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.

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!
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Before I get into the main topic for this bulletin, I would like to make an important announcement. We have decided on a date for a parish-wide meeting to discuss the buildings and financial situation of the parish. We will have two meetings, one in the morning, one in the evening, on Thursday, February 18th. The morning meeting will begin at 10am, and the evening meeting at 7pm. The meetings will take place in Nolan Hall and registration will be required. There will be a presentation, a time for questions, and a time for reflection (similar to the meetings that took place in June 2019). In preparation for the meetings, please do review all the materials that I have shared on the website regarding the status of the parish. I will also be adding some additional information in the days leading up to the meetings. Finally, if you do think of a question ahead of the meetings, please send an e-mail to facilities@stjbabylon.org. While there will be a chance to ask questions at the meetings, we can do any necessary research beforehand if we know what some of the questions will be. I cannot stress enough how important these meetings will be, and so I hope that as many parishioners as possible will be able to attend. Note: since Nolan Hall is not normally set up for streaming, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to stream the meetings.

We move on to something very special. I hope that you have all found inspiration through the witness given by different families in our parish as we showcase their works of faith, hope, and charity during the pandemic. I would like to share with you a story that came across my desk that I thought fit right in with our series. As a pastor, we receive various mailings from different religious congregations. I received one from a congregation that has its motherhouse here in New York: The Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne. You can learn more about them from their own website: https://hawthorne-dominicans.org. Along with the special charisms these sisters have by virtue of being Dominicans, they also take on the special apostolate of running nursing care homes for those with incurable cancer. Please do take the time to read about them: they are extraordinary women doing extraordinary things. The article I would like to present to you comes from a publication that was in a packet of information that they sent me. With their permission, I present it to you. Also note that this publication was sent along with vocations materials. Please pray for the sisters to experience new vocations, pray for young women to remain open to the call from God to heroically devote their lives to Him in religious life. Perhaps you can share this with a young lady you know that has shown signs of possessing the virtue needed to be a sister. Perhaps you have thought about this yourself; maybe now is the time for you to share those thoughts with a sister, brother, or priest. I am deeply grateful for the sisters letting me share this with you through our bulletin.

~ fr. Jason

To See What God is Doing

Much has been written and discussed about all the bad things that have happened in 2020; the memes, the jokes, the podcasts, discussions are immense. Instead of entering the fray of all that has happened, and there is much too much to enter into with any serious discourse in our small publication, we are going to try to dwell on any good that God has brought in this past year for our community.

As we had to begin to curtail volunteers and visitors in our homes, though we missed them, our homes became less busy. We had more time for prayer and more time to do simple things with our patients, like putting a puzzle together or playing a game. We became more than usual, a member of their family, since COVID restrictions greatly curtailed one on one interaction with their family members. Since we live with our patients, we always know them well, but we got to know them in a different way this year. We became, not just their Sister who is their nurse, but a Sister in the midst of a peculiar circumstance with them. In our accompaniment with them in their illness, we can sympathize and give advice and pray for them, but we cannot experience what they experience. Now we could accompany them in the troubles of our times, as we were experiencing the same event that they were, the same restrictions upon freedoms, the same revolutionary changes to our world.
The Sisters were able to spend a little more time with each other as well, for example, going to the park with another Sister, or fishing, or outdoor projects on our grounds, or simply sitting and talking together. In not being able to be with our families, we were able to appreciate the love we have for our relatives and more earnestly cherish good memories, and at the same time grow in love of our Sisters.

Most of all, I believe 2020 has sharpened our desire for the Sacraments, particularly the Eucharist. How much of our faith do we often take for granted?! When such things as the Eucharist and confession were difficult or impossible to obtain for a period of time, our knowledge of how dependent we are upon them loomed large. And, as we see overseas Churches closed and priests even arrested for administering the sacraments, it makes one cleave to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament all the more. Our Lord warned there would be a time He would be taken from us, which quickly in the Scriptures is realized in the Crucifixion, but how those words resonated for so many who saw Him taken from their daily lives. Then comes the question, does the removal of the Sacraments affect us? If so, we begin to see more deeply their value. To the modernists in the world, the Sacraments are not essential at best, and even scoffed at. If we do miss it, there is an opportunity to understand more deeply that which we love. The saints know this. St. Padre Pio said that the world could better survive without the sun than the Eucharist.

