The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the second, third and fourth Sundays of the month. The Pre-Baptism Class is held in the Church on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00PM. Please contact the rectory for an appointment with a priest.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturday from 12:30 to 1:30 PM or by appointment with a priest.

For the Sacrament of Matrimony contact the rectory for an appointment with a priest.

The Sacrament of the Sick is celebrated on the fourth Saturday of every month following the 8:00 AM Mass. To arrange a visit to a sick person by a priest, contact the rectory.
We pray for our recently deceased

Dennis S. Salvati
Nicholas M. Mercurio
Richard P. Laun
Geraldine Ann Seales

and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Bread & Wine

The Eucharistic Bread & Wine is offered in memory of Jack & Winifred Eschmann from Tom & Dorine Kiley.

Saturday Mass Times

In a recent poll two thirds preferred to change Saturday Mass times to 4:30 PM and 7:00 PM. This will begin next Saturday, January 16th. We can review this change in May.

First Reconciliation

Congratulations to all those who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this weekend.

First Communion

Looking forward to your First Communion on May 7th, 14th and 21st at 11:00 AM & 2:00 PM.

Confirmation

Confirmation will be held in St. Barnabas on Monday, May 23rd, at 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

Parish Mission

Begins at St. Barnabas Church on Sunday, February 21st, at 7:30 PM.
We are proud to present a new adult faith formation program here at St. Barnabas the Apostle.

Lighthouse Catholic Media offers a practical and effective way to help Catholics know their Faith, keep their Faith, and share their Faith!

We all have friends or family members who have fallen away from the Church, or loved ones who are searching for answers about their Faith and want to increase their knowledge and understanding but don’t know where to begin. Now you can reach out to them by offering wonderful learning tools — inspiring talks and books by some of the best Catholic speakers and authors in the world.

Beginning the weekend of February 6 and 7, 2016 choose from a variety of CDs, books, booklets, and DVDs, which will be available in the church vestibule for a modest donation.

Check this bulletin in the coming weeks for more details.

In every healthy congregation you will find certain people that comprise the essential “heart and soul” of the Church. They are always present at Mass. They make it a point to never miss. If it is necessary to make changes, adjust schedules, suffer inconvenience or simply miss out on other activities, they will do so because they are committed to being present every time the doors are open.

These people actually look for opportunities to serve. If there is work to be done in Social Ministry’s pantry, or a Religious Ed. class to be taught, if help is needed in School, or menial chores to be fulfilled after Mass in the Church, they will step up and get the job done. They are not waiting to be told what to do. Instead they are searching for more and more that can be accomplished.

Here in St. Barnabas these people set a worthy example. They don’t look for recognition, rather they “go the extra mile” to make sure that our parish functions well. Most surveys indicate that 90% of what is contributed in any parish comes from about 10% of the membership. The kind of people we’re describing here are among that 10%. They are truly sacrificial in their giving.

When conflicts arise in the community, these people can be counted on to help make resolution, to work hard to address situations that -- unheeded -- could lead to serious division. They stand firmly and without compromise for the truth, they love St. Barnabas, and they care about the Church.

More could be said, but the picture is pretty clear. Our parish depends on these members. Without them will never prosper. Now, the simple question is:

Can YOU be one of these ‘essential’ Church members?
According to our Church calendar the Season of Christmas, comes to an end today. Tomorrow we return to Ordinary Time and change to green – the color of the new season.

Christmas will be packed away for another year - and that’s OK - for we certainly cannot live the pace we have been living, nor can we continue to eat the rich food we have been eating, nor spend the money we have been spending. But before you do put Christmas away and rush into whatever is next here’s a question - ‘Is there anything from the experience of Christmas you would like to have all year round. Or are we happy just to get it over with?’

For me the most wonderful gift of Christmas is to see great crowds of people attending Mass. Nothing is as satisfying as a liturgy celebrated in a full Church. But now the season has ended the gaps are reappearing. Where is everyone?

Some were home for the holidays and have now returned. Some opt to stay at home but Christmas invites them back as does a Funeral, a Wedding, Confirmation, First Communions... those BIG EVENTS. But on the average Sunday you’ll have no trouble finding your favorite seat in St. Barnabas.

