FOLLOW ME & I WILL MAKE YOU

FISHERS OF MEN

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St. Barnabas
Everyone Needs Encouragement
St. Barnabas the Apostle

Third Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, January 22
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
6:30 AM Alfred Zikowitz
9:00 AM Rev. John D. Wynne—3rd Pastor
Rev. Msgr. Daniel J. Potterton
Alessandro Facinelli

Tuesday, January 23
6:30 AM Emily Smith
9:00 AM Dorothy Camilleri

Wednesday, January 24
Saint Francis de Sales
6:30 AM Stephen Roberts
9:00 AM Patricia Kerley

Thursday, January 25
The Conversion of Saint Paul
6:30 AM Richard Keegan
9:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of the Robinson and Wupper Families

Friday, January 26
Saints Timothy and Titus
6:30 AM Rose Sorvillo
9:00 AM Brian Dione

Saturday, January 27
8:00 AM Harold and Veronica Murray
Fr. Kevin 4:30 PM Vincent Mavaro
Laura Rosella
Intentions of Anne and Armand Tulumello
Intentions of Rose Frey
Raymond Vogts
Adolf Airone
Fr. Adrian 7:00 PM Anthony J. Dragonetti

Sunday, January 28
7:00 AM Bro. Anthony Valentino
Fr. Kevin 9:00 AM Catholic Schools Week
Fr. Kevin 10:15 AM Michael DiGiuseppe
Fr. Adrian 10:30 AM Charlie and Ann Klika
Fr. Gus 12:00 AM For the People of Our Parish
Fr. Adrian 5:00 PM Angel Luis Morales
Monday, January 22
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

The over 56 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a “throwaway culture.” In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 is observed as a day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

YOUR PRAYERS MATTER. YOUR SACRIFICES MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

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 and learn more at www.9daysforlife.com!

4 WAYS TO JOIN

Join thousands across the country coming together in prayer and action!
Fishing
For People

What's Pastor Thinking

Remember when we had television sets that needed to warm up. Now TV is instant. I checked in the kitchen cupboards this week. We have instant oatmeal, instant soup, and instant pancake mix. Gone are the days of warming leftovers in the oven - that takes too long. We now use the microwave. Even the postal service has ‘Priority Mail’ and ‘Overnight Delivery.’ We are products of a society that doesn’t want to wait.

Mark’s gospel seems to have busy people in mind as we are pulled along from one scene to another. Jesus has so many things to do and say in such a short time. Mark captures the urgency in completing his mission. In all of our lives, there are so many tasks to be accomplished. Some are more important than others, but they all need to get done. Whether we’re talking about the routine tasks of taking out the garbage or washing the dishes or the larger tasks of trimming trees or filing our income taxes, there is an underlying assumption about priorities. A ringing phone will almost always cause us to set aside other tasks. A knock at the door will quickly take our attention away from whatever we are doing. Urgency brings with it a rush of adrenaline that causes us to respond differently than we might to the more ‘mundane’ things that need to be done immediately.

There is a sense of ‘urgency’ in the call of Jesus to the fishermen. They all leave important tasks to follow Him. Their response is more like the way we answer a phone than it is to the way we take out the garbage. Mark tells this story as an invitation to us too. ‘Follow me’ is also an urgent call to reorient our lives to God. It is an invitation to consider our vocation in life, not just our occupation.

So, if you are a fisherman, Jesus calls you to fish for people. If you are a carpenter, Jesus is telling you to stop building houses and start creating homes. If you are an accountant, Jesus is asking you to take account of the lives of people, not just their assets. If you are a teacher, Jesus is reminding you that you are not called to teach subjects to students but to teach students about subjects.

His call requires a mind-set, a reorientation of our lives as we respond to the urgency of the gospel message. Jesus is calling each of us and all of us to live with a sense of urgency in our lives - a sense that each day and each moment is important in terms of the coming Kingdom of God.
We Pray for Our Deceased
Paige Elizabeth Keely
Joseph DeFrancisi
David D’Elia
Bridget Sullivan
Dorothy Sostack
Carmela Millie Palmenteri
Rosemary Boyce
James W. Dalton Sr.

