

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Masses For The Week

Week of January 30 - February 5

Mon. - January 30

6:30 AM John J. Marshall

9:00 AM Dave Boyce

Tues. - January 31 St. John Bosco

6:30 AM Joseph Cunningham

9:00 AM Virginia Coschignano

Wed. - February 1

6:30 AM Dominic Arcamone

9:00 AM Rosario & Mary D'Amico

Thurs. - February 2 The Presentation of the Lord

6:30 AM Daniel Arlauskas

9:00 AM Dolores Wilson

Fri. - February 3

6:30 AM Blanche Pierman

9:00 AM Geoffrey Roes (School Mass)

Sat. - February 4

8:00 AM Jon Petrick

5:00 PM Martin Paul Mackin

Edith Rodriguez

John Coyle, Jr.

Dennis Broderick

Viola Robinson

Patrick McDonnell

7:30 PM Intentions of Sr. Joan Quinlan, O.P
& The Ingersoll Family

Sun. - February 5 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM Jack Eschmann

9:00 AM Mary & Rosario D'Amico

10:15 AM Lorraine DiBenedetto

10:30 AM Florio & DeMeglio Families

12:00 PM Catherine Famularo

5:00 PM For the People of Our Parish

Weekly Financial Reports

01/22/12 Sunday Collection: \$ 15,922

01/23/11 Sunday Collection: \$ 17,823.50

Parish Families Registered 4,962
Envelopes Mailed 1,717
Envelopes Used 627
Envelopes (01/23/11) 704

2011 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Goal Amount: \$ 102,623

Total Pledged: \$ 121,899

"Congratulations" St. Barnabas for going over goal!

Total Payments Received: \$ 118,184

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.

100th Anniversary Gala

The Sterling - Bethpage
Saturday, March 3, 2012

6:00 PM - Cocktail Hour

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM - Dinner & Dancing

\$70.00 per person

The date is set! The band is booked! The invitations
have been mailed! Please join us in celebrating our
parish's 100th Anniversary. Seating is limited so please
return you *Reservation Card* as soon as possible. If you
have not received an invitation or know of someone that
has moved out of the parish that would like to receive
one, please call the rectory at 785-0054. We are looking
forward to sharing this wonderful evening with you.

Nocturnal Adoration

First Friday, February 3rd at 8:00 PM in the Church.

St. Barnabas Choir

2012 brings a new year of resolutions. Perhaps this is the
time to join the St. Barnabas Choir. Come and join us as
we prepare a concert to celebrate the 100th anniversary of
our parish! We are especially in need of **tenor**, **bass** and
soprano voices. No auditions necessary, just the desire to
sing is required. Choir rehearsals are at 8:00 PM in the
church. To join, come to our next rehearsal, Wednesday,
February 1st at 8:00 PM in the Church. For information
call our Music Director Bill Dione at 781-4815.

Sanctuary Lamp Candle

The *Sanctuary Lamp Candle* will be lit this week in
memory of Msgr. Daniel J. Potterton from Sr. William
Noreen.

Feast of St. Blaise

Traditionally on the Feast of St. Blaise throats are blessed.
This year we will be blessing throats after the 6:30 AM
and 9:00 AM masses on February 3rd.

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

Donald Nethaway, Gertrude DiMaggio, Michael P. Robertson,
Paul J. Pugliese, Rosemarie Di Sisto and Angelina Castiglione

January 29, 2012

My dear Parishioners,

In spite of the “not so nice weather” last weekend, it was a very successful, official, pastoral visitation weekend for Bishop John Dunne, our Episcopal Vicar. I am very grateful to Bishop Dunne for the time he took to meet with so many parish representatives of our many parish ministries. I am also especially grateful to all those who came out in the bad weather to keep their appointed meetings with the bishop. The final meeting of the weekend was Bishop Dunne’s meeting with me following the 12 Noon Mass. Bishop Dunne’s first comment to me was how well the weekend went and how very pleased he was meeting so many parishioners and hearing about our many programs. He also shared how he enjoys watching parishioners interest as they heard at the different joint meetings about ministries they were not fully aware of and how vital they are to our parish. Thank you, one and all, for being so wonderful and so helpful in making it such a good weekend for our parish!

