Please Note

Sunday Masses require reservations. Seating will be assigned. Please be sure to register the number of people in your family who will be sitting with you so we can seat you together.

Masks must be worn at all times both for Sunday Masses and Daily Masses.

Reserve your seat at www.stjosephsbabylon.org

**Masses**

Monday - Friday -- 7:30 AM & 9:00 AM; Saturday -- 9:00 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](http://www.stjosephsbabylon.org)
9:00 AM Daily Mass (English); 10:30 AM Sunday (English);
12:00 PM Sunday (Spanish)

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On December 8th, 1870, Blessed Pope Pius IX declared St. Joseph to be patron of the Catholic Church. 150 years later to the day, that is to say this year on the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Pope Francis issued an Apostolic Letter entitled "Patris Corde," "With a Father's Heart," on St. Joseph. With this letter, he also declared that the entire Church shall celebrate a year in honor of St. Joseph, ending on the feast of the Immaculate Conception next year. This is an exciting moment for us as a parish whose patron is now being honored in a special way all over the world. To that end, I would like us to consider seriously how we may celebrate, learn from, and share St. Joseph with our community of Babylon and with our families, friends, and neighbors. I would like to solicit your ideas and suggestions. Special indulgences have been announced for this year, and we will definitely have more to say about those (right now the document is only available in Latin, Italian, and Spanish. I will be making an English translation from the Spanish for next week). I also believe this would be a good opportunity for us to reconsecrate our parish, and for parishioners to consider consecrating their families, to St. Joseph.

To commemorate this wonderful announcement, Bishop Barres has also released a letter, "Go to Joseph," along with a special website. Links to all of these resources, along with those of the Holy Father, will be posted on a special section of our own website, currently under construction. This part of the website will be the best resource for all events related to this special Year of St. Joseph. We have also created a special e-mail address to be used for special communications regarding this year. You can use this e-mail address to submit any of the ideas or suggestions as I outlined above. That e-mail address is: YearOfStJoseph@stjbabylon.org

May this year, in honor of our parish patron, be a special time of grace of all of our families, and for our community!

In Christ,
fr. Jason

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

En 8 Diciembre 1870, Beato Papa Pio IX proclamó que San José es el patrón de la Iglesia Católica. 150 después, en el día mismo, es decir este año en la fiesta de la Concepción Inmaculada de la Santísima Virgen María, Papa Francisco emitió una Carta Apostólica se llama "Patris Corde," "Con Corazón de Padre," sobre San. José. Por esta carta, él proclamó que toda la Iglesia celebra un año en honor de San José, terminando en la fiesta de la Concepción Inmaculada el próximo año. Este es un momento muy importante para nosotros y nuestra parroquia, porque nuestro patrón será honorado en una manera particular en todo el mundo. Por lo tanto, quiero que consideremos con atención como podemos celebrar, aprender de, y compartir San José con nuestra comunidad de Babylon, y con nuestros familias, amigos, y prójimos. Quiero pedirles por sus ideas de hacerlo. Anunciaron también indulgencias especiales por este año; hablaré más de estas en el futuro. Creo que esta celebración es una buen oportunidad para consagrarse de nuevo nuestra parroquia, y por las familias a consagrarse, a San José.

Para conmemorar este anuncio, nuestro Obispo Barres ha compuesto una carta, "Ve hacia José," y el diócesis ha hecho un nuevo cito de web. Vamos a poner enlaces a todos estos recursos, con los del Santo Padre, en una parte de nuestro cito, que estamos haciendo. Allá se puede leer de todos que vamos a hacer en este año de San José. También, creamos un e-mail especial por comunicaciones de este año: YearOfStJoseph@stjbabylon.org. Si tiene ideas, por favor compártelas por ese e-mail.

¡Qué este año, en honor de nuestro patrón, sea un tiempo llena de gracia por todas nuestras familias y por nuestra comunidad!

