

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Masses For The Week

Week of February 6 - February 12

Mon. - February 6 St. Paul Miki
and Companions

6:30 AM Dominick & Mary Rebello

9:00 AM Dorothy Byrne

Tues. - February 7

6:30 AM Daniel Arlauskas

9:00 AM Intentions of the Ladies of
the Rectory

Wed. - February 8

6:30 AM Daniel Arlauskas

9:00 AM Daniel Cronin

Thurs. - February 9

6:30 AM Raymond Hertling

9:00 AM Nancy Stabile (School Mass)

Fri. - February 10 St. Scholastica

6:30 AM Helen McNavich

9:00 AM Rose-Marie Massimillo

Sat. - February 11

8:00 AM Richard Mistretta

5:00 PM Dennis Broderick

Armando Forte

Bruce Howell

Helen Mormino

Jerry Giuliano

Catherine Hemley

7:30 PM Matilda Cover

Sun. - February 12 Sixth Sunday

In Ordinary Time

7:00 AM For the People of Our Parish

9:00 AM Mildred Reiter

10:15 AM Jack Eschmann

10:30 AM Lucia & Luigi DiMeglio

12:00 PM Rev. Edward J. Muhs

8th Pastor of St. Barnabas

5:00 PM Eileen D'Addio

Weekly Financial Reports

01/29/12 Sunday Collection: \$ 17, 638.50

01/30/11 Sunday Collection: \$ 17, 352

Parish Families Registered 4,962

Envelopes Mailed 1,717

Envelopes Used 732

#Envelopes (01/30/11) 744

2012 Catholic Ministries Appeal One Faith, One Hope, Many Gifts

Goal Amount: \$ 105,200

Bread & Wine

The *Eucharistic Bread and Wine* for the week will be offered in loving memory of Catherine Donachie from Mary Karol.

100th Anniversary Gala

The Sterling - Bethpage

Saturday, March 3rd

6:00 PM - Cocktail Hour

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

\$70.00 per person

Have you returned your response? If not, please do not let the February 10th deadline pass without doing so. Seating is limited. If you would like to attend but do not have a full table, please contact the rectory and we will seat you with fellow parishioners. We are looking forward to sharing this wonderful evening with you.

Sanctuary Lamp Candle

The *Sanctuary Lamp Candle* will be lit this week in memory of Vivian Malabo from Mr. & Mrs. Nat Galatioto.

Word of Life

Our society, which all too often questions the inestimable value of life, every life, needs you [young people with disabilities]: in a decisive way you help build the civilization of love. What is more, you play a leading role in that civilization. As sons and daughters of the Church, you offer the Lord your lives, with all their ups and downs, cooperating with him and somehow becoming "part of the treasury of compassion so greatly needed by the human race" (Spe Salvi, 40). ~Pope Benedict XVI,

Remarks at the San Jose Foundation for Disabled Youth, Madrid, August 20, 2011

Just A Reminder

Please notify the ushers if you see any spills or debris on the floors inside the church.

Friendly Seniors Meeting

Tuesday, February 7th 1:00 PM Holy Family Chapel.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

The next meeting of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Mother Seton # 2413 will be held on Tuesday, February 7th at 7:00 PM in the school cafeteria. Please bring unwrapped gifts for Moms and Babies for our Annual Baby Shower. Please call Jackie at 781-7846 after 7:00 PM if you have any questions.

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

Georgina DeLorenzo and Archbishop Anthony J. Bevilacqua

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Witness to life; witness to religious freedom

On the eve of the annual Pro-Life March in Washington, Allison O'Brien, the dynamic director of our diocesan Respect Life Office, e-mailed me to say that, this year the Diocese of Rockville Centre has registered 38 buses and 1,803 people who will be participating in the March for Life on Monday, January 23. The Cathedral Parish of St. Agnes has become a central point for different areas. From the cathedral there are three buses leaving for the March. As Allison said to me, "We have a great team!"

When the Pro-Life movement was getting its start in response to Roe v. Wade 40 years ago, much of the national leadership came from lay faithful of our diocese. Bishop McGann was a staunch supporter and Bishop McHugh, as a young priest, became the engine of the Church's pro-life efforts, nationally and internationally. What a tribute to those pioneers is this annual turnout of Long Islanders to stand up for human life, from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death and every moment in between.