Our new Youth Ministry program is off to a wonderful beginning. Be sure to see Tom Acemoglu – our Youth Minister’s –special page in today’s bulletin. Tom is so grateful for the response he has received in number of volunteers and teenagers who signed up! Way to go!

I will break open our 2012 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL on the weekend of February 11 and 12. I will be preaching at all the Masses that weekend and have the new 2012 materials at all of the Church doors.

**Thank you for all that you do!
Much love and God bless,**

Father Joe

Second Collection Next Weekend

Church in Need Collection

On February 5th a collection will be taken for "The Church in Need." The monies collected at this time will be shared among three areas of the world where there is particular need for help:

- **Church in Central and Eastern Europe** - the Collection provides support for basic pastoral programs and makes scholarships available for students studying to serve their local church. These students become vital participants in the renewal of the Church in the region.
- **The Church in Latin America** faces many difficult challenges. Natural disasters in many areas caused lasting damage to the Church, while a significant loss of parishioners to migration and to other faiths, the inability to support itself financially and a lack of priests and religious to help effectively minister to the large number of Catholics continue to trouble the region.
- **The Church in Africa** - the funds will go to assisting African countries where poverty, sickness and political strife prevent people from living in dignity.

Thank you for your generosity.

***"The Lord Be With You."
"And With Your Spirit."***

Word of Life

HHS's new mandate for contraception/sterilization coverage...includes an incredibly narrow exemption for "religious employers" that protects almost no one. For example, a Catholic institution serving the poor and needy would have to fire its non-Catholic staff, refuse life-affirming care to non-Catholic people in need, and devote itself instead to "the inculcation of religious values" to qualify for the exemption. Individuals, insurers, and the sponsors of non-employee health plans (e.g., student health plans in Catholic Schools) would have no exemption at all. This effort to corral religion exclusively into the sanctuaries of houses of worship betrays a complete ignorance of the role of religion in American life, and of Congress's long tradition of far more helpful laws on religious freedom.

*~ Cardinal Daniel DiNardo,
Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and
Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities
Letter to Congress, September 7, 2011*

Year End Contribution

Anyone wishing to receive a contribution statement for the year 2011 are asked to call the rectory. The statements will then be sent out in February.

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, Capt. Robert Caraccio.

Natl. Guard: Major James McLean

US Navy: ST3 Thomas Kerley, Seaman 1st Class Michael Murray, Petty Off. ET3 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

Bread & Wine

The *Eucharistic Bread and Wine* for the week will be offered in loving memory of Robert Brust from his family.

Knights of Columbus

Polish Night / St. Valentine's Dinner Dance Saturday, February 11th at the Council Hall

Celebrate Valentine's Day at the Council with a delicious Polish Dinner of fresh ham, kielbasa, sauerkraut, Polish potatoes, a full bar, babka and coffee. Live music provided by a Polish-American Variety Band and Polonaise dancing and a rose for each lady are included in the \$35 per person fee. Please call John Bloniarz at 826-2168 for reservations.

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 your 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.

Catholic Schools Week

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Open House and Registration - January 29th

will be held following the 10:15 AM Mass

Monday - January 30

Opening Prayer Service,

Open House for future **2nd grade, 1st grade,**

Kindergarten & Pre-K (parents only)

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM,

Open House for future **Our Time** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Tuesday - January 31

Open House for future **Nursery** (parents only)

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

National Junior Honor Society

Induction of new members - 7:00 PM

Wednesday - February 1

Open House for future **Our Time** (parents only)

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Thursday - February 2

Kids Day

Friday - February 3

National Catholic School

Teachers' Appreciation Day

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, Maria Schettino,

Louise Russo, Christopher Brown, Peggy Bickham,

Bill McNally, Dolores Meadows, Kevin O'Keefe,

Tristan Pluth, Laurie Kayantas, Helen Iacciano,

Anthony Finnelli, Sarah Gebbia, John Loney,

Emily Weldon, Kay Finnen, Erin Kathleen Gomes,

Joseph Sostack and all the sick of the parish.

