

Third Sunday in Advent

Masses For The Week

Week of December 12 - December 18

Mon. – December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:30 AM Margaret McBride

9:00 AM Ersilia Reich

Tues. – December 13 St. Lucy

6:30 AM Thomas Dunn

9:00 AM Ersilia Reich

Wed. - December 14 St. John of the Cross

6:30 AM Robert Paratore

9:00 AM Catherine & Herbert Weber

Thurs. – December 15

6:30 AM Frank Coschignano

9:00 AM Clorinda Facinelli

Fri. - December 16

6:30 AM William Kenny

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the
Donnelly & Stauber Families

Sat. - December 17

8:00 AM Rev. Theodore J. King
First Pastor of St. Barnabas

5:00 PM Zachary Avanzato

Teresa Procopio

Minnie Morelli

Phyllis Gampero

Carl Goeller

Neil Schettino

Frank Basile

Anthony Salerno

Eddie McGuinness

Intentions of the

Thomas Reynolds Family

Thomas Connerty

7:30 PM James Maloney

Sun. - December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:00 AM Lillian Simmons

9:00 AM Mary Agostonacchio

10:15 AM Mary Ungolo

10:30 AM Luigi & Maria Balestriere

12:00 PM For the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Susan Iengo

Weekly Financial Reports

12/04/11 Sunday Collection: \$ 19,691
12/05/10 Sunday Collection: \$ 20,943.50

Parish Families Registered 4,954
Envelopes Mailed 1,773
Envelopes Used 755
Envelopes (11/28/10) 732

2011 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Goal Amount: \$ 102,623

Total Pledged: \$ 121,599

“Congratulations” St. Barnabas for going over goal!

Total Payments Received: \$ 114,836.50

Total # of Pledges: 624

Catholic Ministries Appeal

One Faith, One Hope, Many Gifts

Thank you for your generous support of the 2011 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please remember that all new pledges must be in by December 31st and all your current pledges must be paid by January 31st for the 2011 appeal. Paying your pledges ensures that the parish can benefit from its full 2011 rebate.

Word of Life

With regard to the embryo in the womb, science itself highlights its autonomy capable of interaction with the mother, the coordination of biological processes, the continuity of development, the growing complexity of the organism. This is not an accumulation of biological material, but a new living being, dynamic and wonderfully ordered, a new unique human being. So was Jesus in Mary's womb, so it was for all of us in our mother's womb.

~Pope Benedict XVI, Homily at Celebration of
First Vespers of the First Sunday of Advent,
Nov. 27, 2010

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.

Healing Service

The Charismatic Prayer Group prayer meeting and healing service is Monday, December 12th at 8:00 PM in Holy Family Chapel. All are welcome.

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

Frances B. Ritchie and Theodore Venturini

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

My dear Parishioners,

Thank you for all your wonderful, prayerful efforts as we welcome together our new Roman Missal!

I commend you as you get used to your new responses, especially: **"AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT."** It's so important to adjust to this one particular response as you say it five times at every Mass: the entrance greeting, before the Gospel is proclaimed, during the preface of the Mass, at the sign of peace and before the closing blessing.

On our part, the clergy have an especially large amount of change. As changed as all the prayers are, they have a special beauty about them leading us deeply into the sacred mysteries we come to celebrate.

The changes make us slow down and think about our new words - their phrasing and meanings. All of that is good and it's nice we are all doing this together.

On another note, I am very happy to share the "good news" that St. Barnabas now has a new **YOUTH MINISTER** whose responsibility will be our **HIGH SCHOOL AGE PARISHIONERS!** Our youth minister's name is **MR. TOM ACEMOGLU**. Please see Tom's announcement in today's bulletin. Tom is presently the Director of Religious Education at Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish in Lindenhurst. He was their youth minister before becoming Director of Religious Ed and he is delighted to be back with a high school youth ministry. Our program, when it begins will take place on Sunday evenings. Tom will soon be giving us details of the program. Tom, his wife and two young children live in St. Patrick's parish in Bay Shore. I am most pleased to welcome Tom to our parish staff!