As Allison was coordinating the final preparations for this commitment to life, human dignity and freedom, the U.S. bishops and, an hour later, our own nation, received some heartbreaking news from President Obama. It too dealt with life, human dignity and freedom. However, instead of protecting human dignity and freedom, the news from the President concerned an attack on them. The President called the president of the US Bishops Conference, Cardinal-elect Dolan, to tell him that he had approved a decision of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that mandates contraceptive services be included in almost every health insurance plan in the country. To that contraceptive mandate, HHS added, and the President approved, a broader mandate that includes not only contraceptives but also sterilizations and abortion-inducing drugs.

This mandate is a radical incursion on the part of our government into freedom of conscience founded on our religious beliefs! It contravenes the First Amendment and several federal laws. More importantly, it violates the law of God who gave us life and calls us to respect all human life. The Bill of Rights assures us that we have a right



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in this country to obey God's law and follow our conscience, free to live out our religious beliefs as individual persons and as institutions. Forcing all of us to buy or provide coverage for sterilization and contraceptives, including drugs that induce abortion, is a **radical incursion into our freedom of conscience and religious exercise.**

There is in this mandate a very narrow exception clause that is practically meaningless to the exercise of freedom of conscience and religious belief. It would, in an alarming number of circumstances, not except or exempt even Jesus, or anyone else who offers the healing care of Jesus to others, from being forced to act like persons who do not share their beliefs. It is, therefore, a direct assault on our own right to freedom of exercise of our beliefs. Further, with so few exceptions protecting religious freedom, this mandate forces virtually all insurance plans to cover such services and, in so doing, endangers the ability of our Catholic hospitals to continue to provide health care according to the tenets of Jesus and the Church, rather than the government.

Beyond the fact that the mandate mentions only three things that violate our conscience, the more alarming point is that the federal government has knowingly and willingly jettisoned the First Amendment and, in so doing, placed an unjust burden on a significant portion of American citizens. Pregnancy is not a disease. This mandate is not about health care. This is our government bending to a well financed lobby that wants to guarantee, not only that its own point of view is protected, but that its point of view is mandated for all of us whose religious sensitivities and whose religious beliefs now count for nothing.

The President did emphasize that there is a one year "window" given to persons and institutions whose religious beliefs are being violated, "to adjust to the new mandate." Do not be fooled. The federal

government is not offering us an opportunity to seek the wider exceptions or exemptions to which we are entitled under the Constitution. They are telling us that we have one year to conform to government mandates and not one day more!

This of course leaves us in a very difficult predicament. Friday last, Pope Benedict addressed a group of U.S. bishops on their *ad limina* visit on the issue of religious liberty. It is a clear and concise, very readable, defense of religious freedom. You can read about it in this week's Long Island Catholic on page six. I e-mailed it to every priest in the diocese. You can find the full text at www.vatican.va. Consistent with the teaching of Jesus and the Church as found in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, the Holy Father helps us to articulate and defend the right to religious freedom that is ours from God. All the governments of the world, regardless of their history and culture, acknowledge the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* which in Section 18 makes that right the standard for every civilized nation.

The U.S. bishops have publicly called on the President to rescind this violation of the First Amendment embodied in the HHS mandate. If the Administration will not do so, the Congress must. If neither does, then we, not for any partisan purposes or any political preference for any particular candidate, but for the defense and protection of the First Amendment and the most basic of human rights, the right to freedom of conscience and belief, must be as one at the ballot box in November as we keep these issues in mind.

As Pope Benedict told the bishops last Friday:

"It is imperative that the entire Catholic community in the United States come to realize the grave threats to the Church's moral witness presented by a radical secularism which finds increasing expression in the political and cultural spheres ... Of particular concern are certain attempts being made to limit the most cherished of American freedoms, the freedom of religion ..."

There can be no doubt that a more consistent witness on the part of American Catholics to their deepest convictions would make a major contribution to the renewal of society as a whole..."

