GOOD NEWS

"I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received."

Luke Chapter 1

January 27, 2019
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9:00 AM to 5:00 PM;
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MASS TIMES
Monday to Friday: 6:30 and 9 AM
Saturday: 8:00 AM
Vigil : 4:30 & 7 PM
Sunday: 7, 9, 10:15, 10:30 AM;
12 & 5PM.
Confessions Saturday 12:30 PM

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

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
is celebrated on the fourth Saturday
after 8:00 AM Mass

Contact the Rectory for information on
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St. Barnabas the Apostle
Ordinary Time Third Week

Monday, January 28
Fr. Michael  6:30 AM
Fr. Kevin 9:00 AM

Saint Thomas Aquinas
Charlie and Ann Klika
Angel Luis Morales
Russell Wells
Br. Anthony Valentino
Aurelia McAnlis

Tuesday, January 29
Fr. Kevin 6:30 AM
Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM

Joseph Canzonery
Nick Pettinato

Wednesday, January 30
Fr. Adrian 6:30 AM
Fr. Michael 9:00 AM

Barbara Graziose
Noreen Broderick

Thursday, January 31
Fr. Kevin 6:30 AM
Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM

Saint John Basco
Charlie and Ann Klika
Tommaso DiIorio

Friday, February 1
Fr. Michael 6:30 AM
Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM

Luisa Barquin
Intentions of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Regional School

Saturday, February 2
Fr. Michael 8:00 AM
Fr. Kevin 4:30 PM

The Presentation of the Lord
Harold and Veronica Murray
Barbara Breslin
Ryan Lupo
Larry Abbatangelo - 2nd Anniversary
Tom Kiley
Richard Russo
Bart Collins
Richard Rollando

Fr. Adrian 7:00 PM

Sunday, February 3
Fr. Kevin 7:00 AM
Fr. Michael 9:00 AM
Fr. Kevin 10:15 AM
Fr. Adrian 10:30 AM
Fr. Michael 12:00 PM
Fr. Adrian 5:00 PM

Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time
Mary Elizabeth McTigue
Leo Stanley
For the People of Our Parish
Margaret Julian
Mary Ellen, Dolores and Charles Young
Sue Decina
a dozen reasons to choose Catholic Schools

1. We cultivate a faculty and staff of people who are dedicated, caring and effective.
2. We have a 99 percent high school graduation rate. 85 percent of our graduates go to college.
3. We prepare students to be productive citizens and future leaders.
4. We emphasize moral development and self-discipline.
5. We instill in students the value of service to others.
6. We use technology effectively to enhance education.
7. We teach children respect of self and others.
8. We provide a balanced academic curriculum that integrates faith, culture and life.
9. We set high standards for student achievement and help them succeed.
10. We provide an education that combines Catholic faith and teachings with academic excellence.
11. We partner with parents in the faith formation of their children.
12. We provide a safe and welcoming environment for all.
What’s Pastor Thinking

Presidential election campaigns begin long before the elections. Potential candidates vie for attention and try to create a verbal impression on the voters - an impression they hope will linger with us for the entire course of the campaign. What one phrase will capture our attention? What one issue will lure us into their particular camp? Each has their own vision of where they think we should be going as a nation, and they are trying to get that vision implanted in our minds so that we will allow them to lead us into that vision.

Today when Jesus stands up in the Synagogue and quotes from Isaiah, He is presenting His vision as He begins His work. ‘The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; He has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor’ (Is. 61:1-2a).

In his book, Seven Habits of Highly Effective People, Stephen Covey says that habit number two is to ‘begin with the end in mind.’ By that, he means we need to have a clear understanding of why we are doing what we’re doing in order to be effective at it. In quoting Isaiah, Jesus is stating His purpose. It’s why He came. His primary purpose is to bring good news to those who are afflicted, regardless of their affliction. It is His way of beginning with the end in mind. But even Jesus cannot do it all alone. He will invite people to be a part of His team. The twelve were the closest to him, but their ‘Team Jesus’ includes us as well. Ever since Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Church, our purpose has been to follow Jesus in accomplishing His purpose: ‘to bring good news to the poor. . . . to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor’ (Lk. 4:18-19). It is up to us to continue His ministry.
We Pray for Our Deceased
Luigi Chiarello
Michael Paraninfo
Rose Caggiano

Bread and Wine
Is offered in memory of Robert G. Brust from his family.

