January 3, 2021
The Epiphany of the Lord

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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
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Masses

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday-- 7:30 AM & 9:00 AM;
Tuesday & Friday-- 9:00 AM (only)
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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A Message from Fr. Jason Grisafi

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I would like to speak to you about 2021 and some hopes and needs of our parish. Let's start with envisioning some of the hopes for this new year. Coming out of a challenging year we have a unique opportunity to reposition ourselves as a parish. The spiritual challenges that come in the wake of the pandemic give us new purpose and invite us to reflect on the talents God has placed in our lives and how we might use those in His service in our current time. Around the time I was ordained, there was a lot of talk about the "new evangelization," a missionary drive to announce the Gospel to those who have already heard about it, but for whatever reason were not responding to it. It is hard to understate the need for this work in the years ahead. The pandemic has sifted the faithful. Many whose practice of faith was founded on culture or custom now find themselves quickly drifting far from religion. It is distressing, too, to see how few of our former volunteers remain connected in a consistent way with our parish. We are extremely grateful for those who have continued to put their time and talents in service to the parish, and for the new volunteers whose very presence gives testimony of how God brings newness and life in all circumstances, even a pandemic. The recognition of these challenges is simply to state that we have to be ready to proclaim the Gospel anew to all whom we meet.

This same spirit will be needed for a second reason: changing demographics. In my two years here I see that Babylon Village in the midst of a demographic shift (honestly, the whole of Long Island is). These shifts are outside of our control, but our ability to respond to them is not. In His providence, the gifts God has given to us are not only applicable in a general way, but can specifically serve our time and our geographic region. There is an abundant harvest of spiritual fruit to be found in the new families of our parish. Are we ready to dedicate the necessary spiritual and capital resources to serve them? It may come as a surprise, but the largest group of people coming to the parish every week, pre-pandemic, were those under the age of 15 (300 nursery students, 300 youth in CYO, and 1,200 youth in faith formation. And this doesn't even consider baptisms). At that time, average Sunday Mass attendance was around 1,500 - 1,700 people. However, their participation, and that of their immediate families, is grossly underrepresented in parish life outside of the specific services that they use here. (See Note 1 about a quantitative proof of this challenge). Is our parish ready to envision and implement a plan that places the engagement of these families closer to the center of our activities?

It is also my hope that in 2021 we will be able to foster a greater connection with the saints through the vivid and joyful celebration of different feasts. In particular, we must be ready to lead the way in celebrating our patron, St. Joseph, during this year dedicated to him. I would like to see the emergence of processions and festivals that honor these holy men and women. Do anticipate more news regarding those events once we are done with the winter weather. We have also announced the goal of blessing the houses of parishioners in a special way; an increase in devotion through sacramentals would be a wonderful way of building up faith in the setting of one's home.

Many of you are aware that we currently have fewer priests and deacons assigned to us than have been in a very long time. While Fr. Marcin and I are very much ready for this, there are certain church and diocesan policies of which we need to be mindful. These will, in turn, lead to some changes. Church law prohibits a priest from celebrating more than one Mass per day, but allows "if there is a shortage of priests" for a bishop to permit his priests to celebrate twice on weekdays and three times on Sundays and holy days of obligation (see Code of Canon Law 905). In this diocese, we do have those permissions. In general, this would not cause a need for us to change our current schedule since Fr. Dave is here to help on Sundays. However, an issue does arise in regard to weekday Masses. Diocesan priest personnel policy dictates that priests have a day off each week, facilitating the opportunity for the priest to even be out overnight (thus the day off starts around 4pm the day before). Since we currently have two weekday Masses, and because funerals can come in any day of the week, a potential issue arises if a funeral comes in for a day when one priest is away. Therefore, starting this week, we will be removing the 7:30 am Mass on Tuesdays and Fridays, and limiting the number of funerals to one on those days. We will also open the church later on those days, starting at 8 am. We will try this schedule out for a month or two and then assess how it is going.

Note 1: We have conducted a survey of our parishioners asking whom we see the most. The results are as follows:

- 80% of those who attend Mass less than twice a month are under the age of 15.
- 60% of those who come to Mass more than twice a month are under the age of 15.
- 70% of those who participate in faith formation are under the age of 15.

This data is consistent with the trends we observe in our church attendance and participation.
It was my intention, after the presentation regarding the condition of buildings back in September, to make a thorough presentation of our financial challenges. I do still intend to do this, but for the time being I share with you some sobering facts. (See Note 2 for rough details). We may be using $600k of reserves this year. We do not have any more. If this happens, we will have exhausted parish reserves, except for restricted donations, most of which are from the 2015 capital campaign (which amounts to about $300k). In a future presentation I will explain the cost saving measures that we have implemented over the last two years. I do not believe we can cut operating costs further unless we make some serious changes, such as the closure of programs or the sale of property. Perhaps you attended the meeting in June of 2019 which was conducted as an initial step in the process of re-imagining the use of our space. While these financial challenges were always approaching, the pandemic has reduced the time we have to respond. We must take decisive actions in 2021.

