‘One mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.’
St. Barnabas the Apostle
First Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, January 14
Fr. Michael 6:30 AM  Clifford G. Henderson
Fr. Kevin 9:00 AM  Brian Dione
Fr. Michael 9:00 AM  Kathleen Uttendorfer
Fr. Kevin 9:00 AM  Linda and Eddie Roys

Tuesday, January 15
Fr. Kevin 6:30 AM  Rev. John Galvin, 2nd Pastor
Fr. Kevin 9:00 AM  Elvira Sanchez

Wednesday, January 16
Fr. Michael 6:30 AM  Helen Hlinka
Fr. Michael 9:00 AM  11th Anniversary of Walter Robinson
Grade 4 attending Mass

Thursday, January 17
Saint Anthony
Fr. Kevin 6:30 AM  Diane Napoli
Fr. Michael 9:00 AM  Esther Leahy
Grade 5 attending Mass

Friday, January 18
Fr. Michael 6:30 AM  Charlie and Ann Klika
Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM  Thanksgiving to Padre Pio

Saturday, January 19
Fr. Kevin 8:00 AM  Santina Passero
Fr. Adrian 4:30 PM  Russell Damm
Natalie Sorvillo
Meghan Alice Roach
Gerard Navarro
Rosa Maria Prensa
Domenico and Angela Chiarella
Rita Hurley and Mary Johnston
Fr. Michael 7:00 PM

Sunday, January 20
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Fr. Michael 7:00 AM  For the People of Our Parish
Fr. Kevin 9:00 AM  Leo Stanley
Fr. Adrian 10:15 AM  Christine Aluotto
Fr. Michael 10:30 AM  Catholic Daughters Respect Life
Fr. Kevin 12:00 PM  Josephine Pilosi
Fr. Adrian 5:00 PM  Anthony Argila
9DAYS FOR LIFE

JOIN THOUSANDS AS WE PRAY FOR THE RESPECT OF HUMAN LIFE.

JANUARY 14-22, 2019

9 Days for Life is a multi-faceted novena for the respect and protection of every human life. Each day, a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information. Visit www.9daysforlife.com to join!

9DaysforLife.com
In his autobiography, ‘In the Arena,’ Charlton Heston describes making The Greatest Story Ever Told in November of 1963. Heston appeared as John the Baptist. Director George Stevens had chosen to film the baptism in Glen Canyon, Arizona, on the Colorado River. Heston points out that in November the water temperature was in the forties. It took several days to shoot the scene. Heston remarks that they "baptized" around sixty a day. He suspects the real Baptist did better. After several days of standing in cold water dressed in a bearskin, he got to pretend to baptize Jesus. As he was waiting in the water for the shot, he warmed his hands on a cup of coffee with his head down. This might have caused Stevens some concern, for he called out, "How ya doin', Chuck?" And Heston says he answered, "I'm okay, George. But I'll tell you this, if the Jordan had been as cold as the Colorado, Christianity never would have gotten off the ground."

Through baptism Jesus received his identity. The voice of God was heard from beyond the clouds: ‘you are my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.’ What we are called makes a difference. As we grow, if we are called "smart," it makes a difference; if we are called "stupid," it makes a difference. What we are called makes a difference. In baptism we receive our identity as children of God. When you are wrestling with the problems of the world, remember your baptism, remember you are a child of God. So, baptism defines us, our identities. When you feel pain because you lost possessions or a job or anything valuable to you, remember your baptism. Remember you are called to be a faithful steward of what God gave you in the first place. When you experience broken dreams or broken relationships, remember your baptism. God is in control, surrender your future into God’s hands once again.
We Pray for Our Deceased

Richard Russo
Philip James Ingardia
Veronica Anderson

Sisters of St. Barnabas Intention
For those in recovery programs and all who are dealing with addictions of any kind, that they may receive the help and guidance they need.