Sanctuary Lamp
Is lit in memory of Bridget Sullivan
from Thomas and Theresa McHugh

We Pray for Our Sick

Our Finances
1/14/18: $16,264
1/15/17: $17,079
Parish Families Registered: 4,997
Envelopes Mailed: 1,218
Used 1/14/18: 606
1/15/17: 604

Catholic Ministries Appeal
Goal: $106,400  Donors: 539
Pledged: $129,089  Received: $127,811

Special Collections
January 28th  Youth Ministry
February 11th  Maintenance and Repair

The Week at a Glance
Sunday:
9:00 AM  L 5 & 6 attending Mass
9:00 AM  Pinewood Derby, School
10:30 AM  Respect Life Mass, Catholic Daughters
1:30 PM  Baptisms
7:30 PM  Al-Anon, Cafeteria
Monday:
9:00 AM  Grade 1 attending Mass
7:30 PM  Charismatics, HFC
Tuesday:
9:00 AM  Grade 3 attending Mass
Wednesday:
7:30 PM  RCIA
7:00 PM  Chosen Level 7, HFC
7:30 PM  Al-Anon, Rectory
8:00 PM  Choir
Thursday:
7:00 PM  Chosen Level 7, HFC
7:00 PM  Bible Study, Rectory
Friday:
1:30 PM  Lectio Divina, Rectory
7:00 PM  Lectio Divina, Rectory
Saturday:
8:00 AM  Anointing, after Mass
9:30 AM  L8 Confirmation Retreat, HFC
11:30 AM  Baptisms
12:30 PM  Confession
1:00 PM  L8 Confirmation Retreat, HFC
Saint Barnabas the Apostle

Only 300 tickets to be Sold

Great odds>>> 1 in 300 chance to win the big prize!

Last ticket pulled is the BIG WINNER

GRAND PRIZE OF $5,000

TEN - $500 PRIZES

TWO - $1,000 PRIZES

Each ticket costs $100 and entitles you to admission for two to the Drawing/Cocktail Party (must be 18 or older to purchase and/or attend)

All proceeds will support renovations to St. Barnabas Convent Building

Saturday, April 21st 8:00pm

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School cafeteria

Drawing starts at 8:00pm

Beer, wine, soda and hors d’oeuvres

Winner need not be present to win

In the event that less than 300 tickets are sold, the prizes will be prorated accordingly (the prize amounts will be decreased relative to the total dollars collected).

Tickets will be available for purchase at the rectory beginning the week of December 11, 2017.

Cash or checks made payable to “Saint Barnabas” will be accepted.

REVERSE RAFFLE TICKET REQUEST

Name: ____________________________ Telephone #:_________________ Number of tickets: ____

Address: ____________________________

Number of adults attending the party on Saturday, April 21st _____0 _____1 _____2
Welcome New Parishioners

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Angell
Ms. Kelley Arnold
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Caley
Ms. Linda Clarity
Mr. and Mrs. John Constable
Mr. and Mrs. Nicola D’Aquino
Mr. Robert Delaney
Mr. Brian Dillon
Mr. William Julich
Ms. Camille Kelly
Ms. Kim Labrador
Ms. Lucia Magnoli
Ms. Rosemarie Milevski-Hawd
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mundy
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Murray
Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Paul
Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Schepps
Mr. and Mrs. David Sposito
Ms. Lisa Tesoriero
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Zientavski

Palm for Burning
Please place your palm in the basket at the doors of the Church.

Catholic Divorced and Separated Prayer Service Bellmore
The meeting advertised for the Holy Family Chapel on January 26th from 7:00 to 9:00 PM is cancelled.

Prayer Shawl Ministry
The St. Barnabas Prayer Shawl Ministry knits and crochets shawls and lap blankets for parishioners who are in the hospital or nursing home, or suffering in some way, and might draw comfort from receiving the prayer shawl. If you know of anyone who would benefit from a shawl or blanket please contact the rectory at 785-0054 and we will gladly provide you with one.

