

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Masses For The Week

Week of January 2 - January 8

Mon. – January 2 St. Basil &

St. Gregory Nazianzen

6:30 AM Edgar Treiber

9:00 AM Allan Hone

Tues. – January 3

6:30 AM For the People of Our Parish

9:00 AM Joseph Mangiaracina

Wed. - January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

6:30 AM Giuseppe Cipriano

9:00 AM Sisters of Charity

Thurs. – January 5 St. John Neumann

6:30 AM Rocco Umbriaco

9:00 AM Edward P. Nallan (School Mass)

Fri. - January 6

6:30 AM Margaret McBride

9:00 AM St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School

Sat. - January 7

8:00 AM Italia “Tally” Nappi

5:00 PM Kenneth Grym

Minnie Morelli

Frank Basile

Charles Dean Jr.

Tony Salerno

Eileen D’Addio

Gino Arvanno

7:30 PM For the Intentions of

Anne & Armand Tulumella

Sun. - January 8 The Epiphany of the Lord

7:00 AM Howard F. Crouch

9:00 AM For the People of Our Parish

10:15 AM Eugene Sternkopf

10:30 AM Adeline & Peter Villella

12:00 PM John Mormimo

5:00 PM Edward P. Nallan

Weekly Financial Reports

12/25/11 Sunday Collection: \$ 15,737.47

12/26/10 Sunday Collection: \$ 12,644 (Blizzard)

Parish Families Registered 4,962

Envelopes Mailed 1,717

Envelopes Used 580

#Envelopes (12/26/10) 566

2011 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Goal Amount: \$ 102,623

Total Pledged: \$ 121,849

“*Congratulations*” St. Barnabas for going over goal!

Total Payments Received: \$ 117,119

Total # of Pledges: 626

*Thank your for your generous support of the 2011
Catholic Ministries Appeal*

Please remember that all current pledges must be paid by January 31st for the 2011 Appeal.

Word of Life

The Church considers it her duty to defend in our society as a whole the truths and values in which the very dignity of man is at stake. Accordingly, to mention one particularly important point, we have no right to judge whether an individual is “already a person” or “still a person,” and even less is it up to us to manipulate the human being or even to wish to do so.

~Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Hon. Reinhard Schweppe, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Holy See, November 7, 2011

Annual Telethon

The Telecare Telethon is the weekend of January 14th from 2:00 PM - 10:00 PM and January 15th 12:00 PM - 10:00 PM. Tune in on Cablevision Channel 29 or Verizon Fios 296 to support our Diocesan Television Station. It will be 18 hours filled with many guest “stars” including many of the clergy, religious and dedicated lay people of the our Diocese. Additionally, visits from some celebrity chefs, musical groups and New York sports teams will help furl the enjoyment. Join Msgr. Jim Vlaun, Msgr. Joe DeGrocco, and Fr. Frank Nelson for the 20th annual Telecare Telethon, “Become a Member of the Telecare Team” and consider making a donation by phone or a secure donation over the internet at www.TelecareTV.org.

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception

40 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY

Offers the following graduate degrees:

Master of Arts in Theology

Master of the Arts in Pastoral Studies

Spring Semester begins January 30th and registration closes January 25th. For information contact the Academic Office, (631) 423-0483 x 112 or 147 or visit our website at www.icseminary.edu.

Please Pray For The Repose Of The Souls Of The Recently Deceased

Mary Cotroneo and Josephine Davis

January 1, 2012

My dear Parishioners,

Continued Christmas greetings and a Happy, blessed New Year, 2012, to all of you!

How beautiful were all of our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. I am so grateful to all of the priests of our parish, our lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ushers and altar servers. Grateful are we always to the wonderful music ministries of St. Barnabas: Mr. Bill Dione and our adult choir and musicians and Mrs. Sabina Lamb and her young people and children's chorus and musicians.

How beautifully, again, has our Church been decorated....inside and outside.... all under the great care and direction of John Nappi, Jodie Karchinski, James Hamlin, Nino Perez and their helpers, Bob and Matt. I especially thank John Nappi for his own design for the pointsettias so beautifully arranged in our sanctuary which many of you have commented on to me. How beautifully arranged is our very special 100 year old Nativity Scene in our church..first purchased for St. Barnabas by our founding pastor, Father Theodore King in 1912 !!

I continue to thank you for all of your good efforts as all of us, priests and parishioners become familiar with the new prayers and responses of the new Roman Missal.....especially: "The Lord be with you." "And with your spirit."

On the weekend of January 21 and 22, Bishop John Dunne, our Episcopal Vicar, will make his first official two day visit to our parish since my appointment as pastor in June 2010.

Bishop Dunne will be preaching at all of the Masses that weekend. He will be the celebrant of one of the Masses and concelebrate at another. Bishop Dunne will meet individually with the priests of the parish and meet with lay representatives of our parish ministries

Lastly, in the course of watching Christmas programs of music this past week was a program by the Anderson University School of Music in Indiana. One of the pieces their chorus sang was entitled: "The Hands That First Held Mary's Child," which I share with you below. It was written in 1835 by William Waller.