May God continue to bless you with Advent graces as we look forward to our beautiful feast of Christmas.

Much love and God bless,

Father Joe

Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24th, Christmas Eve

4:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 10:00 PM and Midnight

Mass will be celebrated in both the Church and the Holy Family Chapel at 4:00 PM.

Reminder to Regulars

Each year the 4:00 PM Masses on Christmas Eve are overcrowded. Our experience is that all available seating is taken by 3:15 PM for both Masses. Please do not reserve seats for others. This is not permitted.

Sunday, December 25th, Christmas Day

7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM & 12 Noon

There will be no Mass at 10:15 AM or 5:00 PM on Christmas Day.

Masses for New Years Day

The Feast of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Saturday, December 31st

5:00 PM and 7:30 PM

Sunday, January 1st

7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM & 12 Noon

10:15 AM Family Mass in the Holy Family Chapel

There will be no 5:00 PM Mass on

Sunday, January 1st.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Saturday, December 17th; 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Saturday, December 24th; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

(note time change on the 24th)

Eucharistic Minister to the Homebound

Poinsettias to be delivered to the person to whom you bring communion, can be picked up at the rectory on Wednesday, December 13th through Friday, December 16th, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM and Saturday, December 17th & Sunday, December 18th, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

Christmas Candles

The beautiful red candles on the main altar at Christmas may be memorialized to honor your loved ones. The offering of \$50 may be made at the rectory office.

Angel Tags

Unwrapped gifts should be delivered to the rectory by Monday, December 12th. God bless your generosity...and through it may Jesus be born once more in all of our hearts this Christmas.

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

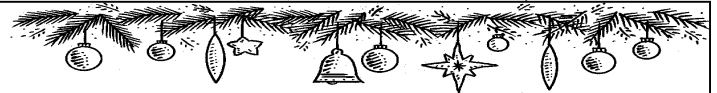
Come see our children act out the story of the first Christmas at the annual Children's Christmas Pageant. All families are invited to attend.

Advent Wreath Candle

The *Advent Wreath Candle* will be lit this week in memory of Rita & Frank Mistretta.

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.



Bellmore Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus are selling Christmas trees, wreaths and grave blankets on Sunday from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM and during the week from 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM at the Council on Bellmore Avenue.

Box Tops for Education

Please remember to clip any Box Tops for education found on many baking supplies while doing your Christmas baking and turn them in to the rectory. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School will collect them and redeem them for school equipment. Thank you!

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: _____

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,
Carsyn Volpe, Lance Cpl. Kevin P. Vaughan,
Kristin O’Halloran, Michelle DiGangi,
Deacon Thomas Coleman, Virginia Schuler,
Ann Schnapper, Mary Cotroneo, Jeanette Sullivan,
Victoria Ronga, Chanse Rhodes, Bernard Witkofski,
Jennifer Pluth, Fr. Walter Kedjierski, Regina Dvorak,
Anne Manzolillo, Donald Davis, Paul Prisenza,
Maria Schettino, Ellen Chite, Louise Russo,
Linda Porelli, Stephania Castaldo, Bill McNally,
Christopher Brown, Judith Lynch, Tom DeFrancisci,
Peggy Bickham, Dolores Meadows,
Joseph Ryan and all the sick of the parish.

Defensive Driving Class

A course for Insurance and Point Reduction

Saturday, January 7th beginning at 9:30 AM-4:00 PM in the school cafeteria. The cost is \$45. Call (631)360-9720 to register.

Mailing Committee

The mailing committee will meet on Monday, December 12th after the 9:00 AM mass in the Holy Family Chapel. New members welcome.