En Cristo,

p. Jason
THANK YOU

I have been privileged and honored to serve St. Joseph faith family for the last eighteen years. Your love, care, encouragement, and appreciation have been generous during these eighteen years, and especially, I experienced it deeply, during the celebration of my final Holy Mass celebrated on last Sunday (November 22). At that time, I expressed my profound gratitude to all of you present as well as at home.

As you know, I am retiring and going to reside at St. Ignatius of Loyola Church, 129 Broadway, Hicksville, New York 11801, where my conferrer, Fr. Shibi Pappan OIC is the administrator. I will continue my ministry there, as St. Ignatius would put it: Ad maiorem Dei gloriam --for the greater glory of God!

Once again, I express my deep gratitude to Fr. Jason, all the priests, deacons, pastoral staff, all the ministries, associations, and especially, each and every one of you who have been very supportive, loving, and gracious to me all these years. Please accept my profound gratitude from the bottom of my heart.

Fr. Francis
ADVENT – A SEASON OF HOPE

A Happy and Blessed Advent to all of you!

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, one of the four Sundays when we are asked to prepare for the coming commemoration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas. The word Advent means Coming. It refers specifically to the Coming of Christ, first at His birth in Bethlehem, and second at the Final Judgment.

The liturgy suggests the theme of coming. There are four Advent candles in front of you, three colored purple and one colored pink. The purple-colored candles evoke the long period of longing and waiting for the Promised Messiah from the time of the prophets in the Old Testament to the time of Christ’s birth. Those long years of waiting were characterized by a sense of hope and suspense. There was hope that salvation in the person of the Messiah was near.

Speaking about hope, I know I don’t want to tell you that hope is a beautiful word. It is a beautiful feeling that something wonderful is going to happen. May I tell you about an old Christmas carol with the title ‘Whispering Hope.’ As a young seminarian, I used to join a small town caroling group go from house to house during the Advent season and sing this heart-warming song whose lyrics go like this:

‘Soft as the voice of an angel,
Breathing a lesson unheard;
Hope with a gentle persuasion
Whispers a comforting word.’

‘Wait till the darkness is over,
Wait till the tempest is gone;
Hope for a sunshine tomorrow,
After the shower is gone.’

Advent is a season of hope. Perhaps, children can teach us something about hope. When the kids see their gifts under the Christmas tree, see how their eyes sparkle at the sight of the gifts. But, I’m sure you can also tell how their hearts are bursting with suspense and excitement hoping that what’s inside the boxes with the attractive wrappings are the presents of their dreams.

Excitement, suspense and surprise – what better words to describe our Advent feeling as we look forward to Christmas. Incidentally, there is something in this building that will give us, young and old, a feeling of excitement, suspense and surprise. It’s Father Dave’s Winter Wonderland which opened this weekend. Last night, when I checked out the Winter Wonderland I was greeted with a fantastic cornucopia of dazzling Christmas lights, paper toys and real toys small, a very large paper Santa Claus, and everything else that can compete with Macy’s or Saks Fifth Avenue holiday light show. (I was thinking about my own very young grandnephews and grandnieces - there are twenty three of them, half of whom are below the age of eighth - and how I wish they were here to see our parish Winter Wonderland!)

Then, after the brief tour of the Christmas wonderland, that brings out the kid in you, there’s the big surprise – a beautiful creche awaits you before the exit. What a great teaching moment! All the glitter, all the sparkle, all the splendor of Christmas lights should lead us to the real Light, Christ in the manger, who is the Light of the world, who is the reason for the season!

Father Erno
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, 12/14- Father Erno
Wednesday, 12/16- Father Marcin
Monday, 12/21- father Jason- en Espanol
Wednesday, 12/23- father Jason- en Espanol

On Mondays in December from 4pm-7pm, the Church will be open for those who wish to spend some quiet time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

There will NOT be a prayer 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.

Winter Wonderland
opened Friday, 11/27 and will be open each Friday and Saturday evening from 5:30pm—9:00pm.

