January 24, 2021
Third 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!
A Message from fr. Jason Grisafi

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There is a wonderful prayer book that was printed until 1950 called the *Raccolta* (Italian for "collection"). In this prayer book you could find a great variety of prayers, litanies, novenas, and other acts of piety from the Catholic tradition. Nothing in particular connected the prayers, they were, as the name means, simply a collection. This bulletin update is a raccolta of sorts. I would like to bring together some thoughts that have no particularly strong connection to one another other than that they all pertain to our parish.

First is a type of update, acknowledging that while the Coronavirus vaccine has begun to be administered here in NY, it looks like we will be under the different social distancing restrictions for many more months. The diocese has begun instructing parishes once again in regards to conducting certain activities under these restrictions. For example, confirmations will continue to be done by the priests in the parish this year, and not by a bishop. Other guidelines have to do with Lent (more on that next week). We can be sure that some guide will be produced to lead us through Holy Week. I ask that parishioners continue to exercise patience and charity as we work through these circumstances. As was the case for 2020, we may implement some things on a provisional basis in order to see if they aid us through these times. Let us especially keep in prayer all of those who are most impacted by these liturgical changes: children making first holy communion and confirmation, couples getting married, families looking to bury their deceased.

Second, I want to give a preview of some of the things we can look forward to in 2021. We have already spoken about the opportunity to have your house blessed with the special water that was blessed on the Epiphany Vigil. Registrations for scheduling those blessings should be made public soon. We have also begun planning for Lent. There will be much to share soon, once all scheduling details have been confirmed. We also plan to see a return of some of the courses that we were offering up until the end of the Fall. Do look forward to participating in those. Conversations have begun in regards to celebrating the year of St. Joseph. There have also been some initial plans to create a parish "sanctoral cycle" by which we look to celebrate a number of saints throughout the year. I cannot guarantee if we will be able to act on all of those this year, but we are hopeful to be able to celebrate some. Also, within the next month, we will be announcing a date and time for a parish-wide meeting regarding finances and parish property. I do hope that many of you can attend as we will discuss some very crucial questions regarding the parish. Please review the buildings update that I gave in September, and the financial update I gave earlier this month.

Finally, I just found out today (Thursday) that the parish truck, which is essential for our parish maintenance including snow removal, is in irreparable shape. The frame, which has been rusty for a long time, has developed a large crack. It is my hope that someone in the parish community may have the means to help us obtain a truck so that we are not left without the ability to plow during the next snowfall. Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any substantial leads (fr.jason@stjbabylon.org).

May God continue to bless and guide you and your families throughout this year!

In Christ,
fr. Jason
For Our Sick

Please remember the sick of our Parish in your prayers:

Monday, January 25
Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1-2; Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday, January 26
2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 27
Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday, January 28
Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-4b, 5-6; Mk 4:21-25

Friday, January 29
Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, January 30
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; (Ps) Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday, January 31 ~ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

For Our Deceased

Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Virginia A. Nora.
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.
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

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=Zm5TOVVIK0dYVzBUUbStIQmgydUNIdz09

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

Bulletin Reflection:
Simon, Andrew, James and John leave everything behind them and follow the call of Jesus.
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: 9:00 am (only)
Saturday: 9:00am

Thank you for your patience.
Washington, D.C. March for Life
Friday, January 29, 2021

Has been cancelled, 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

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 at 8:00 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 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.
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 went out last 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. You may also drop them off in the mailbox located outside the front door to the Parish Center.

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 put in a request to celebrate Confirmation the week of May 24th (just after Memorial Day) but the dates have not been approved yet. We will notify the families as soon as we know the dates. We will need to have 4 Masses so that we can accommodate all the families safely. Each family will be given 4 seats, which includes the child celebrating Confirmation and their sponsor.

Here’s another good story to brighten your day.

This was a great community service project from one of our Confirmation candidates:

‘I decided to help my neighbor for my community service hours. My neighbor’s husband passed away in June from cancer. She is all alone and doesn’t have family living in New York. I felt really bad for her because she is older and she needed help. So, I started taking out her garbage for her, walking her dog and doing yard work for her. A lot of times I saw her sitting outside by herself. I started to spend time with her, talking with her, listening to her tell stories and playing with her dog. Finally I helped her pack up her house last month when she moved. It made me feel really good to help someone who was all alone.’
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
Thrift Shop’s Project

Once again we turn to your kindness so that we can finish fixing the Thrift Shop. As you know last year the Thrift Shop was flooded, and we suffered extensive damage.

The floors and walls of three rooms on the first level and four of the basement rooms needed repair. In addition, we had to use a company to clean the asbestos and the mold. Although insurance covered the high costs for those repairs we were still paying the deductible of $5,000. Also, we lost a lot of the donations from different seasons that we stored in the basement because the bins were on the floor.