We Pray for Our Sick
Periodically “We Pray for Our Sick” list is amended. At this time, we are asking that you contact the rectory at 785-0054 to advise us whether or not a name should remain or be deleted from the list. Thank you for your assistance.


The Week Ahead

Sunday:
10:15 AM Baptism Class and Agape
7:30 PM Al-Anon, South Cafeteria

Monday:
7:00 PM Liturgy Committee, Rectory
7:30 PM Charismatic Prayer Group, HFC

Tuesday:
12:30 PM Friendly Seniors, HFC
7:00 PM Parent’s Talk, HFC

Wednesday:
7:00 PM CHOSEN L8, HFC
7:00 PM Al-Anon, Rectory
7:00 PM RCIA, Convent Room
7:30 PM Choir, Church

Thursday:
7:00 PM CHOSEN L8, HFC
7:00 PM Bible Study, Rectory

Friday:
1:30 PM Lectio Divina, Rectory

Saturday:
11:30 AM Baptisms, Church
12:30 PM Confessions, Church

Our Finances
1/6/19: $17,102
1/7/18: $15,254
Families Registered: 5,083
Envelopes Mailed: 1,451
Used: 1/6/19: 531 1/7/18: 459

Catholic Ministries Appeal
Goal: $108,900 Donors: 636
Pledged: $118,531 Received: $117,266

Special Collections
This Weekend - Maintenance & Repair
We have currently reached 69% of our goal to replace the boiler in the Convent! Many thanks to all our parishioners.

January 27th - Youth Ministry
February 10th - Maintenance & Repair
March for Life 2019 - January 18, 2019. Join us on our bus trip to Washington, DC as we join hundreds of thousands of Americans in a peace pilgrimage on behalf of the unborn. It's an experience that you'll never forget! For more information please contact Vin Murray at 781-7846.

For those who cannot make it to the March For Life 2019, you are invited to a special Holy Hour Eucharistic Adoration here at St Barnabas' Church on Friday, January 18th at 9.30am or immediately after the 9am Mass. There will be Rosary and Benediction. Come, let us pray to end abortion and to share the vision of a culture of life!
Rite of Enrollment, February 2nd & 3rd

On the weekend of February 2nd and 3rd we welcome all Level 8 to Mass where we will celebrate the Rite of Enrollment. Candidates for Confirmation this May will present letters requesting the sacrament. They will receive letters from family members encouraging their decision to continue their journey in the Catholic faith. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in St. Barnabas on May 20th in 2019. The candidates are a part of this community of the faithful, the family of God, so we are encouraged to pray for them and guide them. You may be wondering why all the circumstance to become a fully initiated member of the Church, but this has been a part of the Church since the early days when the Christians were persecuted for their faith. As a community of faithful we accept these candidates into our midst and help them to follow in the footsteps of Christ.

Tabernacle

Thanks to a very generous sponsor of St. Barnabas we were able to send the tabernacle away for polishing and repair.

Year End Contribution

Call the rectory if you wish to receive a contribution statement for 2018. Statements will be sent out in February.

Many Thanks from Social Ministry

A tremendous thank you to all who donated to Social Ministry at Christmas. Your response to our needy families was phenomenal, whether it was giving pantry items in our weekly Advent collection, taking a Christmas Gift Tag, purchasing gift cards, making a monetary donation, saying a prayer or any other act of kindness. A heartfelt thank you to the many volunteers who gave so freely of their time to prepare Christmas baskets and to organize the gift distribution. They did an amazing job and made it all possible so that over 60 families would have what they needed for a blessed Christmas. A special thank you to the many organizations that made donations: The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary, St. Barnabas Choir, Ladies Auxiliary to the Bellmore Fire Department, King Kullen, Stew Leonard’s, Mark Anthony Architects, Saffron United Pipe Band, AOH Division 2, Catholic Daughters and our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you all so much!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

After Jesus was baptized, He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”
Today’s Gospel states in no uncertain terms, that God, both Father and Spirit, claims Jesus as the Son. Jesus’ public baptismal send-off into a wider world to do God’s work. Jesus came to proclaim that the Kingdom of God is at hand. So, Jesus preached a renewed life-giving way for people to relate to one another - reverence, love, and service, instead of rejection of undesirables, feuds with enemies, and competition for goods. If we ourselves are baptized, this feast also renews our own send-off to do God’s work in and with Christ - to proclaim and live God’s reign in the flesh, mending the threads of the torn web. As you help those who are suffering, know in your heart the truth of the words, “You are My beloved in whom I am well pleased.”