Fun for all ages! A family-friendly walk through Christmas Wonderland.

No cost, but a free-will offering will gladly be accepted at the door.

To help us keep COVID Protocols safely in place. Please reserve your spot by following the link on the parish Website:

www.stjosephsbabylon.org
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054daca2ca5f94-winter
**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
- 1st Lt. Marc Anthony Parrino
- 1st Lt. R.J. Parrino
- Sgt. Lauren Colantropo
- Cpl. Alyssa E. Grimaldi
- PFC Joshua J. Coughlin
- Malik Rodriguez
- Nelson Sanchez, Jr.

**U.S. Coast Guard:**
- Capt. Matthew W. Sibley
- CPO Benjamin Flad

**U.S. Army:**
- LTC John Kallo
- LTC Jon J. Uebel
- Capt. Stephen Scuderi
- 1LT Mark Barbera
- 2LT Anthony C. DiBiasi
- LT Joseph A. Vanderveldt, III
- SSG Josuah Insull
- SSG David C. Ray
- Sgt Edwin Zambrano
- SPC Elliot Chodkowski
- SPC Alexandra Diaz
- PFC Dominic Pritito
- PV2 Danny Boraschein
- 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 including Elsie Loth & John Alexander Stanton, Jr.

**Alar Rose**

In Memory Joan Cornman

**Bread & Wine for the Eucharist**

In Memory of John Francis Gibbons

**Monday, December 14**

Num 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27

**Tuesday, December 15**

Zeph 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday, December 16**

Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 7:18b-23

**Thursday, December 17**

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

**Friday, December 18**

Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

**Saturday, December 19**

Jdg 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

**Sunday, December 20~**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38
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.*

**December 6, 2020**

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**Weekly Budget**
$19,615

**Difference**
(-) $317

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

**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.
### Mass Intentions

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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

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!

Christmas is coming! —

Mass will be
LIVE STREAMED on both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Please tune in the Parish Website
Or FACEBOOK page.

Tickets and Reservations are needed to attend in person.
Please call the office for details.

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.}

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.

Special Collection to Support Our Religious - This weekend- Dec. 12/13

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Comedian George Carlin said, “If the number 2 pencil is so good, why is it still number 2?” Funny though that may be, underscore the disdain our culture holds for the position of second best. When have you ever heard a football stadium erupt with the cheer, “We’re NUMBER 2?” Or what contestant in the pageant aspires for the honor of runner-up?

Here is a test. How many American Vice-Presidents can you name? Or see if you can name those teams which placed second in their leagues in any year. For most of us, second best is not good enough. Gold medal winners are often featured on the cover of cereal boxes, but rarely the silver medal winners.

We love winners. We want to be number 1. Yet most of life is lived away from the fleeting spotlight of the winners circle. Most of us play supporting roles in the cast of life’s play. As much as we might aspire to be first, our world is desperately in need of people who can play second-best with grace, dignity and calling. Where can we go to find a model for second best?

Our Gospel reading today tells of a man whose contribution to the human drama was his expertise in the part of supporting player. He was John the Baptist. This enigmatic man knew how to be second best. He was a virtuoso of second fiddle. Would you like to know what it takes to play this part well? Let’s look at John the Baptist.

It would have been very easy for John to fall victim to his own ego needs. Just think about it. He was the talk of the town. Crowds came to him from everywhere just to hear him preach. They sought him out in the wilderness. His was the name in very headline. Many people thought he was the great prophet Elijah, whose return at the close of time was prophesied in the Bible. It had been four hundred years since Israel had this kind of voice. The common people listened in wonder. And the government leaders feared his influence with the masses. He was at the peak of his popularity.

Religious leaders came to John to ask him, “Are you really the prophesied one? Are you the Messiah?” How easy it would have been to say, “Yes.” But not John. He knew his place in God’s plan. His was a supporting role. He came to prepare the way.

