church and Saturday: 10am-11am in the Nolan Hall.

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**Sacrificial Giving**
Thank you for your generosity in returning to God and God’s work some of what God has given to you.

November 29, 2020

Collection: $13,761  
Faith Direct: $3,931  
Total: $17,692  

Weekly Budget: $19,615  
Difference: (-) $1,922  

Numbers are an approximate as Faith Direct updates us monthly and mailed donations come in throughout the week.

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**Pastoral Team**
Rev. Jason U. Grisafi,  
Pastor  
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

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**Parish Office:**  
(631) 669-0068 Ext. 100  
Email: receptionist@stjbabylon.org

**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.
Wedding Banns

First Time~ Joseph Michael Swanson & Marisa Ann Mitacchione
Second Time~ Giuliani Bosconi & Carmelina Pecoraro
Third Time~ Timothy Tyszczymuka & Audra Gandi
Ryan Patrick Fitzgerald & Patrizia Russo
Brandon Ruiz & Brenda Eusteda

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 November:


Mass Intentions

Monday- December 7
7:30AM Patrick R. King
9:00AM Jenna Kohler

Tuesday- December 8
7:30AM Alfred Miller
9:00AM The Parsons & Walsh Families

Wednesday- December 9
7:30AM Rosa Cecchi
9:00AM Viola Rebecchi

Thursday- December 10
7:30 AM People of St. Joseph’s
9:30 AM Noreen & Harold Hager

Friday- December 11
7:30AM Mrs. Ligia Soares Murta
9:00AM Evelyn Ferguson

Saturday- December 12
9:00AM Frank Matarese
5:00PM Peter Figoski

Sunday- December 13
7:00AM People of St. Joseph’s
9:00AM Loretta Sullivan
9:15AM People of St. Joseph’s
10:30AM Loretta Sullivan
10:45AM People of St. Joseph’s
12:00PM -Español
**Special Collection to Support Our Religious - Weekend of December 12-13**

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### Support Our religious.

Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. *Please be generous.*

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### Christmas Schedule

**Thursday, Christmas Eve 12/24**
- 4:00pm in the CHURCH
- 4:15pm in the HALL
- 7:00pm in the CHURCH
- 7:15pm SPANISH in the HALL
- 10:00pm in the HALL
- Midnight in the HALL

**Friday, Christmas Day 12/25**
- 7:00am in the CHURCH
- 9:00am in the CHURCH
- 9:15am in the HALL
- 10:30am in the CHURCH
- 10:45am in the HALL
- 12:30pm—ENGLISH in the HALL

*Please note change of time.*

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### SATURDAY & SUNDAY MASS RESERVATION SYSTEM

In order to continue following COVID 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](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 questions about the system please call 631-669-0068 ext 108 or email: bmcnulty@stjbabylon.org

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

Special thanks go to our Volunteers who are making this happen!

If you are able to join one of our Mass Teams of Volunteers, please let us know.

**THANK YOU!**

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**Christmas is coming! —**

Start checking your calendars and talking with your family about attending Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

**RESERVATIONS WILL BE NEEDED.**

All COVID protocols will remain in place.

The Reservation System opens Friday, December 4th.
Deacon’s Column

Come Home Again

Today’s Gospel message concerns God’s effort to tie yellow ribbons around every tree, to spray paint a “Please come home, all is forgiven” sign on every overpass. I know this seems too good to be true, after all you and I have done to mess up our lives. But God really means it. That is why the Good News is such good news. And in case you miss the overpass sign, God sent his son, Jesus, to tell us all in person.

God’s grace is not coercive. Just as we have freedom to stray from God, we have the freedom to continue to stay away. And indeed, even when Isaiah offered the Israelites in Babylon this word of comfort and invitation to return, many chose to stay in Babylon. Most, if not all, of the exiles were born in Babylon. The land of Israel was only a memory of their parents. It was easier to cling to what they knew, then to venture out into an unknown future.