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, 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

Reorganization of Catholic Schools

This week Bishop Murphy announced that six schools will close in June 2012 and two strategic collaborations will be initiated. The difficult decision to close certain schools is the result of a thorough analysis of the viability of each school as part of the implementation process of the Strategic Plan for Catholic elementary schools that was announced in September, 2011. The Bishop’s Advisory Committee completed an evaluation of each school’s ability to provide and sustain into the foreseeable future, a quality education program. Given the decline in school-age population and the economic climate on Long Island, the Catholic schools, like many public school districts, must face the harsh reality that we no longer need as many buildings as in the past. We are very hopeful about the future of Catholic school education in the Diocese of Rockville Centre and remain committed to quality Catholic education on Long Island. We ask for your prayers for all those affected by these decisions-the administrators, faculty, current and former families and students, and all who have supported Catholic schools. Our regional school of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will remain open.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School

- *Please join us* - The Children of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will be hosting their Christmas Concert on Monday, December 12th at 8:00 PM at St. Barnabas Church. The choir will perform in “A Living Nativity”. All are invited!
- *Christmas Card Raffle* - Sale is going on right now. Each card is sold for \$10 and you can win up to \$200 daily for 31 days. If your card number is drawn in the daily lottery, you win! What a great gift for grandparents, teachers, babysitters, anyone would love 31 chances to win cash! Please contact Alicia Mazza at (631) 221-4501 for more information.
- *Family photo* night was a big success. Many SEAS families, parishioners and community came to have their portraits taken.
- The *SCRIP team* sold a total of \$10,381 in gift cards for the week ending December 4th. An amazing effort! There are still gift cards on hand. Why wait on mall lines when you have the luxury of having these cards delivered right to you. Contact Eileen Pepe at 785-5709.

Bereavement Group

Good Shepherd Hospice is offering a walk in support group for anyone grieving a loss. The group meets at Mercy Hospital in Rockville Centre, Wednesdays from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM in the first floor board room. There is no cost and no registration required. For additional information call (631) 465-6262.

Bulletin Article # 6 Collaborative Leadership

Title for All Articles:

Building a Stronger Catholic Elementary Education

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.

Collaborative Leadership

Effective leadership is essential to any successful organization, and not just at the top. The strongest organizations have effective leaders at every level that work together to achieve mutual goals.

The Strategic Plan recognizes the importance of collaborative leadership at the Diocesan, parish, and school levels. Those leaders come from many different areas: pastors and principals, the leaders of the Education Department and the Diocesan Elementary Education Commission, and the members of the Tomorrow's Hope Foundation and the Bishop's Advisory Committee on Catholic Education. The support and energy of volunteers like those who at Tomorrow's Hope and the Bishop's advisory committee are invaluable in their service and an inspiration to the Diocese.

Our leaders – religious, professional and volunteer – are responding to the appeal of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to “reaffirm our commitment to Catholic” schools. “We believe that now is the appropriate time to renew our challenge to the entire Catholic community to join us in this critical endeavor,” the bishops said in renewing their pledge to support Catholic elementary and secondary schools in the third millennium. “We are convinced that Catholic schools continue to be the most effective means available to the church for the education of children and young people who are the future of the church.”

Under the Strategic Plan, pastors and principals have special responsibilities as leaders. As leaders of the spiritual community, pastors will work with principals to insure the Catholic identity of the school. Principals and other school leaders will demonstrate a commitment to excellence and create an environment in which continuous improvement, focused on student success, is the norm.

By working together, pastors and principals can establish and sustain successful schools that engage and encourage teachers, parents, and students. Successful implementation of the plan depends on thoughtful, committed, and effective leadership at every level of the Diocese.

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.

Sanctuary Lamp

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

Bread & Wine

The *Eucharistic Bread & Wine* for the week will be in loving memory of John Reinhardt from the Davis Family.

Girl Scout Religious Awards

Our next Girl Scout Religious Award Workshop will be held on Saturday, December 17th in the school cafeterias: *Ave Maria*, *Family of God* and *I Live My Faith* Awards meet from 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM. *Regina Coeli* Awards meet from 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM.

Weekly Meetings

Al-Anon meetings are held on Sundays at 7:30 PM in the school cafeteria and on Wednesdays at 7:30 PM in the rectory meeting room.

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.