It is for this reason we are trying to prevent the same situation from happening again, we thought of putting the donations on shelves that keep them at a safe height from the floor that will protect donations in case of other floods, as well making donations more accessible and safe for our volunteers.

Here is where we turn to your generosity once again, for this project we would need at least twenty metal shelves at the cost of $140 each, which is too high a cost for us to cover without your help. Therefore if you would like to give us a hand with this project you could send your donations to St. Joseph Outreach/memo, Thrift Shop’s shelves.

Thank you in advance!
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.

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.

Questions or concerns may be directed to the Diocesan Office:
mcmahon@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

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

The Waiting Game

Obviously, one of the real detriments of the COVID-19 pandemic has been the lack of person to person contact and communications. I think by now the novelty of Zoom meetings is wearing off and the need for being with those with whom you want to speak is becoming more apparent. Texting and emails are quick and easy, but we still need to be face to face to have a more complete understanding of what is happening. Since small gatherings and social distancing remain the order of the day, we still must rely on less personal means of communicating.

Recently, I sent a letter to someone in an attempt to get a better idea of how best to resolve an issue which was affecting both of us. The one-sidedness of letter writing can preclude, understandably, the exact meaning of what is being presented. In normal conversation, by contrast, if the other person has difficulty in grasping a certain point, it can be restated more clearly in an instant and the intended thought can continue. Such a luxury is not afforded in putting pen to paper; we write what we think and hope for the best.

My error in judgment in this case was estimating the proximity in which I would receive a reply. When the arbitrary date was determined and eventually passed, I began to think I was indirectly getting the answer to what was presented. As each day passed and my mailbox was empty of the anticipated response, I began to accept the reality of what the silence meant and to determine the adjustments in my life which I would have to make.

Then the letter arrived. Before I opened it, however, I noticed it was postmarked three weeks prior!!! My angst was caused by a lack of confidence in the sender to respond and my own inclination to expect the worst.

Far better would I have been had I simply turned over my negative feelings to God. There are times in our lives when the things around us (like the USPS) are beyond our control. In such times, God’s healing powers can touch our minds and souls and bring us the peace we seek.

We need only to ask.

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 mas información
¡Prepárate para el 29 de enero de 2021!

Este año la Marcha por la Vida es el 29 de enero, 2021. ¡Debido al Covid-19 lo haremos de manera virtual y local! Por favor visite este sitio con regularidad para mantenerse al tanto de los eventos programados en toda la Diócesis de Rockville Centre y de las ideas para planear nuestro peregrinaje.

¿Qué es la Marcha por la Vida en Washington D.C.?

La Marcha por la Vida en Washington D.C. empezó como una respuesta comunitaria a nivel nacional de personas provida al caso Roe vs Wade, la decisión de la Corte Suprema en 1973 legalizando el aborto durante los 9 meses del embarazo de una mujer. Cada año, inspirados por el don de la reverencia al Espíritu Santo, los Católicos y la gente de bien vendrá a unirse en la Capital de nuestra Nación para orar e interceder públicamente en favor de los no nacidos, sus padres, familias, nuestras comunidades, nuestra nación y sus líderes, para que esta presencia de oración pueda abrir los corazones, las mentes, las almas a la plenitud del evangelio de la vida en nuestras vidas y nuestras leyes.

Nuestra Parroquia San Jose participara con el rezo del Santo Rosario el día 29 de Enero, 2021.

Puedes rezar desde tu casa, o puedes unirte a nosotros en la iglesia de 7pm a 8pm.

El viernes también tendremos Exposicion del Santisimo desde las 4pm-8pm.

Por favor unete a nosotros en este día de oración, especialmente por los que estan por nacer y por el respeto a la vida en cualquier etapa.
COMUNIDAD DE ORACION 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
**Long Term Care Ombudsmen (TLC)**

LTC Ombudsmen provide advocacy and resources for people who reside in long-term care facilities such as nursing homes, assisted living, and adult care facilities. Ombudsmen advocate for and resolve problems for all individuals living in long term care communities by protecting rights, honoring dignity, and ensuring respect. Trained certified volunteers regularly visit assigned facilities so that residents may have the highest quality of life and care.

Looking to make a difference? Become an Ombudsman Volunteer today.

**Please call the Ombudsman Program Suffolk County for details at:**

(631) 470-6755

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**Do you need to fulfill your Marriage Prep Requirement?**

Engaged Encounter is an effective PreCana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Couples are provided with social-distancing during this time.

Our next 2-day weekend will be held on March 6-7, 2021 at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington.

For information, please call Lenny & Pat Walker at (631) 563-1032 or visit www.longisland.engagedencounter.com to register.

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