I encourage all parishioners not to be disheartened by these challenges. They are not unique to our parish, nor are they unique in our parish history. In the October 5th, 1975 bulletin of our parish, the "Parish Management Committee" presented a bleak financial picture: the parish had just undergone a year with over a $100k deficit, which amounted to 25% of their income. They were projecting a shortfall of $71k the next year. Drastic cuts were necessary unless donations increased. Undergoing a year long campaign, which included parishioners going door-to-door to ask for donations, the parish was able to stabilize. I believe that we will be able to achieve that same success, but we do need to be willing to put in the effort, and make the necessary sacrifices together. To that end, in addition to the financial presentation that I will make in January, we will also be conducting a campaign to ask parishioners to prayerfully reflect on the amount they are contributing, as well as the life and mission of St. Joseph parish. We intend to follow that up with larger in-person meetings where parishioners can ask questions and be further informed about our situation.

For now, may I ask you all to please continue to pray for our parish and all parishioners. We entrust all of these concerns to the fatherly intercession of St. Joseph, patron of our parish and the Universal Church!

In Christ,
fr. Jason

Note 1: That under-representation may be quantified by considering the following in regard to recordable donations made in the Sunday collections over the course of 2019. Just under 50% of Sunday collections that year came from those 70 years of age or older. However, people in that age range formed only 30% of the those who made recordable contributions. The 50-70 year age range contributed nearly 43% of our total Sunday collections, while forming approximately 50% of the body of parishioners who made recordable Sunday donations. The 30-50 year age range, my peers whom I am suggesting that we need to engage in an intentional and systematic way, only contributed 7% of our Sunday collections, while comprising 20% of the number of givers. (A side note: one may ask if these numbers represent a proper distribution of wealth. The best data I could find was national data for 2016, which indicated that we are seeing contributions from our 30-50 year age range that is about half of what we would expect, given wealth distribution).

Note 2: Currently (through December) we are $50k off budget in our Sunday collections. If we continue on this route we may end the fiscal year $150k off budget. We may also be down on Christmas and Easter collections (as of the publication of this bulletin we are a little under $50k off budget for Christmas collections. While we will likely see Christmas donations coming in for the next month, it is unlikely we will meet our budgeted amount). The budget for this year already projected a $140k operating deficit, much of that due to a shortfall of approximately $90k from our nursery program. In addition, we have already done one project of $100k to fix the school heating system, and the bid we accepted to replace the rectory boilers is approximately $160k.
For Our Sick
Please remember the sick of our Parish in your prayers:

Readings For The Coming Week:

Monday, January 4
1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17
Tuesday, January 5
1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday, January 6
1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday, January 7
1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday, January 8
1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday, January 9
1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday, January 10 ~
The Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mk 1:7-11

Prayers For Our Military
We continue to pray for the following military personnel and their families:

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For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Frederick C. Henning & Robert A. Greenfield.
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: 6pm-8pm in the Church and Saturday: 4pm-5pm 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 27, 2020
Collection: $17,279  Faith Direct: $4,300  Total: $21,579  Weekly Budget: $19,615  Difference: (+) $1,963
Numbers are an approximate as Faith Direct updates us monthly and mailed donations come in throughout the week.

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

Our Parish Mission Statement
The Parish of St. Joseph is a Roman Catholic Community of Christ’s Disciples:
We Welcome. We Worship. We Witness.
First Time~ No Banns
Second Time~ No Banns
Third Time~ No Banns

Monday- January 4
7:30 AM  Rosa Cecchi
9:00 AM  Melanie Murphy

Tuesday- January 5
9:00 AM  Ray Haag

Wednesday- January 6
7:30 AM  People of St. Joseph’s
9:00 AM  Ralph Scordino

Thursday- January 7
7:30 AM  People of St. Joseph’s
9:30 AM  Ruth Leitch

Friday- January 8
9:00 AM  Robert Sokolowski

Saturday- January 9
9:00 AM  William McHugh
5:00 PM  Rene Pabon, Sr.

Sunday- January 10
7:00 AM  Michael & Pietro Corso
9:00 AM  People of St. Joseph’s
9:15 AM  People of St. Joseph’s
10:30 AM  People of St. Joseph’s
10:45 AM  People of St. Joseph’s
12:00 PM - Español
On *Wednesday evenings from 4 - 8pm*
the Church will be open for those who wish to spend some quiet time
in *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.*
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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**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=Zm5TOVVIK0dYVzBUbStIQmgydUNldz09

**Meeting ID: 789 4230 5700  Passcode: Rosary**

*Time: 7:00 pm Wednesdays*

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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 for the next 2 weekends.**

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!**
Feast of the Epiphany

On Tuesday, January 5th, there will be a vigil of the Feast of the Epiphany. fr. Jason will celebrate a Solemn High Mass of the Extraordinary Form at 7:30 PM in the Church.

