January 17, 2021
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Website ~ www.stjosephsbabylon.org
Please Note
Weekend 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.
Masses in the Church fill up quickly. There is more seating in the Hall. Walk-ins may be directed to the Hall. If the Mass you are looking for is filled, please use the wait list and let us know which Mass is your first choice.
We are doing all we can to accommodate everyone—so far we have not turned anyone away.
Thank you.

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)

WEEKEND MASS RESERVATION SYSTEM
Thank you for continuing to keep us healthy & able to worship in person by using the Reservation System and wearing a mask!
The system opens on Wednesdays at 10am and closes on Saturdays by Noon so we can complete the administrative work. Sign up is available for 2 weekends.
This can be found on the parish website or by clicking here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054dacaa2ca5f94-weekend
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!
For Our Deceased

Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Roberta Marra, Marguerite D. Grillo, Marilyn A. Abbatiello, Rocco Pepe & Walter Thomas Whitehead.

For Our Sick

Please remember the sick of our Parish in your prayers:


For Our Military

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

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

**U.S.M.C.:**
- Capt. Matthew Witofsky
- 1st Lt. MarcAnthony 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 Seuderi
- 1LT Mark Barbera
- 2LT Anthony C. DiBlasi
- LT Joseph A. Vanderveldt, III
- SSG Joshua 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

**Pray for the Following:**

**Altar Rose**
- In Memory of Marie Mastro -De Ridder

**Candles**
- In Memory of Marie Mastro-De Ridder

**Bread & Wine for the Eucharist**
- In Memory of Vincent Mastro

**Monday, January 18**
- Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4;
- Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday, January 19**
- Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c;
- Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday, January 20**
- Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4;
- Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday, January 21**
- Heb 7:25-8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17;
- Mk 3:7-12

**Friday, January 22**
- Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10, 11-14;
- Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday, January 23**
- Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9;
- Mk 3:20-21

**Sunday, January 24 ~ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- Jon 3:1-5, 10;
- Ps 25:4-9;
- 1Cor 7:29-31;
- Mk 1:14-20
We Celebrate the Sacraments

Baptism
Parents are requested to call the Parish Office at least two months before child’s birth to make arrangements.
Contact: Toni at baptisms@stjbabylon.org

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.
Contact Toni at weddings@stjbabylon.org

Anointing of the Sick
Call the Parish Office.

Reconciliation
Wednesday: 7pm-8pm in the Church and Saturday: 4pm-5pm in the Nolan Hall.
Bulletin Reflection:
In today’s Gospel, many of the future Apostles are beginning to follow the Lord.

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.*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Wednesdays: 7 - 8 PM In the Church**

**Saturdays: starts at 4 PM In the Nolan Hall**

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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=Zm5TOVVIK0dYVzBUbStfQmgydUNIdz09

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

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The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2021
in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Parish Office will re-open on
Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 9:30 AM.
We are presently taking Mass Intentions, Altar Rose, Candles, and Bread/Wine through March 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 March and is as follows:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 7:30am & 9:00am
Tuesday & Friday: 9:00am (only)
Saturday: 9:00am

Thank you for your patience.
Deacon’s Column

Jesus, A People Person

When we look at people, often we see them for what they are right then. We are not always completely accurate in that analysis. Jesus was. He saw people for exactly what they were, then he went a step further, and saw what they had the potential to become.

With any true scientist, the most real thing in a given situation is the possibilities. Show a farmer a piece of barren land, and immediately his mind will set to work on what can be done with it. What is the annual rainfall? When does it come? Is irrigation available? What is the condition of the soil? He will break ground and supplement its nutrients with fertilizer. If irrigation can be found, he will drill for it and pipe it in. And before long, the land will bloom like a rose.

The possibilities in that land, are no longer dreams, they are realities. They had been there for centuries before the farmer ever came. All he did was recognize them and turn them into actualities. That is how Jesus looks at people. Whenever he met a man or woman, his mind went to work on what that person might become. There was dragged into his presence a woman caught in adultery. Her accusers saw nothing but her immorality. Jesus saw the potential for a strong and good life. Jesus said to her, “I do not condemn you, go and sin no more.” In the city of Jericho, he met a greedy, wealthy little man named Zacchaeus. His fellow citizens despised him, but Jesus saw in him a potential for generosity. He had dinner in the man’s home, and before the evening was over, he heard Zacchaeus say, “I will give half of my belongings to the poor, and if I defrauded anyone, I will pay them back four-fold.”