Thank you John for Your Gifts
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
[This is the most recent update we have gotten from CMA.]

**Goal:** $136,000  
**Pledges:** $101,000  
**Percent of Goal Achieved:** 74%

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/

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*

**Donor Name:** ____________________________________________________  
**Address:** ________________________________________________________  
**Town/City:** ________________________________________________________  
**State:** _______________  
**Zip Code:** _______________  

**Parish:** **St. Joseph Church, Babylon, NY**
Visit our website www.stjosephsbabylon.org for parish news.
(631) 587-4717

Faith Formation Office hours are Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm.
The office is not open to the public yet.
Please call the office when you arrive and let us know what you need.
The phone number is on the front door to the Parish Center
(631-587-4717). Someone will meet you at the front door wearing a mask
and we ask that you also wear a mask.

The Faith Formation Office will be closed beginning 12 noon on Wednesday, December 23rd and will reopen Monday, January 4th at 9am.
We hope that you and your family enjoy a happy and safe Christmas Season.

Unit Reviews – Unit 2 Reviews for levels 1-6 will go out at the last week in January. Monthly reviews for levels 7 & 8 will go out in the beginning of January. Students will need to answer the questions and return them to the Faith Formation Office either by emailing them to cmoule@stjbabylon.org or sending them via mail.

Monthly Mass Reflections and/or Mass attendance – the Mass reflection form can be found on the website: stjosephsbabylon.org, 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 were due the week of November 16th.
If you wish to attend Mass in person, you can hand in a Mass attendance envelope in the collection basket instead of doing a 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 Mass on the website anytime after 10am on Wednesday prior to the weekend.

Level 8 Confirmation – we have not heard from the Bishop’s Office yet asking to choose a Confirmation date. Confirmation will most likely be during the Easter Season. As soon as we have more information we will let you know.
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
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 14th.

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.
In these uncertain times, as Catholics, we find our HOPE in Christ.

How can we give that HOPE to others this Christmas Season?

1. Commit to praying at least One Hail Mary every day for someone who feels hopeless.

2. Collect New or Gently worn Hats, Gloves, Mittens, Scarves, and Hand Warmers which Outreach will distribute to the Homeless and Families in Need.

3. Adopt a Family by taking a leaf from one of the Giving Trees in the Church or Hall.

4. Donate Store Gift Cards to Outreach so a family can have the dignity of shopping for themselves this Christmas Season.

5. Love your family and let them know it!

Many of us feel HOPELESS in this unprecedented COVID world we are now in. Talk about your feelings with your family and friends. SHARE THE HOPE OF YOUR FAITH WITH OTHERS!

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

Join Family Life Ministry in Virtual Prayer—Wednesdays at 7pm via ZOOM
Join us as we pray the Rosary together—ALL AGES WELCOME!

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78942305700?pwd=Zm5TOVVVIK0dYVzBUbStIQmgydUNIdz09

Meeting ID: 789 4230 5700 Passcode: Rosary
Time: 7:00 pm Wednesdays
Mercy Soup Kitchen

*Messiah Concert Cancelled*
*But, Mercy Soup Kitchen Still Needs Your Support*

The Concert which has been a Parish Christmas tradition, as well as the major fundraiser for The Mercy Soup Kitchen of Wyandanch will not be held this year.

We are asking you to continue to support the wonderful work of Mercy Soup Kitchen by making a donation. As always, the volunteers and guests Thank You for your consideration and generosity.

Checks can be made payable to:

*The Mercy Soup Kitchen*
*PO Box 1642*
*Wyandanch, NY 11798*

Additionally donations may be placed in the *Mailbox outside the Parish Center* or *the Sunday Parish Collection basket.*

{Please note *The Mercy Soup Kitchen on the envelope.*}

May God Bless you for your generosity.
Have a Blessed Christmas.
Congratulations to the following St. Joseph parishioners who received Honors from Chaminade High School, Kellenberg Memorial High School & St. Anthony’s High School. We are very proud of your accomplishments.