St. Vincent de Paul
In the Gospel today, Jesus says, “Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.” As disciples, we are called to continue God’s work on earth. The transformation that is a necessary consequence of hearing Jesus’ call to discipleship takes place through repentance. The good news is that we can repent and believe. All we need to do is let go and let our daily lives be characterized by repentance and belief. Jesus gives us a continuing call. Our transformation doesn’t come all at once, but takes place throughout our lives. We only have to repent and believe in the
gospel, for indeed the kingdom of God is at hand. Taking care of the poor and needy in the parish is indeed living gospel values.

**Baptism Preparation Facilitator**
The Meaning and the grace of the sacrament of Baptism are clearly seen in the rites of its celebration. Tuesday, January 23rd, and 30th, 2018 from 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM. St. Peter of Alcantara, Port Washington. Thursday, January 25th & February 1st, from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM at St. James Parish (Pastoral Center, Room 104) Setauket.

**School of Missionary Disciples Information Sessions**
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 W Neck Rd, Huntington, NY 11743 on Sunday, February 4th at 2:00 PM. St. Rosalie Parish, 31 E Montauk Hwy, Hampton Bays, NY 11946, on Sunday, February 4th at 2:00 PM. Mercy Hospital, 1000 N Village Ave. Rockville Centre, NY 11570, on Tuesday, February 6th at 7:30 PM. Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish, 495 N Ocean Ave, Patchogue, NY 11772, on Wednesday, February 7th at 7:30 PM.

**Tabor Retreat Center**
Tabor Retreat Center, located at 60 Anchor Avenue, Oceanside, is offering a Wellness seminar. Sunday, January 28th - *Longevity: All about Foods that keep you Young* from 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM. A diet with whole food, such as veggies, fruits, whole grains and beans, impacts our chances for optimal health and a longer life. Holistic Health Coach and chef, Regina Anderson will guide the group in making one complete meal based on a Mediterranean Diet. It will be gluten free and dairy free and even includes dessert! Please bring a knife and cutting board for this hands-on experience. All food is included in the $35 donation. $15 deposit also required. Please call 536-3004 or visit www.taborretreatcenter.net to register for both.

**Talbot House**
Are you or someone you know having family or interpersonal problems due to drinking alcohol or using drugs? Catholic Charities, Talbot House, a Chemical Dependence Crisis Center located in Bohemia provides withdrawal and stabilization services on a voluntary basis to males and females over the age of 18, who are seeking to stop and/or withdraw from alcohol and/or other drug use. The medical and clinical staff at Talbot House will assess the kind of care the person needs, to begin his/her journey in recovery. For more information, please call (631) 589-4144. Talbot House staff is available 24/7. Each call is confidential. Talbot House is a NO fee for service program.

**Good Shepherd Hospice**
Good Shepherd Hospice is proud to share that a new hospice inpatient unit will open at Mercy Medical Center in Rockville Centre in the Summer of 2018. We are excited to continue our mission to provide compassionate, comprehensive and family-focused care to patients and families and offer this special service in Nassau County. Call (631) 465-6350 or visit goodshepherdhospice.chsli.org/ to learn more.

**Camps Bernadette and Fatima**
Camp Fatima for boys and Camp Bernadette for girls are currently accepting registrations for the 2018 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 more 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. Please don’t wait as sessions fill up quickly.

Sisters of St. Dominic
Did you receive a gift that you can’t use? Did you receive an item that you already have? Did you receive a present that you could give away? If you answered “YES” to any of these questions, the Dominican Sisters of Amityville invite you to donate your items for their annual Beauty of the Spirit Luncheon. All proceeds from the event benefit the elderly and retired Sisters living in the Motherhouse. Last year, the event grossed over $114,000! Please remember, all items must be NEW. To arrange a drop off, please call the Advancement Office at (631) 842-6000 ext. 238. Thank you for your support.

