February 28, 2021
Second Sunday of Lent

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.

If you have questions or do not have access to a computer, please give us a call and let us know: 631-669-0068 ext 100

Registration can be found here:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054DACAA2CA5F94-march

PLEASE NOTE:
We realize the Masses in the Church are filling quickly, and walk-ins may be directed to Nolan Hall.
If your preferred Mass is filled, please use the Wait List and indicate your 1st choice Mass.
We are doing all we can to accommodate everyone—and so far we have not turned anyone away.

If you have questions about the system please call 631-669-0068 ext 108
or email: bmcnulty@stjbabylon.org

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,

I would like to use this column to offer a few words of thanks. Firstly, to all of those who participated in our parish finance and facilities update meeting. I greatly appreciate the interest that parishioners are taking in the parish. Even though we needed to present some challenging news, I was surprised at the optimistic feeling that with which I was left at the end, and I hope that others feel that way too. Taking an honest look at our situation is not a proclamation that we have failed, but is a necessary step to ensure that we move into the future in a better way than before. I appreciate all who approached the meeting with this spirit. Indeed, we know that if we keep God in the center, and stay united in the Spirit, we will move forward well. One question that I asked during the meeting, and invite all parishioners to think about and respond to, is: what are one or two of the most impactful positive experiences you have had at our parish?

I would also like to give a very long overdue thanks to all of those who assisted in a special way with the Winter Wonderland event back in November and December. Your extraordinary work and commitment over those weeks permitted us to bring a joyful proclamation to the lives of so many families in a year when many may have been wondering where joy could be found. We are thankful to Fr. Dave for organizing the event, and his family and friends who assisted him. We are thankful to Theresa and Eric Hansen, and their family, who were there each week helping us stay safe, and enter the wonderland with joy already in our hearts. We are thankful to John Ramacca, who along with Eric was able to convince Santa to take time out of his schedule to be with us. We are thankful to Chelsea Toth who, in a single afternoon, was able to get so many local businesses to donate gift cards so that we could have some items to raffle off. We are thankful to Cara Ciracole for providing music to accompany our prayer and reflection before the manger scene. And, of course, to any of our staff and parishioners who went out of their way to help in ways big and small. There may be a special video that we make available soon that will help you reflect on the wondrous things that took place this winter.

Finally, I would like to thank those who have taken the time to come and help Steve, one of our maintenance workers, and me shovel snow. Our other maintenance worker, Aamer, is currently out for health reasons (do pray for him), and so we have been in great need. I know of a few people who I’ve “caught” helping out: Ron Lasley and his neighbor, José Costa, Leslie & Jason Witthohn and their family, Kara & Matthew Brown, and the one good Samaritan from East Islip who had a plow and was driving around looking for people to help. Thank you all so much! Please know that if it’s snowing, then we’re in need of help. If it’s a weekend, then we especially need help since I’m usually the only one who will be out there. Do look after your own safety first, but if you are able to safely take care of your residence and get here safely, too, then we would greatly appreciate anything you can do. Just jump in! Sidewalks and paths leading up to different entrances take priority (in order: the ramp to the church, the entrances to the school, the front of the church, the entrance to the offices, and then the rectory).

On a final note, I may be trying something special about 10 minutes before the start of any of the Masses that I am assigned to on Sundays. What will it be? You’ll have to come early to see! Until then, may you continue to have a blessed Lenten season.

Sincerely,
fr. Jason
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.
For Our Sick
Please remember the sick of our Parish in your prayers:
Aidan Peña, Joseph Hovanec, Karen Laney, Terrence McGoldrick, Michael Schauer, Michelle Diaz, Christian Lavoie, Patty Orzano, Monica Restrepo, Sophie Sanson, Norman Gomez, Silvio Gomez, Evelyn Scalise, Madison Milio, Joe Scalise, Lisamarie Hulsen, Edward Henry, Providence Colascione, Kathleen Wenk, Arlene Auricchio, Luca Gargiulo, Kathleen Elsner, Joseph Sharp, Christina and George, Luca Ozgurengin, Diane Mahlstadt & Susan Hozanez.

