

## First Sunday of Advent

### Masses For The Week

**Week of November 28 - December 4**

**Mon. – November 28**

**6:30 AM** For All the Faithful Departed  
of St. Barnabas

**9:00 AM** Frank Mistretta

**Tues. – November 29**

**6:30 AM** Thomas Fenton

**9:00 AM** Agnes Schmitt & Theresa Kenny

**Wed. - November 30 St. Andrew**

**6:30 AM** Marie Richmond

**9:00 AM** Daniel Cronin

**Thurs. – December 1**

**6:30 AM** Palma Sumcizk

**9:00 AM** Intentions of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
Regional School (**School Mass**)

**Fri. - December 2**

**6:30 AM** Ethel Silvani

**9:00 AM** Adeline & Peter VILLELLA, Jr.

**3:30 PM** *Wedding:*

Tim Carrol & Gina DeCicco

**Sat. - December 3 St. Francis Xavier**

**8:00 AM** Walter O'Keeffe

**5:00 PM** Robert A. Ryan

Zachary Avanzato

John R. Ryan

Anne O'Leary, Tom O'Leary, &

Bobby Brush

Teresa Valenti

Connie LaRocca

Angelina Sarducci

**7:30 PM** Jennifer Bevacqua

**Sun. - December 4 Second Sunday of Advent**

**7:00 AM** Lillian Simmons

**9:00 AM** Theresa Carosella

**10:15 AM** For the People of Our Parish

**10:30 AM** Louis Scheibeler

**12:00 PM** Anthony & Angelina Cincotti

**5:00 PM** Domingo Cormace

### Weekly Financial Reports

11/20/11 Sunday Collection: \$ 18,038.50

11/21/10 Sunday Collection: \$ 17,081.50

Parish Families Registered 4,954

# Envelopes Mailed 1,773

# Envelopes Used 748

#Envelopes (11/12/110) 742

### 2011 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Goal Amount: \$ 102,623

Total Pledged: \$ 121,349

“Congratulations” St. Barnabas for going over goal!

Total Payments Received: \$ 113,606.50

Total # of Pledges: 622

### Word of Life

These witnesses (young people with severe disabilities) speak to us, first and foremost, of the dignity of all human life, created in the image of God. No suffering can efface this divine image imprinted in the depths of humanity. But there is more: because the Son of God wanted freely to embrace suffering and death, we are also capable of seeing God's image in the face of those who suffer. Dear friends, our society, which all too often questions the inestimable value of life, of every life, needs you: in a decisive way you help to build the civilization of love.

~Pope Benedict XVI – visit to San Jose Foundation  
for disabled Youth. Madrid, August 20, 2011

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception

The Feast of Mary's Immaculate Conception is Thursday December 8th and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses for the feast will be celebrated at 6:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 5:00 PM and 7:30 PM.

### Advent Wreath Candle

The Advent Wreath Candle will be lit this week in memory of Jeffrey Calichio.

### Christmas Wafers

In certain traditions a blessed wafer is shared among family members at the beginning of the evening meal on Christmas. This wafer calls to mind the advent of the real “Bread of Life” who came among us over 2,000 years ago. You may obtain the blessed wafers at the rectory. The free will offering is for Parish Outreach.

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul wishes to thank all those who supported our “Friends of the Poor” walk held on September 24th. The amount raised by the walk totaled \$1,513. Please be assured that all funds raised will be used to assist the needy in our parish community. ~ God Bless, Charles Riiska, President

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

Michael Jason Grosiak, Edgar Treiber and Mary Bradley

**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](http://www.drvc.org).*

**Educational Excellence**

Educational excellence is a hallmark of our elementary schools in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, and our Strategic Plan is designed to build on that tradition of quality to take our schools to the next level.

“We offer a better education, a quality education,” said the Most Reverend William Murphy, bishop, Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre. “This Strategic Plan will make our schools stronger academically.”

The Strategic Plan envisions schools that will provide students with a challenging and diverse curriculum that utilizes 21<sup>st</sup> century teaching skills and technology and is rich in opportunities for exploration and growth. It sets a goal of maintaining the highest academic standards while at the same time improving academic programs. Some strategies include:

- Setting school-wide curricular benchmarks that will meet or exceed Diocesan guidelines and New York State standards.
- Offering a variety of extra-curricular and co-curricular opportunities to meet students’ needs and interests.
- Incorporating cutting-edge instructional technology to the classroom and training teachers how to use it.

In an important new initiative, the Education Department will create partnerships with area Catholic colleges and universities to develop professional opportunities aimed at improving instruction. We have several outstanding Catholic colleges and universities in our region, and collectively they represent a significant educational resource that currently is underutilized. By forging new partnerships with them, we can offer meaningful opportunities to our students and faculty members.

We all know that the modern economy is knowledge based, and that makes quality education more important than ever for our children. The educational quality of our schools is a tremendous advantage that we have in attracting and keeping students.