Our Lady of Grace Spiritual Center
Receive the empowerment and tools to help you move forward in painful relationships. Join Ann Barbara DeSiano on Wednesday, January 24th from 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM at Our Lady of Grace Spiritual Center, 29 Shelter Rock Road, Manhasset. Cost is $50, which includes lunch. Call 627-9255 or visit olgretreat.com for information or to register.

Kellenberg Memorial Alumni Communion Breakfast
All Kellenberg Alumni and their families are invited to join us for the 2nd Annual Alumni Communion Breakfast on Sunday, February 11th. Mass begins at 9:00 AM, followed by breakfast and a special guest speaker. The cost for the morning is $12 per person and $6 for children 10 and under. Unfortunately, walk-in registration is not available for this event. Please note that all guests must pre-register no later than February 5th. Online registration is available by visiting www.kellenberg.org/alumni. Any questions may be directed to 292-0200 ext. 245.

Holy Trinity Driver’s Ed
Spring Driver Education begins February 1st. There are still openings available in classes before and after school and on Saturdays. The application and schedule are available at holytrinityhs.org. If you
have questions, please call 433-2900 or email drivered@holytrinityhs.org.

Charismatic Prayer Group
Our meetings are held every Monday evening in the Holy Family Chapel from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM. Coffee and cake are served after every meeting. Please join us. For more information, call Ellen O’Malley at 221-0574.

The Men of the Way of Light
Please join us at our next meeting on Saturday, January 20th. We meet every third Saturday in the Family Chapel (lower church) immediately after the 8:00 AM Mass. Meetings typically go from 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM. Bagels and coffee are provided. If you can’t attend, please pray for our group and for our parish. For more information contact Fred Kreuder at 987-5350 or email stbampg@aol.com and visit our FaceBook page - “The Way of Light - The St. Barnabas the Apostle Men’s Prayer Group.”

Catholics for Freedom of Religion
Why Religious Freedom Matters: As a New Year begins, America finds itself at a tipping point, with the stakes for religious freedom at an all-time high. Many cases are working their way through the courts while some will be heard by the U.S. Supreme Court. These cases involve prayer, military religious rights, faith-based business owners, and houses of worship. Unfortunately, many cases don’t even make it to the court system since citizens will often capitulate to intimidation out of ignorance of their First Amendment protections, fear of job or societal repercussions, or legal costs (many law firms defend religious freedom pro-bono). A few examples: A 33-year Air Force veteran, Oscar Rodriguez, was forcibly removed from a private retirement ceremony at a CA airbase because he planned to say the word “God” in his speech. A Florida agency banned two Christian schools from using a stadium speaker system to pray before a championship game, even though this was common practice. An OR family-owned baker is being fined $135,000 for declining - on religious grounds - to create a custom cake for a same-sex wedding. The government says it also wants to “rehabilitate” their religious views.

Catholic Charities Employment Opportunity
Catholic Charities is seeking individuals who have a sincere desire to use their skills to help Developmentally Disabled Adults enhance their ability to lead self-determining lives and participate fully in the community. FT and PT evening, awake overnight and weekend shifts are available, as well as many flexible on call opportunities. Essential functions include personal care, household maintenance, transporting/safeguarding residents on community outings, coaching for skills development and administering medications. Experienced and non-experienced welcome to apply. Training provided. HS diploma/GED and a clean, NYS Driver’s License are needed. Send resume and cover letter via email or fax. Please reference ‘DSP - Parish bulletin’ in the subject line. Fax - (516) 733-7038, email - jobs@catholiccharities.cc.

Saint Barnabas Parish
We are a Catholic Parish in Bellmore since 1912. Our mission is to encourage, evangelize and educate.
Recent Baptisms
Grace Josephine Armella
Benjamin Thomas Kilian
Braydan Nicholas Mooney
Alina Marie Serra
Francesca Pearl Tolentino
Camren James Burke
Bryanna Eileen Murphy
Ryan Anthony Sweikata

If you wish to arrange a baptism, please contact the rectory at 785-0054. Once your request is received you will be invited to meet one of the priests. This meeting offers parents an opportunity to review the baptism ceremony and set the date. The meeting is more conversational than instructional. Forms need to be completed giving information on the parents, child’s date and place of birth, as well as the names and religious affiliation of the sponsors. At least one sponsor must be a practicing Catholic.