And I’m sure its not just a St Barnabas experience. Its similar in many other parishes too. I wonder, have they given up on the Church, or has the Church given up on them? Are we doing enough to reach out beyond these walls of St. Barnabas to invite others to participate and live the Eucharist.

That being said...you’re still here. Well what brings YOU here? What makes you want to be Church? Fundamentally it’s that we realize life is more than funding a pension or paying a mortgage - we search for deeper meaning. We dare to desire to encounter God - the God of today’s Gospel who declares ‘You are my beloved with you I am well pleased.’

Such an encounter happens in liturgy when the music, words and presence lifts our spirits beyond the walls of this beautiful Church to be one with God. When the very building evokes Heaven; and draws us to join the choirs of the angels. And we encounter God in a powerful way in silence - when we dare to spend time alone without distraction, and take off the masks we wear and let God see what is deep within us.

Our task in this Year of Mercy is to find ways to share this encounter with others. Can we put away the symbols of Christmas, without putting away the meaning of Christmas, that ‘God is Emmanuel’ ‘God is here with us’ - not just at Christmas, but all year round.
Financial Reports

Weekend Collections
1/4/15: $16,761.00
1/3/16: $16,662.00

Parish Families Registered 5,018
# Envelopes Mailed 1,454
# Envelopes Used 594
# Envelopes (1/4/15) 618

2015 Catholic Ministries Appeal
Goal Amount: $109,100.00
Total Pledged: $127,940.00
Total Received: $126,425.00
Total # of Donors: 711

Second Collection This Weekend
Maintenance & Repair
Thank you for your continued support of our Maintenance & Repair Collections. As a result of your generosity we have refinished and repaired our Chalices, replaced the hot water heater in the rectory and are having the statue of Mary repaired.

Second Collection Next Weekend
Parish Youth Ministry

Annual Reports
Many thanks to all our parishioners for your generosity and continued support throughout 2105. A detailed annual report of the parish finances and statistics will be available in the bulletin on January 23 & 24.

The Week at a Glance

Sunday:
1:30 PM   Baptisms, Church
7:30 PM   Al-Anon Meeting, School Cafeteria

Monday:
7:30 PM   Right to Life Meeting,
          Rectory Meeting Room
8:00   PM   Charismatic Prayer Group,
            Holy Family Chapel

Tuesday:
7:00   PM   Family Music Practice
            Holy Family Chapel

Wednesday:
7:00 PM   RCIA Meeting,
          Convent Meeting Room
7:00 PM   Level 7 Interviews, School Cafeteria
7:30 PM   Al-Anon Meeting,
          Rectory Meeting Room
8:00 PM   Choir Rehearsal, Church

Thursday:
7:00 PM   Bible Study, Rectory Meeting Room
7:00 PM   Level 7 Interviews, School Cafeteria

Friday:
7:00 PM   Youth Ministry, School Cafeteria

Saturday:
12:30 PM  Reconciliation, Church
2:00 PM   Girl Scout Religious Award
          Workshop, School Cafeteria
5:00 PM   Bake Sale for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
          following all Masses this weekend,
          Holy Family Chapel

NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION?
EXORCISE MORE.
**Respect Life**
We have formed a Respect Life Group in the parish. If you are interested please contact Vin Murray. Meeting, Monday, January 11th; 7:30 PM in the Rectory Meeting Room. Please also join us on Friday, January 22nd as we join thousands of people of all ages in our nation’s capital to mark the anniversary of the tragic decision of legalized abortion through Roe vs. Wade. Don’t miss this opportunity to stand up for the dignity of each human life. Our parish will participate in a beautiful, peaceful and prayerful march as we walk from the Washington Monument to the Supreme Court Building. Seating is limited, call Vin Murray at 781-7846 or 382-7200 to reserve your spot.

**Small Christian Communities**
Small Christian Communities are groups of people who gather to read the scripture for the coming Sunday, reflect and share their thoughts. Each group decides where to meet (someone’s house), when to meet (time, day, how often) and receives a monthly guide for each person with suggested reflections for the readings. Bibles will be provided as needed. If you would like more information, please call the rectory and leave a message for Terri Lyons.

**Defensive Driving Course**
Saturday, January 23rd, 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM, School Cafeteria. This course is DMV approved for insurance and point reduction. This cost for the course is $45.00. Please call (631)360-9720 for additional information and to register.