We cannot judge them too harshly. How many of us cling to habits, places, jobs, relationships, or beliefs because they have become familiar. Even if these things are gradually killing us, we cling to them nonetheless, because we fear the unknown even more. It takes great faith, and great courage, to allow God to take us by the hand and lead us to a new place.

Have you ever seen firemen attempt to rescue someone from a burning building? They extend a safety net, they place their own lives in danger, and they extend their hands to a person perched in a window of an inferno. But the person is afraid to jump. Is that us on the ledge today? Please, trust the God who offers comfort and invitation. Just jump into the net of grace. He will catch us.

So, now it is up to us, isn’t it? God has given the unexpected and undeserved welcome. What will we do with it? If the way back seems to be cluttered with the debris of our mistakes, God offers to make the way straight, level and safe, like a highway in the desert for the returning exiles from Babylon. If He can do that for them, don’t you think He can clear a way for us too?

Every great journey begins with a first step. Come to the Lord’s Table today. Not only does He welcome us home, He has already set the table. Welcome home, All is forgiven.

The Lord Is Kind And Just

Deacon Mike
As we continue to struggle with the effects that COVID-19 is having on our community, let us continue to work together through prayer and precaution to help ensure that our community and church will be vibrant for future generations. Not unlike weekly giving to your parish offertory, gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal are essential to our mission.

**St. Joseph’s Church, Babylon**

As of 11/18/2020

**Goal:** $136,000

**Pledges:** $101,000

**Percent of Goal Achieved:** 74%

**Amount needed:** $35,000

When we achieve 80% of our goal, St. Joseph’s Church begins to receive a rebate from the CMA.

*We just need a little more to reach 80%.*

Donations can be made on-line--
[https://www.drvc.org/donate/cma/](https://www.drvc.org/donate/cma/)

Donations can also be made by filling out the form below and mailing it to:

Catholic Ministries Appeal
Diocese of Rockville Centre
PO Box 4000
Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9801

*Make Checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal*

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**Donor Name:** __________________________________________________________

**Address:** ______________________________________________________________________

**Town/City:** ______________________________________________________________________

**State:** ___________ **Zip Code:** ________________

**Parish:** **St. Joseph Church, Babylon, NY**
First Communion Dates are Filling up quickly! Please submit your child’s Communion date to Claire Moulè if you haven’t done so already.

Emails went out the week of November 16th with the Unit Review for levels 1-6.

Emails went out to Levels 7 & 8 the week of November 23rd with questions from The Chosen book and the Confirmation interview sheets.

Level 8 students must be registered by December 1st in order to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring of 2021.

Students from all grade levels will need to answer the questions and return them to Faith Formation Office either by emailing them to cmoule@stjbabylon.org or sending them via mail.

Monthly Mass Reflections- can be found on the website: stjosephsbabylon.org/mass-form; Faith Formation, Monthly Mass Reflection Form. Parents should be talking with their children about the Mass and what they learned from it and parents should fill out the reflection and submit it. The first of the reflections is due the week of November 16.

If you wish to attend Mass in person, you can hand in a Mass attendance envelope in the collection basket instead of doing the Mass reflection. Attendance envelopes can be found in the back of the Church and Hall. You will need to register to attend Mass in person. Register for the weekend Masses on the website anytime after 10AM on the Wednesday prior to the weekend.

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-5pm, 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.

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
Practice Acts of Kindness this Advent…

Emily Meyer, a parishioner and a sophomore at North Babylon High School, was featured in Newsday’s “LI acts of kindness/Helping Hands”, stories of people going above and beyond during the pandemic with her campaign to gather donations of toys for children in the hospital. Back in 2009 on Christmas night, Emily had an allergic reaction to antibiotics she was taking for strep throat and ended up in Good Sam Hospital in West Islip. The next morning the staff gave her a bag stuffed with board games, pajamas and dolls. She said it made her stay in the hospital a little better and it made her smile. She and her parents were so touched by that act of kindness. That experience led her to start “Emily’s Awesome Toy Drive” in 2010 and she’s been doing it every year since. Her grandfather helped her launch the program and he passed away in 2015. She continues the toy drive to honor him. Her toy drive started out small but has grown from donating a few toys to Good Sam Hospital to donating thousands of toys to several hospitals on Long Island. Her goal this year is to match what she collected last year, 2500 toys and she was shy 1000 toys as of last weekend. Emily provides a link for an Amazon wish list on her toy drive’s private Facebook page, www.facebook.com/groups/574179189938557.