Baptisms are held on Saturday at 11:30 AM, and Sunday at 1:30 PM, when the Church is available.

If you wish to hold a private baptism you must bring a visiting priest to perform the baptism service. Private baptisms may be held on Saturday at 1:30 PM and 3:00 PM and on Sunday at 3:00 PM, if these times are available.

First time parents are required to attend a Baptism Class. Classes are held in the Holy Family Chapel on Agape Sunday, the second Sunday of the month. Crying babies and noisy children are welcome. We begin with Mass at 10:15 AM, when your baby will be welcomed to St. Barnabas, followed by refreshments and the class. The dates for class are February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, (10:30 Mass for July 8, August 12 and September 9).

Estate Planning
When preparing your estate plan, please consider a bequest to The Parish of St. Barnabas, Bellmore. You can make a contribution to support ongoing operations of the Church or contribute to a particular project. Your legal counsel can help you refine the bequest language to suit your specific wishes for The Parish of St. Barnabas. Thank you.

To place a notice in our Bulletin email stbapostle@gmail.com.
To place an advertisement on our cover call The Church Bulletin at (631) 249-4994.
Dear Friends:

As we begin a New Year, I am writing to thank you for your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal and for making my first year in this wonderful Diocese a great joy. I also come to you with a grateful heart to ask you for your prayers and support for this year’s Catholic Ministries Appeal, which brings Christ’s love and mercy to more than 600,000 people every year.

Pope Francis has invited us to embrace our vocation as missionary disciples – to be the Hands of Christ’s Mercy. Our participation in the Catholic Ministries Appeal is an effective way for us to respond. As we support the good works of our Church, our hands serve as instruments of God’s love.

Your gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal touch so many in our Diocese: children being formed in our Catholic Faith in our schools and religious education programs, seminarians preparing to be holy and zealous priests, candidates for the permanent diaconate preparing to serve our parishes, disadvantaged seniors who are often isolated and lonely, families in crisis including our immigrant-refugee families who face so much uncertainty, our youth and young adults discerning their Catholic faith and their futures, people who are incarcerated, and those suffering from addiction.

A donation to our Appeal will help to ensure that our shared vision for Dramatic Missionary Growth in our Diocese will have a firm financial foundation as we reach out beyond our Parish walls and into the “mission territory” to which we are called.

I am grateful for your prayerful consideration of a gift to the 2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Together we can bring Jesus’ message of hope to communities, families and individuals.

Thank you for your love for the mission of the Church. I will be keeping you and your family in my Masses and prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

Congratulations to our Parishes that have gone over goal since our last report:

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BOOK TALK SERIES

Come meet Dr. Tom Petriano speaking on:

Everything that is Holy: an Afternoon with Thomas Merton’s New Seeds of Contemplation

Dr. Tom Petriano’s BIO

Tom Petriano has taught at St. Joseph’s College, Farmingdale, NY since 1981 and has been the Chair of the Religious Studies Department there since 2009. While at St. Joseph’s, Professor Petriano has taught subjects including Scripture, Christianity, and other world religions. In the Hutton House lecture series at C.W. Post College in Brookville, he has spoken on a wide range of religious topics including the intersection of religion with poetry art, and music. In workshops at the Convent Retreat House in Ronkonkoma and at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs parish, he has lectured on many aspects of spirituality and mysticism. Professor Petriano has also taught in our diocesan Pastoral Formation Institute and participated in the training of permanent deacons, as well as being active in several parish ministries.

Professor Petriano has degrees from Cathedral College, Douglaston, the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, and a PhD in Systematic Theology from Fordham University. He has presented talks on Thomas Merton before, including a series of talks last year at St. Dominic’s Parish in Oyster Bay.

