December 27, 2020
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Website ~ www.stjosephsbabylon.org
Please Note

Sunday Masses require reservations. Seating will be assigned. Please be sure to register the number of people in your family who will be sitting with you so we can seat you together.
Masks must be worn at all times both for Sunday Masses and Daily Masses.
Reserve your seat at www.stjosephsbabylon.org


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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From all the Priests, Deacons, and Staff of St. Joseph’s Parish, May the New Year Bring Peace and Joy to You and Your families.
**Prayers for Our Sick**

Please remember the sick of our Parish in your prayers:


**Prayers for Our Military**

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

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

**U.S.M.C.:**
- Capt. Matthew Witcofsky
- 1stLt MarcAnthony Pannullo
- 1stLt R.J. Parrino
- Sgt. Lauren Colantrpo
- Cpl Alyssa E. Grimald
- 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 Dominick Pititto
- PV2 Danny Bornshein
- 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 Audrey Foran.

**Candles**

In Memory of Martin Kennedy

**For Our Deceased**

Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including:

Francis X. Fullam, Vincent Milano, Rosalia Andriano & John Sulmonte.

**Readings For The Coming Week:**

**Monday, December 28 ~**

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7c-8; Mt 2:13-18

**Tuesday, December 29**

1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

**Wednesday, December 30**

1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

**Thursday, December 31**

1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

**Friday, January 1 ~**

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**Saturday, January 2**

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

**Sunday, January 3 ~**

The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
**Pastoral Team**

Rev. Jason U. Grisafi, Pastor
Rev. Marcin Nabozny, Parochial Vicar
Rev. David Atanasio, In Residence
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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**Sacrificial Giving**

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

**December 20, 2020**

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

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**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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Wedding Ban\ns

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Monday- December 28
7:30AM People of St. Joseph’s
9:00AM Ralph Scordino

Tuesday- December 29
7:30AM People of St. Joseph’s
9:00AM Leo Impellizzeri

Wednesday- December 30
7:30AM People of St. Joseph’s
9:00AM Nazzareno Ruffa

Thursday- December 31
7:30 AM People of St. Joseph’s
9:30 AM Laura Ann Farrell

Friday- January 1
7:30 AM No Mass
9:00AM For the Intentions of Sister Rosalinda Argosino
12:15PM People of St. Joseph’s

Saturday- January 2
9:00AM For the Intentions of Dick Maerki (95th Birthday)
5:00PM People of St. Joseph’s

Sunday- January 3
7:00AM People of St. Joseph’s
9:00AM Mary Jane Simmons
9:15AM People of St. Joseph’s
10:30AM People of St. Joseph’s
10:45AM Pietro Distefano
12:00PM -Español
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.

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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!**
We are presently taking Weekday Mass Intentions, Altar Rose, Candles, and Bread/Wine through January 2021.

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 January and is as follows:

Monday-Friday: 7:30am & 9:00am

Saturday: 9:00am

Thank you for your patience.
A Dwelling Place for God

Mary makes a physical home for the Holy One in her womb. Hers was a unique role. But we too are asked by God to make a dwelling place within ourselves and within our world for the Christ. The circumstances are always messy. It is not in glorious buildings beautifully adorned but in the humblest of persons, in the most difficult of circumstances, that God takes up residence. The irony is that in trying times we might feel abandoned by God, or question why it is that God is punishing us, or why we have lost God’s favor. It is precisely in such times that God dwells most intimately with us, assuring us that we are full of grace and favor, asking us to trust that God can and will bring forth blessings even if we cannot see how.

Many of our ancestors in faith were called ‘favored’ by God: Noah, Moses, Gideon and Samuel for example. God always asks a great deal of ‘favored’ ones. Moses, for example, found it so burdensome at one point that he prayed God would do him the ‘favor’ of killing him at once, so he need no longer face the distress of leading a difficult people. Mary is right to be troubled when Gabriel calls her “favored” one.

But God’s favor is also accompanied by God’s power and protecting spirit. Jesus too has the favor of God upon him, a favor that extends to all who receive him, as John’s Gospel says in the Christmas reading: grace upon grace, or favor upon favor. Likewise, in the Gospel for Christmas at Midnight Mass, the shepherds sing of the peace now manifest for all those favored by God, that is, all who make room in their “inns” for this unlikely Coming One.

Every one of us needs to hear the message. We are very small creatures, inhabiting a very small planet in one corner of a very large universe. At times every thinking person has to feel very much alone. However, let us remember and celebrate our Lord’s other name, Emmanuel, which means “God is with us” to the end of time.

Home is Where the Heart is

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

[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_

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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.
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
Winter Wonderland
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
In today’s Gospel, Mary and Joseph fulfill the laws according to Moses. As parents to a newborn, there were Mosaic laws that had to be completed by them.
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.

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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.
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

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**Anuncio del Ministerio Parroquial**

Outreach estará cerrado del:
24 al Diciembre al
4 de Enero de 2021
COMUNIDAD DE ORACION PESCADOR DE HOMBRES-BABYLON-TE INVITA AL MIES 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