Flowers on the Sanctuary
Are offered in memory of Stanley & Sarah Butterworth, and John & Patricia Hettrich on the occasion of the wedding of Kelly and Klaidi.

Sisters of St. Barnabas Intention
Let us pray, as we enter into this new year, that our resolutions will effect changes for the better in our lives.

We Pray for Our Sick
Please advise us whether or not a name should remain or be deleted from the list. Thank you.


The Week Ahead
Sunday: Catholic Schools Sunday
11:00 AM SEAS Open House
1:30 PM Baptisms
7:30 PM Al-Anon, South Cafeteria
Monday:
7:30 PM Charismatic Prayer Group, HFC
Wednesday:
7:00 PM CHOSEN L8, HFC
7:00 PM RCIA, Convent Room
7:30 PM Al-Anon, Rectory
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
8:00 PM Adoration, Church
Saturday:
All Masses Rite of Enrollment, Level 8
11:30 AM Baptisms, Church
12:30 PM Confessions, Church

Our Finances
1/20/19: $14,840
1/21/18: $17,188
Families Registered: 5,083
Envelopes Mailed: 1,451
Used: 1/20/19: 489
1/21/18: 623

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

Special Collections
This Weekend - Youth Ministry
February 10th - Maintenance & Repair
We have currently reached 72% of our goal to replace the boiler in the Convent! Many thanks to all our parishioners.
A Statement from the Catholic Bishops of New York State

Words are insufficient to describe the profound sadness we feel at the contemplated passage of New York State’s new proposed abortion policy. We mourn the unborn infants who will lose their lives, and the many mothers and fathers who will suffer remorse and heartbeat as a result.

The so-called “Reproductive Health Act” will expand our state’s already radically permissive law, by empowering more health practitioners to provide abortion and removing all state restrictions on late-term procedures. With an abortion rate that is already double the national average, New York law is moving in the wrong direction.

We renew our pledge to offer the resources and services of our charitable agencies and health services to any woman experiencing an unplanned pregnancy, to support her in bearing her infant, raising her family or placing her child for adoption. There are life-affirming choices available, and we aim to make them more widely known and accessible.

Our Governor and legislative leaders hail this new abortion law as progress. This is not progress. Progress will be achieved when our laws and our culture once again value and respect each unrepeatable gift of human life, from the first moment of creation to natural death. Would that not make us truly the most enlightened and progressive state in the nation?

Timothy Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

Most Rev. Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg

Most Rev. Edward B. Scharfenberger
Bishop of Albany

Most Rev. Salvatore R. Matano
Bishop of Rochester

Most Rev. Nicholas DiMarzio
Bishop of Brooklyn

Most Rev. John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

Most Rev. Richard J. Malone
Bishop of Buffalo

Most Rev. Robert J. Cunningham
Bishop of Syracuse

And the Auxiliary and Retired Bishops of New York State

January 17, 2019
Rite of Enrollment Next Weekend

Next weekend, February 2nd and 3rd, we welcome all Level 8 confirmation candidates who will present letters requesting the sacrament. They will receive letters from family members encouraging their decision to continue their journey in the Catholic faith. As a community of faithful we accept these candidates into our midst and help them to follow in the footsteps of Christ.

St. Blaise

February 3rd is the feast of St. Blaise. On this day people gather in churches for the blessing of throats. Usually the blessing is given individually but because February 3rd is a Sunday the blessing will take the place of the final blessing at Mass.

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

Many Thanks

The Bellmore Knights of Columbus helped us take down the Christmas decorations. Many thanks for your assistance and for all you do in our parish.
We are a Catholic Parish in Bellmore, New York, Since 1912

Food Pantry Weekend - February 2nd & 3rd
The Food Pantry is very well stocked right now because of the wonderful donations made at Christmastime. We have an abundance of cereal and pasta, but there are some items that are difficult to keep on hand. Please try to bring in one or two of the following items the weekend of February 2nd & 3rd: crackers, canned pasta, sugar, condiments, pancake mix/syrup, coffee, hot chocolate, oil and laundry detergent. Donations can be left at the Tree of Life or brought to the Rectory. Many thanks for the generosity and concern shown to our needy neighbors.

Widow and Widowers Lunch
Valentine Lunch at Guy Anthony’s, 2208 Jerusalem Avenue, Merrick on Friday, February 15th at 12:30 PM. The cost is $25. Checks should be sent to Joyce Quinn (781-6475), 2463 Freeport Street, Wantagh 11793 no later than February 6th.

