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)

Sunday Masses require reservations. Seating will be assigned.

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Masks must be worn at all times both for Sunday Masses and Daily Masses.
Reserve your seat at www.stjosephsbabylon.org
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This week we receive grace and consolation from God in the Nativity proclamation: "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11). We have awaited in hope many things this year. Christmas, the celebration of the birth of God with us, boldly announces that our hopes can be fulfilled in Jesus Christ. I pray for all of you, that during this Christmas season you do find the fulfillment of your hopes in Jesus, or at least the start of that fulfillment. I pray for all of you, that you may find wonderful consolations as your faith increases through the pious celebration of the birth of the Savior. And I, and my brother priests here, would like to actively help bring those graces to you in a very special way this year. How? Keep reading.

The birth of the Christ was an awesome event, but few knew about it at the time. It was only when Jesus began His ministry that people began to realize how God was acting. This revelation happened in a special way at the River Jordan, with the baptism of the Lord. Then at His first miracle at Cana in Galilee. These two events, combined with the visitation of the magi, form the basis for the feast of the Epiphany. Yes, it is with the Epiphany that we realize that Christ's blessing has come to us! In the early centuries of the Church, the Epiphany, not Christmas, was held second to Easter. Special blessings developed in order to bring that grace of Christ to every household. This year, we are going to reconnect with this ancient tradition. On January 5th, the vigil of the Epiphany (note that in the US we celebrate the Epiphany on the second Sunday after Christmas, but the general Church calendar has the Epiphany on January 6th), starting at 7pm, we will conduct a solemn blessing of water associated with this special feast. That water will then be used to bless houses throughout the year (I have personally purchased large vats to hold the water). Fr. Marcin and I want to reach as many houses as possible throughout the year! The challenge of COVID may give us a slow start, but we will be ready to provide this extraordinary blessing to you and your home.

More information regarding the blessing of the water and the homes will follow, but for now let me note a few things: the blessing for epiphany water comes from an older ritual book, and is thus conducted in Latin. Normally, only a bishop can bless this water, but I have obtained delegation from Bishop Barres' office so as to have the proper authority to conduct this blessing. This blessing will be preceded by a Solemn High Mass of the Extraordinary Form (also in Latin), with preaching done in both English and in Spanish. Registration will be necessary to attend. Both the Mass and the blessing can be quite long, and so those who do register should count on the entire evening running between two and three hours (in Latin). The prayers will be live streamed. And most importantly, even if you cannot be present the whole point of this is to prepare special water to bless houses on a later date. A system for scheduling such a house blessing will be set up so that parishioners can make an appointment for Fr. Marcin or I to visit and conduct the blessing.

What a special year of grace we have before us: a year dedicated to St. Joseph, the chance to have our houses blessed with Epiphany water, and a renewal of faith through the proclamation of Christ's birth. May all of you know the love of God through these days of feasting and celebration!

In Christ,
fr. Jason
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, 12/21- father Jason- en Espanol
Wednesday, 12/23- father Jason- en Espanol

Day of Reconciliation

Monday, December 21st
3pm - 9pm in the Church

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
Prayers for Our Deceased

For Our Sick

Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including:
Diana M. Evers, Joseph Anthony Giordano, Robert Timmers, Sr., Anthony Charles Ricciardi & Maureen Ann Greene.

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 Witcosky
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. Army:**
LTC John Kallo
LTC Jon J. Uebel
Capt. Stephen Scuderi
1LT Mark Barbara
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
Eric Stein

**U.S.A.F.:**
MSGT John Hatzidakis
SSGT Brandon Ward
AB Christopher Signoretti
AB Eric Benzing
AB Vincent E. Berger

Altar Rose

In Memory Adela & Bonnie

Monday, December 21
Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday, December 22
1 Sm 1:24-28; (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-7, 8abdc; Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday, December 23
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24;
Ps 25: 4bc-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Thursday, December 24 ~
Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord
Is 62: 1-5;
Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25;
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:187-25

Friday, December 25 ~
The Nativity of the Lord ~
Christmas
Is 52:7-10;
Ps 98:1-6;
Heb 1:1-6;
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Saturday, December 26
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59;
Ps 31:3cd-4, 6-8b, 16bc, 17;
Mt 10:17-22

Sunday, December 27 ~
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14;
Ps 128:1-5;
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17;
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
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.