Related to this, in receiving our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, the heavenly food, we are reminded that our home is not here. It is a beautiful world God created, but it is not our final destination. The events of 2020 created a restlessness and longing in many people. Some long simply for things to 'go back to normal.' But this longing is really rooted in a kind of holy nostalgia in each of us for the end for which we were made: God. The events of 2020, whatever one thinks of the veracity of all the events and discussions, brought to our minds our mortality. The modernists either ignore mortality or decide they will save themselves; we long for our Savior. But when, Lord will you come? St. Ephrem says that one of the reasons Christ did not give the Apostles knowledge of the exact time of His return was that each age would look for Him. "He kept those things hidden so that we may keep watch, each of us thinking that He will come in our own day. If He had revealed the time of his coming, his coming would have lost its savor; it would no longer be an object of yearning for the nations and the age in which it would be revealed." So, we wait and keep watch, and remember, as St. Therese said, "The world's thy ship, not thy home."

The events of 2020, if we have eyes of Faith, can help us to see again what is truly important. For 2020 the year, is also an analogy for vision. Can we see what is really going on? Can we see what is true, despite what any media or public figure tries to present as true? Christ is Truth, and if we stay rooted to Him, we will be able to see. The saints are so interesting because they see what others do not, they love without measure, and they can seem almost reckless because they place things of God before all other things. We were born into these times, not by accident, but for a purpose. Like the Saints, God's plan in these times for each of us is particular.

In all these things, please know the Sisters have been, and are praying for all of you: our country, our world, the Church. We pray not only for an end to all the troubles that have come upon us in 2020, but primarily, we pray, as in 1 Thessalonians: "...May the God of peace Himself sanctify you in all things; that your whole spirit, and soul, and body, may be preserved blameless in the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

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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 Witefsksy
1st Lt. Marc Anthony Parrino
1st Lt. R.J. Parrino
Sgt. Lauren Colantropo
Cpl. Alyssa E. Grimaldi
PFC Joshua J. Coughlin
Malik Rodriguez
Nelson Sanchez, Jr.

**U.S. Coast Guard:**
Capt. Matthew W. Sibley
CPO Benjamin Flad

**U.S. Army:**
LTC John Kallo
LTC Jon J. Uebel
Capt. Stephen Scuderer
1LT Mark Barbera
2LT Anthony C. DiBiasi
LT Joseph A. Vanderweldt, III
SSG Josuah Insull
SSG David C. Ray
Sgt. Edwin Zambrano
SPC Elliot Chodkowski
SPC Alexandra Diaz
PFC Dominick Pittito
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

For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including
Ann Marie Gasparek & Anthony Joseph De Simone.
Sacrificial Giving

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

January 31, 2021

Collection: $13,246    Faith Direct: $4,062    Total: $17,308

Weekly Budget: $19,615    Difference:  (-) $2,308

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

*Please note there are issues with the delivery of our mail from the Post Office which contributes to the fluctuations in our weekly collections.*

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

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Faith Formation Office: (631) 587-4717
Outreach Office: (631) 669-4544
Food Pantry: (631) 669-0068 ext.201
Nursery School: (631) 661-4559
Youth Ministry: (631) 669--0068 ext. 108
Hispanic Office: (631) 669-0068 ext. 131
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.

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, Jesus heals many people including St. Peter’s mother-in-law.
Do not be afraid to call upon the Lord in prayer and ask Him to help you in your needs.

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=Zm5TOVVVIK0dYVzBUbStIpQmgVdUNldz09
Meeting ID: 789 4230 5700 Passcode: Rosary
Time: 7:00 pm Wednesdays
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 - 5 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.