SAT Exam Prep Course
St. Dominic High School in Oyster Bay is holding SAT Exam Prep Courses on the following Saturdays: March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, April 6th, and 13th. 9:00 - 11:30 AM in Marian Hall. Course fee is $250 and includes textbook. Contact Mrs. Stutzmann at 922-4888, ext. 5241.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus reads the words of scripture: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.” And so we are called to look for the poor, captive, blind, and oppressed among us. We don’t have to look very far! “Today this passage has been fulfilled” is now true only when we ourselves respond to those around us who need a nourishing, strengthening, joyful word. Please keep the poor and needy in your prayers and continue to support St. Vincent de Paul.

The Men of the Way of Light
This Sunday, St. Paul tells us that we were all baptized into one body, the body of Christ. Each part is necessary and important. In order for the body to function correctly, each part needs to work together with the other parts. No part can function properly, independent of the others. Think of any football team. What good would a team of all kickers be? Yet, a team without any kicker would probably not be that good either. Only balanced teams with good players at each position will win and be successful. In Christ’s Church, all are needed! Not all are Apostles, or priests, or prophets! God created our individuality, not to go it alone, but to be a piece of the big picture!

Wondering where you might fit in? Please join our

Banns of Marriage:
Daniel Metzger & Kim Alfano
faith discussion group at our next meeting on Saturday, February 9th, immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass. We meet in the Nazareth Room of the Holy Family Chapel. Bagels and coffee served. Our meetings run until 10:30 AM. For more information, visit our FaceBook page.

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, S 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.

Catholic Alaska Cruise
Come and sail away on a 7-night Catholic Alaska Cruise with Fr. John Smith from June 16th - 23rd on Holland America’s Oosterdam out of Seattle, Washington. Ports of Call: Scenic Cruising Stephens Passage; Juneau, Alaska; Hubbard Glacier; Sitka, Alaska; Ketchikan, Alaska; Victoria, British Columbia, Canada; and back to Seattle, Washington. Prices begin at $2,478 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass offered. Deposits of $350 per person will reserve your cabin. For further information, contact Doug or Eileen at (860) 399-1785 or Eileen@CatholicCurisesandTours.com.

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.

Oberammergau
In the year 2020, the Passion Play of Oberammergau will be presented. St. Barnabas Parish will be leading a pilgrimage to see this once in a lifetime event. The Pilgrimage is called The Splendors of Eastern Europe. In addition to the passion play we will visit the cities of Prague,
Budapest, Vienna and Munich. We need to make our reservations now as this is very popular throughout the entire world and will sell out. Full color brochures will soon be available. For more information, please call Fr. Kevin at 785-0054.

Annual Telethon
The Catholic Faith Network Telethon is the weekend of Saturday, February 9th from 2PM -10PM and Sunday, February 10th from 12PM to 10PM. Please tune in on Cablevision channel 29/137, Time Warner Channel 471 or Verizon FiOS channel 296 to support our Diocesan Television Station. It will be 18 hours filled with many guest “stars” including many of the clergy, religious and dedicated lay people of our Diocese. Additionally, visits from celebrity chefs and musical groups will help fuel the enjoyment.

Catholic Charities
Bi-lingual Program Supervisor needed for Immigration Services in Amityville. Full time position. Master’s in Business Administration or Human Services required. 3 - 5 years project or program management experience including staff supervision. Prior work experience with immigrant families or children a plus. Clean, valid NYS Driver’s License to travel to Nassau/Suffolk. Ability to work flexible hours when needed. Email resume and cover letter to - jobs@catholiccharities.cc or fax to 733-7038. Reference “NYSARY Program Supervisor”
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Diocese of Rockville Centre
Office of Faith Formation
Catholic Cemeteries

Bereavement Conference
For the Bereaved and those Ministering to them
theme
GRIEF IS...
A JOURNEY

Saturday, March 30, 2019
ST. PATRICK PARISH, HUNTINGTON
9:00am to 3:00pm
$40.00 includes continental breakfast and lunch

Keynote Speaker
Kenneth J. Doka, PhD

Professor of Gerontology at the Graduate School of the College Of New Rochelle; Senior Consultant to the Hospice Foundation of America.