St. Barnabas Pre-Cana
Opening: January 27th - Sunday, 6:00 PM Holy Family Chapel
FOccUS Online: January 28th - February 1st
FOccUS Review: February 4th - Feb. 8th
In Home Sessions: February 10th - March 24th
Closing: April 7th - Sunday, 5:00 PM MASS followed by refreshments in the Holy Family Chapel

Engaged Encounter
Do you need to fulfill your Marriage Prep Requirement? Engaged Encounter is an effective Pre Cana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Couples are given the opportunity to explore many aspects of their relationship through a series of presentations, writings and dialog. There are no group discussions. Our next weekend will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington from February 8th - 10th. For information, please call Lenny and Pat Walker at (631) 563-1032 or www.engagedencounterli.org.

Divorced or Separated Catholics of Long Island
A social organization for single persons, including Catholic Divorced, Separated, and Widowed is having a new member orientation meeting on Wednesday, January 23rd at 7:30 PM at St. Frances de Chantal School, 1309 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh. This is a non-denominational meeting and all are welcome. Bring proof of single status to join. Refreshments following the meeting. For further information, please call Carol at 794-4933 or Janet at 579-4016.

Long Island Coalition for Life
Help restore the right to life for preborn children. Please join the Long Island Coalition for Life for the Roe v. Wade Anniversary Memorial Face the Truth event on Sunday, January 20th from 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM. This peaceful public witness will be held on the sidewalk in front of Nassau University Medical Center, 2201 Hempstead Tpke., E. Meadow, a hospital that commits abortions. Be a positive sign for LIFE! Rain or shine. Call (631) 243-1435 or email info@prolifeLI.org for information.

Cub Scout Fun and Faith
A special day of prayer, handicrafts, and games. Saturday, January 26th from 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM. St. Frances Cabrini Church, Coram. For information, contact the Catholic Scouting Office at 678-5800, ext. 245 or scouting@drvc.org.
Camp Registration
Camp Fatima for boys and Camp Bernadette for girls are now accepting registrations for the 2019 summer season. The camps, located in the Lakes Region of NH, offer 2-week overnight sessions for children ages 6 - 15. Round trip bus transportation is available out of Long Island. For information or to request a brochure, contact Brendan Stackhouse at (603) 364-5851 or email Brendan@bfcamp.com, or visit and register online at www.bfcamp.com.

Widow and Widowers Lunch
Thursday, January 17th at 12:30 PM at the Mediterranean Diner, 195 Bedford Avenue, Bellmore. Price is $25. Parking is available across the street behind the bank. Contact Joyce Quinn with questions at 781-6475. Mail check to her at 2463 Freeport Street, Wantagh 11793.

Focus on Religious Freedom
Celebrate! Religious Freedom Day is Here! “Each year since 1993, the President declares January 16th to be ‘Religious Freedom Day,’ and calls upon Americans to ‘observe this day through appropriate events and activities in homes, schools, and places of worship.’ “This is a great opportunity to teach students a civics lesson about the First Amendment and how it can be applied to schools,” writes Gateways to Better Education. Our Founders leaned heavily on Thomas Jefferson’s Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom, passed on January 16, 1786, when they established the First Amendment’s guarantee of religious freedom. This Virginia legislation stopped the practice of taxing people to pay for the support of the local state approved church and clergy and it protected the civil rights of people to express their religious beliefs without suffering discrimination. To commemorate the day, schools can recognize Religious Freedom, the foundation of all our freedoms, with some of the following ideas:
- Read the Presidential Proclamation that every president composes and signs each year on January 16th and can be found at www.whitehouse.gov.
- Ask students to discuss and/or write about “What religious freedom means to me.”
- Talk about countries where religious freedom is not allowed and that almost 3/4 of the world’s population is denied this freedom that Americans enjoy.