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, Bill McNally, Lance Cpl. Kevin P. Vaughan, Kristin O'Halloran, Michelle DiGangi, Ann Healey, Virginia Schuler, Linda Porelli, Arthur McQuillan, Tristan Pluth, 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, John Loney, Christopher Brown, Peggy Bickham, Dolores Meadows, Kevin O'Keefe, Laurie Kayantas, Helen Iacciano, Anthony Finnelli, Sarah Gebbia, Emily Weldon, Kay Finnen, Erin Kathleen Gomes, Joseph Sostack, Susan Baiko and all the sick of the parish.

Palm for the Burning

Each year we gather the palm distributed the previous year and burn it to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please place your palm in the basket at the front of the Church next to the Baptismal Font.

Year End Contribution

Please call the rectory if you wish to receive a contribution statement for 2011.

Widows & Widowers

Join us for brunch on Sunday, February 19th at 12:00 PM at Singletons, 150 Hicksville Road, Bethpage. The cost is \$25. For reservations call Bernadette Mundy at 221-4516 or Ann O'Neill at 785-7911 no later than February 10th.

E.M.'s & Lectors

Sign up sheets for Ash Wednesday Masses and Services of the Word are in the Sacristy. Please sign up after mass. Thank you.

Rosary Society Meeting

Monday, February 6th at 7:30 PM in the cafeteria. BINGO and refreshments are on the agenda.

Girl Scouts

Our next Girl Scout Religious Awards workshop will be held on Saturday, February 11th in the school cafeteria. *Ave Maria* (2nd grade Brownies) and *I Live My Faith* (Juniors) 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM, *Regina Coeli* (Juniors) 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM, *Family of God* (3rd grade Brownies) 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM. Girl Scout Sunday will be celebrated March 4th at the 9:00 AM Mass. Immediately following the Mass will be a Communion Breakfast in the school cafeteria. Tickets are \$6.00 per person, \$3.00 for children under 4 years old. Contact Pauline Schlenke at 785-5549, Judith Hughes at 781-8040 or Joyce Caggiano at 796-9754 for tickets.

"The Lord Be With You."

"And With Your Spirit."

Church in Need Collection Second Collection This Week

Today's second collection will be taken for "The Church in Need." The monies collected at this time will be shared among areas of the world where there is particular need for help. Thank you for your generosity.

Holy Hour and Dodgeball

Friday, February 10th, 7:30 PM - 10:30 PM

Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington

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

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

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.

Shhh: Pope Urges Silence to Communicate Better

By Nicole Winfield - Associated Press

VATICAN CITY— Pope Benedict XVI is asking everyone to quiet down.

In his annual communications message released Tuesday, Benedict extolled the sounds of silence. He said a little bit of quiet makes people better listeners and better communicators by giving them more time to think about what they are hearing and saying.

And in a world inundated by Tweets and 24-hour news coverage, that precious time to think and reflect gives words greater value, he said.

“Joy, anxiety and suffering can all be communicated in silence - indeed it provides them with a particularly powerful mode of expression,” he said in his written message.

Benedict has in recent years used his annual communications message to comment on social media. He has urged priests to blog and Catholics who spread the faith on Facebook and other social networks to be respectful of others.

This year, his attention turned to the need to occasionally tune out the social media information overload to allow time for greater reflection. He called for striking a balance between silence, words, images and sounds.

“By remaining silent, we allow the other person to speak, to express him or herself, and we avoid being tied simply to our own words and ideas without them being adequately tested,” he said.

He noted that sometimes the most authentic communication takes place in utter silence, “between people who are in love: gestures, facial expressions and body language are signs by which they reveal themselves to each other.”

Silence also allows for greater discernment about what is really worth listening to, Benedict said. And of course, it allows for prayer, contemplation and silent conversations with God.

Benedict for example, has marveled during recent trips to Croatia and Madrid for World Youth Day at the ability of tens of thousands of people gathered in fields and piazzas for prayers to go absolutely silent in contemplation.

The 84 year old pontiff is known to be quiet by nature. A theologian and lover of classical music, he speaks softly and is said to be an excellent listener.

Bellmore 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. Live music provided by a Polish-American Band and Polonaise dancing and a rose for each lady are included in the \$35 per person fee. Call John Bloniarz at 826-2168 for reservations.