The Mass will be in Latin and followed by a solemn blessing of the water which will be used to bless each home in the Parish in the coming year.

The Mass and blessing are expected to last between 2-3 hours.

Seating is limited and reservations are required.

LIVE STREAM will be available.
We Are Having An Epiphany

Let’s all notice the presence of goodness in people around us. Catch someone red-handed in the act of doing right and bless them for it. Look in the face of a baby, and see if you do not notice something mysterious and wondrous. The old couple holding hands at the mall. The teenager holding the door for a stranger.

If goodness surrounds you, how much more does God surround you? The rare and beautiful thing about the Wise Men of Matthew’s story is that they had the sense of wonder to look up in the night sky and see a sign, a new star, placed in the sky for all the earth to see. Either the rest of humanity failed to see the star at all, or failed to believe the possibility that such a sight might be a sign from God. Does God communicate with the world today? Yes. The problem is not that God is not speaking, it is that we are not listening. This year, let’s learn to listen.

Once we begin to recognize goodness in people, and the presence of God in the world, we are moved to respond. Christians do not hover at a safe distance over the world’s tragedy like a news helicopter. Christians respond like the hospital helicopter with rescue and courage. In a like manner, Christians do not sense the mystery and presence of God in the world without responding.

If you believe that all you have is a gift from God, and that it has come to you on its way to someone else, you will begin to see your purpose in God’s great plan. So when you see human need, or the choice to make a difference in the world, using the resources God has given to you, you know what to do. If there is a greater joy than this, I do not know of it. Look for the signs of God this year. Where God is at work, join him. When you arrive at the presence of God, as the Wise Men did in Bethlehem, open your heart and your treasures with gladness. Then you will find yourself giving away your gold, frankincense and myrrh, instead of hoarding it. In short, you will have become like the Magi. And when that happens, you will have become shining stars, signs of God at work in the world.

You will have become an “Epiphany”, a manifestation of God’s love in the world. Now that is what I call a great start to this new year of God’s grace.

Let’s All Have a Happy, Hopeful and Safer New Year.

Deacon Mike
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
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, Wednesday, Thursday: 7:30am & 9:00am
Tuesday & Friday: 9:00 am (only)
Saturday: 9:00am
Thank you for your patience.

Bulletin Reflection:
In today’s Gospel, we read of the coming of the Magi to adore
the newborn Son of God.
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
“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”
– Romans 15:13

Reflections

IT’S 2021 AND WE’RE READY!!!!!!!

We made it.

While I never would place myself in the category of “Prophet”, my first reflection of 2020 included the following:

“When we embrace moments which challenge us, we are acknowledging we are not alone, that God is with us with at each step, filling our hearts with the Grace needed to handle it all… Certainly, the new year gives us an opportunity to face some challenge in our lives. But trials can arise at any time of the year, so we must be prepared. Knowing God is always there makes any challenge beatable.”

And beat it we have!!!

Armed with the confidence of having gotten this far, with the arrival of the vaccine in the very near future, and with the knowledge that God is with us, we can begin to at least have our minds work in more familiar ways. Of course, we will continue to follow the prescribed protocols…wearing a mask when in public, maintaining social distancing, washing and sanitizing our hands quite often…but we will also gradually get our mind in a more positive frame. Let me share my approach.

In case you have not noticed, I have abandoned the ten-month title of my weekly reflection “THE NEW NORMAL, VOLUME XIVIXQ”. I do so because I am no longer possessed by the fact that things will be different; while the landscape may need exploring, the life skills I have developed will allow me to cope with whatever I may find.

Over the past nine months, I have learned to appreciate different opportunities to enhance my spirituality. I now read more religious articles, I participate in online Masses, Rosaries, and Holy Hours, and I find different ways to express my feelings to those I think need a boost.

In many ways we are united as we have never been before. The one exception, of course, is our unity with Almighty God, which has been there since our Baptism. May the Grace of such a gift allow us to rise from the pending ashes of COVID-19 and live our faith as never before!!!!

HAPPY 2021.
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.
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**
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**Anuncio del Ministerio Parroquial**

Outreach estará cerrado del:
24 al Diciembre al
4 de Enero de 2021
COMUNIDAD DE ORACIÓN PESCADOR DE HOMBRES-BABYLON-TE INVITA AL MES MISIONERO MARIANO

Enero 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