Sunday, January 28, 2018 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
in the Library at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception* 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY

For directions or other information, call 631-423-0483 ext. 141 or email us at: libraryweb@icseminary.edu

* The Seminary is 3 miles North of Main Street in Huntington village. Library is on the 4th floor.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED!
Where Am I Going? (Chapter 7)
Looking for the Last Four Things

The purpose of this lesson is to convey the truth about what happens after death, sometimes called the “four last things”: death, judgment, heaven, and hell. While the subject of life after death makes some people uncomfortable, God in His great mercy reveals these truths to us for two reasons: first, to give us a chance to prepare ourselves for that final journey, and second, so that each day we will “remember death” — full of the hope that each day brings us closer to attaining the end for which we were created: lifelong union with God. The glory to which every person on earth is called reveals how we should live our lives here and now.

Conversation After Class

- Who in our family has died that we can pray for?
- Why do you think God created a place of purification after death—purgatory?
- If you only had one week left to live, what would you do with that time?
- What do you think heaven is like? Why do you want to go there?

Level 8, 01/31 or 02/01, Chapter 18
Level 7, 02/07 or 08 Chapter 8

8th Grade Save the Dates
- Saturday, January 27th Confirmation Retreat
- Before January 31st bring or send the parent & sponsor letters of encouragement
- February 6th or March 6th St. Barnabas Parents Meetings
- February 10th or 11th. Rite of Enrollment at all Masses. During the Mass candidate present a letter requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation to Fr. Adrian.
- May 1st Confirmation Rehearsal

St. Barnabas Parents
Tuesday February 6th or March 6th

Family and the New Evangelization

So whoever is in Christ is a new creation

Speakers
Bryan Finn & James O’Brien

Holy Family Chapel at 7PM
Confirmation 2018

Bishop Robert Brennan will join us on Monday, May 7th to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. A letter was sent to candidates with the time of the ceremony. Tickets and gowns will be distributed at the rehearsals on Tuesday, May 1st.

Class and Mass
When the Bishop comes to the parish for Confirmation, he assumes that the young people have been adequately instructed in their faith. We thank parents and guardians for their cooperation and assistance in encouraging candidates to attend their ‘Chosen’ classes in St. Barnabas or their religion classes in Catholic school. The Bishop also assumes that they are — as required by canon law — regularly practicing their faith. After each ‘Chosen’ class we asked candidates to return a completed assignment in the collection basket at Mass. In doing so we hoped to establish a pattern of attending Mass regularly before candidates are confirmed.

Four Forms and Retreat Time
There were four forms in the Confirmation package to be handed in last December.
- The Sponsor’s form to be completed by the sponsor and signed by the Church the sponsor attends.
- The Saint’s report.
- The reflection on a Service Project that impressed them.
- The Confirmation Retreat Permission Form. Attending a retreat prior to reception of the sacrament is required for all Confirmation candidates. The retreat will take place in the Holy Family Chapel on Saturday, January 27th. Candidates will be measured for their Confirmation robe at this retreat.

Rite of Enrollment
Parents/Guardians are invited to attend a weekend Mass with candidates on February 10th or 11th. At Mass candidates will hand a letter to Fr. Adrian requesting the sacrament of Confirmation. Then their name will be enrolled for Confirmation 2018. The St. Barnabas parishioners attending will be invited to pray for the candidates as they begin the final preparations for the sacrament.

Letters of Encouragement
Attending Mass on the weekend of February 10th and 11th also offers candidates an opportunity to reflect on the love and support of those around them. We hope to surprise each candidate with a LETTER (or letters) of encouragement at that time – from the parents and sponsors – and from brothers, sisters, grandparents, and others who are close to the candidate.

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- May 7th Confirmation
6 Simple spiritual goals for a happier year

A new year is a renewed opportunity to set off on a path of spiritual growth and renewal by setting a resolution regarding prayer, obedience, service, example, scripture study, and forgiveness. Let the following Scripture guide you. It might be less dramatic than the goal of losing 20 pounds, but in the long run, these are the things that will make a larger impact on your life.