*1 The hands that first held Mary's child
were hard from working wood,
from boards they sawed and planed and filed
and splinters they withstood.
This day they gripped no tool of steel,
they drove no iron nail,
but cradled from the head to heel
our Lord, newborn and frail.*

*2 When Joseph marveled at the size
of that small breathing frame,
and gazed upon those bright new eyes
and spoke the infant's name,
the angel's words he once had dreamed
poured down from heaven's height,
and like the host of stars that beamed
blessed earth with welcome light.*

*3 "This child shall be Emmanuel,
not God upon the throne,
but God with us, Emmanuel,
as close as blood and bone."
The tiny form in Joseph's palms
confirmed what he had heard,
and from his heart rose hymns and psalms
for heaven's human word.*

*4 The tools that Joseph laid aside
a mob would later lift
and use with anger, fear, and pride
to crucify God's gift.
Let us, O Lord, not only hold
the child who's born today,
but charged with faith may we be bold
to follow in his way.*

Much Love and God's blessings,

Father Joe

A New Year's Blessing

May your inner vision be transformed so that you can see more clearly your own journey with all humankind as a journey of peace, hope and bondedness (*Nm 24: 15 - 17; Jn 20:20*).

May your God be someone you can lean on in your weak or painful moments. May you know God as your rock, your shelter, your strength, your wing of comfort and support (*Ps 94:18*).

May you be aware of all the places your feet carry you in the new year. May you know "How beautiful are the feet of the messenger of good news" (*Rom 10:15*).

May you be the one with welcome in your smile and hello etched upon your hand, the hand you extend to everyone who blesses you with presence (*Lk 7: 36 - 50*).

May yours be the gift of reverence for all created things. May you face bravely and enthusiastically the responsibility to preserve and care for the beauty of the earth (*Sir 42: 15 - 43:33*).

May the Wellsprings of compassion flow deep within you until you can taste the tears of your brothers and sisters (*2 Cor 1: 3 - 7*).

May you awake each morning with thank you on your lips and in your heart, recognizing that all is gift, that all is blessing (*Ps 138:1*).

May your friendship with God be strong and healthy. May that love be both a comfort and a challenge as you struggle to find your way in the new year (*Jn 21: 15 - 19*).

May your spirit be open and perceptive in discovering the will of God for you. May your prayer be that of wisdom, guidance, and a deeper understanding of God's way for you (*Lk 1: 26 - 38*).

May your life this new year be a living legacy to your God.

~ Sister Joyce Rupp, OSM

Sanctuary Lamp

The *Sanctuary Lamp Candle* will be lit this week in loving memory of Frank Basile from Lewis Kasman & Family.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

On behalf of the Principal, faculty, staff, students & families of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton we would like to wish everyone a healthy New Year!

The Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's 6th Grade cordially invites you to come celebrate the Eucharist at our monthly Mass. Thursday January 5th at 9 AM. Please join us as we come together to worship our Lord.

Save the date: Catholic Schools week begins on Sunday January 30th. Please join us at the 10:15 AM family Mass followed by an Open House at our campus. For more information go to www.steas.com.

Banns of Marriage

Daniel Ludwig & Devon Stone

New Life - New Love

The Parish rejoices with our young families who celebrate the baptism of a child. Please be assured of our prayers and support. We welcome our newest parishioners.

Courtney Alexander Keslowitz Eric Martin Vaglio
Nicholas Joseph Mezzanotte Amelia Grace Moran
Owen Gregory Sullivan Taylor Elizabeth Brock
Max Lennon Zimmerman

Bread & Wine

The Eucharistic Bread & Wine for the week will be in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Hand from Mike Byrne.

Healing Mass Schedule

**St. Ignatius Retreat House, Manhasset
Wednesday, January 4th**

Rosary begins at 6:30 PM followed by the Healing Mass at 7:00 PM. For information call 621- 8300.

Protecting God's People

Together we protect the children of God and all God's people. We are the eyes and ears of the outreach of the Church to care for and protect all God's people. As the signs in the subway read "If you see something, say something" could well be the motto of our program to care for our children. For you information, the Diocesan Abuse hot line is 594-9063 . For information on the USCCB *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* you can contact Mrs. Eileen Puglisi at the diocesan office 678-5800 ext. 573 or our pastor.

IT IS COMING...
Something BIG is happening...
a place for Catholics in high school!



A new youth group is starting at St. Barnabas in the new year! Need info? Want to volunteer?
Please email Tom Acemoglu at "t.acemoglu@gmail.com" or call St. Barnabas Rectory at 785-0054 and leave your message for Tom

Nocturnal Adoration

First Friday, January 6th at 8:00 PM in the Church.

Friendly Seniors

The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 3rd, 1:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel.