**Cub Scout Fun & Faith Day**
St. Paul the Apostle Church, Brookville. Saturday, January 16th; 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. A day of prayer, handicrafts, and games. Please contact the Catholic Scouting Office at 678-5800 ext. 245 or e-mail scouting@drvc.org.

**Parish Social Ministry**
Many thanks to all who contributed at Christmas time and provided over 65 families with food, gifts and gift cards. It was tremendous! Thanks, too, for your generosity in continuing to keep our Food Pantry well stocked throughout the year. Also, a heartfelt thank you to the many volunteers who gave so generously of their time preparing and distributing Christmas food baskets as well as setting up bags and bags of gifts for the people we serve throughout the year. It was real teamwork and could never happen without the help of so many. If you would like to be part of our team of volunteers and have the time to spare, please call Alice Witt in Social Ministry at 785-6243. We welcome new volunteers!

**St. Vincent de Paul**
FISH of Wantagh, est. in 1970, provides Bellmore and Wantagh seniors (60 and over) free transportation to and from medical visits. FISH is partially funded by the Nassau County Office for the Aging through the NYS Office for the Aging. Seniors needing assistance or drivers interested in volunteering should contact Paul at 785-2358. Drivers are reimbursed for mileage and supplemental insurance is provided.

**Retrouvaille Weekend**
Immaculate Conception Seminary, Friday, January 22nd – Sunday, January 24th. Retrouvaille helps couple though difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend call 1(800)470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

**Divorce & Beyond Support Group**
A ten week program for those separated or going through the process of separation or divorce. The program is designed to help find encouragement through the issues associated with separation and divorce. The group begins Friday, January 22nd at 7:30 PM at St. William the Abbot Church, 2000 Jackson Ave., Seaford. $20 for 10 week session. Call Rosemarie Cavallaro at 528-0665 or Carol Milito at 432-2241 or e-mail beginningtoday2014@gmail.com
In Your Prayers
Remember the Sick

Nicoletta Russo, Meghan Alice Roach, Debbie Cain, Stephen Rich, Patrick Hoyne, Jerry Hefner, Rosemary Grandwilliams, Barbara Cannon, George Donohue, Lillian Rocco, Ann DeChiaro, Pat Simone, Louis Romano, Don Davis, Kristin O’ Halloran, Patricia Merget, Mildred Scalesi, Mary Grimes, Donald Grimes, Jacob Daniel Haubeil, Damon Capobianco, Rita Lemma, Eugene Ryan, Carol Chiasera, Francis G. Noonan, Terri-Ann Clarke, Charlie Riiska, Natalie Martin, Patrick Clarke, Kevin Keegan, Jason Todhunter, John Nalick, Dolores Young, Corinne Capozzi, Dr. Lawton Manderson, Terrie Manderson, Barbara O’Neil, Diane LaBianca, Theresa Anselmo, John C. Hannan Sr., George Stockerl, James P. Corliss, Jr., Vic Caliguiri, Clarence Anspake, Jr. Walter Eisenhardt, Lottie Smakowski, Dominick Schiavone, Nicole & Baby Ella McKernan

and all the sick of the parish.

St. Barnabas Youth Ministry

Hi Everyone,

This Sunday always signifies the end of the Christmas season in the Church. The Baptism of the Lord shows us Jesus being baptized by John. Baptism was important even back in this time, and even though John did not feel worthy, Jesus insisted that he be baptized.

What does your baptism mean to you? Do you think much about being a baptized or is just something that happened to you when you were a baby? What if we made this a year where we all lived our Baptism more fully? How would your day be different?

If we truly lived our baptism, both at school and at home, this year might be different. We would live with more joy and that might change how we look at the things around us and the people around us. That’s my challenge today. For the teens, why not get involved in our youth group, we would love to see you stop by!

Have a blessed week!

Peggy

Email Peggy for information:
stbarnabasyouthministry@gmail.com

Holy Hour
Friday, January 15th ; 6:15 PM

Special guests Sarah Kroger Quaglia and Dom Quaglia. Concert will follow!
Please let us know if you would like to go with us so that we may arrange transportation - open to 8th grade through High School.
The Religious Education Program is in need of Adult volunteers to assist as Hall Monitors and Substitute Catechists. We have been having difficulty finding adults to substitute when a catechist cannot come in. Please consider helping! Find us on FaceBook at St. Barnabas Religious Education.