Get rid of a pesky habit
Maybe you haven’t gone totally off the rails. But in quiet moments you can probably see where you could use a little improvement. The beauty of a faithful life is that we can be forgiven and try again. God loves us so much that He is willing to forgive every sin we commit, as long as we ask. Whether you need to work on something small or something big, there is a way forward. Make this year the time to get rid of a pesky habit you know is keeping you from God.

Set a good example
We always talk to children about being a good example. The job doesn’t go away once you reach adulthood. You may not be comfortable talking about your faith, but the way you do things can be just as loud a message in glorifying God. Think of your everyday interactions and figure out a way you can shine your light.

Learn a new verse every month
Learn a scripture verse each month of 2018. John 3:16 started us out in January. Each night at dinner practice the verse. During night prayers talk about what the words mean and why there are important. Verses about love have come in handy when sibling rivalry is a problem.

Be more considerate
The holidays may be when you most often think of volunteering and giving, but need isn’t limited to one time a year. Figure out a specific, measurable goal for your efforts to reach out to the less fortunate. That may be financial — a set amount of money each month to a cause in your community. But if you can donate your time in addition to money, that’s the best combination. And remember that volunteering at parish outreach isn’t the only way to do kind deeds. Sometimes it’s just being more considerate of the people around you.
Pray a lot
It is the most basic of God’s commands — talk to Him. For some reason, we get complacent and only go through the motions. Until we’re in trouble, that is. Then suddenly we revive our heartfelt prayers and yearn for the peace of connection.

Forgive someone
You’ve heard all the adages about how forgiveness helps you more than the person who wronged you. There are amazing stories about communities who come together to forgive one who has done evil in their midst. All that can be true, but forgiving is still really hard. If you’ve been holding onto pain or anger, make 2018 your year to move forward and leave those feelings behind. Forgiveness is a long road, one involving a lot of prayer and work. The peace it brings is well worth it, though, whether the burden is recent or far in your past.

Religious Education
Reminder: With the winter weather upon us we want to remind you that if the Bellmore Schools are closed we will not have religion classes. Please check Cablevision, FIOS as well as the radio stations listed in the Parent Handbook for Religion Classes Closings.

We still in need of adults to work one on one or in a small group environment. We a few students that need either a one-on-one learning environment or a small group environment that needs someone to work with them. Please call the Office of Christian Formation (516) 785-0130 to volunteer or to receive more information. We are also in need of Adult Volunteers to be Substitutes, Hall Monitors and Attendance/Lobby Aides for our Religious Education program. Please call the office to get more information.

Upcoming Dates:
Tuesday, February 13 – Level 1 and 2 Lent Workshop for Parents – 7pm-8pm Holy Family Chapel. A flyer with more information will be sent.

Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday – NO CLASSES
Our next meeting will be on Sunday, January 28th from 6:00pm—7:00pm. Our meeting will be a bible study on a specific passage from scripture. We will meet in the youth room in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School.

Please email or call me if you would like to sign up or have any questions. I hope to see you on the 28th!

Youth Minister: Kieran Maelia, stbyouth17@gmail.com

(516) 785-0130
January 16, 2018


Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is with joy, enthusiasm, and purpose-driven mission, that I invite you to celebrate National Catholic Schools Week from January 28, 2018 through February 3, 2018. Together, we recognize the extraordinary contribution that our Catholic schools across Long Island make by forming young missionary disciples, on fire with love for our Lord Jesus and the mission of the Catholic Church.

At the same time, we recognize our collective responsibility towards the future of Catholic education in our Diocese. Enrollment and investment in our Catholic schools depends on the leadership of each individual Catholic. Our willingness to witness to the transformative and destiny-changing experience of Catholic education to the families we meet makes all the difference.

As a Diocese, we are participating in V Encuentro, a national effort begun by the US Bishops to unleash the leadership and evangelizing witness of the Hispanic/Latino community in the United States. The fruits of these efforts helps to open a gateway to a deeper engagement of our Hispanic/Latino community in the mission of Catholic Education.

Pope Saint John Paul II once said: “In order that the Catholic school and the Catholic teacher may truly make their irreplaceable contribution to the Church and to the world, the goal of Catholic education itself must be crystal clear. Catholic education is above all a question of communicating Christ, of helping to form Christ in the lives of others.”