### Chaminade High School Academic Awards Honor Pins 2020-2021 School Year

**Senior:**
- **Gold**
  - Nicholas A. Donarumma
  - Michael W. Kelleher
- **Silver**
  - Alexander G. Dolce
- **Bronze**
  - Joseph J. Busweiler
  - Jack W. Lulley

**Junior:**
- **Silver**
  - Cody J. Nettuno
- **Bronze**
  - Timothy A. Haskell

**Sophomore:**
- **Bronze**
  - Nathaniel P. Butler
  - Evan M. Dunford

### Kellenberg Memorial High School Final Honor Roll 2019-2020 School Year

- Zachary Baldassare
- Julianna DiBiase
- Gianna Felicetti
- Michael Felicetti
- Peter Gillen
- Helen Hansen
- Hollyanne Hansen
- Justin Karcher
- Kali Maroney
- Laken Maroney
- Alden Sahi

### National Honor Society
- Julianna DiBiase
- Kali Maroney
- Alden Sahi

### National Junior Honor Society
- Gianna Felicetti
- Justin Karcher

### St. Anthony Honor Roll First Quarter 2020-2021 School Year

- Erica Annett
- Emma Annett
- Bailey Becker
- Jeremy Becker
- Brooke Bilich
- Ryan Bothe
- Anna Descovich
- Avery Descovich
- Anita DiBari
- Lauren Elwood
- Ryan Gaffney
- Emmanuel Green
- Nailea Green
- Katherine Grosso
- Brenden Howard
- Ryan Northorn
- Paige Olsen
- Isabella Ruisi
- Teagan Scanlon
- Kaitlynn Schneider
- Theodore Stroh
- Anna Stroh
- Ava Vandernoth
- Erin Wilson
Reflections

“Awhile ago I mentioned how my friend Heather had a fender-bender which required the services of an auto body establishment. Heather, though hardly an automobile expert, thought the estimate for the repair was extremely high. As she was driving home, a separate repair shop caught her eye, and she stopped to get a second opinion. The service man told her to take a seat, looked the car over, made the repair on the spot, and did not charge Heather, asking only that she…as the new phrase goes…pay it forward. Which she repeatedly has.

They say lightning never strikes in the same place twice, but apparently not so with fender-benders. Recently Heather emailed:

“Do you recall many months ago, I told you about an incident that occurred when I brought my car to be serviced at a collision junk yard. After working on my car for about 40 minutes in the freezing cold, using a heater for the car to bend out the bump, he did not charge me for the service. He told me to pay it forward. Which I did. Well, it happened again, I paid another visit to Precision Collision for another fender bender and he remembered me and insisted that that there would be no charge. I couldn’t believe it.”

Heather never said this, but I suspect the initial act of generosity precipitated because the mechanic had the (on target) sense that Heather was a good person. We might all agree it is fairly easy to do something for someone who is like-minded; in this case, being a kind person.

During the Advent season we are reminded to prepare our hearts for the arrival of the Christ Child and once we understand what that means, we too can generate kindness…even to strangers.

“For a child is born to us, a son is given to us;
upon his shoulder dominion rests.
They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.”
Isaiah 9:5

Bulletin Reflection:

“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.” These words are found in our Second Reading today. How often do you pray? Is God calling you to pray more? When you pray, do you thank God for your blessings?”
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 online 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

“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.

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

**Confesiones**
Llamar a la oficina (631) 669-0068 para más información
**LOS ESPERAMOS!!!**

*Posada virtual navideña*

Desde el 15 de Diciembre a las 7pm
By Zoom ID 4981091934
Password: rccBabylon

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**COMUNIDAD DE ORACIÓN PESCADOR DE HOMBRES - BABYLON**

**TE INVITA AL MÉS MISIONERO MARIANO**

Diciembre 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

**PREMIO A LA MEJOR VOZ!**

LLAMAR A PATY (631)8052655