We have several First Holy Communion Dresses that were donated; many of them are brand new with the tags still on. We also have a few boys suits that were worn once that have been donated. If you are interested in looking at the dresses or suits contact the Office of Christian Formation at 785-0130. There are a few sweatshirts, jackets and miscellaneous items that are in our lost and found in the Religious Education Room in the school building. Please check when you bring your child to religious education class.

**Important Dates** -

Confirmation will be held on **Monday, May 23rd** - parents/students will receive a letter with the time of their Mass as well as the rehearsal information.

**Wednesday, January 13th**
Level 7 interviews – North Cafeteria.
Call 785-0130 to reserve spot. Please pick only one of the dates listed.

**Thursday, January 14th**
Level 7 interviews – North Cafeteria.
Call 785-0130 to reserve spot. Please pick only one of the dates listed.

**Monday, January 18th**  NO CLASSES – Holiday - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**Wednesday, January 20th**  Level 7 interviews – North Cafeteria.
Call 785-0130 to reserve a spot. Please pick only one of the dates listed.

**Thursday, January 21st**  Level 7 interviews – North Cafeteria.
Call 785-0130 to reserve a spot. Please pick only one of the dates listed.

**Saturday, January 23rd**  Level 7 interviews – Holy Family Chapel.
Call 785-0130 to reserve a spot. Please pick only one of the dates listed.

**Thursday, January 28th**  Level 7 Parent Meeting 7pm in the North Cafeteria.

**Saturday, January 30th**  Level 8 – Confirmation Retreats.
Students will be measured for their Confirmation gowns at their Retreat.

Please remember to check the Religious Education grade level calendars as well as the website to keep informed of dates of classes, as well as when classes are not in session, homework assignments, and requirements.
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OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, January 31st
11am – 1pm

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AMBASSADORS OF CHRIST & FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

Please join in congratulating the January recipients:

Followers of Jesus:
Ryan Barrett, Dennis Buckley, Carlos Hernandez, Isabella Holm, Ella Huggard, Michael Iannicelli, Kevin Keegan, Addison LaMaina, Mia Lagattuta, Tino Manetto, Janelle Marmol, Lena Martorana, Cavan McBrien, Jack O’Keefe, Tia Penna, Alanna Pepe, Lauren Reyes, Giuliana Ribortone, Vanessa Romanelli & TJ Snow

Ambassadors of Christ:
Matthew Baller, Matthew Buono, Jessica Dihal, Amileah Fahmy, Jessica Politi
**US Army:**

**National Guard:**

**US Navy:**

**US Marines:**

**US Air Force:**
Col. George E. Loughran, Capt. McLean G. Bethea, Nicholas P. Wright, Rev. Major Timothy Hirten

**US Merchant Marine:**
Lt. J.G. Eric Stumpel.

**US Coast Guard:**
Ensign Robert M. Scaduto, Jr.

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**Achoo ...... Stop The Flu**

It is that time of the year again. If you have a cold or feel one coming on, please do not receive from the chalice. Also do not feel obligated to shake hands at the Sign of Peace; a smile a word and a wave will do; and do not be offended if someone does not offer their hand.

If you are sick there is no obligation to attend Mass. Personal prayer and reflection on the scriptures is encouraged as well as viewing the Mass on TV on Telecare or EWTN.

We are all encouraged to use common sense in these matters; to do all that we can to maintain health, wellness and limit the exposure to infection.

Most importantly let’s keep in our prayers those of our parish community who are ill and are not able to participate at the liturgy with us.

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**Q. What is the significance of the changing colors of priests' robes. Could you please explain?**

The colors of the vestments relate to the liturgical season or feast. There are four basic colors: green for Ordinary Time; violet for Advent and Lent; white/gold for Christmas, Easter, and certain solemnities and feasts; red for Pentecost, Passion Sunday, Good Friday, and feasts of martyrs. In addition, rose may be used on the Third Sunday of Advent and Fourth Sunday of Lent. (*Footnote: To those of you who prefer the priest wear green on days when the Jets play, advise them to play during Ordinary Time).*