If we choose to believe in people, there will be disappointments. But Christ believes in us and so have a lot of others. How can we do less than pass the faith on to someone else?

We the People, Love the Lord

Deacon Mike
Due to COVID-19, we are going local/virtual!
Please visit the Diocesan site regularly to keep up with events scheduled across the Diocese of Rockville Center for ideas of planning your own pilgrimage.

https://www.drvcmarchforlife.com

Individuals who may wish to travel to Washington, D.C. can contact our local Ancient Order of Hibernians, who do have a bus available.
You may email: Jack at AOH11@live.com for more details.

What is the March for Life in Washington, D. C.?

The March for Life in Washington, D. C. began as a grassroots response of pro-lifers nationwide to Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion throughout the 9 months of a woman’s pregnancy. Each year, inspired by the Holy Spirit’s gift of Reverence, Catholics, all people of good will come together at our Nation’s Capital to pray and publicly intercede on behalf of the unborn, their parents, families, our communities, our nation and its leaders- that this prayerful presence may open hearts, minds, and souls to the fullness of the Gospel of Life in our lives and laws.

Our Parish will participate in a Diocesan continuous Rosary -- all are asked to pray the Rosary on Friday, January 29, 2021.
You can pray from home, or you are welcome to join others from the parish in the Church from 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM.

Also on Friday, January 29th, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Church from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM for those who wish to stop by for silent prayer.

All are welcome to join in solidarity with our parish, with our diocese and with others from across the country in prayer.

Please join us in praying especially for the unborn and for the respect for life at all stages.
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.

Unit Reviews – Unit reviews for levels 1-6 went out at the end of December. Monthly reviews for levels 7 & 8 will go out in this week. 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.

Faith Formation dad was featured in an article in Newsday “An Inspiring Act of Selflessness” on Tuesday, December 29, 2020.
Here is a shortened version of the story.

Michael Lollo, of West Babylon, donated his kidney to a Pennsylvania woman he didn’t know. He had hoped to help a Great Neck man, Marc Weiner, after he heard that he put up a billboard in Times Square in search of a kidney. They weren’t a match but Michael didn’t give up trying to help him. After donating his kidney, Michael got involved with the National Kidney Donation Organization, which tries to educate and encourage people to become donors. Michael’s story is one of selflessness, hope, gratitude and of the best of the human spirit which can inspire us too. Newsday quotes “Nearly 100,000 people across the country are waiting for a kidney. Many wait years. Healthy individuals, meanwhile, have two kidneys – but only need one”. If you would like more information about donating a kidney, log onto www.HelpMarcFindaKidney.com.
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

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VIRTUAL

OPEN HOUSE

VIRTUAL TOUR
AND POWERPOINT

EMAIL US AT NURSERYCHOOL@STJBABYLON.ORG

PROGRAMS FOR AGES 2-5
STEAM . ACTIVITY CLASSES . LITTLE LEARNERS CORNER

ENROLL TODAY - CALL FOR INFO
631-661-4559

Saint Joseph’s Nursery School
Parish Social Ministry  
Parish Social Ministry (PSM) Outreach by phone (631) 669-4544  
E-mail: svillalobos@stjosephsbabylon.org  Fax Number: (631) 620-3267

Our Sincere Thanks to:  
Kevin Conley  
Pat Colletti  
Kathy Smith

A week ago, we had an emergency at the Outreach Center on the weekend we were closed. One of the freezers was ‘ajar’ and everything inside was thawed and dripping. Pat Colletti emptied and cleaned out the freezer, however there was a lot of dripping and the runner had meat juice which had seeped under it. Kevin Conley and Kathy Smith came to the rescue!

Kevin was the brains and the brawn of the operation to solve the problem. All freezers were pulled out and cleaned underneath, floors were cleaned and sanitized and the runner was cleaned underneath.

With the help of his trusty shovel, Kevin was able to retrieve the spoiled meat, secure it in a huge plastic bag and place it in the dumpster! A good time was had by all!

What a team we have here at St. Joseph’s!  
Thank you so much.

Our Pantry is in Need of:  
Coffee  
Canned Tuna Fish  
Ketchup  
Rice  
Juice  
Toilet Paper
Thank you

VOLUNTEERS—
We continue to be blessed with new & seasoned Volunteers who give hours of their time & talent to our Parish. THANK YOU.

Along with the Diocese, we are working hard to ensure everyone has been registered properly, received VIRTUS awareness training, and gone through the background screening process.