**First Time~**
- No Banns

**Second Time~**
- No Banns

**Third Time~**
- Joseph Salemo & Anna Marie Cali
  - Justin Rooney & Altia Alpunhan

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**Monday- February 8**
- 7:30 AM: Sean Hurley
- 9:00 AM: Martin Steven & Allison Palanski

**Tuesday- February 9**
- 9:00 AM: Daniel V. Aranda

**Wednesday- February 10**
- 7:30 AM: Regina James
- 9:00 AM: People of St. Joseph’s

**Thursday- February 11**
- 7:30 AM: People of St. Joseph’s
- 9:00 AM: Theodore (Ted) Balchunas

**Friday- February 12**
- 9:00 AM: Annabelle Milano

**Saturday- February 13**
- 9:00 AM: For the Intentions of Thomas Matarese
- 5:00 PM: People of St. Joseph’s

**Sunday- February 14**
- 7:00 AM: People of St. Joseph’s
- 9:00 AM: Thomas Kosior
- 9:15 AM: Salvatore Messina
- 10:30 AM: John Francis & John Joseph Gibbons
- 10:45 AM: Diane M. Mc Hugh
- 12:00 PM -Español
Prayer is Power

There are three ways by which people realize their objectives in life -- thinking, working, and praying. Concerning the first two, there is no doubt. If we are to achieve anything, we must think and work. But concerning the third, doubt abounds. Prayer for many raises baffling questions. It is a formal, conventional, religious performance that actually has little or nothing to do with day to day living. So when it comes to achieving life’s objectives they rely on two means – thinking and working.

None of us would quarrel with the necessity of thought and work, yet somehow we feel that these alone do not tell the whole story. Call it what you will, we find in every great soul something that goes beyond thinking and working. We see it in Jesus of Nazareth. Our Gospel reading says: “He arose long before daybreak and went to a solitary place to pray.” The world has never known a more profound thinker. His ideas and insights have challenged the finest minds of the centuries. He was also a diligent worker, constantly pursuing his task, never with desperation but with true diligence. Here we see a third dimension to his life – He rose up and went alone to pray.

Why did He do it? Not as a demonstration of piety, but for some reason He obviously felt the need to do it.

In all great matters a sense of need precedes the discovery of the experience. For example, who among us feels a deep need for an understanding of higher mathematics? Need and discovery go hand in hand. I have to believe that Jesus prayed because he felt the need.

In ordinary life two experiences call out the conscious need to pray, something too much for us and something too hard for us. Life is daily confronting us with questions we cannot answer, problems that defy solutions, and challenges that exceed our capabilities. In the experience of solitude is the potential for inner strength. We are alone with God and drawing upon a power that is not our own.

In a true experience of prayer there are regenerative forces, not within our power to create, but within our power to appropriate. Who among us does not need that experience?

Thank You Lord for the Gift of Your Spirit

Deacon Mike
So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ ~ Galatians 3:26-27

We welcomed the following new members in the month of January:

Catherine Charlotte Beirne
Kacey Carpenter
Haisley Scott Hollander
Vince Matthew Lombardo
Jonathan Thomas Lora
Angelo Steven Luisi
Annabel Ellora Mackiewicz
Alyssa Marie Migliardi
Romeo Enrique Nolasco
Aaron Luis Schoene
Kaila Rae Soganics
Michaela Jade Thielemann
Eliana Rose Weisenseel

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
SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR OUTSTANDING CLEANERS!
Lenny, MaryAlice, Mary, Sharon, Pat, Janet, Geri, Jill, Joyce

We all know the church pews have begun to get sticky due to all the sanitizing we’ve been doing.

This week we removed a lot – not all – of the stickiness. Lots more work needs to be done! But it’s a start. If you are someone who has access to more industrial cleaning equipment and you are able to donate some time & talent to help us out—please let us know.

Call Barbara at 669-0068 ext 108

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!
Matthew has been an Altar Server and a volunteer within Youth Ministry and he is now ready to be deployed as a member of the Army National Guard.

Please pray for all of our young men and women who have chosen to protect our freedoms.

*May the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle of protection around each and every one of you, and may you return to us safely. Thank you all for your service! God Bless America.*

Congratulations to Mary Bradley, a Parishioner who teaches 7th and 8th Grade Social Studies and 8th Grade Religion at St. William the Abbot Roman Catholic School in Seaford, NY. She is the recipient of the 2019-2020 Outstanding Middle School Social Studies Teacher of the Year from the Long Island Council for the Social Studies.