In Your Prayers Remember the Sick

Ray Brusgole, Hannah Hussey, Dolores O'Kane,
 Jacob Daniel Haubeil, Charles Dean, Jr.,
 Marie Megna, Louise Bernhart, Peter Srsich,
 Ellen Chite, Lance Cpl. Kevin P. Vaughan,
 Kristin O'Halloran, Michelle DiGangi,
 Virginia Schuler, Linda Porelli, Arthur McQuillan,
 Deacon Thomas Coleman, Ann Schnapper,
 Joseph Ryan, Susan Bachel, Victoria Ronga,
 Chanse Rhodes, Bernard Witkofski, Jennifer Pluth,
 Regina Dvorak, Paul Prisenza, Grace Margaret,
 Maria Schettino, Louise Russo, Esther Leahy,
 Christopher Brown, Peggy Bickham,
 Dolores Meadows, Kevin O'Keefe
 and all the sick of the parish.

Pray for Our Armed Forces

Keep in your prayers all the women and men who currently serve in our military.

US Army: PFC David Calame, Jr., Second Lt. Nicole Gonzalez, PFC Justin Oney, Chaplain Lt. Col. Paul Hurley, SPEC Kevin A. Bauer, Sgt. First Class Kevin Lipari, First Lt. Charles Felker, CAPT Eric Reid, CAPT Richard Kilcoyne, Lt. Jack Kilcoyne, SPFC Sean Luhman, SPC Andrew Crowley III, PFC Ryan Quackenbush, Lt. Col. Joseph Pagnotta, Lt. Richard Joseph Holahan, Private Nicholas Ouellette.

Natl. Guard: Major James McLean

US Navy: ST3 Thomas Kerley, Seaman 1st Class Michael Murray, Petty Off. PT3 Edward F. Faulkner, CPO Charles Metrango, Seaman Brian Kopp, Ensign Brendan Connors, SR Tirna Hughes, HM3 Philip LeSueur

US Marines: Cpl. William D. Loughran, IV, Sgt. William MacKenzie, Lance Cpl. Jordan M. O'Donoghue, Major Luke T. Holian, Lance Cpl. Christopher Counts, Lance Cpl. Timothy J. Pastor, Gunnery Sgt. Scott Murray, Lance Cpl. Matthew Duggan, Lance Cpl. Kevin P. Vaughan, PFC Richard Kelley

US Air Force: Lt. Col. George E. Loughran, Lt. McLean G. Bethea, Master Sgt. David Hance

US Army Reserves: Sgt. Eric S. Loughran, Capt. Oliver Schrang

US Merchant Marine: Midshipman Erich Stumpel

Defensive Driving Class

A course for Insurance and Point Reduction

Saturday, January 7th, 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM in the school cafeteria. The cost is \$45. Register by calling (631) 360-9720.

Bereavement Support Group

Monday, January 9th, 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

This non-sectarian support group is an eight week session in the Sacred Heart Parish Center at 720 Merrick Avenue. Call 370-6123 for additional information.

Weekly Meetings

Al-Anon: Wednesday, 7:30 PM, Rectory Meeting Room and Sunday, 7:30 PM, Cafeteria.

Bulletin Article #8 Vibrant and Effective Communications

Title for All Articles:
Building a Stronger Catholic Elementary Education
Ongoing Series on the Strategic Plan: Vision for the Future

The Diocese of Rockville Centre released a Strategic Plan for Catholic Elementary Education on September 22, 2011, outlining the goals and actions that will provide a future for Catholic elementary schools on Long Island that is fiscally secure, academically excellent and fully engaged in promoting the Catholic faith and values. This plan may be accessed through the diocesan website, www.drvc.org.

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Vibrant and Effective Communications

An enduring strength of the Diocese of Rockville Centre's Catholic elementary schools is the great story they have to tell. Our schools provide high-quality education and a solid foundation in the Catholic faith in a nurturing and supportive environment. Those qualities are more valuable today than ever in a world in which education is essential to success and in a culture in which traditional values are under daily assault.

"We are providing strong, vibrant, wholesome education that is going to make a difference in our Diocese," said the Most Reverend William Murphy, bishop, Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre. "We offer better education, quality education."

Telling that story is crucial to building a strong and secure future for our schools because the more parents know about our legacy of providing an excellent education in a faith infused environment, the more likely they are to seek out our schools. The Strategic Plan, which was drafted over 18 months by the Bishop's Advisory Committee on Catholic Education, recognizes how important it is for the Diocese to communicate with families, alumni, and the wider community about the success of our schools.

"I believe in the value of Catholic education," said St. Joseph Parish member Brian Shea, who chaired the Bishop's Advisory Committee. "It provides an advantage for life because students get not only a strong academic foundation, but a moral compass to help them make good life choices."

The Strategic Plan sets goals and strategies for telling the story of our schools. Some of those include:

- The Education Department, in conjunction with the Diocesan Communications Office, will help schools improve their marketing and storytelling efforts.
- Schools will use various means to communicate news and publicize events, including dynamic, interactive, and informative websites as well as such traditional avenues as church bulletins.
- Schools will be involved in their local communities, for example, by hosting periodic community or civic events to bring people into the schools.

The increased profile in the community for our schools will help parents see the value of Catholic elementary education and encourage more parents to choose this opportunity for their children.