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

December 13, 2020
Collection: $10,209   Faith Direct: $4,200   Total: $14,409
Weekly Budget: $19,615   Difference: (-) $5,206
Numbers are an approximate as Faith Direct updates us monthly and mailed donations come in throughout the week.

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No Banns

**Second Time~**
No Banns

**Third Time~**
Joseph Michael Swanson & Marisa Ann Mitacchione

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**Monday - December 21**
- 7:30AM  
  Louise Cascio & Alice Besemer
- 9:00AM  
  Adela Diatiovich

**Tuesday - December 22**
- 7:30AM  
  Carole Lo Valvo-Joyce
- 9:00AM  
  Salvatore Messina

**Wednesday - December 23**
- 7:30AM  
  Ann Iannielli
- 9:00AM  
  Bonnie Podesta

**Thursday - December 24**
- 7:30 AM  
  People of St. Joseph's
- 9:30 AM  
  People of St. Joseph’s
- 2:00 PM-C  
  People of St. Joseph’s
- 2:15 PM-NH  
  People of St. Joseph’s
- 4:00 PM-C  
  People of St. Joseph’s
- 4:15 PM-NH  
  People of St. Joseph’s
- 7:00 PM-C  
  People of St. Joseph’s
- 7:15 PM-NH  
  People of St. Joseph’s
- 10:00 PM-NH  
  People of St. Joseph’s
- Midnight-NH  
  People of St. Joseph’s

**Friday - December 25**
- 7:00AM-C  
  People of St. Joseph’s
- 9:00AM-C  
  People of St. Joseph’s
- 9:15 AM-NH  
  People of St. Joseph’s
- 10:30 AM-C  
  People of St. Joseph’s
- 10:45 AM-NH  
  People of St. Joseph’s
- Noon-NH  
  People of St. Joseph’s

**Saturday - December 26**
- 9:00AM  
  William Schoepfer
- 5:00PM  
  Charles Alessi
  John Alexander Stanton
  Anthony Ricciardi
  Catherine Gandolfo

**Sunday - December 27**
- 7:00AM  
  People of St. Joseph’s
- 9:00AM  
  Kevin Thomas Boyd
- 9:15AM  
  People of St. Joseph’s
- 10:30AM  
  Harry O’Donnell
- 10:45AM  
  Catherine Kennedy, Martin Kennedy & Joann Kennedy Curry
- 12:00PM - Español  
  Maximino Rodriguez
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. }

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LIVE STREAMED MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve Mass—Thursday, December 24 at 4PM
Christmas Day Mass—Friday, December 25 at 10:30 AM

The Masses will be available for viewing at anytime on our website: stjosephsbabylon.org

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!
**A Christmas Reflection**

**Breakfast with My Mother**

My mother was raised in Belfast and my father in Sligo. I was conceived in Ireland but born in the U.S.A. We lived in Midtown N.Y.C.; we were poor in the material sense, but rich in many other ways.

One morning, about 77 years ago, when I was only seven years old, my mother woke me at 6:30 AM with the news that we were going out to breakfast. Strange news, since I had been particularly obnoxious the night before.

“Mom,” I said, “It’s only 6:30 in the morning and besides, where will you get the money to take us to eat. We never eat anywhere but at home.”

She replied, “Don’t worry, just get dressed and we will be on our way.”

We headed west on Thirty-First Street and as we approached St. Francis Church, I saw, as I had seen many times before, what seems like an endless line of people waiting on what my mom called, ‘A Bread Line.’

To my amazement, we got on line with people waiting whom I had always felt offended by. They were dirty, ragged, rowdy, (some of them). Certainly, not my kind of people.

When we arrived at the head of the line, a Franciscan Brother or Priest gave us a smile, a roll and a cup of coffee. We crossed the street and sat together on two adjoining hydrants. My mom was enjoying her “meal”, while I was just too angry and disappointed to even think about eating.

In a short while (which seemed to me an eternity), we headed home. As we made our way east again, my mother asked, “Did you enjoy your breakfast?” I answered as nastily as I could, “NO, I did not!” She put her hand on my nasty little head and said, “And neither did any of those people back there.” “Michael”, she continued, “For as long as you live, don’t ever forget the poor and the hungry, because there, but for the grace of God, goes any one of us.”