Mary is the first Catholic Elementary School teacher to receive the award. Congratulations!
50/50 Raffle to Benefit St. Joseph’s Parish

"Go to St. Joseph" 50/50 Raffle
Donation: $20.00 or 3 for $50.00

Everyone is welcome to purchase one or all - feel free to make copies and purchase more than 3. Encourage friends and family to get in on the fun. The more tickets we sell, the bigger the prizes. Tickets and your check or money order payable to St Joseph Church may be returned to the parish office - either by mail, dropping them in the Raffle Basket in the Church or the Hall or by dropping them in the Parish Mail Box at the Parish Center. Please return by March 17th. Have questions, call the office at 669-0068 ext 100

"Go to St. Joseph" 50/50 Raffle
NAME: ________________________________
DATE: ________________________________
Return by March 17
Drawing will be held March 19
Keep this stub
MAIL BACK THE TICKET!
This is simply for your records. Not Needed to Win

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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. February reviews for levels 7 & 8 went out the first week in February. 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. 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 Community Service Pledges were due by the end of January! Please send your pledge in as soon as possible if you haven’t done so already.

Level 8 Confirmation Retreat – will take place on Wednesday’s from 6:30-8:30pm in Nolan Hall. For those with last names beginning with the letters A-F come on April 14th, those with last names beginning with the letters G-N come on April 21st and those with last names beginning with the letters O-Z come on April 28th.

Level 8 Confirmation – we put in a request to celebrate Confirmation the week of May 24th 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.
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 in-store bins 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!

COVID-19 FREE TESTING SITES

1) There is free COVID-PCR testing being done around the corner from the LISH Plant/Clinic office with results in 3-5 days; it is a drive-through style like Stony Brook. The PCR is free, the rapid is at a cost. No appointments required and they are open 7 days a week with some nights until 8 pm.

2) CVS Minute Clinic is also offering a drive through testing. This requires an appointment, but is also free and is PCR with results in 3 days.
   https://www.cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-19-testing

3) Also, check this site, which lists testing sites available by zip code.
   https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/find-test-site-near-you
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.
Congratulations to the following St. Joseph parishioners who received Honors from Kellenberg Memorial High School for the First Quarter of 2020-2021 School Year. We are very proud of your accomplishments.

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Reflections

SUPER SUNDAY

While this year February 7th is billed as “Super Sunday”, many might suggest it was actually a week ago.

Far from being an extreme worrier and certainly not a dedicated shopper, I did arise early last Sunday to get a few items Barbara was unable to find the day before at a local supermarket. Since retirement, I have retrieved an extra dollar or two (to donate to St. Joseph’s, of course) from the new phenomena known as a “digital coupon”. In order to get one, you must download the “app” for the participating food store on your phone, open it, search for the “digital coupon(s)” of your choice, download it, go to the store, find the item, go to the checkout counter, scan the app on your phone (are you still with me?), pay for your purchase, study the receipt, notice the amount of savings, and smile (not enough to border on the sin of pride) to yourself on a job well done. Such was my intent that day.

My first hint it would not go well was the parking lot: it was filled. The second was the shopping cart corral: it was empty. I waited for a parting shopper, grabbed the cart, and entered the store. As I navigated the aisle to find the “digital coupon” item, I noticed shoppers literally down the aisles waiting to check out. Apparently, once again, the threat of six to ten inches of snow prompted people to buy enough to get them to at least the Ides of March. Can’t be too prepared, they thought. I left to try another store. Same thing. Indeed, it was Super Sunday for every SuperMarket.

Preparation was in the forefront of those shoppers’ minds that day...at least for their immediate well-being; yet I wondered if they took the same approach for their immortal souls.

We are a week away from getting our heads sprinkled with remnants of burnt palms on Ash Wednesday. Let us ask God for the Grace we need to engage in some Lenten practice to better understand the need to be in our best possible shape when, like after the Super Bowl, our season is over.
Meet the Family
Visit virtually or in person starting Sunday, January 31. Go to www.smartschool.org to schedule.

St. Martin of Tours School
30 Union Avenue, Amityville, NY 11701
631-264-7166
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
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