Dr. Steven Cheeseman, associate superintendent of the Diocese of Rockville Centre schools, said the Strategic Plan aims “to create the strongest Catholic schools possible” to serve the needs of families and parishes. “This is about the vision for excellence,” Dr. Cheeseman said.

In the coming weeks, we will provide more information about the Strategic Plan and our vision for the future of Catholic elementary schools in our Diocese. By working together – religious and laity, principals and teachers, parents and students – we can achieve our shared goal of creating a secure future for our schools.



### Be An Angel!

Gift-giving and gift-receiving are meant to remind us of the real meaning behind our celebration of Christmas - God's priceless gift of His Son, Jesus. And since the time that Mary and Joseph wandered homeless into Bethlehem, providing for the needy has always been a Christmas tradition. So, again this year, our parish will make available Angel Tags carrying the name of a gift needed by someone in our community. You are invited to take home an angel or two during the next couple of weekends and bring your gifts to the church lobby on December 3rd & 4th or December 10th & 11th. A special collection box will be there for gift cards & certificates. Attach your Angel Tags, but do not wrap the gifts, as we will have wrap and ribbon available to go with them. The gifts will be distributed during the week of December 12th - 17th, so please make sure you beat the **December 11th deadline!** Any gifts we receive after this time will be donated to St. Brigid's in Westbury, Our Holy Redeemer in Freeport and Queen of the Most Holy Rosary in Roosevelt where the need is so great. God bless your generosity...and through it may Jesus be born once more in all of our hearts this Christmas.

## 100th Anniversary Gala

In honor of our parish's 100th Anniversary, please join us for a special evening to celebrate our community of faith and love on Saturday, March 3rd, 2012 at 6:00 PM at The Sterling in Bethpage. Invitations will be sent shortly. Now is a good time to start putting tables together. Please extend the invitation to former parishioners who may have moved away. Father Joe and all the priests of the parish are looking forward to seeing you at the Gala.

### Bereavement Support Services

A variety of Bereavement Support Programs are available in Nassau and Suffolk Counties for all losses, including both adults and children. Simply check the website of Catholic Cemeteries, Diocese of Rockville Centre at [www.holyroodcemetery.org](http://www.holyroodcemetery.org). Click on the word *Bereavement* on the bar in the middle of the page then on the right, click on *Support Groups Available Now*.

### Share the Good News Celebrating Advent

Leaving the time for quiet and recollection during these hectic days before Christmas is often difficult. As a Church we celebrate Advent during these days in the hope that we focus on the real meaning of the season. Below you will find programs that hopefully will nourish your spirit.

#### *An Evening of Lessons and Carols*

**Sunday, December 11th at 7:00 PM, Church**

This is an annual tradition here at St. Barnabas. Through the beautiful music from the past and present we contemplate God's love for humanity in the incarnation of his son Jesus.

#### *Children's Christmas Pageant*

**Sunday, December 18th at 3:00 PM in the Church**

Come see our children act out the story of the first Christmas at the annual Children's Christmas Pageant. All families are invited to attend.

### Nocturnal Adoration

First Friday, December at 8:00 PM in the Church

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard on the following dates and times in the Church:

Saturday, December 3rd: 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Saturday, December 10th: 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

### Faith on Tap

All young adults, single and married, are invited to our next Faith on Tap on Monday, November 28th at the Wantagh Inn, 3264 Railroad Ave. in Wantagh. Our guest speaker will be Fr. Ted Brown, Chaplain of CW Post University whose topic will be "*Tweeting with God...Prayer Styles*." Doors open at 7:00 PM. For more information email: [msherman@drvc.org](mailto:msherman@drvc.org).

### 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.

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## **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School**

The Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's 8th Grade cordially invites you to come celebrate the Eucharist at our monthly Mass, Thursday December 1st at 9:00 AM. Join us as we come together to worship our Lord.

- *Book Fair* - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will be holding its annual book fair on Thursday, December 1st, 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM & 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM and Friday, December 2nd, 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM. The Scholastic Book Club is a nationally recognized organization providing quality books for all ages while supporting fundraising efforts for our school. This is a great, easy opportunity to buy popular, best selling books for children at reduced prices. These books are on site and make excellent Christmas and birthday gifts.
- *Breakfast with Santa* – Santa Claus is coming to St. Elizabeth's December 4th! The Family Activities Committee proudly presents the SEAS students and their families a wonderful pancake breakfast. But it's breakfast plus a whole lot more! All students are invited to whip up some holiday crafts, sing and have their picture taken with Santa (and with mom & dad too!). It's a wonderful time for us to get together to celebrate as a community and get into the holiday spirit!
- *Family Photo Day! Open to Everyone* - Come and have your family portrait taken on Monday, December 5th, 2:30 PM - 8:30 PM! Pets are welcome too! There is a \$10 sitting fee per family with a free 8x10. Contact Laurie Murray at 785-7660 or email at staruk67@aol.com.
- *Christmas Card Raffle* - Is going on right now! Each card is sold for \$10 and you can win more than once, up to \$250 daily for 31 days. For the whole month of January if your card number is selected, you win! What a great gift for grandparents, teachers, babysitters, and anyone who would love 31 chances to win cash! Contact Alicia Mazza at 631-804-2285.
- *Did you Know?* - The Computer Media lab at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is fully equipped with Educational Internet Access & a Smart Board. The computer curriculum includes Microsoft Word/ Excel/Powerpoint Instruction and all classes Kindergarten-8th grade participate in computer education.