Another parishioner, Summer Carosella, decided to make giant snowflakes for Good Sam Hospital in West Islip. She said she chose this for her Level 7 Community Service Project “because when you are in the hospital you are usually sick and it’s not very fun”. So she made the snowflakes to help make someone’s bad day a little brighter. She made 50 snowflakes to decorate the emergency department and pediatric emergency department as well as common areas for the staff. She hopes that her good deed will make all the patients and staff happy.
FAMILY LIFE—FAITH LIFE — AND COVID-19

How are we coping as a Parish?  How are YOU coping as a Family?
As we enter the seasons of Thanksgiving & Advent & Christmas
Let’s help one another look at the blessings in our lives.

We all realize that life has changed dramatically since March 2020 and we are constantly adapting to a ‘new normal’

As a parish—we have put Mass on-line and instituted a Mass Reservation System so that when people do attend, we can do our best to keep everyone safe.

Fr. Jason has offered on line workshops on Christology, the Saints, and documents by Saint JPII.

Our Faith Formation Department is working on a syllabus for at home learning, while our Nursery School has opened its doors with many COVID Safety Protocols in place.

We have Parishioners calling other Parishioners to check in and see how they are doing or to register them for Mass.

How are our families coping? Our Parish Families are made up of Singles living on their own, newlywed couples starting out, young families, senior families, and everything in between.

In the next couple of weeks, we will be highlighting some of those families here in the bulletin; sharing stories so we can get to know one another and also so we can remember that we are not alone in our struggles—and although our circumstances may not be identical to our neighbors, our Catholic Faith is a Universal Faith and perhaps by getting to know one another a little better, we can become just a little closer to Christ.

Care to share your blessings?
Email Barbara at bmcnulty@stjbabylon.org to share your story! Or call: 669-0068 ext 108
This pandemic has affected many families, many are gone and others like mine are here to share our experience. Despite our care, we were affected by this virus.

I work as a Nurse Assistant in a facility I was infected with the virus and days later my husband, my mother and my daughters were also infected with the fear of everything that this new evil brought, but with faith in God we faced this nightmare. Our complications took us to the hospital from where with very little hope and because she was the most risky, my mother survived. Thank God, my husband and I are recovering and we are here sharing our experience during these difficult times of the pandemic, and today to tell you that do not be afraid that you are not alone that we communicate to our community of San Jose de Babylon they are always there to help us spiritually and economically.

In my case, I have been blessed, my community has been praying for my family, they have helped me morally and have been watching my family by telephone and attending to my basic needs that at that time we could not face. Our earthly angels are here to support us, special thank you Ana from the Hispanic community for all your help. Anyone who needs my support I will be here to share my experience and help as much as possible.

God keep you healthy and bless you. God gives his best warriors hard times.

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

Have you noticed the Christmas Giving Trees?

There is one at the Church entrance and another in the Monsignor Nolan breezeway. Perhaps you would like to donate a gift for a child or homeless person this Christmas. If so, please take a tag and return it with your unwrapped gift to the Outreach Center by December 10th. These gifts will help our Outreach families and homeless people to have a warm and happy Christmas. In case you can’t drop it off during Outreach hours you can also bring presents to the Parish Center or leave them in the breezeway gift bin next to the Giving Tree.

Thanks for your support.

With sincere thanks.....