The Men of the Way of Light
In his letter to Titus, Paul tells us, “The Grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways...to live temperately, justly and devoutly in this age, as we await (the return of) our blessed hope and Savior, Jesus Christ...” We are saved by the Grace of God alone and not by ANY righteous deeds that we may have performed! So we need to do nothing else? Technically, yes! But, if one is truly saved by God’s grace, who we are reflects that truth! We train (men love to train!) to become more like Jesus! We struggle to live Christ-like in an age that rewards selfishness with worldly riches. If we are truly saved, every action, every decision we make should reflect that fact! God’s grace “re-orders” our lives, one step at a time. Need some Christ-like training? Please join our faith discussion group at our next meeting on Saturday, January 26th, immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass. We meet in the Nazareth Room of the Holy Family Chapel. Bagels and coffee served.
Our Mission is to Encourage, Evangelize & Educate

Our meetings run until 10:30 AM. For more information, visit our Facebook page or pick up one of our business cards displayed at the rear of the church.

An Evening of Celtic Music
A Benefit for St. Anthony’s High School Celtic Friars Pipe Band. Featuring: Celtic Friar Pipe Band, Iona College Pipe Band, St. Anthony’s Irish Step Dancers, Irish Sing-Along. Saturday, February 2nd at 7:00 PM at St. Anthony’s High School Auditorium. $20 in Advance. $25 at door. Tickets can be purchased by sending in name, number of tickets, email and phone number along with a check, to St. Anthony’s HS Alumni, 275 Wolf Hill Road, South Huntington 11747.

Pilgrimage To Poland
Join Fr. Stan Wadowski of St. Anne’s Roman Catholic Church in Brentwood, on a pilgrimage to Poland from August 11th - 22nd. Price is $3,299. For information please call Marge Baum at (631) 273-8113.

Pilgrimage to Israel
Please consider joining Fr. Jim Mannion and Maureen and Walter Denzler, from St. James Church in East Setauket, for a pilgrimage to Israel from November 6th - 14th, 2019. Pilgrimage organized through Collette Faith Tours. Double occupancy is $3,499 (airfare include). For more information, contact Fr. James at (631) 941-4141, ext. 322.
How to create a "holy family" without killing each other in the process

St. Barnabas Parents Talk

January 15th @ 7 PM
Holy Family Chapel with Deacon Kevin McCormack

Deacon Kevin is the Principal of Xaverian and for the last 16 years, a deacon assigned to Our Lady of Peace in Lynbrook. Kevin was a adjunct Professor at Molloy College for over 30 years and was the co-host of WABC's Religion on the Line for over 12 years. He continues to give parish retreats, days of reflection, and study days throughout the metropolitan area. He and his wife Gina have 4 adult children and live in Lynbrook.
Thank you for sponsoring our new hymnals. Your dedication will be placed inside the cover.

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Welcoming Adults into the Church

Traditionally, infants are baptized in the Church. But, what happens when an adult wants to be initiated into the Church?

**RCIA Steps**

For adults who have not yet been baptized, the RCIA has three major liturgical rites: Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens; Election or Enrollment of Names, and Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation. The celebration of initiation is followed by a postbaptismal catechesis, or Mystagogy. (For those already baptized, there are rites appropriate for their journey into full communion in the Catholic Church. These are sometimes celebrated separately from the catechumens, and sometimes in a combined rite with the catechumens.)