Food Pantry Weekend

February 4th and 5th

Thank you for always helping to keep our Food Pantry stocked. In these challenging times, more and more people find themselves in need. Items we especially need are: cold cereals, pancake mix and syrup, peanut butter, canned fruit, low salt items, tea, and all paper goods. Thank you and God Bless your generosity.

Religious Education

Adult hall monitors are needed during class times on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Call the religious education office at 785-0130 for more information.

Parish Outreach News

Families Helping Families

Several families chose to adopt a family in need for Christmas. Gifts were given to each member of 7 families. These gifts brought happiness and joy to these families during the difficult times they are experiencing. They did not just provide gifts; it touched the hearts of these recipients. They were made aware that people do care about them and that they are not alone in their struggle to survive. These are some of the comments we received from our families: *"The idea that a family that does not know us would help like this is overwhelming."* *"The people that have done this for us are truly angels."* *There would have been no Christmas for us without this."* *"Our children can feel that everything is all right for a little while."*

In addition, each year the Diocese of Rockville Centre invites Outreach and St. Vincent de Paul to submit the names and profiles of eight families who are in need of financial assistance. Individual checks were given to these families in various amounts according to their need. This year our parish and conference received checks totaling \$1,550 which were distributed to our families.

Thank You from Hampton Bays

Dear Parishioners of St. Barnabas,

Perhaps some of you might remember me from my days of Parish Outreach Director in the 1980's. After a few years in various ministries, I was asked to search out a location on the east end of Long Island where my community, Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary, wanted to begin a ministry to the Hispanic community. St. Rosalie's in Hampton Bays opened their arms to us and Centro Corazon de Maria, an outreach to the Hispanic community, became a reality in 2002. Our focus has been on education and we offer a variety of programs such as, pre-natal and parenting classes, a support group for women, assistance with public benefits, computer classes, BOCES ESL classes, and other assistance. It is to this community that you donated a wonderful variety and amount of toys for Christmas. The outstretched hands and sparkling eyes of the children who received the gifts on December 20th were a testimony to their happiness and delight. Sr. Mary Beth Moore, (another former Outreach Director at St. Barnabas and now working here at the Center) and Sr. Mary Lang join me in sending warmest wishes for a Blessed New Year. We are touched by your generous spirit and assure you of remembrance in our prayers. Gratefully,

~ S. Frances Lane, RSHM

Ladies Auxiliary of Bellmore Knights

The inaugural meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary will be held Wednesday, February 1st at 7:30 PM. Any female 18 or older may join. The function of the Ladies Auxiliary will be to work with the Knights in support of activities and charitable works. All meetings are the first Wednesday of each month.

St Barnabas Youth Ministry

Hi everyone!



This is the new page for St Barnabas Youth Ministry. I'm Tom Acemoglu, your new youth minister. This page is dedicated to keeping you up to speed with what's going on with the ministry as well as providing reflections on faith from a teen

perspective.

Our youth ministry is geared towards all high school aged teenagers. What is youth ministry? Here at St Barnabas we're beginning with a youth group, a place where teens can come together to hang out and experience their faith from a whole new perspective. We'll be meeting on Sunday nights starting February 12, 2012 after the 5pm Mass. Meet us there. You won't be disappointed.

In the Psalm today, the response that we use says "if today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts" (Psalm 95).

Having a "hard heart" is a scary thing. A hard heart is not a heart that hates. A hard heart is a heart that doesn't care. The opposite of love isn't hate, it's indifference.

In today's Gospel, Jesus encounters a man possessed with an evil spirit. The spirit does something a little unusual. It calls Jesus "the Holy One of God". The funny thing is that the evil spirit tells the truth. Jesus IS the Holy One of God.

**SAVE THE DATE:
Youth Group Starts Sunday,
February 12, 2012 after the 5pm
Mass!**

Need info?

Contact Tom at:

t.acemoglu@gmail.com



Jesus could have responded to the man with anger or with indifference. After all, the spirit was mocking Jesus and interrupted Him as he was teaching. But Jesus is so moved with compassion at the man suffering from this evil spirit that he casts out the evil spirit from him.

Like Jesus, we have to be able to be moved by the suffering of others. Sometimes, our life is "interrupted" by other people's problems. Those moments are a chance to show God's great love and desire to help. If we take the time, we'll also become witnesses of Jesus' saving power.