I’m in St. Francis almost every day, all these years, and each day I make sure to pass the “Bread Line”...for two reasons. One, to be reminded daily of that lesson and the many others my Mom taught me. And two, to thank God for the wonderful gift of my Mother and others in my life who have saved me from myself.

*Peace and Love.*

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_Deacon Mike_
### Christmas Memorial Poinsettias

**DONATED BY**
- Ellen & Timothy Adams
- Ellen & Timothy Adams
- Mrs. Lorraine Anisansel
- Mr. & Mrs. Don Bartsch
- Mr. & Mrs. Don Bartsch
  - Mary Ann Burrows
  - Mary Ann Burrows
  - Mary Ann Burrows
- The Berhalter Family
- The Berhalter Family
  - Suzanne Braband
- Suzanne Braband
  - Maria, Michael & Charlotte Cohen
  - The DeLucca Family
  - The DeLucca Family
  - The DeLucca Family
  - The Dolan Family
  - Stephen & Maryann Ferrone
  - Stephen & Maryann Ferrone
  - Stephen & Maryann Ferrone
  - Stephen & Maryann Ferrone
  - Annette Ficalora
  - Annette Ficalora
  - Annette Ficalora
  - Nancy Gehres
  - Alice Gibbons
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**IN MEMORY OF**
- Ellen & Carl Paladino
  - AnnaMarie & Henry Adams
- Deacon Geoffrey R. Anisansel
  - Deceased Members of Little & Bartsch Families
- Deceased Members of the Kienle & Gentz Families
- Bob Burrows
  - Mary & Bob Milnes & Peter Riola
  - Gertrude & George Burrows
  - Kathryn Bryce
  - Charles Giudice
  - June Scott & Josephine Weber
  - Peter Betner & Joseph Raymond Wolf
  - Robert Dacey
    - Joseph M. DeLucca
    - Aristeas Mousis
    - Michael W. Bartow
  - Eugene & Catherine Dolan
    - Gerard Ferrone
    - Joseph Dunn
    - Edith Dunn
    - Linda Dunn
    - Floyd Ficalora
    - Inez Ficalora
    - Rosemary Ficalora
    - Albert Gehres
    - John Francis Gibbons
    - Mr. & Mrs. Richard Costello
    - Alice Gavigan
      - Mr. & Mrs. John Joseph Gibbons
      - Elsie Wood
        - Costello Family
        - Gavigan Family
        - Gibbons Family
        - Wood Family
        - Mc Goldrick Family
        - Greene Family
        - All Friends and Relatives
**Christmas Memorial Poinsettias**

**DONATED BY**
- Alice Gibbons
- Alice Gibbons
- Sylvia & Leonard Grenci
- Louise M. Kennedy
- Louise M. Kennedy
- Gary & Joan Krone
- Rachel Lane
- Rachel Lane
- Rachel Lane
- Kerry Larke
- Kerry Larke
- Kerry Larke
- Kerry Larke
- Laraine Leitch
- Laraine Leitch
- Thomas & Deborah Libourel
- Amanda & Krystal Maharaj
- Amanda & Krystal Maharaj
- Barbara & Brian Maher
- Barbara & Brian Maher
- Barbara & Brian Maher
- Barbara & Brian Maher
- The Markhams
- Tim & Maria McCarthy
- Tim & Maria McCarthy
- Carol McGrath
- Roger McKenna
- Roger McKenna
- Joe & Vicky Miller
- Eileen Molloy
- Anna Maria Montuori
- Anna Maria Montuori
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**IN MEMORY OF**
- All Service People
- All Our Troops in Foreign Lands
- Albert R. Grenci
- Martin Kennedy
- The Kennedy & DiGiulio Families
- Anthony & Jean Saccaro
- Adeline Dimmick
- MacKenzie Kulesza
- Mark Mueller
- Mary Jane Simmons
- James Simmons
- Robert F. Larke
- Marguerite & John Roche
- Kathleen Gallagher & Lee Dorn
- Viola, George, George, Jr. Rebecchi
- Susan & William Leitch
- Sylvia & Harold Gorrone and Dorothy & Joseph Kelly
- Brandon Lochan
- Ravi Maharaj
- Joseph Hallam
- Sister Elizabeth Moore, OSF
- Robert J. Goble, Jr.
- George Sullivan
- Megan Dinhaup Sullivan
- Marty Kennedy
- Eleanor Delvin
- The Markham Family
- Charles & Helen McCarthy
- Vincent Whitnum & Patricia Merkle
- William McGrath
- Mrs. Louise Cassese McKenna
- Mrs. Ligia Soares Murta
- The Cerone & Miller Families
- Ford Family
- John & Martha Ozehosky
- Mario & Nina Montuori
- Peter & Vinzenza Guzzardo
- Anthony & Margaret Guzzardo
Christmas Memorial Poinsettias