The process begins with the Precatechumenate, in which the person shows initial faith in Jesus Christ and the Church. This is a time for inquiry and the exploration of the beginnings of faith. After the person has been given a fundamental understanding of the Gospel and has decided to take the first step to become a member of the Church, the person is brought into the Catechumenate at the Rite of Acceptance.

The period of the Catechumenate is a time for exploring the teachings of the faith in a deeper and more systematic manner within the context of worship and prayer. At Sunday Mass, the catechumens with their catechists are often dismissed after the homily for further, prayerful study of the Scripture readings for the day.

This period concludes with the Rite of Election or Enrollment of Names, which takes place on the First Sunday of Lent. This rite is celebrated by the bishop or his delegate, usually at the cathedral of the diocese. The catechumens’ suitability and resolve to be initiated into the sacramental life of the Church is supported by the testimony of their sponsors and catechists. After this, the catechumens become known as the Elect.

The Elect enter the stage of Purification and Enlightenment that occurs during the season of Lent. They prepare themselves for the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation by prayerful reflection. On the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent, the Scrutinies are celebrated. These rites, which take place during Mass, offer opportunities for the Elect to reflect on the full meaning of the step they are preparing to take. They are meant to bring God’s illuminating Word to the Elect so that whatever is weak or sinful in their hearts can be healed and so that whatever is good in them can be strengthened. The parish community joins them by examining their own lives and interceding with God for the Elect. This period concludes at the Easter Vigil, when the Elect receive the Sacraments of Initiation and become full members of the Church and are called neophytes.

From Easter to Pentecost, there is a period of postbaptismal catechesis, or Mystagogy. This is a time for the neophytes, or newly initiated, along with the members of the parish to come closer together as a faith community to examine more deeply the Gospel, to share in the Eucharist, and to do works of charity.

During this joyful time, the neophytes’ enthusiasm can inspire the faithful of the parish, who in turn can share their experiences of the faith with them.
Be Still and Know

Join us for Curriculum Sunday
Open House, 1/27 @ 11AM-1PM

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2019
January 27 - February 2

Be the SEASON of Change!

Celebrating our Patron Saint!

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
1774-1821
Consecrated in 1800 by Pope Pius VI

“The first end I propose in our daily work is to do the will of God; secondly, to do it in the manner he wills it; and thirdly to do it because it is his will.”

February 2, 2019 @ 7pm
Chateau Briand

SEAS Gala

We are a Regional Catholic School serving our five parishes: St. Barnabas, Cure of Ars, St. Raphael, St. Frances de Chantal, and Sacred Heart.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
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Bellmore, NY 11710
516-785-5709
www.steas.com

Contact the Office for ticket details. $49 donation requested.
November, 2018

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School (SEAS) is pleased to announce its ninth biennial SEASON to Believe Gala on February 2, 2019 at Chateau Briand in Carle Place. The 2019 SEASON to Believe Gala will raise money for the school and at the same time honor five exceptional people:

**Mr. Robert Larke**  
SEAS Physical Education Teacher

**Mr. Nino Perez**  
SEAS Custodian

**Mrs. Lisa Reynolds**  
Mother of Thomas Reynolds, our hero!

**Mr. Anthony Cantelmo and Mrs. Katie Cantelmo**  
SEAS parent volunteers, Father’s Club Officer and Member, School Board Representative, SPIRIT Board Officer and Member

As a permanent remembrance of each Gala, a 16x20 Scroll of Honor is professionally printed, framed and prominently displayed in the School’s lobby. The success of the Gala depends upon the generosity of our donors. Please feel free to donate in your business name and/or your family name. The donation levels for the Scroll of Honor are:

**Grand Marquis - $1,500**

**Marquis - $1,000**  
**Diamond - $500**  
**Platinum - $300**

**Gold - $200**  
**Silver - $125**  
**Bronze - $75**

Please send in all donations no later than January 18, 2019 to the attention of the Gala Committee.

