

The Nativity of the Lord

Masses For The Week

Week of December 26 - January 1

Mon. – December 26 St. Stephen

6:30 AM Felicia Aquilone

9:00 AM Kevin Rose

Tues. – December 27 St. John

6:30 AM Joseph Mammone

9:00 AM Nancy Stabile

Wed. - December 28 The Holy Innocents

6:30 AM Donald Croker

9:00 AM Mary & James Butler

Thurs. – December 29

6:30 AM Gloria & Pablo Perez

9:00 AM Eudosia & Giacomo Salvemini

**Fri. - December 30 The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph**

6:30 AM Toni Rabbito

9:00 AM Al Harris

**Sat. - December 31 The Seventh Day in the
Octave of Christmas**

8:00 AM Roland R. Pariseau

5:00 PM Frank Basile

Eileen D'Addio

Gino Aruanno

Arthur V. Licata

Intentions of

Walter & Theresa Andersen

Steven Szabo

Carmelo Paone

7:30 PM Antonino Salerno

**Sun. - January 1 The Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of God**

7:00 AM For the People of Our Parish

9:00 AM Kevin James Cashel

10:15 AM Joseph Gleason

10:30 AM Charles Frank Hefner

12:00 PM Maria & Giuseppi Rutigliano

Weekly Financial Reports

12/18/11 Sunday Collection: \$ 17,296.50

12/19/10 Sunday Collection: \$ 17,849.50

Parish Families Registered 4,962

Envelopes Mailed 1,717

Envelopes Used 744

#Envelopes (12/19/10) 711

2011 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Goal Amount: \$ 102,623

Total Pledged: \$ 121,724

“Congratulations” St. Barnabas for going over goal!

Total Payments Received: \$ 116,039

Total # of Pledges: 625

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.

Masses for New Year's 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

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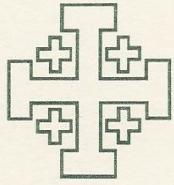
Have you seen it? Its back and better than ever. The St. Barnabas the Apostle web site is up and running again thanks to our seminarian Jim Shelton. Visit the site at stbarnabasny.org and see the bulletin, information about the sacraments, parish events and a lot more.

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.

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

Helen Mormino, Ernest Delvecchio, Joseph Specht and George Brooks



The Church of Saint Barnabas the Apostle

Christmas 2011

My dear Parishioners,

Wishing you Christ's peace, joy and love, I greet you on this beautiful feast of Christmas!

What a divine compliment we are paid at Christmas as our God chooses to become one of us in the birth of His Son, Jesus Christ!

It is God's hope for us, that as we celebrate at Christmas His Word – Jesus – taking on our human flesh, we might see and love in each other all the love and goodness God sees and loves in us.

It is always a joy for me to write you as I now do, to commend you and to thank you for the MANY ways YOU continue to be endless sources of hope for so many. In my prayer for you, I can never stop thanking God for you as you bring to life the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our parish family and neighboring communities.

YOU are truly the bright lights of Christmas! May God's Light that shines so brightly through you continue to shine brightly throughout our NEW YEAR 2012.

Your special Christmas gift to St. Barnabas the Apostle Parish helps us in so many ways. Christmas, our special time of joy and thanksgiving, is the perfect time to show our gratitude to God for His abundant love as we make our Christmas offerings to our parish family.

I look forward to our celebrations of the Christmas Liturgy and I pray God's choicest blessings upon you FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!

Much love, God bless and "*MERRY CHRISTMAS!*"

Rev. Joseph C. Coschignano
Pastor

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,
Mary Cotroneo, Chansé Rhodes, Bernard Witkofski,
Jennifer Pluth, Donald Davis, Regina Dvorak,
Paul Prisenza, Maria Schettino, Louise Russo,
Judith Lynch, Christopher Brown, Peggy Bickham,
Dolores Meadows, Grace Margaret, Esther Leahy,
Kevin O'Keefe and all the sick of the parish.

Christmas Candles

The Red Christmas Candles will be lit in loving memory of:



Tim Kamer, Josephine & Edwin Rezny
John Vetrano
Charles & Virginia Coschignano
In celebration of the 21st birthday of
Andrew Till

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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the 50th Eucharistic Congress in Dublin

June 4th - 13th, 2012

The Diocese of Rockville Centre is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the 5th Eucharistic Congress which will be held in Dublin, Ireland under the leadership of Bishop John C. Dunne, auxiliary Bishop of our Diocese. This pilgrimage is open to all. Contact Eva, 206 Tours at (631)361-4644, or you may download the tour brochure at Pilgrimages.com/bishopdunne.