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Anna Maria Montuori
Beatrice & Paul Noguier
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Rich & Mary Oehrlein
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Janet & Sal Picataggio
Jill Radesky & Crew
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George & Marie Samito
Len & Sharon Saragnese
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Ginnie & Larry Schoenfelder
Louise Sokolowski
Louise Sokolowski
Dolores Strain
Dolores Strain
Elizabeth Stuckey
Gail Sullivan
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Gail Sullivan
Toni Tartaglia
Muriel Verschuuren
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IN MEMORY OF
Deceased Members of the Montuori Family
Catherine Townson
Howard Townson
Catherine Zappola
June Zappola
John & Anne Nagengast
Deceased Members of the Oehrlein & Owens Families
Deceased Members of the Extended Lijy Family
Deceased Members of the Extended Picataggio Family
Dennis Radesky
James Carew
Janet Graziano
Joey Wood
Frank & Jean Soyack
Ann Osarczuk
Carol Jean Palma
Paul Soyack
Family Members
John & Lucy DeFio
Mary McHugh
Mark & Ida Saragnese
Muriel & Peter Rincones and
Julia & Lawrence Schoenfelder
Robert Sokolowski
Russell Mantione
Walter D. Strain
Mary Rogers Pyatt
Minerva Diaz, Beloved Mother
Fifer & Sullivan Families
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"For Sara"
The McNulty Family
The Verschuuren Family
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
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
Our Volunteers are AWESOME!

Each weekend our newly formed, Hospitality Ministry arrives early to Mass to greet each person as they come in the door. They safely check everyone in, they answer questions, and guide people to their seats.

This team is truly one of COVID’s BLESSINGS.

ROGER is one of the Team Captains at the 7am Mass – he is happy to meet new people and to get the chance to speak to parishioners as he checks them in.

STAN – always arrives early to his favorite 9am Mass, and willingly stepped in to help, and has encouraged others to do the same.

SUE is a newcomer to the parish and has just begun helping at the 10:30/10:45am Mass, with the help of her granddaughter, Leila – a great way for her to meet new friends.

JOHN helps to Captain and check people in at the 9am Mass, and then joins his family at the 9:15am Mass.

Sharon, Pat, MaryAlice, Mary, Joe, Jill, Laraine, Michele, and Scott are familiar faces around the Parish as they have been sharing their talents for many years – and they continue to give by helping at any Mass as needed.

So many others to thank – Carol, Jackie, Joan, Flo, Dawn, Lisa, John, George, Leslie, Claudia, Ana, Jaime, Patricia, Sara, Sandie, Tom……I’m sorry, I know I’m forgetting others………… I can’t say enough about this team as they have continued to offer their time to the Parish under not so normal circumstances. Because of their efforts, we have maintained our safety standards and been able to continue to worship in person.

If you would like to join our Hospitality Team please speak to one of the Volunteers at Mass or call the office and ask for me. Barbara McNulty ext 108.

In the meantime, don’t forget to thank those who are standing at the doors, wearing their smile under their mask!

Many thanks to all of the Volunteers! Wishing you Peace & Good Health.
Barbara McNulty
St. Joseph’s Parish Social Ministry 2020

Despite going through a Pandemic, we have been able to meet our goal, which was that no one would go hungry during this difficult time. This was possible through the generosity of St. Joseph parishioners and the wonderful group of volunteers who have been working hard for our neighbors in need. Without a doubt, life after COVID-19 will never be the same. The Outreach Center has been able to keep its doors open throughout these difficult nine months. We have been able to give some economic and emotional relief to many families, and anyone who knocks on our door. We also provided for families from Copiague who lost their Church due to a fire and needed our help.