I would like to support the SEASON to Believe Gala. Enclosed is my check made payable to SEAS in the amount of $___________. Tax ID # 11-3119794

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Thank you for your support!

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Debra Schwan (646) 996-2100 or Wanda Small (516) 582-4427
**The Baptism of the Lord**

The celebration of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas season.

“The origin and foundation of Christian Baptism is Jesus. Before starting his public ministry, Jesus submitted himself to the baptism given by John the Baptist. The waters did not purify him; he cleansed the waters... Jesus did not need to be baptized because he was totally faithful to the will of his Father and free from sin. However, he wanted to show his solidarity with human beings in order to reconcile them to the Father. By commanding his disciples to baptize all nations, he established the means by which people would die to sin—Original and actual—and begin to live a new life with God.” (United States Catholic Catechism for Adults)

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**9 Days for Life**

9 Days for Life is a “digital pilgrimage” of prayer and action focused on cherishing the gift of every person’s life. A multi-faceted novena highlighting a different intention each day provides reflections, bonus information, and suggested actions.

Join to receive the novena through the 9 Days for Life app, daily emails, or daily texts: [http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/join-9-days-for-life.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/join-9-days-for-life.cfm)

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**Saint of the Week**

St. Anthony Abbot

* c. 251-356
* Feast Day—January 17

Associated with the beginnings of monasticism, Anthony gave his inherited lands and wealth in Egypt to the poor. From the age of about 20 until his death at 105 years old, he lived as a hermit in remote hilltop and desert locations. What is known about him comes from a hagiography written by St. Athanasius of Alexandria. Around the year 306, Anthony began to accept disciples, founding his first monastery as a collection of hermits’ cells. He cultivated a garden, wove rush mats, and fought many temptations and demons. Visitors sought his wise counsel, collected in the sayings of the “desert fathers,” and the bishops of Alexandria summoned him at age 87 to help refute Arianism. He is the patron of basket and brush makers, butchers, grave-diggers, and skin diseases.

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**Jesus the Bridegroom**

*By Dr. Brant Pitre*

**The Greatest Love Story**

Dr. Pitre applies his knowledge of the Jewish roots of Christianity to the very heart of the Gospel: the love of Christ. You will learn what it really means to have a “personal relationship” with Jesus Christ as Lord, Savior, and Bridegroom.

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*“This was the most amazing talk I’ve ever heard.”*  
—Emily G., Cedar Rapids, IA
Congratulations to all the Level 2/Second Graders who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, January 12th!

**REMINDE RS:**
We cannot allow anyone into the building during class time that is not a volunteer - doors will open at 5:30 PM for dismissal.
If you have not come in to sign for and pick up your “Parent Safety Guide” please call the office to make arrangements to do so as soon as possible.

**Calendar Dates at a Glance**
- **Monday - Thursday, January 14th - 17th:** Levels 5 & 6 Safety Program held during your child’s class session - parents are invited to attend.
- **Tuesday, January 15th:** For those who could not attend in December - our second in the series of Parent Sessions - our guest speaker Kevin McCormack, from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel.
- **Monday, January 21st:** NO Classes - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
With the cold weather upon us, we are in need of Adult Volunteers to sub when the catechist cannot come in as well as Hall Monitors to help maintain the safety in the building.
Days and times of classes: Monday - Thursday from 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM. Please call the Religious Ed. Office at 785-0130 for more information.

I encourage you to think about joining our youth group! With Cure of Ars in Merrick, we have a vibrant group as we grow closer to Jesus and learn to know Him more. Our Middle School meets on the second Sunday every month here at St. Barnabas and our High School students meet every third Sunday at Cure of Ars in Merrick.
Our next Middle School Youth Group meeting will be Sunday, January 13th from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM in the Youth Room in the School Cafeteria.
I encourage those in 6th-8th grade to join us and bring a friend or two! If you have any questions, please email me at stbyouth17@gmail.com. Kieran Maelia, Youth Minister
Level 8 Class
January 16th or 17th
Chapter 19
Who Is Mary?
Meeting the Mother of God

The purpose of this lesson is to inspire a deeper appreciation of Mary as Jesus’ mother as well as the Queen of Heaven ... and of our hearts. We will also take a closer look at the “communion of saints” in order to understand why Catholics are so devoted to our heavenly brothers and sisters and why that is an important part of being a member of the family of God.