Weekly Meetings

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

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 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

Sanctuary Lamp

The *Sanctuary Lamp Candle* will be lit this week in loving memory of Frank and Lucille Spano from their daughter Jacqueline.

E.M.'s Lectors & Altar Servers

Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors & Altar Servers been sent via email the ministry schedule for January. Be sure to open both attachments. For those who do not have or have not given us their email address, can pick up a copy of the schedule in the sacristy after mass.

Rectory Office

The office will be closed on Sunday, December 25th and Monday, December 26th in observance of Christmas, and on Sunday, January 1st and Monday, January 2nd in observance of New Year's Day.



DIocese OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Christmas 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus:

AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US

With these solemn words, St John the Evangelist announces the most momentous event in human history. God Who created everything out of nothing through His Word decided "*in the fullness of time to send His Son, born of a woman*". Once that great event occurred in the Bethlehem stable, nothing in this world could be the same! Now the hopes and dreams of every person in every age for life and love, for joy and peace would no longer come from afar, no longer be unfulfilled hopes and dreams. Now they would be ours because they would be offered to us by God, our loving Father, by His only Son Who is **one of us, one with us in all things but sin.**

Small wonder the angels sing, *GLORIA*. Small wonder that the shepherds respond and rush to discover joy, hope and peace in the face of this Child lying in a manger. Small wonder that Mary, whose YES to God made possible the coming of our Savior into our lives to share our lives, looks with ineffable love at the One Whom she carried in her womb as she always would carry Him in her heart.

This Christmas, once again, we rejoice that God so loved the world that He sent His Son to be our savior. He will be no stranger to our lives, to our hopes, our needs, our worries, and yes, even our failures. He will know the human heart because His heart beats as do ours. But, unlike our hearts, His heart is unfathomable in its love for us all, a love that will triumph ultimately when He loves us, *usque ad finem*, even to a death that sets us free.

This Christmas, we are invited to gaze on Him once again, to see hope rekindled from a manger, life renewed in this child, forgiveness and reconciliation made real, and love, undying love bringing to us and all the world peace, the peace that bears a name, *Jesus Christ*.

As the pastor of this Diocese of Rockville Centre, I wish you all a share in this new life, this new hope, this joy, this love and peace. I invite you to open your hearts to one another, in your families and in your neighborhoods, in your parishes and in our Diocese. May we who have been forgiven by the Son of God made man forgive one another. May we who have been reconciled by this Child born of Mary be reconcilers ourselves. May we who may be suffering find solace in His dwelling among others. May we who have been excluded or feel abandoned find new hope in Him. And may we all be peacemakers to one another, in our families and communities, in our neighborhoods and parishes. And please, we must never forget the poor for the One Who was rich made Himself poor for love of us. He loves the poor with a preferential love. And He knows that all of us need to share that love today more than ever.

*Rejoice! Again I say, Rejoice! The Word was made flesh. He dwells among us. He is Emanuel, God with us.
He is Jesus, the Christ, the Savior of the world!*

+William Murphy

Bishop of Rockville Centre

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.

Bread & Wine

The *Eucharistic Bread & Wine* for the week will be in loving memory of Hugo Esposito from his loving family.

Word of Life

A culture of *life*, not death...This *vision* our creator planted in the depth of every human person, as part of our normative law: that *life* is sacred; that, once God breathes it into us, it lasts forever; that to take innocent *life* is so inimical to a righteous society that its protection is mandated in the very middle of the ten commandments; that the more innocent and fragile the more it begs protection; that, indeed, to protect *life* is the most noble of vocations.

~Archbishop Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York, Homily at St. Patrick's Cathedral, October 3, 2010

Holy Hour and Dodgeball

Friday, January 13th, 7:30 PM - 10:30 PM

Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington

For more information regarding this event please visit the website at www.longislandpriest.com and click on the events link.

Bereavement Group

Good Shepherd Hospice offers 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.

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

A big Thank You to Father Charles who spent time singing Christmas Carols and talking about the birth of Jesus with our children. What a true joy it was to see the sparkle in their eyes.

Our school will be closed from December 24th thru January 2nd. Looking forward to all the new exciting happenings in 2012.

The Holy Family

*Mary held her infant son
And kissed Him, tenderly,
Memories of the angel's words
Came rushing, vividly!*

*"Be not afraid," the angel said.
"Be filled with no dismay.
You are to be the Mother of God!"
Now it was Christmas day.*

*She kissed him softly, yet again,
and brushed His hair in place.
He yawned and then the dearest smile
appeared upon his face!*

*Then Joseph took Him in his arms...
God's Little newborn Son.
Jesus slipped into his heart.
A family has begun.*

~Margaret Peterson

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.

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.