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 Waldran
E2 Liam McKeown
E3 Nicholas Ruf

**U.S.M.C.**: 
Capt. Matthew Witeofsky
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. Army**: 
LTC John Kallo
LTC Jon J. Uebel
Capt. Stephen Scuderi
1LT Mark Barbera
2LT Anthony C. DiBiasi
LT Joseph A. Vanderveldt, III
SSG Josuah Insull
SSG David C. Ray
Sgt Edwin Zambrano
SFC Elliot Chodkowski
SPC Alexandra Diaz
PFC Dominic Pititto
PV2 Danny Bornschein

**U.S.A.F.** 
MSGT John Hatzidakis
SSGT Brandon Ward
AB Christopher Signoretti
AB Eric Benzing
AB Vincent E. Berger

Altar Rose
In Memory of
Ann Dell’Erba

For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls our deceased members
Anna C. Joseph.
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.
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.

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=Zm5TOVVIK0dYVzBUBmFtb0xIc210dz09

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

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
We are presently taking Mass Intentions, Altar Rose, Candles, and Bread/Wine through June 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.

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**First Time~** No Bans
**Second Time~** Nicholas Payze & Laura Raffa
James Reichert & Meagan McGuire
**Third Time~** No Bans

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**Monday- March 1**
7:30 AM  Salvatore & Delia Soriano
9:00 AM  For the Intentions of Estelle Carvelas

**Tuesday- March 2**
9:00 AM  Salvatore & Delia Soriano

**Wednesday- March 3**
7:30 AM  Salvatore & Delia Soriano
9:00 AM  FE A Bonus

**Thursday- March 4**
7:30 AM  Salvatore & Delia Soriano
9:00 AM  James DeBernardo

**Friday- March 5**
9:00 AM  Salvatore & Delia Soriano

**Saturday- March 6**
9:00 AM  Salvatore & Delia Soriano
5:00 PM  Alice Fitzgerald
Wilfred Dolan
Patricia Casey
For the Intentions of Anna Schellenberg (92nd Birthday)

**Sunday- March 7**
7:00 AM  Salvatore & Delia Soriano
9:00 AM  Glenn Gary Gerrafo
9:15 AM  People of St. Joseph’s
10:30 AM  Michael Richroath
10:45 AM  For the Intentions of Eileen Molloy
12:00 PM - Español
Lenten Reflection

As we begin a new Lenten journey, we again contemplate the various challenges that were thrown in the way of Jesus.

As He hung on the cross, they yelled.
“Save yourself, ‘Chosen One, King of the Jews’”.
How many times we speak that way to Jesus ourselves by disharmony with other and within ourselves. We forget oftentimes, that saving ourselves is very important, especially; by the way we go about our daily lives. By the way we give to others, all that we have to give, as he did.

‘They offered Him wine, tainted wine, and he would not drink.’
How often we offer to him, tainted offerings not filled with sincere love, incomplete as if to think, we fool him, but we only fool ourselves.

Sinners pleaded with Him…
“Are you not the Christ? Save us from this condemnation which we have brought upon ourselves”.

Where were we in relationship to Jesus, when we were caught or confused?
Why do we wait until there is difficulty in our lives, before we turn to him?

“They have pierced my hands and my feet”.
We are all, everyone in this world, the hands and feet of Jesus. How often we pierce those hands and feet, by the way we mistreat one another instead of loving one another. Lord forgive us for our jealousy, our hatred, our disregard for your people, including ourselves.

“Jesus remember me”.
As if He would ever forget us. As if He ever gives up on us. As if we have no hope.

“Today you will be with me in paradise”.
This is what we live for. The day we pray for. The day we labor in the vineyards for. When He will say to us welcome, it is good to have you here with me. You have labored well. You have done the best that ‘you’ could do.