## **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, Lance Cpl. Kevin P. Vaughan, Kristin O'Halloran, Michelle DiGangi, Carsyn Volpe, Deacon Thomas Coleman, Virginia Schuler, Ann Schnapper, Mary Cotroneo, Jeanette Sullivan, Victoria Ronga, Chansé Rhodes, Bernard Witkofski, Jennifer Pluth, Fr. Walter Kedjierski, Regina Dvorak, Anne Manzolino, Donald Davis, Paul Prisenza, Maria Schettino, Ellen Chite, Linda Porelli, Louise Russo, Stephania Castaldo Bill McNally and all the sick of the parish.

## **Special Liturgy**

**Sunday, December 4th at 3:00 PM**

**St. John the Evangelist Church, Center Moriches**  
All are invited to join with Bishop Murphy and all the bishops of our Diocese to pray with and for Bishop Libasci as he prepares to be installed as the tenth bishop of the Diocese of Manchester on December 8th.

## **Sanctuary Lamp**

The *Sanctuary Lamp Candle* will be lit this week in loving memory of Margaret McBride from her family.

## **Rosary Society**

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, December 5th at 7:30 PM in the school cafeteria. As this is our Christmas meeting, you are asked to bring a "sweet treat" for our refreshment table. Also, please bring an unwrapped gift to be donated to Pilgrim State (mittens, scarves, playing cards, cologne - plastic containers only.) To get us into the Christmas spirit, Al Tepedino and Vicky Sorrentino will entertain us with Christmas Carols and songs.

## **Box Tops for Education**

As you prepare your Christmas goodies, please be aware that St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School collects General Mills Box Tops for Education found on many cake and cookie mixes, cereals, snacks and other packaged goods. The school also collects the Labels for Education labels on Campbell soup products. You can simply cut them off the box and bring them into the rectory. Thank you.

**Food Pantry Weekend**

**December 3rd & 4th**

Thank you to all who contributed so generously for Thanksgiving. As I write, we are still getting requests from needy families for Thanksgiving Baskets. This month all food donations will be used for our Christmas Baskets, which will be picked up the week of December 12th. The Bellmore Kiwanis Club has already generously donated 48 canned hams for these baskets. Any trimmings you can provide will be most welcome. Many families depend on us to make their Christmas happy, so your help is much appreciated. We could not do it without you. On behalf of St. Vincent de Paul and Outreach, we thank you for your continued support and generosity.

**Bread & Wine**

The *Eucharistic Bread & Wine* for the week will be in loving memory of Catherine Donachie from the Kiley & Stein Families.

**Fr. Dennis Suglia**

Please join us on Sunday, December 4th as we welcome back Fr. Dennis Suglia to celebrate his first Mass at St. Barnabas at 12:00 PM. Many of you will remember that Fr. Dennis spent the first part of this year with us in final preparation to the priesthood. We were fortunate to have him preaching and assisting us at the weekend Masses.

**Long Island Catholic Sunday**

Sunday, December 4th is The Long Island Catholic Sunday. This is your opportunity to contribute our parish's expense in providing the paper for you. Place your envelope with the annual fee of \$20 in the collection basket. If you do not receive The Long Island Catholic, and wish to do so, print your name and complete address on the back of the envelope and note yours will be a new listing. Your envelope can also be mailed to or dropped off at the rectory during the week.

**Widow & Widowers**

A Christmas Luncheon will be held at the Wantagh Inn on Sunday, December 4th at 12:00 PM. The cost is \$26. Send your payment to Dolores Meadows, 2671 Cedar Street, Seaford 11783 826-2512 before November 30th. For additional information call Dolores at 826-2512.

**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, PFC Thomas A. Kiley, PFC Andrew Crowley III, PFC Ryan Quackenbush, Lt. Col. Joseph Pagnotta, Lt. Richard Joseph Holahan

**Natl. Guard:** Major James McLean

**US Navy:** STSSA 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, Private 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

**www.stbarnabasny.org**

Have you seen it? Its back and better than ever. The St. Barnabas the Apostle web site is up and running again thanks to our seminarian James Shelton! Visit the site at [www.stbarnabasny.org](http://www.stbarnabasny.org) to see the bulletin, information about the sacraments, parish events and a lot more.

**Weekly Meetings**

**Al-Anon:** Wednesday, 7:30 PM, rectory meeting room and Sunday, 7:30 PM in the school cafeteria.

**Christmas Flowers**



Remember your loved ones, living and deceased, at Christmas by having Poinsettias placed on the altar in their honor. Please drop this form off at the rectory or in the collection basket. The offering is \$15.

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_