Throughout 2020, we have helped more than 135 families in programs like Back to School and Thanksgiving including the services we offer regularly, such as helping the homeless community. At this moment, we are getting ready for Christmas programs, for example, the Angel Brigade, Giving Tree and Christmas food distribution. Additionally, a hundred Christmas meals has been donated by Lily Flanagan’s Pub.

This year also brought good things, like the joy of finally having our long awaited ramp, generously donated to us, in order to offer better service to our disabled clients as well as facilitating the work of our team of volunteers.

Thanks to the blessing of working closely with the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, we have been able to meet the challenges that this year brought us. We were able to bring food to homes of families infected with the virus and to clients who could not leave their homes because they were high risk. After December 23rd we can successfully close the programs for 2020 and initiate new procedures for 2021!

God Bless all who have helped those in need this year!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Outreach Center News

We will be closed from:
Thursday, December 24, 2020
To
Monday, January 4, 2021
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=Zm5TOVVVIK0dYVzBUBsStIQmgydUNIdz09

Meeting ID: 789 4230 5700  Passcode: Rosary
Time: 7:00 pm Wednesdays
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 St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School for the First Quarter of 2020-2021 School Year. We are very proud of your accomplishments.

**Summa Cum Laude**

- Lucy Carnese
- Olivia Cosentino
- Molly Dale
- Riley Dee
- Samantha Cannetti
- Alyssa Cosentino
- Christen Vota
- Ainsley Berrin
- Owen Boxer
- Lindsey Gaare
- Ella Hickey
- Nicholas Olejnik
- Kate O’Malley
- Vanessa Rosero

**Magna Cum Laude**

- Marissa Di Vita
- Megan McGuinness
- Rori Nugent
- Kevin Pilewski
- Kiara Rodas
- Daniel Baldauf
- Delaney Baldauf
- Olivia Kolman
- Peyton McMillan
- Joseph Pena
- Jason White
- Matthew Inzirillo
- Jack Smith
- Julia Lanza
- Liam Lavin
- Nicole Martino
- Matthew McGuinness
- Morgan Pallas

**Cum Laude**

- Alexandra Spagnola
- Daniela Baloga
- Michelle Arroyo
- Jayden Acosta Amaro
- Madeline Fleming
- Dominick LaSorsa

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**Francis Ferguson Memorial Essay Contest Winners**

*Kevin Pilewski & Ryan Northorn*

On Saturday, December 5, 2020 at a ceremony was held at St. Joseph’s Church where Kevin and Ryan were presented with there Francis Ferguson Scholarships by Grand Knight Guillermo (Bill) Jimenez, Sheila Ferguson and Fr. Dave Atanasio.
**Reflections**

**THE NEW CHRISTMAS NORMAL**

Jill decided, now that she was retired, she would set up a side business of buying and reselling items on eBay for small profits, with all this income going to pay tuitions for her grandchildren who were in private schools. It was important to her that Adam and Mary get solid foundations, especially in the fundamentals of their Catholic faith.

Heather was also a grandmother and, as Halloween approached, learned her young grandson would be a frog. Considered a shopper supreme, Heather did her best to find a costume which would make her grandson jump and croak but had no success. Fortunately, the COVID pandemic allowed her, like many seniors, to hone her internet skills. One aspect of improvement was buying items online. When national stores failed to avail a frog costume, Heather tried eBay, found Jill, and the coveted item was found, shipped, and received well in time for the big day.

Grateful for the reaction the costume brought, Heather sent Jill a thank you note which included a picture of her grandson as a smiling frog. Weeks later, Heather got the following response:

“Dear Heather, Your note could not have arrived at a better time. For the past few months, I was becoming more dejected about what I was doing. I started simply to keep my grandchildren in private schools, but I often felt I was spinning my wheels. Your kind thoughts and the picture of your adorable grandson in the costume changed all that. You’ll never know how much I appreciate what you have done for me. Sincerely, Jill”

Gifts will probably be in the forefront of most minds this week. A week from today…not so much. Heather’s note demonstrates not all gifts are tied with ribbons and that the best ones are those from the heart.