Yes…
The rulers sneered at Him,
The soldiers mocked Him,
One of the criminals reviled Him,

Yet…
He prayed to the Father on their behalf, as He will on our behalf,
“Father, forgive them they know not what they do”

Lord…once more…teach us how to pray
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 Hall or by dropping them in the Parish Mail Box at the Parish Center. Please return by March 17th. Have any questions, call the office at 631-669-0068 ext. 100.

| Name: ________________________ | Phone: ______________________ |
| Date Mailed: ___________ | Email: ______________________ |
| Return by March 17th | Drawing March 19, 2021 |
| Keep this stub | MAIL BACK THE TICKET! This is simply for your records Not needed to win |
| All Proceeds Benefit St. Joseph Parish needs |
| 50% of All Proceeds back to Parish |
| 1st Prize: 25% of Proceeds 2nd Prize: 15% 3rd Prize: 10% |
| Cost: $20.00 each or 3 for $50.00 |
| Checks payable to St. Joseph Church |

DRAWING to be HELD: March 19, 2021, The Feast of St. Joseph
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.

Level 8 Confirmation – we have our dates! Confirmation will be celebrated on Tuesday, May 25th & Thursday, May 27th @ 10am and 2pm in Nolan Hall. An email went out to the families asking them to choose the day and time that works best for them. Due to COVID-19 restrictions we have to limit the number of families at each celebration. The dates are based on a first come, first serve basis. We will reserve 4 seats for each family, which includes the child celebrating Confirmation and their sponsor. Please keep these families in your prayers.

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.

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: stjosephs babylon.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.
Bulletin Reflection:
We read in the Second Reading for today that God loves us so much that He handed over His only Son for our sakes. During difficult times, it is important to remember that we were made by God and loved by Him so deeply.

If you wish to make a donation toward an Easter Lily plant in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a living person, please fill out the form below and return it to either the mailbox outside the Parish Office or place it in the Sunday collection basket. The suggested donation fee is $20 per plant.

Our deadline for collecting donations is March 24, 2021. Checks can be made payable to St. Joseph’s Church. Thank you for your generosity during this Easter season.

Please Print
Name__________________________________________________________________
Phone______________________________________

Name of person(s) to be remembered:
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

# of Plants: ____________________  Amount enclosed : _____________________
Congratulations to the following St. Joseph parishioners who received Honors from Our Lady of Mercy Academy, Holy Trinity Diocesan High School, and St. Anthony’s High School for the 2020-2021 School Year. We are very proud of your accomplishments.

### Our Lady of Mercy Academy

**First Semester**
- Olivia Brooks
- Grace Standwill
- Evelyn Smith

### Holy Trinity Diocesan High

**Second Quarter**
- Jo-anna Florio

### St. Anthony’s High School

**Second Quarter**
- Emma Annett
- Erica Annett
- Bailey Becker
- Jeremy Becker
- Brooke Bilich
- Ryan Bothe
- Anna Descovich
- Avery Descovich
- Anita DiBari
- Lauren Elwood
- Ryan Gaffney
- Emmanuel Green
- Nailea Green
- Katherine Grosso
- Ryan Northorn
- Paige Olsen
- Isabella Ruisi
- Teagan Scanlon
- Kaitlynn Schneider
- Anna Stroh
- Ava Vandernoth
- Erin Wilson
**Thrift Shop News**

Dear Friends,

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 when one of the toilets was blocked. The damages were extensive. We had to change the floors and walls of three rooms on the first level and four of basement rooms. In addition we had to use a company to clean the asbestos and the mold. Due to the high costs of those repairs, the insurance had to be used to pay the deductible of $5000. 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 and trying to prevent the same situation from happening again, we have thought of putting the donations in storage bins on shelves that keep them at a certain height off the floor which will protect donations in case of other floods. Additionally, donations will be more accessible and safer for our volunteers to work with.

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

We appreciate your kindness in advance.

**Outreach News:**

We are in need of: Reusable Grocery Bags
**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

**FOR WIDOWS AND WIDowers**

8 Week Program for Age 50 and Over  
Starting Wednesday, March 24, 2021  
3:00 – 5:00 pm  
St. Joseph Parish Center  
39 N. Carll Ave., Babylon, NY 11702

*For more information and registration, please call:*  
Terry Hoffmann 631-669-0198 or  
Geri Olson 631-661-8994

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**COMING SOON**

**The Chosen**

Interested in gathering to watch a series about the life of Christ—and then discussing it with others?

