

Second Sunday of Advent

Masses For The Week

Week of December 5 - December 11

Mon. – December 5

6:30 AM Sr. Joseph Richard Murphy

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the
Dorothy Healy Family

Tues. – December 6

6:30 AM John D. Argano

9:00 AM Bernard & Elizabeth Grant

Wed. - December 7 St. Ambrose

6:30 AM Frances Bellar

9:00 AM Marie Dooley

Thurs. – December 8

The Immaculate Conception

6:30 AM For the People of Our Parish

9:00 AM For the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM For the People of Our Parish

7:30 PM For the People of Our Parish

Fri. - December 9

6:30 AM John J. Marshall

9:00 AM John & Bridie Cronin

Sat. - December 10

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving to St. Lucy

5:00 PM Zachary Avanzato

Doreen Minerva

Mary Calarco

Robin Ma

Rudolph Eckhardt

Vincenzo Dattilo

Francesco Napolitano

James & Eileen Geary

Michael Rebando

Phylis Gampero

7:30 PM James Maloney

Sun. - December 11 Third Sunday of Advent

7:00 AM Donato & Grazia Lamberti

9:00 AM Filiph & Caterina Bertuccio

10:15 AM Giannuario Di Mondo

10:30 AM For the People of Our Parish

12:00 PM Catherine Famularo

5:00 PM Keith Joseph Keegan

Weekly Financial Reports

11/27/11 Sunday Collection: \$ 16,729

11/28/10 Sunday Collection: \$ 17,610.50

Parish Families Registered 4,954

Envelopes Mailed 1,773

Envelopes Used 737

#Envelopes (11/28/10) 735

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

Word of Life

The beginning of the Liturgical Year helps us live anew the expectation of God who took flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary, God who makes himself little, who becomes a child; it speaks to us of the coming of a God who is close, who chose to experience human life from the very beginning in order to save it totally, in its fullness. And so the mystery of Lord's Incarnation and the beginning of human life are closely and harmoniously connected and in tune with each other in the ones saving plan of God, the Lord of the life of each and everyone.

~Pope Benedict XVI,

Homily at Celebration of

First Vespers of the First Sunday of Advent,

Nov. 27, 2010

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.

Long Island Catholic Sunday

Today's second collection is for The Long Island Catholic. This collection is your contribution to our parish's expense in providing the paper for you. If you do not receive The Long Island Catholic, and wish to, please note that yours will be a new listing. Your envelope can also be mailed or dropped off at the rectory.

Sanctuary Lamp

The *Sanctuary Lamp Candle* will be lit this week in loving memory of Sr. Joseph Richard & Gertrude Ranta.

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

Mary Bradley, Edgar Karl Treiber, Judith G. LaMacchia, Phylis Gampero, Frances C. Vieira, Frank Basile, Antonino Salerno, Marie Giovino, Katherine Russo and Daniel A. Dreiss

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.

Effective Organization and Governance

To be successful and sustainable, elementary schools in the Diocese of Rockville Centre must be geographically accessible, affordable, academically excellent, and distinctly Catholic. Those elements are the keys to a future in which our schools are both viable and vital.

Essential to achieving these goals is having a well organized and effective system of governance to coordinate leadership at the parish, regional, and Diocesan levels and to promote the consistent implementation of policy. This is how we can make sure that all of our elementary schools provide the same level of educational excellence.

As part of the Strategic Plan, the Education Department, in conjunction with the Diocesan Elementary Education Commission, is evaluating each elementary school's ability to provide – and sustain – a quality Catholic education program. One issue that the Strategic Plan addresses is declining enrollment, an issue facing both public and religious schools because Long Island's school-age population is projected to decline 7.6 percent during the next five years.

“Our schools continue to pull the same percentage of the population that we always did,” said Dr. Steven Cheeseman, associate superintendent. “The problem is that the pool of school-aged children has declined to the point where there just aren't enough kids to fill all the seats that we have available.”

To deal with declining enrollment and other demographic factors, reconfigurations, mergers, or closures may be required and will be announced by the end of the year so they can be implemented for the 2012-13 school year. “The questions we have to look at are: ‘What is the right number of buildings, what is the right number of programs,’ to best serve the diocese,” Dr. Cheeseman said.