The message of Christmas is God’s love for us. We are called to do the same. When this year’s wrappings and trappings are set aside, let us use the gifts God has given us to share our love in simple, basic ways.

Like writing a simple thank you note.

“God Bless Us, Every One!”

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**Bulletin Reflection:**

*The Angel Gabriel appears to Mary and announces that she was chosen to become the mother of God.*
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.
El sábado 12 de Diciembre nuestra iglesia se llenó de fieles feligreses que participaron de la misa por Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.

Anuncio del Ministerio Parroquial
Outreach estará cerrado del:
24 al Diciembre al 4 de Enero de 2021
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 par mas información

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**COMUNIDAD DE ORACION PESCADOR DE HOMBRES-BABYLON TE INVITA AL MES 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
Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

Esta semana recibimos gracia y consolación por Dios en la proclamación de la Navidad: “No teman, porque les traigo una buena noticia, una gran alegría para todo el pueblo: Hoy, en la ciudad de David, les ha nacido un Salvador, que es el Mesías, el Señor” (Lc. 2:10-11). Esperamos por muchas cosas este año. La Navidad, la celebración del nacimiento de Dios con nosotros, proclama con atrevimiento, que Jesucristo es nuestra esperanza. Yo oro que en este tiempo de la Navidad, Cristo satisface sus esperanzas, o a menos que este tiempo sea el empiezo de la satisfacción de sus esperanzas. Oro, también, que ustedes puedan sentir la consolación de Dios en el aumento de su fe a través de la celebración piadosa del nacimiento del Salvador. Además, yo, y mis hermanos sacerdotes aquí, queremos traer a ustedes unas gracias especiales en una manera particular en el año que viene. ¿Cómo? Continúen leer.

El nacimiento del Cristo era un momento grande, pero pocos sabían de lo en aquello tiempo. Solo cuando Jesus empezó su ministerio, la gente realizó que Dios estaba haciendo algo maravilloso. Esta revelación pasó en una manera particular en el bautismo del Señor al río Jordán, y en su primer milagro a la boda de Cana. Estos dos eventos, con la visitación de los magos, forman la fiesta de la Epifanía. Es cierto, con la Epifanía podemos reconocer que la bendición de Cristo ha venido a nosotros. En los primeros siglos, era la Epifanía, no la Navidad, que era de segunda importancia a la Pascua. Bendiciones especiales desarrollaron para que cada hogar puedan recibir la gracia de la presencia de Cristo. Este año, vamos a volver a conectar con esta tradición antigua. El 5 de Enero, la vigilia de la Epifanía (sepan que aquí en los EEUU celebramos la Epifanía el segundo domingo después de la Navidad, pero en el calendario general de la Iglesia la fiesta de la Epifanía es el 6 de Enero), de las 7 pm, vamos a hacer un bendición solemne de agua de la Epifanía. Con esa agua, vamos a bendecir muchas casas por todo el año 2021 (he comprado personalmente unos envases grandes). ¡Padre Marcín y yo queremos bendecir tantas casas! Vamos a empezar lentamente por COVID, pero estaremos listos para proveer esta bendición muy especial a los que nos piden.

Voy a distribuir más información de la bendición del agua y las casas en el futuro, pero para ahora quiero decir esto: la bendición es de un libro litúrgico tradicional, pues la bendición es en latín. Normalmente, solo un obispo puede hacer esta bendición, pero he recibido la autoridad de la oficina de Obispo Barres para hacerlo. Antes de la bendición, ofreceremos una Misa Solemne de la Forma Extraordinaria (también en Latín), con predicación en Ingles y Español. Tiene que registrarse para asistir. Amos la Misa y la bendición son largas, y los que quieren registrarse deben saber que el evento correrá por mas que dos horas (en Latín). Vamos a transmitir el evento vivo por el cito de la parroquia y Facebook. Y, lo mas importante, aunque no pueda asistir la bendición, la meta es para hacer agua bendita para bendecir casas, y vamos a tener todo el año para bendecirlas. Estamos estableciendo un sistema para fijar una fecha para la bendición.

¡Que especial es el año de la gracia que viene: un año dedicado a San José, una oportunidad para recibir esta bendición de la casa, una renovación de la fe por la proclamación de la Navidad! ¡Que todos se sientan el amor de Dios por estos días especiales!

En Cristo,
p. Jason