If you ARE or HAVE BEEN or MIGHT BECOME a Volunteer here at St. Joseph’s, please review the Diocesan Notes on the next page.

To register for an upcoming VIRTUS—virtual session—please go to www.virtus.org and check the availability.

And stay tuned—we will let you know when we are able to put a parish VIRTUS session on the calendar……..

Thank you. Barbara McNulty  669-0068 ext 108

And there are so many more who operate behind the scenes!

COVID may have put restrictions on us, but it has not stopped us.
We are ministering very differently than we were a year ago.
But we are still living out our Parish Motto:
We Welcome. We Worship. We Witness.
From the Diocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Young People:  
Background Screening Update

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (The Charter) promulgated by the Bishops of the United States in 2002 outlines specific practices and guidelines providing standards of safety in parishes and dioceses throughout the United States. As directed in The Charter, the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all employees, clergy, and volunteers to complete three requirements within thirty days of employment or volunteering:

- Attend Protecting God’s Children Program (Virtus)
- Sign the Codes of Conduct;
- Complete a background screen application.

The Diocese requires all those who remain in active ministry be rescreened at 5 yr. intervals. volunteers/employees.

A Word on Background Screening of Volunteers:
The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People (OFPCYP) has streamlined the volunteer application process enabling volunteers to complete the three safe environment requirements in one step. Individuals wishing to volunteer in a parish or school:

- Register to attend a Protecting God’s Children class and create a Virtus account on the Virtus website:  www.Virtus.org
- Electronically acknowledge the Diocesan Code of Conduct– provided during the Virtus registration process.
- Follow the instructions to complete the Sterling Volunteers background screening application offered during the Virtus registration process.

Active Volunteers:
If you are active in a parish ministry, have already attended Virtus and have been background screened you may be at – or beyond- the 5yr. rescreening requirement. If this is the case, you will receive an email from Sterling Volunteers asking you to complete the background screening application on-line. You may access the background screening application by following the prompt in the email or logging into your Virtus account. Please be aware-this is not a scam nor has your e-mail been hacked. The OFPCYP has been working with your parish to update the Safe Environment records and noted it is time for you to be rescreened. You may also be prompted to electronically resign the Code of Conduct when you log into your Virtus account.

Edit Your Virtus Account:
To access your Virtus account:  www.Virtus.org  You will need your Username and Password. If you need assistance, please contact Virtus: 1-888-847-8870 or helpdesk@virtus.org. Once in your account, review your account information-particularly your e-mail address. If your account requires updating, please hit the TOOLBOX tab at the top of the screen. On the left side of your screen in the green column click “Update My Account” You will be able to make the necessary changes-please remember to hit the SAVE button at the bottom of the screen.

Questions or concerns may be directed to the Diocesan Office: mmcmahon@drvc.org; amendoza-cantos@drvc.org; jwinter@drvc.org; pditomasso@drvc.org

Thank you to all who continue to serve in a ministry during these extremely challenging days.
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](https://stjosephsbabylon.org/faith-direct)

If you have any questions, please give the office a call. Thank you for your generosity.

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**THE NEW ABCs**

A few days before Christmas, I was informed a person I had been with on a regular basis had been in contact with another person who had tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. Within an hour, I learned aspects of contact tracing I had not known. One in particular was this:

A—a person who tests positive for COVID-19
B—a person who has come into contact with a category A person
C—a person who has come into contact with a category B person

As a person who was in the C category, I felt it best to self-quarantine until the required number of days passed and then I could arrange to have a test. This meant curtailing all family gatherings scheduled for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The collective decision was rather simple to make. Though I had every confidence in the world I was not infected, I weighed the risk and the reward and easily chose the former.

During my time alone, I felt fine; however, there was one day where I coughed a few times. This was enough to get my mind racing. “Oh, no” I thought, “do COVID-19?” I wondered. “What should I do next? Call my doctor? Go straight to an immediate care? No, go right to Good Sam? Where’s my mask?” This bombardment last about two minutes. I realized the cough was the result of not being in the fresh air for days and nothing more. There was no need to even answer those random questions which had just flashed across my mind.

Our minds often play tricks on us and take us to conclusions which are irrational, absurd, and downright crazy. Yet we go with what our mind has just developed…often to our own detriment. Our own sinful detriment.

We must guard ourselves against temptations which seem attractive, but which can only lead us away from God. Let us ask Him for the Grace we need to keep our minds focused on what we know is true and pleasing to our Creator.

PS: I was tested after a five-day wait and am negative.

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Bryan Maher
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 par más información
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