Mercy League Atlantic City Trip

Monday, February 27, 2012

The bus departs St. Barnabas parking lot at 7:45AM. The cost is \$40.00 with \$30.00 slot play. No refunds without a replacement. Make check payable to Mercy Hospital, and send to Alice Goldsmith, 2044 Bergen Street, Bellmore. For information contact Alice at 781-2783.

Saint Elizabeth Seton Regional School

In honor of teacher's appreciation day, our parents treated the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton teachers and staff to a luncheon in their honor. SEAS parents and students are truly grateful to our teachers and staff for the excellent job they do and the generous spirit in which they do it. Thank you!

Congratulations to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's newly inducted *National Junior Honor Society* members: 8th grade: Holly Jelinek, Kyle McGorty, Pamela Rosa, and Aurora Sullivan. 7th grade: Connor Blanchard, Thomas Cawley, Jackie Clifford, Lilianne Gering, Justina Heinen, Matthew Kowalski, Nick Leggio, Victoria Maniscalco and Abby Mazza. Induction to the *National Junior Honor Society* requires students to maintain a consistent grade point average, participate in school and community service and obtain two letters of recommendation. They are overseen by their advisors Mrs. Jean Carlson and Mrs. Annette Crofton. Congratulations!

Our Time. One of the unique offerings of our school is a parent/child program called *Our Time*. The program offers age appropriate activities for two and three year olds. Class is taught by Sabina Lamb, Director of Family Music at St. Barnabas. The session is once a week from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday from September through June. To register now for September 2012, call 781-9834.

Family Bingo Night will be held on Friday, February 10th at 6:00 PM in the Msgr. Leonard Hall at Cure of Ars. Contact RoseAnn Ramsden at 987-3060 or roesbaskets@optonline.net for information. All are welcome! Admission is \$5.00.

St Barnabas Youth Ministry



Hi everyone!
This is the new page for St Barnabas Youth Ministry. I'm Tom Acemoglu, your new youth minister!

Wow!
We are only ONE WEEK away from our very first Youth Ministry night! We

have a group of adult volunteers excited to build a great ministry. We have a great pastor and great priests encouraging us. We have teens who are interested in the program (Are you? Contact me!).

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

Need info? Contact Tom at:
StBarnabasYouthMinistry@gmail.com

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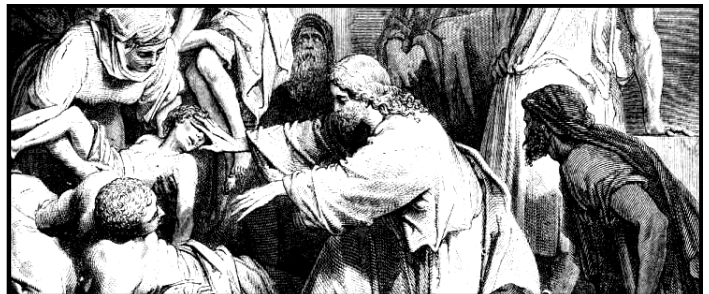


Twitter: <https://twitter.com/StBarnabasYM>

Today's first reading comes from an interesting book in the Bible called Job. Job was a rich family man whose family dies and whose riches are taken away from him. Job is a righteous man, but it seems like he's being punished as though he was wicked. The whole Book of Job deals with the problem of evil, especially when life seems unfair.

In fact, Job says many things that we might feel when life gets hard (he even says the words "I shall not see happiness again"!) At one point in today's reading, Job says this "I am filled with restlessness until the dawn." Job sees the things in this life that seem unfair and wants to see the problem fixed.

The Gospel reading begins to show the answer to life's unfairness. Jesus meets a lot of "Jobs", men and women who are "ill or possessed by demons", "many who were sick with various diseases". Jesus takes time to be with them and to heal them.



Do you ever feel like life is unfair? Is there suffering in your life? I can't think of anyone who can't say yes to that! Job teaches us that it is always important to be honest with ourselves and honest with God, though he is always respectful towards the God who made him. Jesus reminds us that God cares about our needs, even those things that seem impossible.

God desires the best for us. There is no hard time that He can't help us through and nothing that He can't accomplish.