Available on Tuesday evenings 7—9 pm.

*The Chosen* is a television drama based on the life of Christ, which portrays Jesus “through the eyes of those who met him.”

Limited seats are available. All COVID PROTOCOLS will be in place. If you are interested, please register on the website at:

[https://stjosephsbabylon.org/adult-faith-formation](https://stjosephsbabylon.org/adult-faith-formation)  
or send an email to receptionist@stjbabylon.org

Put **THE CHOSEN** as your subject and let us know your name and phone number. Someone will give you a call back within the week. We are hoping to start March 16th and will go for 8 weeks.
EVERYDAY REVELATIONS

Alan arrived at St. Boniface when I was in second grade, and I remember going to his house to play quite often. His father was injured in WWII, confined to a wheelchair, and eventually passed away in the VA hospital when we were in 6th grade. That was the first funeral for a friend I attended.

Tom and I met over 50 years ago at Providence College when he was a freshman and I was a junior and hit it off right away, never expecting to reunite years later when we were both teachers at St. John the Baptist HS in the early 70’s. Tom’s mother died a few weeks ago; that was the last funeral for a friend I attended.

Alan and I had a recent email exchange where I learned his mother told him after his father’s funeral, he was now the man of the house. To his credit, Alan began to work immediately and, until he married at age 21, gave half of everything he earned to his mother. When Alan was 50, soon after his mother died, his two older sisters revealed Mom only cooked meals which he liked. After all, they reminded him, he was “The Man of The House.”

Tom also discovered something interesting after his mother died. While going through all that had been saved in her 96 years, Tom found his father’s Navy uniform. While carefully inspecting the hat which accompanied the attire, Tom noticed something on the inside. A closer look revealed a faded picture of Tom’s mother taken before she married. Every time Leon had a lonely moment, Tom imagined, he knew his loving Margaret was always a tip of his hat away.

Our lives are filled with random moments when parental love is revealed to us. During this Lenten season as we strive to bring ourselves closer to God, let us not overlook our Eternal Father who always finds new ways to make known His Love for us…the way a favorite meal or a faded photograph did for Alan and Tom.
Celebremos los Sacramentos

**Bautizo**
Llamar a la oficina (631) 669-0068 para mayor información

**RICA**
Los invitamos a una preparación spiritual de conversión a la Fe Católica.
Llamar al teléfono: (631) 741-4373 (Ada Gonzales)

**Matrimonio**
Se solicita a las parejas que llamar a la oficina al menos seis meses antes de la boda para una cita con un sacerdote o diácono y para fijar la fecha y hacer los arreglos.

**Uncion de las Enfermos**
Llamar a la oficina (631) 669-0068

**Confesiones**
Llamar a la oficina (631) 669-0068 para más información

**Via Crucis**
Viernes
7:30 PM
en el Church
COMUNIDAD DE ORACION PESCADOR DE HOMBRES BABYLON TE INVITA AL MES MISIONERO MARIANO

Febrero Viernes 7 - 9 pm

"Dichosa tu que has creído porque lo que te ha dicho el Señor, se cumplirá" Lucas 1, 45

By Zoom ID 4981091934 Password rccBabylon
**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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**Irish and Catholic?**

The Ancient Order of the Hibernians is the oldest Irish-Catholic Fraternal Organization in the United States, which was founded in New York City in 1836. AOH St. Patrick’s Division 2 is located in the heart of Babylon Village and is the only AOH Division in the Town of Babylon.

If you’re Roman Catholic and Irish by birth or descent, please consider becoming a member. We have men’s, ladies, Jr. Boys & Jr. Girls Divisions. We are a very active and charitable AOH Division celebrating our Irish-Catholic religion, culture and heritage. We also offer Irish Step Dancing classes, Irish Language Classes, Bagpipe & Drum Lessons and more!

For more information, please contact President Jim Killen at:
Email: president.babylonhibernians.com
Website: www.BabylonHibernians.com
Phone: (631) 587-1896

*In our motto of Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity*