November 18, 2018 ~ Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Pastoral Team**
Rev. Jason U. Grisafi, Administrator
Rev. Joseph V. Arevalo, Associate Pastor
Rev. Ethel Anarado, Associate Pastor
Rev. Francis A. Samuel, Resident/Associate
Deacon Michael J. Leyden
Deacon John F. Sullivan
Deacon Julio Murillo
Deacon Stephen Yusko
Dr. Marie Drohan, Music Director
Mrs. Barbara McNulty, Youth Minister
Ms. Claire Moulé, Faith Formation
Ms. Anna Rose Regan, Business Manager
Mrs. Patricia Taggart, Nursery School
Mrs. Sigrid Villalobos A., Parish Social Ministry

**We Celebrate the Sacraments**

**Baptism**
Parents are requested to call the Parish Office at least two months before child’s birth to make arrangements. New Parents’ Instruction Class will be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 7:30pm to 8:30pm in Room 257. Baptism is celebrated every Sunday of the month at 1:45pm.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**
Anyone who wishes to join the Catholic Church should call the Parish Office.

**Reconciliation (Confession)**
Saturday 4:00 to 4:45pm in the Church or call the Parish Office for an appointment.

**Matrimony**
Couples are requested to call at least six months before the wedding for an appointment with a Priest or Deacon to set the date and make arrangements. No arrangements can be made by phone.

**Anointing of the Sick**
Fourth Saturday of the month at the 9:00am Mass or call the Parish Office.

**We Assemble for Prayer**

**Rosary**
Every Monday at 8:20am we pray the Patriotic Rosary.
Before the 9:00am Eucharist Tuesdays through Saturdays we pray the Rosary.

**Miraculous Medal Novena**
We pray this at the 7:45am & 9am Mass every Tuesday.

**Men’s Spirituality Group:**
Witness and grow in Faith. Meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Church.

**Nocturnal Adoration**
A Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament is offered on the First Friday of each month, from 9:00pm to 10:00pm in the Church.
For Our Sick
Please remember in your prayers the sick of our Parish: Robert Dobbins, Robert Semeraro, Marie Azicri, Monica Restrepo, Kristy Minningel, Thomas Cox, Joan Thorman, Marilyn Ann O’Hara, Isabel Sampson, Ignacio Guzman, Sean Regan, Anne Aguis, Kathleen M. Elsner, Mary Jane Simmons, Evelyn Scalise, Mary Blasko, Charles Chertiza, Marcella Dwyer, Jenien Horner, Joy Lichten, Sandy Cardona, Norman Gomez, Brandon Davey, Raymond Meigel, Mary Ellen Szwejkowski, Sabina Dojlidko, Dorila Cardozo, Marie Greer, Anthony Bertuglia, Marylou DeMeo, Arianna Messina, Anne Camarda, Ryan Finn, Robert W. Wolf, Leonor Martin, Silvio Gomez, Benjamin Negro, Millicent Wadsworth, Brenda Buffalino, Baby Ava James, Terry Wunder, Edward Wolfe, Connie Sperling, Fran Di Palma, Jenn Di Palma, John Bradley, Barbara Witherohn, Nancy Ruff, Anna Marcellus, Gladys Decal, Jeannette Levasseur, Lisa Hulsen, Attracta Roche, Charles Chertiza, Mary Balduci, Joseph Hovanec, Frank Petersen, Steve Peterson, Diana Peterson, Martin Kennedy, Clare Hubert, John O’Hanlon, Judythe Picini, Annie Caputo and Jane Cruickshank.

Preparing for Marriage
Banns Posted
First Time ~
Charles Appel & Dianna Leo
Second Time ~
Michael Valvano & Caitlin McHugh
Third Time ~
Timothy Sylvester & Marisa Aloisi
Joel Martinez & Yohaina Fernandez

Altar Rose
In Memory of Anthony & Betty Miele

For Our Deceased

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our Parish:

Newly Baptized
Dean Christian Delluniversita, Dylan John Delluniversita, Autumn Maria Fitzgerald, Juliette Rae Rhoades, Noah Robert Spataro & Ella Rose Wendel.

At this Mass, we remember
Saturday, November 17~ 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8
9:00  John Ditre
Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)
4:00  Confessions Today  Fr. Francis
5:00  Katherine Barzilay  Fr. Joe
Sean Goss

Sunday, November 18~ Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time~ Dn 12:1-3; Ps 165, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32
7:00  Bill Eidenbeck  Fr. Francis
8:45  Anthony Girolami  Fr. Jason
9:30  People of St. Joseph  Fr. Francis
10:15  Frank Roseto  Fr. Ethel
12:00  Frank & Ann Kerins  Fr. Ethel
5:00  Gerard Wright Jr.  Fr. Joe

Monday, November 19~ Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43
7:45  Mary Plagainos
9:00  Jo Ann Baffa

Tuesday, November 20~ Rv 3:1-6; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43
7:45  For the Intentions of Fr. John Grasing
9:00  Robert van Brederode

Wednesday, November 21~ Rv 4:1-11; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:11-28
7:45  For the Intentions of Our Lady
9:00  Elisabetta Ciro

Thursday, November 22~ Thanksgiving Day
Sir 50:22-24; Ps 138:1-5; 1 Cor 13-9; Lk 17:21-19
10:00  Parishioners of St. Joseph

Friday, November 23~ Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48
7:45  People of St. Joseph
9:00  Margaret Sheridan

Saturday, November 24~ Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1-2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40
9:00  Mary & Sal Poolantionio & Thomas De Rosa

Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)
4:00  Confessions Today  Fr. Ethel
5:00  Dorothy Gibbons  Fr. Ethel
Betty Doggiali
Roy Sullo Jr. & Kathleen Sullo
Conrad Hubert

Sunday, November 25 ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe~ Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37
7:00  In Thanksgiving to Jesus Our King  Fr. Francis
8:45  Philomena Mc Donald  Fr. Ethel
9:30  People of St. Joseph  Fr. Joe
10:15  Giuseppe, Elena & Joseph Jr. Di Palma  Fr. Francis
12:00  Mildred Potenzo & Barbara Ross  Fr. Jason
5:00  Gerard Wright Jr.  Fr. Jason

Mass Schedule & Readings For The Coming Week:

Eucharistic Minister Teams:
Weekend of November 17/18 Team A
Weekend of November 24/25 Team B
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope" ~ 1 Pt. 3:15

This Sunday we conclude our initial meditation on the mission statement of our parish as we consider the third part: we witness. As we saw last week, giving witness to God naturally develops from worshiping Him, which itself, is the proper response for those who have been welcomed into His people and a new way of life by the sacrifice of His son, Jesus Christ. We can see this in the text of our prayers: all four official dismissals from holy Mass begin with the word "go" (for example: "Go forth, the Mass is ended"). In fact, the word "Mass" is very likely just a word created from that same expression in Latin ("Ite, Missa est"). And so, "Mass" literally means "dismissal," but interpreted from a Catholic perspective this takes on the meaning of "mission" (cf. Sacramentum caritatis 51). And what is the mission given to the disciples of Christ? We can look at many places in Scripture to get a full understanding, but for now let us take the great and final commission of Christ: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Mt. 19-20). In a word, the mission is witness; at every Mass we are sent forth to give witness.

What does this witness look like? The opening quote I used from the first letter of St. Peter speaks about giving an explanation for our reason to hope. This means that witness requires personal reflection about the hope given to us in Christ, and some practical method by which it can be explained. Let us then make sure we take the time to reflect on our religious hopes, especially the hope of eternal life. We can also think about the prayers and practices that have helped us grow in hope. Every year around Christmas, I personally grow in hope when I see the humble manger scene. What about you? The things that help you grow in hope may become the very vehicles that you can use to explain that hope in a visible way: to give witness. Let us not forget, too, that self-sacrifices made in love become a powerful witness. Indeed, the word "martyr" is simply the Greek word for "witness."

What is the point of this witness? As we considered the ending of Matthew's Gospel above, we see that it is meant to spread the saving grace of God throughout all times and places, specifically through the creation, formation, and education of new disciples. But is this not also what Christ, Himself did? Coming into our world, He gathered disciples around Himself and began to form them into a holy people and teach them about the true, good, and beautiful. But is this not simply a continuation of His Father's work when He chose a people, gathered them together into a covenant with Himself, and formed and taught them through the Law and the Prophets? Indeed, by the divine gift of God, the mission of the Church is an extension of the mission of Christ, which is a fulfillment of the work of His Father. And so, one reason we give witness is because it is part of who we are: as the people continuing the mission of Christ, who is the revelation of the Father, we continue to proclaim His saving message. In other words, to live out our Catholicism with integrity, we must give witness, for we are members of the Church which is the "universal sacrament of salvation" (Lumen Gentium 48).

There is a second reason we may consider, too. The first had to do with who we are, our nature. The second has to do with those whom we encounter when we give witness. St. Paul helps us understand the situation clearly: "But how can they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how can people preach unless they are sent?" (Rom. 10:14-15). While we should give witness even if every person in the world was Catholic, we are drawn by love to give witness precisely because not everyone knows Christ. And you or I may be the very person God has sent into someone's life in order that they may know Him.

In Christ,  
fr. Jason

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**ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE**

**The National Night of Prayer for Life**

As soon as the Holy Spirit overshadowed the womb of the Virgin Mother, God immediately became one of the human family. 
In a like manner when a child is conceived in his mother’s womb, he becomes one of us. 
This little human being now dwells among us. So that the world may understand this truth, 
COME PRAY WITH US!

3 Hours of Prayer for the Respect for Life at all stages will be held on Saturday evening, December 8, 2018, from 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM in St. Joseph’s Church. 
Sponsored by the Respect Life Ministry of St. Joseph’s. 
Please come and pray with us for all who are vulnerable and need our prayers for God’s protection. 
All are Welcome!
Office Hours/Parish Office  
(631) 669-0068  
E-mail: secretary@stjosephsbabylon.org  
Mon. to Friday 9:30am - 7:30pm  
Sat. 9:30am to 4:00pm Sun. 9:30am - 1:30pm  

Cemetery Office  
(631) 669-0068 Ext. 107  
Monday to Thursday 9:00am to 12:30pm  
Please call in advance for an appt. during these hours.  

Faith Formation Office  
(631) 587-4717  
Mon. to Fri. 9:00am to 4:00pm  

Hispanic Office  
(631) 669-0068 x131  
Friday 7:00 to 9:00pm  

Outreach Office  
(631) 669-4544  
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:30am to 1:30pm  
Other times by appt. (631-669-4544)  

Food Pantry  
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:30am to 1:30pm  
Other times by appt. (631-669-0068 x 201)  

Thrift Shop  
(631) 669-5574  
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 10:00am to 3:00pm  
Nursery School - (631) 661-4559  
Youth Ministry - (631) 669-0068 x 108  
Parish Office Fax - (631) 669-9175  
WebSite: www.stjosephsbabylon.org  

Mass for Hearing Impaired  
Hearing impaired parishioners may enjoy  
Signed Mass at 12:30 PM each Sunday  
at Our Lady of Lourdes Church,  
455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip  

Crisis Pregnancy Center (631) 243-2373  
Post-Abortion Counseling 1-888-456 HOPE  
(Project Rachel)  
National Human Trafficking 1-(888) 373-7888  
Domestic Violence (Nassau County) Safe Housing (516) 542-0404 (24/7)  
Domestic Violence (Suffolk County) Hotline & Shelter (631) 666-8833 (24/7)  
Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk County (631) 360-3730  
Office for Protecting Children/Young Adults-Diocese of Rockville Centre (516) 594-9063  
Suicide Prevention (Nassau County) (516) 679-1111  
Suicide Prevention (Suffolk County) (631) 751-7500  
Porn Addiction www.reclaimsexualhealth.com  

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

Collection $20,304.00  
Last Year $23,446.00  

God Bless You!  

Prayers for Our Service Men & Women  

U.S. Navy:  
Lt.Cdr. Michael Catalano  
Lt. John T. Izzo  
Lt. Caroline Mayer  
P02 Kristen Tice  
P01 Rasheen Tice  
MA2 William S. Myrtha  
Lt. Matthew Waldron  
Lt. Dylan Kelly  

U.S.M.C.:  
Sgt. Lauren Colantropo  
1st Lt. Marc Anthony Parrino  
2nd Lt. R.J. Parrino  
Matik Rodriguez  
Nelson Sanchez, Jr.  
PFC Joshua J. Coughlin  
PFC Alyssa E. Grimaldi  
1st Lt. Matthew Witcofsky  

U.S. Coast Guard:  
CPO Benjamin Flad  
Capt. Matthew W. Sibley  
Capt. Matthew W. Sibley  
F. A. Madison Mulders  

U.S. Army:  
PFC Elliot Chodkowsk  
SSG Josua Insull  
LTC John Kollo  
SSG David C. Ray  
Eric Stein  
LTC Jon J. Uebel  
Pdy2 Danny Bornschein  
Sgt Edwin Zambrano  
PFC Dominick Pititto  
Capt. Stephen Scuderi  
LT Joseph A. Vanderveldt, III  
2LT Anthony C. DeBiast  
Pdy2 Alexandra Diaz  
2LT Mark Barbera  

U.S.A.F:  
AB Christopher Signoretti  
SSGT Brandon Ward  
MSGT John Hatzipidakis  

Pray for Our Military  

11/11/2018  

Sunday, November 18, 2018
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Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Our second meeting for the 2018-2019 season will be Saturday, December 1st after the 9:00 am Mass. The meeting will be held in the O’Connell Room and refreshments will be served.

Whether you serve at weekday Masses, Funeral Masses, Sunday Masses or visit the nursing homes and homebound, all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to attend. Your packet of information including the updated Mass Schedule and Telephone Contact List can be picked up if you didn’t receive it at the October meeting. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. Thank you!

St. Joseph’s Nursery School

Free - Parish Play Group

♦ Children and parent/caregiver
♦ Birth to pre-k

Wednesdays
12:00pm-1:00pm

Please call for more info.
631-661-4559 or
email nurseryschool@stjosephsbabylon.org

Toddling Twos
(children 2-3 yrs)

parent/caregiver and child classes

We are now registering for our Toddling Twos parent/caregiver and child classes.

Toddling Twos will meet for 1 and 1/2 hours Mondays at noon, where they will be able to socialize and participate in learning activities. This program will include an introduction to various art techniques, songs and story time.

Please call Anne at the nursery school for more information or to register (661-4559).

Thanksgiving Day Mass

On Thanksgiving Day all are invited to the Mass being held at 10:00 am in the Church in English. It is the only liturgy of the day. You may bring a food or drink item from your Thanksgiving table to be blessed.

There will be a Thanksgiving Day Mass in Spanish in the Nolan Hall at 10:00 am

Parish Office Closing

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, November 22 & Friday, November 23 in observation of Thanksgiving. The office will reopen on Saturday, November 24 at 9:30 AM.

St. Joseph Cemetery

All Souls’ Day

The pamphlet, “Prayers For Visiting A Cemetery” will be available in the Church, Msgr. Nolan Hall and St. Joseph Cemetery from now until the end of November.

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2018

A parishioner said that whatever we raise from now until December 31st for the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) he will match it! What a most generous gift!

Our CMA for 2018 draws to a close on December 31st. If you have not had a chance to support the appeal I kindly invite you to consider doing so before December 31st.

When you send your check in please make sure you indicate that it is for St. Joseph’s Church in Babylon. Then it will be applied to our parish goal. The appeal helps hundreds of thousands of people here on Long Island through the wonderful work of Catholic Charities.

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St. Joseph’s Outreach Center

Parish Social Ministry
Our hours of operation are:
Mon, Wed, & Thurs from 9:30am to 1:30pm
Thrift Shop- Mon, Wed, & Thurs 10:00am to 3:00pm

Contact Parish Social Ministry (PSM) Outreach by phone (631) 669-4544 ext. 203 or 202
E-mail: svillalobos@stjosephsbabylon.org  Fax Number: (631) 620-3267

At Outreach, we meet many local families who are struggling financially during these challenging times. As Christmas approaches, we are looking for a few Angels willing to “Adopt a Family” both financially and through prayer. We will match you with a family and offer gift suggestions, including sizes. If you are interested in joining our Angel Brigade this Christmas, please email us at margotdenza@yahoo.com with your name, phone number, and any special requests pertaining to the size of the family, etc. If you prefer, you can call Outreach at 669-0068 x 202 or x 201 and leave your name along with your phone number and email address. Please consider joining our Angel Brigade this season. As one of our “adopted” families from the past wrote, “We had an amazing Christmas..

“My heart is filled with the love of God and the kindness of strangers.”

All requests to join our Angel Brigade must be received by November 26th.

Volunteers are needed...
If you are looking for a Ministry where you can put your enthusiasm and energy here at Parish Social Ministry we are in need of your help! Your time is very valuable to us. For more information, please call us at: 631-669-4544 or 631-669-0068 Ext.202

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students who have received Academic Awards Honor Pins at Chaminade High School.
We’re very proud of your accomplishments!

Gold
Samuel J. Ferrara

Silver
Jesse J. Nettuno

Bronze
Nicholas A Donarumma
Michael W. Kelleher

C.Y.O Volleyball
Calling all girls in 5th - 12th grade.
Volleyball registration is open!
Once registration is closed you will not be able to sign up, NO Exceptions!! For more information, please visit our Parish Website, Click Youth Ministries, C.Y.O. and then volleyball.
All coaches and assistant coaches need to complete Virtus Training and have a background check. This is mandatory.
If you have any questions, please contact me at jennuse127@outlook.com

Thank you and God Bless,
Jennifer Weiss
Deacon’s Corner

**Part 4 - The Cost of Discipleship**  
*Matthew 8:18-22*

To be a disciple of Jesus there is a cost and to disciple others there is a cost. The question is are we willing and prepared to pay the cost? This is what Jesus is talking about in verses 19 and 20. The answer to the question reveals the genuineness toward discipleship. The highest cost of all was paid by Jesus. He paid the cost throughout His earthly ministry and paid the ultimate cost at the end of it. However, there is still a cost for us; are we prepared to pay the price?

Some of the costs to bear in mind are: time, money, effort, talents, stepping out of our comfort zone, embracing and or loving the unlovable, persecution, ridicule, rejection, frustration, attacks by the enemy and in some cases, like Jesus, our very lives.

Our commitment must be instant, never wavering, not looking back but looking forward through the eyes and heart of Jesus who is within us.

Will you willingly pay the price as you meet the cost, as you reach out to the saved and unsaved alike? The price we pay benefits others. This is not an ego trip. This is not a “look how good, great or pious I am” mentality, but about bringing the love of God and the saving grace of Jesus into the lives of people. As you pay the price you will realize that God gives value for the money.

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The next meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is on Monday, November 19, 2018 at 9:45am Room 256 in the Parish Center. All are invited to attend!

Thank you for your Food Pantry Donations!  
Our Food Pantry is most in need of these items:  
Apple Juice, Coffee, Cereal, Mayonnaise, Jelly, Ketchup, Mustard, Pasta Sauce, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Large Toothpaste, Large Shampoo, Large Soap/Bodywash  
Gift Cards from supermarkets are in demand and would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your past and future donations.

During this weekend’s Masses November 17th and 18th, members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be holding their ANNUAL DOOR COLLECTION. The donations received help our society carry on the work of aiding the poor.  
Please be as generous as your means allow! Checks as well as cash are welcome, made out to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.  
THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY!  
THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS TO YOU ALL!
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration Coordinators
Josephine: (631) 940-7280
Claudia: (516) 203-5221

Hours of Adoration
Monday 7 AM -9 PM
Tuesday 8 AM-9 PM
Thursday 8 AM through Friday Midnight

IMPORANT NOTICE
There will no Adoration on Thanksgiving, November 22 & 23; Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, December 24 & 25; New Year’ Eve and New Year’s Day, December 31, 2018 & January 1, 2019.
The Chapel will still be open for Thanksgiving and Christmas but not on New Year’s Eve or New Year’s Day

Altar Servers Update
Would you like to be an Altar Server?
There will be training for new and prospective servers in grades 4-7.
Come to the first meeting, or for more information, call Meghan Ruf 631-867-6667.

Meeting dates:
November 7th 6:30 - 8 in the Hall
November 27th 6:30 - 8 in the Church

Community Thanksgiving Worship Service
Come and enjoy music and fellowship during this season of Thanksgiving.
Everyone is invited to attend a wonderful evening of Thanksgiving Praise and Song at the First Presbyterian Church of Babylon
79 E. Main Street, Babylon, NY
November 18 at 7 PM
Singers from our St. Joseph’s choir and other choirs will provide the music for the evening.
Hospitality will follow this one hour service.
A free will offering will be accepted for the local food pantries.

Sociable Single Seniors
Please note that the November meeting will change to Thursday, November 29th (Our scheduled date is 11/21, Thanksgiving is 11/22).
This will be just a coffee, dessert and cold drinks meeting. Please have dinner at home. We will have a guest speaker.
The cost is $3.00, just so I know how many to plan for.
Please send checks ASAP.
ALL CHECKS FOR THE ABOVE LISTED ITEM ARE TO BE MADE OUT TO ST. JOSEPH CHURCH AND MAILED TO MY HOME.
Any questions, call Lorraine DeCanditis at 631-553-0160.
We welcome all our Catholic sisters to add their names to the roster of the largest Catholic women’s organization in the world through Court Bishop McDonnell #1403

Tell a friend!

Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month - September thru June. Come and visit one of our meetings and mingle with our members and learn how we work in UNITY and CHARITY to help others less fortunate.

For more information contact Dorothy Buckley at 631-539-8522

For membership information contact:
Larry Dell’Erba at 631-539-8565

For additional information about the Knights of Columbus and St. Joseph the Carpenter Council Log on to: https://stjosephsbabylon.org/knights-of-columbus

The Junior Catholic Daughters will be meeting on November 27 in the O’Connell Room at 7:30 PM where we will prepare our 12 Days of Christmas gifts and make plans for our Christmas party and Advent retreat.

All girls ages 10 and older are welcome. For more information please contact Laura at 516-356-3399
Faith Formation

Visit our website @ www.stjosephsbabylon.org for information regarding upcoming meetings, events and other parish news. You may find all the information in our handbook on the website.

The Faith Formation Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-4pm. If you come between the hours of 9am – 9:30am, you will need to call the office to enter the building: 631-587-4717.

Thanks to all the families that have been coming to Mass each week. Here are some of the Good Deeds our children have listed on the back of their Mass attendance envelopes: Vincent helped take care of his disabled cousin, Justin helped his extended family through the death of a loved one, Kayla & Cassidy helped a friend feel better when she was sad, Kathleen & Ian sold baked goods to raise money for drama club, Juliet shared her markers and crayons with her religion class, Ryan helped a student in his class when he didn’t understand something, Jaelynn helped her nana bake bread and a lot of kids helped clean their houses and did chores around the house. Thanks for all the good deeds!

Level 2 Reconciliation – the first ceremony was held on Saturday, November 17th @ 12:45pm and the next two will be on Saturday, December 1st @ 11:15am & 12:45pm in the Church. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to allow time to sign in.

Level 1 Students are expected to attend any Mass this weekend to receive an Advent calendar and a special blessing. Weekend Masses begin on Saturday evening @ 5pm and continue through Sunday evening @ 5pm. Please remember to bring your Mass attendance envelopes.

The Faith Formation Office will be closed on Thursday, November 22nd and Friday, November 23rd in observance of Thanksgiving. We want to wish all the families a happy and safe holiday.

There will be no faith formation classes on Tuesday, November 20th and Wednesday, November 21st so that the families can prepare for Thanksgiving.

New this year for Faith Formation families – sign up for Faith Direct and you will not have to pay the registration fee for next year and your children will be automatically re-registered each year. Contact the Faith Formation Office for more information.

FORMED – is a wonderful new adult faith formation on-line program and the parish of St. Joseph is inviting you to take part in this great new opportunity. Please visit our website to enroll. We make this so easy for you – click on the icon, follow the directions and enter this ACCESS CODE: NFCQMW

Thanksgiving Blessings to All!

In the last few weeks our Teens have been involved in our Parish in many ways: Altar Servers, Catechists and Hall Monitors, Special Needs Leaders, PBJ GANG or watering flowers or at serving at Parish Events in any way that they can. Our Children are THE CHURCH of TODAY.

Thank you parents, grandparents & neighbors for being the example of Christ to our teens and encouraging them to be involved in St Joseph’s Parish.

Blessing of the Creche—Saturday 12/1 immediately after the 5 pm Mass. Light Hospitality to follow. Please join us. 6 Teens needed to help. Sign up Now. BAKERS NEEDED TOO.

Please join us for MASS on Thanksgiving Day at 10 am in the Church.

Check parish Website for pictures of Level 6 Retreat, Doo-Wop, PBJ Gang and more! www.stjosephsbabylon.org
Please join us on Mondays for Rehearsal in the Church from 6:30pm until 8pm started on October 1st for the Children’s Christmas Pageant rehearsals. The pageant is open to all children from 1st grade thru 8th grade. We are performing in the Church on Sunday, December 9th at 3 pm. We need a few volunteers to work backstage, costumes, music and programs.

If interested please call/text or email the coordinator - Teresa Hansen at 808-429-8806
Email - ethkids@yahoo.com
Thank you!

St. Joseph the Carpenter Knights of Columbus will be hosting Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 9th in the O’Connell Room from 10:00AM to 12:00PM
All are invited
Menu will include Pancakes, Sausage, Juice, Cookies, Coffee & Tea.
Santa will make an appearance, so please bring a small gift for Santa to give your child, wrap and tag with child’s name.
Best of all it’s FREE
Please RSVP to Dan Tergesen at dtergesen@optonline.net or call me at 631 422-3563.
Please indicate the number of adults and number of children attending.
Grandchildren Welcome

Congratulations Anna Stroh!
Anna wrote an essay and was awarded a generous Scholarship by our Knights of Columbus.
Anna is an active member of our Youth Ministry PBJ Gang and is a Freshman at St. Anthony’s High School.
Way to go Anna! Thank you KofC.
THANKSGIVING 2018

I am sure the roads taken to the Thanksgiving Day tables will be many. Unlike other holidays with varying family traditions, Thanksgiving is probably celebrated in the most common way and at the most common time. There are no Thanksgiving Eve celebrations (though I understand bars do their greatest one-night volume) or the day that follows (outside of consuming leftovers and joining the multitude of shoppers on Black Friday); the basics of Thanksgiving are contained in that one day: we gather with those closest to us, share a meal, and give thanks for being together and for the many blessings we have been given by the God Who loves us so much.

Though we all cannot be found under one roof, we are a family here at St. Joseph’s as well, and we too gather, share, and give thanks. This year especially, as a parish, we have many reasons to be thankful. There seems to be greater sense of unity of late which can only lead to our carrying out the objectives of our many ministries. We live in very challenging times, and there is much to be done in both temporal and spiritual ways.

In acknowledging our gratitude to God this week, let us include those in our parish who serve us in Grace-filled ways. May God continue to bless Fr. Ethel, Fr. Francis, Fr. Joe, Deacon John, Deacon Julio, Deacon Mike, Deacon Steve, and especially Fr. Charles and Msgr. Tom for getting the entire physical plant in great shape for the arrival of Fr. Jason who will spiritually guide us for many years to come.

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If you love to plan parties and have friends who want to help, please contact Annette Wexler (631-539-6571) and Sharon Saragnese (631-321-8986) to set up a meeting.

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