Kenneth J. Doka, PhD is a prolific author; Dr. Doka’s books include Grief Is a Journey: Finding your Pathway through Loss, Helping Adolescents Cope with Loss, Journeys with Grief: A Collection of Articles about Love, Life, and many others. Dr. Doka is editor of both Omega: The Journal of Death and Dying and Journeys: A Newsletter to Help in Bereavement. He has an ongoing blog for Psychology Today entitled Good Mourning.

He is a recipient of the Caring Hands Award as well as the Dr. Robert Fulton CDEB Founder’s Award. In 2006, Dr. Doka was grandfathered in as a Mental Health Counselor under NY State’s first licensure of counselors.

Dr. Doka has keynoted conferences throughout North America as well as Europe, Asia, Australia and New Zealand. He participates in the annual Hospice Foundation of America Teleconference and has appeared on CNN and Nightline. In addition he has served as a consultant to medical, nursing, funeral service and hospice organizations as well as businesses and educational and social service agencies. Dr. Doka is an ordained Lutheran minister. For more information visit www.drkendoka.com

To keep up to date on the Conference and all Bereavement services, support groups and programs available, please visit our website: www.drvc-faith.org/bereavement/
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. (See the list of dates below).

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 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 10:15 AM Mass & Class are held on February 10th, March 10th, April 14th, May 12th and June 9th. *(Class will be held after the 10:30 AM Mass on July 14th, August 11th and September 8th).* We return to the 10:15 AM Mass for October 13th, November 11th, and December 8th.

### Available Dates

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           | Sunday 10, 24 |
| March:   | Saturday 2, 23 
           | Sunday 10, 31 |
| April:   | Saturday 6, 13 
           | Sunday 7, 28 |
| May:     | Sunday only 5, 19 |
| June:    | Saturday 8, 22 
           | Sunday 16, 23 |
| July:    | Saturday 6, 13 
           | Sunday 21, 28 |
| August:  | Saturday 3, 11 
           | Sunday 17, 25 |
Thank you for sponsoring our new hymnals. Your dedication will be placed inside the cover.

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M/M James Kerley
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Tom & Mary Lou Till

The O’Kane Family
His Sister Cee
The Campbell Family

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The Lawler Family
Barbara Kramer
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The Merz Family
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In The Name Of:

Dec’d Members of the
Gleason Family
Dec’d Members of the
Burke & Grennan
Corrine McCann
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Lucy Gallipani
M/M David Uttendorfer
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James R. Hogan
Denise Campbell
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Beverly Lawler
Jean & Edward Todrick
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Saint John Bosco
A Father to the Fatherless

Saint John Bosco dedicated his priesthood to educating and housing the forgotten youth on the tough streets of Turin, Italy. Watch the inspirational tale of how he transformed the lives of countless outcasts.

Watch on formed.org

Catholic Schools Week
January 27 – February 2, 2019

During Catholic Schools Week we take time to recognize and support parents in the fundamental and inalienable right to choose Catholic Schools to support the faith formation and excellent education for their children. During Catholic Schools Week we thank the 151,395 teachers in over 6,841 K through 12 schools for the witness of love and commitment to parents and young people!

Saint of the Week
Thomas Aquinas
1225-1274
Memorial—January 28

St. Thomas Aquinas so shocked his noble Italian family when he entered the Dominicans about 1244 that his brothers imprisoned him for a year. But he would not yield and after escaping studied under St. Albert the Great. He was appointed as a master of theology in 1256. For the rest of his brief life, the “dumb ox,” as he was dubbed, taught, preached, and wrote, producing the monumental “Summa Theologica.” His thinking became enormously influential in later centuries and he was named a Doctor of the Church in 1567.

—CNS/USCCB

Do you hear the cry for justice?

Challenge: How are you opening your heart to hear “the cry for justice”? Use the Newspaper Prayer to open your heart to hear this cry and discern how you can respond to the needs of those in your community and in the world.

Newspaper Prayer:

Look through a print or online newspaper to find a news article about an issue that affects your community or the world. Cut out (or print out) the article and bring it with you to a quiet place where you can pray. Think about how human dignity is affected by the issue or situation. Pray for God’s healing and transformation for all people impacted, lawmakers, and others. Ask God how he is asking you to respond to this issue.

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life
February 2
REMINDERS:
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
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, February 10th from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM in the Youth Room in the School Cafeteria. We will be completing a service project for a local soup kitchen. Hope you can join and bring a friend! If you have any questions, please email me at stbyouth17@gmail.com.
Kieran Maelia, Youth Minister
January 2019


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 27, 2019 through February 2, 2019. 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.