In Catholic Schools Week 2018, our Catholic schools recommit themselves to helping parents and extended families form successful, servant leaders who help drive dramatic missionary growth on Long Island and beyond.

With prayers for our shared mission and gratitude for your efforts, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

[Signature]

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre
Are you or your child unhappy with the school they attend? Come see how Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton can change everything! SEAS provides a top-quality education with a focus on STEAM, as well as a nurturing family feel. Our program includes Nursery through 8th grade, providing your student with a long-term environment that they can thrive in! Call our office for a private parent-led tour or come to our Catholic School Week Open House! Tour our interactive Creation Story themed Open House and vote in our Instagram “Turf War” for your favorite floor. #SEAS_Bellmore

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2018

We are a Regional Catholic School serving our four parishes: St. Barnabas, Cure of Ars, St. Raphael, St. Frances de Chantal.
Please Return to Anthony Cantelmo care of Julianna Cantelmo (Class 6-1).

Family Name: ____________________________

Total Number of People Attending: ________________

Total Payment ($25 Per Person): ________________

Buy a Table 10 Per Table ($200): ________________

SEAS Fathers Club Wine Event – Saturday February 3rd, 2018
May the Lord preserve the members of our Army, National Guard, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Merchant Marine, Coast Guard and Peace Corps from all harm.

**US ARMY:**

**NATIONAL GUARD:**

**US NAVY:**

**US MARINES:**

**US AIR FORCE:**
Rev. Major Timothy Hirten, Nicholas P. Wright, US MERCHANT MARINE:
Lt. J.G. Eric Stumpel.

**US COAST GUARD:**

**US PEACE CORPS:**
Patrick Coons

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**Parent & Child Program**

Our Time is the perfect way for you and your child to become familiar with the classroom environment while singing songs, doing crafts, reading books, and celebrating God's love together.

Class sessions are offered on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday from 10am to 11am from September thru June at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School.

For more information or to enroll contact:
Sabina Lamb (516) 781-9834
Jesus asked the fishermen to follow Him.

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is near.”

Find the hidden objects.

Across
3. Many times, the disciples did not _____ Jesus’s lessons.
5. James and John dropped their _____ and went after Jesus.
7. Jesus told Andrew and Simon (Peter), “I will make you fishers of _____.”
8. The big lake Jesus lived by was called the Sea of _____.

Down
1. In addition to Simon (Peter), Andrew, James and John, there was also, Philip, _____, Thomas, Matthew, James, Thaddeus, Simon, and Judas.
2. Over time, the 12 men became mighty _______, proclaiming Jesus as Messiah.
6. Jesus said, “Come _____ me.”
9. When the men became disciples of Jesus, they left their jobs, dreams, families, and old _____ behind.

Jesus told the people, “Repent and believe the good news.”

Match the letters.

Believe
Jesus told them, "I will send you out to fish for people."

Jesus called some fishermen to follow Him.

Connect the dots.
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Circle 6 differences in the bottom picture.
ANSWER KEY

Across
3. Many times, the disciples did not (Understand) Jesus’s lessons.
6. James and John dropped their (Nets) and went after Jesus.
7. Jesus told Andrew and Simon (Peter), “I will make you fishers of (Men).”
8. The big lake Jesus lived by was called the Sea of (Galilee).

Down
1. In addition to Simon (Peter), Andrew, James and John, there was also, Philip, (Bartholomew), Thomas, Matthew, James, Thaddeus, Simon, and Judas.
2. Over time, the 12 men became mighty (Teachers), proclaiming Jesus as Messiah.
6. Jesus said, “Come (Follow) me.”
9. When the men became disciples of Jesus, they left their jobs, dreams, families, and old (Lives) behind.
Jesus said, “The time has come. The kingdom of God has come near.”

Jesus saw fishermen and asked them to follow Him. Whom did He see?

As they entered the boat, Jesus saw and said, "Follow Me," and they followed Him.

At once they left their nets and followed Him.

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