Thank you for your generosity during this year’s Thanksgiving season. We were blessed with food donations, supermarket gift cards, and turkeys. Our Parish Social Ministry clients were met warmly by St. Vincent de Paul volunteers who brought meals to our clients in the parking lot. We are thankful for being able to work with these compassionate, good-hearted Vincentians who work relentlessly to keep the pantry stocked and at the same time reach out to families in such a loving way. We would also like to send a special thank you to the Garvey family for their generous support in bringing tons of food, not only during the pandemic but also for Thanksgiving. Additionally, we want to extend our gratitude to the American Legion for the food drive and turkeys, the St. Joseph Nursery School for food donations and to our faithful friends of Torta Fina Bakery, who baked 90 delicious loaves that we distributed to our Parish Social Ministry families. Also we are grateful to the Pititto family for bringing 10 large boxes with a whole meal for Thanksgiving, to all Parish Social Ministry Volunteers for their faithful work and most importantly we wish to express our gratitude to all St. Joseph Parishioners for their ongoing support. Thanks to you, we can fulfill our mission.

May the Lord fill your home with love and happiness.
Memorial Poinsettias

Each year during the Advent season, as we prepare for the celebration of the Birth of our Savior, our thoughts turn to memories we hold dear in our hearts. For so many of us who have lost a beloved family member or someone dear to us, it is also a time of remembrance of our departed loved ones. As a way of commemorating their memory at this joyous time, we invite you to memorialize one of the many Poinsettia plants that will grace our altars in the coming weeks.

Poinsettias will be placed in our Church and Nolan Hall. Your contribution of $20 will make this effort possible. (Please make check payable to St. Joseph Church.)

A list of all Poinsettia donations will be published in our Parish bulletin in the December 20, 2020 bulletin.

The closing date is Wednesday, December 9, 2020. Please drop off your order form and donation in the mailbox outside the Parish Office or mail order form and donation to St. Joseph Church, 39 No. Carll Ave., Babylon, NY 11702; Attention: Theresa. Know that you and all your loved ones will be remembered as our generous benefactors as we celebrate the Christmas season.

Poinsettia Order Form

Please accept my contribution of $_____ for (___) Poinsettia plant(s).

Please Print: In Memory of

________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
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Requested by: __________________________________________________________________________

Phone Number: (Required) __________________________________________________________________________
Sunday, December 6, 2020

Reflections

**THE NEW NORMAL—VOLUME XXXVI**

During my 38 years on the campus of Farmingdale State College, I was blessed to become friends with many kind and gifted individuals. One of my favorites was Frank Pellegrini. Frank arrived on campus when it was a two-year school, and he taught Chemistry. Over the years he advanced in the faculty ranks and eventually became the Provost (the highest academic position on a college campus). I was invited to a small gathering when Frank celebrated his 40th anniversary of arriving at the College. I was quite impressed, and immediately decided I would likewise stay to celebrate 40 years on the job… a mark which at the time was nine years away.

I kept telling myself how cool it would be to last in one place for such a time and how eager I would be to let the many people I knew of my achievement. Such is the root of vanity. We do things for the wrong reasons. Not that I would be incapable at the age of 72, but I probably would be less capable; neither was it essential financially that I work that long. For years, such thoughts never crossed my mind because I was so consumed with reaching that arbitrary milestone, blowing out those 40 candles which I hoped would be on a cake marking the occasion, and waxing poetic about my career on the campus.

Fortunately, God finally tapped me on the shoulder and told me I had it all wrong, and I realized my vanity was clearly clouding my judgment and I was being very selfish and, more so, self-centered. I sent my retirement letter almost immediately to the President of the College and left at the end of the fiscal year.

“No one should seek his own advantage, but that of his neighbor.” (1 Corinthians, 10:24) Unless we stay focused on what God has called us to do, it is easy to become distracted and live in ways that are self-centered. During Advent, let us ask God for the Grace we need to genuinely love our neighbor, especially in the troubled world which now surrounds us.