On October 14, 2018 we celebrated the canonization of Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero, a Catholic martyr who made the ultimate sacrifice of his life while celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. This occurred during his homily on March 24, 1980 at the chapel of the Divine Providencia Cancer Hospital.

As a family, we must continue to embrace his Episcopal motto: “Sentir con la Iglesia” or “Feel with the Church”, a motto which means to experience, to live and to walk with the People of God. Our Catholic schools provide an opportunity for our young people to engage in service to our Church and faith community, bringing to life Catholic Social Justice teaching and the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

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 2019, 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 in Christ,

[Signature]

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre
Come Celebrate Catholic Schools Week With Us!

JANUARY 27, 11AM-1PM
OPEN HOUSE

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School (SEAS) is an AdvancED Accredited parochial school for Nursery through 8th Grade providing a top quality education for thousands since 1992. We offer an Early Childhood Program that consists of half-day Nursery, half and full day Pre-K and Kindergarten, as well as “Our Time”, a two-year old child and parent transitional program. SEAS provides a comprehensive curriculum that includes: World Language, Music, Art, Computer Technology, Academic Intervention Services, Sports, After School Clubs, and an After School Care program. SEAS strives to create a nurturing educational environment of Academics, Faith, and Service. We are conveniently located in Bellmore. At SEAS we learn and grow in Respect, Responsibility, and Reverence.

Level 8 Class
January 30th or 31st
Chapter 20 ‘What Would Jesus Do?’
The Beatitudes as a Path to True Happiness

The purpose of this lesson is to challenge teens to live a life of radical discipleship. Following Jesus—in the footsteps of the saints and through the guidance of the Church—is the surest path to happiness. It is the sure way to become the people God created them to be. It will not be easy, of course. To be Christian is to be like Christ, who promised that we would endure persecution, just as he did. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake.... Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you” (Matthew 5:10-12).

Conversation After Class
Read the Sermon on the Mount together (Matthew 5:1-12).
Which beatitude stands out to you?
Why are the Beatitudes like a pathway to heaven?
What does it mean to be “poor in spirit”?
What did Jesus mean that those who are persecuted are “blessed”? Have you ever felt persecuted for “righteousness” or seen someone else experience this? What happened?

Level 7 Class
February 6th or 7th
Chapter 9 ‘When did my journey begin?’
Baptism, Your Initiation into God’s Family

The purpose of this lesson is to appreciate the significance and importance of his or her Baptism. Through washing and regeneration, the waters of Baptism make us children of God and mark the first step in our journey toward our final home in the kingdom of God. The imagery of Baptism is found in Creation; in Noah’s ark (where eight souls are saved “through water”); in the escape of the Hebrews under Moses from captivity by crossing the Red Sea; and in the crossing of the Jordan River by God’s chosen people in order to enter into the “Promised Land” (see CCC 1217-1222). By understanding the symbolism and significance of this rite in their lives, teens will be encouraged to think of the salvation story more definitively as their story.

Conversation Starters
What happens when someone is baptized?
What would you say to someone who had a baby but was going to wait until the child was older so he or she could decide for himself or herself whether to be baptized?
Jesus Visits His Hometown

Jesus traveled to His hometown of Nazareth.

Follow the numbers to Nazareth.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

He said, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

Find and count. 6 or 7? 7 or 8?

“Jesus read scripture aloud to the people.

What book did Jesus read from? Shade in the 1’s.

“The Spirit of the Lord is on Me ... to proclaim good news,” Jesus read.

Trace the letters.

Good News
Jesus can make blind eyes see.
ACROSS
3. Something you do to help someone
5. A person who speaks for God
7. Information about recent events or happenings; previously unknown information
8. The opposite of bad
9. A long roll of paper with writing on it

DOWN
1. A person who is kept in jail
2. Unable to see
3. To be allowed to do whatever you want to do
4. To deliver a sermon
6. Having little or no wealth and few or no possessions

"Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."
Luke 4:21
Jesus Visits His Hometown

Add and subtract words and letters to find the words to fill in the blanks below.

1. \( \text{son} + \text{arp} - \text{ake} = \) ___________

2. \( \text{de} + \text{ke} = \) ___________

Jesus returned to Galilee in the 1. ___________ of the 2. ___________, and news about Him spread through the whole countryside.

What did Jesus do?

Use the code to find out.


1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26