As Catholics, we are in constant contact with the whole Church, visible and invisible, those in heaven and those on earth—including those in purgatory. In good times and bad, we are never truly alone in our joy or our grief, for we have an invisible “cloud of witnesses” interceding on our behalf (Hebrews 12:1). The one who is closest to Jesus, constantly praying for us, is the Blessed Mother, Mary.

Conversation Starters
Why do Catholics pray to Mary? How is the devotion we give her different from the worship or adoration we give to God?

Level 7 Class
January 23rd or 24th
Chapter 8
‘How do I get there?’
The Power and Purpose of the Sacraments

The purpose of this lesson is to review the place of the sacraments in the Christian life. Each of the sacraments has a physical or tangible component, but unlike other signs and symbols we encounter in life, that which is signified by the sacraments actually occurs. For example, in Baptism, the water signifies the “washing away” of Original Sin and of being born into God’s family. The person goes into the water to show that he or she is “dying” with Christ and rises from the water as a sign of “rising to new life.” In Baptism (as in all the sacraments), the physical sign also confers the grace of all these spiritual realities. Human beings are the culmination and crown of God’s creation. We differ from animals, which do not have rational souls. We also differ from the angels, which are pure spirits. And because we possess both bodies and rational souls, God reveals himself to us and encounters us through the physical world—beginning with the Incarnation and continuing today by the imparting of his divine life to us through the sacraments.

The Rite of Enrollment for Level 8 will be held at all Masses on the weekend of Saturday, February 2 and Sunday, February 3. Reconciliation for Level 8 will be offered at 7:30PM on Wednesday, March 13 and Thursday, March 14. Confirmation will be celebrated at St. Barnabas on Monday, May 20 at 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM with Bishop Andrzej.
John Baptizes Jesus

John the Baptist told the people about Jesus.

Connect the dots:
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
A B C D E F G H I J K L M

When John baptized Jesus, the Holy Spirit came to Him like a dove. And a Voice came from heaven: “You are My Son, whom I love; with You I am well pleased.”

Circle 6 differences in the bottom picture.

Find and count how many.
4 or 5?
5 or 6?

What will Jesus baptize with?
Use the code to fill in the missing letters below.

☐ = A  ☺ = E  ♥ = I
♀ = O  ⭐ = Y

TH__

H__L__

SP__R__T
ACROSS
2. A male offspring
5. The river where Jesus was baptized
7. To cover briefly completely in water or pour water over a person’s head
8. The sound produced by vibration of the human vocal cords

DOWN
1. The name of the man who baptized Jesus
3. A deep feeling of affection for a person
4. Clear, colorless, odorless, tasteless liquid; H2O
6. A bird often used as a symbol of peace

GALILEE HEAVEN VOICE LOVE JESUS
OPENED DOVE JOHN PLEASED SON
JORDAN WATER FULFILL BAPTIZED SPIRIT

VOICE SON LOVE DOVE WATER JORDAN JOHN
John Baptizes Jesus

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah.

Write the letter that follows the one given.

John said, “

N M D V G N H R

L N Q D O N V D Q E T K

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S G M H V H K K

B N L D


May all people embrace the truth that every life is a good and perfect gift and is worth living.

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as He was praying, something happened!

Fit the words in the puzzle. Then transfer them to the lines.

AND FORM BODILY
ARE FROM HEAVEN
HIM HOLY OPENED
SON LIKE SPIRIT
THE LOVE PLEASED
WAS WHOM DESCENDED
YOU WELL
CAME WITH
DOVE VOICE

“...”

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