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**Bulletin Reflection:**

In today's Gospel, we are introduced to St. John the Baptist. St. John the Baptist came before Jesus to proclaim a baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
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

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

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.
Done en acción de gracias 12-13 de diciembre

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“Las monjas me dejaron huellas para siempre”, escribe una donante. “Siempre daré las gracias por mi educación católica”. Agradecemos a los miles de miembros mayores en comunidades religiosas, religiosos y sacerdotes de órdenes católicas que laboraron incansablemente para educar a los jóvenes y servir a los necesitados. La segunda colecta de la semana próxima se destinará al Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos, que ayuda a cientos de comunidades religiosas a cuidar a sus miembros ancianos. Les rogamos que sean generosos.

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
Esta pandemia ha tocado a muchas familias muchos ya no estan y otras como la mia estamos aqui para contar nuestra experiencia. a pesar de nuestros cuidados fuimos afectados por esta Virus.

Yo trabajo como Asistente de Enfermera en un facility me contagié con el virus y dias despues mi esposo mi madre y mis hijas tambien se contagiaron con el temor por todo lo q este nuevo mal traia pero con la fe puesta en dios nos enfrentamos a esta pesadilla nuestras complicaciones nos llevaron al hospital de donde con muy pocas esperanzas y por ser la de mas riesgo mi madre sobrevivio. A dios gracias mi esposo y yo nos recuperamos y estamos aqui compartiendo nuestra experiencia durante estos tiempos dificiles de pandemia y hoy decirles q no tengan miedo q no estan solos q comuniquemos a nuestra comunidad de san jose de babylon ellos siempre esta alli para ayudarnos espiritualmente y economicamente.

En mi caso he sido bendecida my comunidad a estado orando por mi familia me han ayudado moralmente y an estado pendientes de mi familia por telephone y a atendiendo mis necesidades basicas q en ese momento no podiamos afrontar. Cualquier familia q pase un momento dificil como el mio no duden en contactarse ellos siempre estaran alli para ayudarte.

Nuestros angeles terrenales estan aqui para brindarnos su apoyo. Gracias Ana de la comunidad hispana por toda su ayuda cualquier q necesita de mi apoyo aqui estare para compartir mi experiencia y ayudar en lo q se puede.

Dios los conserve con salud y los bendiga. Dios pone momentos dificiles a sus mejores guerreros.

~ Leyla Mandamiento
Poinsettias Conmemorativas

Cada año durante la temporada de Adviento, mientras nos preparamos para la celebración del Nacimiento de nuestro Salvador, nuestros pensamientos se vuelven hacia los recuerdos que apreciamos en nuestro corazón. Para muchos de nosotros que hemos perdido a un familiar querido o un ser querido, también es un momento de recuerdo de nuestros seres queridos fallecidos. Como una forma de conmemorar su memoria en este momento feliz, te invitamos a conmemorar una de las muchas plantas de Poinsettia que adornarán nuestros altares en las próximas semanas.

Poinsettias se colocarán en nuestra Iglesia y Nolan Hall. Su contribución de $ 20 hará posible este esfuerzo. (Haga el cheque pagadero a St. Joseph Church).

Se publicará una lista de todas las donaciones de Poinsettia en nuestro boletín parroquial en el boletín del 20 de Diciembre del 2020.

La fecha de cierre es el miércoles 9 de diciembre del 2020. Por favor, deje su formulario de pedido y donación en el buzón fuera de la oficina parroquial o formulario de pedido por correo y donación a la iglesia St. Joseph, 39 No. Carll Ave., Babylon, NY 11702 - Atención: Theresa.

¡Sepa que usted y todos sus seres queridos serán recordados como nuestros generosos benefactores mientras celebramos la temporada navideña!

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Formulario de pedido de Poinsettia

Por favor acepte mi contribución de $ ____ por (____) plantas de Poinsettia.

Escriba en letra de imprenta: En memoria de

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Solicitado por: ________________________________

Número de teléfono: (obligatorio) ____________________________
COMUNIDAD DE ORACIÓN PESCADOR DE HOMBRES-BABYLON-TE INVITA AL MES MISIONERO MARIANO

Diciembre
Viernes
7 - 9 pm

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

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