In the end, the Strategic Plan is not about how many buildings we use; it's about how best to meet the needs of students. “The Strategic Plan sets a clear set of criteria that will make our schools stronger,” said the Most Reverend William Murphy, bishop, Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre. “We have to plan strategically for the future. But Catholic education is going forward in this 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.

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 this weekend and bring your gifts to the church lobby on 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.

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 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.

Advent Prayer

Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Savior and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. ~ Amen ~

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Advent Wreath Candle

The *Advent Wreath Candle* will be lit this week in memory of Kenneth Carney.

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.

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

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

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

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: _____

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School

- *Family Photo Day! Open to Everyone!*
Come and have your family portrait taken on Monday, December 5th from 2:30 PM - 8:30 PM. Pets are welcome too. There is a \$10 sitting fee per family and the package includes a free 8 x 10. Great for all your holiday needs. For additional information call Laurie Murray at 785-7660 or email staruk67@aol.com for more information.
- *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 number is selected, you win! What a great gift for grandparents, teachers, babysitters and anyone who would love 31 chances to win cash! Please contact Alicia Mazza at (631)804-2285 for more information.
- *Please join us.* The children of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School will be hosting their Christmas concert on Monday, December 12th at 7:00 PM at St. Barnabas Church. The choir will perform in "A Living Nativity". All are invited.
- *Did you know?* If you wish to learn more about St. Elizabeth's, come spend a day with us when school is in session, or schedule your own private tour. Call 785-5709.

Bake Sale-Next Weekend

The sixth grade from St Elizabeth's will be holding a bake sale on Saturday, December 10th following the 5:00 PM Mass and Sunday, December 11th following the 9:00, 10:15, 10:30 AM and 12 Noon Masses in the Holy Family Chapel.

Bread & Wine

The *Eucharistic Bread & Wine* for the week will be in loving memory of Sr. Joseph Richard & Gertrude Ranta.

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 everyone. Contact Eva, 206 Tours at (631) 361-4644. You may also download a brochure at Pilgrimages.com/bishopdunne.

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: 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

Rosary Society

Our next meeting will be Monday, December 5th at 7:30 PM in the 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.

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.

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 Manzolino, Donald Davis, Paul Prisenza,
Maria Schettino, Ellen Chite, Louise Russo,
Linda Porelli, Stephania Castaldo,
Christopher Brown, Bill McNally
Tom DeFrancisci and all the sick of the parish.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Mother Seton #2413, will hold their December meeting on Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00 PM in the school cafeteria. After a short meeting we will have our Christmas party and Yankee Swap. For information call Jackie at 781-7846 after 7:00 PM.

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.

Friendly Seniors Meeting

Tuesday, December 6th, 1:00 PM, in the Holy Family Chapel.

Church Hours

From time to time people ask about the hours of the day that the Church is opened. From Monday through Friday the Church opens at 6:00 AM and closes by 4:00 PM. On Saturday morning the Church opens at 7:30 AM and closes after the 7:30 PM Mass and Sunday morning the Church opens at 6:00 AM and closes after the 5:00 PM Mass.

Spirituality For Singles

Christmas Party, Saturday December 10th

Saint Aidens Parish, 525 Willis Ave, Williston Park will be sponsoring this evening for singles 21 and older from 8:30 PM-12 AM. The price is \$25 per person and includes a hot buffet, wine or soda. Call 746-6585 for more information.

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.

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.

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| Ryan Henry Johnson | Giovanni Lee Balestriere |
| Bennett Keith Ackerman | Bryson Ronald Blunt |
| Alice Cecile Dauphin | Sophie Eileen DiMonda |
| Justin LaGreco | Nico Lombelino |
| Sarah Gretchen Reddington | Marc Anthony Seidler |
| Ayla Joan Ocak | Ryan Garrett Carrino |
| Hanna Rose Xiang Rojas | Rex James Dietrich |
| Ryan Thomas Lay | Avery Nicole Locascio |
| John Jameson Marin | Sadie Jane Murphy |
| Tyler Jay Pascalli | Worley Rae Pellegrino |
| Lea Christine Rassier | Isabella Grace Tinkler |
| Mya Grey Pesce | Matthew Owen Lutwick |
| Isabella Grace Buontempone | Connor Patrick Haugh |
| Gavin Matthew Koscielniak | Isabella Rose Pesek |
| Gary Jonathan Pepitone | Ronald James Pepitone |
| Olivia Michelle Romano | |

Weekly Meetings

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

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.