Students of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School at St. Agnes Cathedral
St. Barnabas the Apostle

Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, January 29
Fr. Adrian 6:30 AM  Mary Jane Cobian
Fr. Kevin 9:00 AM  Gary Bell
                       Leah Mannion

Tuesday, January 30
Fr. Kevin 6:30 AM  Barbara Graziose
Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM  Joan and Joe Crocitto

Wednesday, January 31
Fr. Adrian 6:30 AM  Saint John Bosco
                        Charlie and Ann Klika
Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM  Viktor Heintz

Thursday, February 1
Fr. Kevin 6:30 AM  Rosemary Boyce
Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM  Joseph C. Sgro

Friday, February 2
Fr. Kevin 6:30 AM  The Presentation of the Lord
St. Raphael 9:00 AM  Emily Smith
                        Paige Keeley

Saturday, February 3
Fr. Kevin 8:00 AM  St. Blaise
Fr. Adrian 4:30 PM  Billie Jean Sugihara
                          Concetta Cantanno
                          George Elderd
                          Rosalie Aresco
                          Arlene Garcia Nolan
                          Ann Carty
                          Frank D’Angelo
                          Joseph C. Sgro
Fr. Kevin 7:00 PM

Sunday, February 4
Fr. Adrian 7:00 AM  Joe Pisano and Tony, Carmello and
                       Gaitana Vecchio
Fr. Charles 9:00 AM  Boy Scouts of America
Fr. Adrian 10:15 AM  Larry Abbatangelo
Fr. Charles 10:30 AM  For the People of Our Parish
Fr. Kevin 12:00 AM  Margaret Julian

Office Open Monday - Friday:
9:00 AM to 7:00 PM;
(Closed Weekdays: 12:30 - 1:30 PM)
Saturday & Sunday: 9 AM to 1 PM

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
Contact the Rectory for information on
the Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony
& Anointing.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School
Principal, Ms. Leeann Graziose
516-785-5709

St. Barnabas Christian Formation
Mrs. Marjorie Lampert  516-785-0130

St. Barnabas Youth Ministry &
Confirmation Preparation
Mr. Kieran Maelia

Social Ministry

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 help 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
Remember that bumper sticker about the worth of teachers? Goes like this: ‘If you can read this bumper sticker, then thank a teacher.’ Teachers have given us power. Power to read, knowledge how to tie our shoes, how to count beyond our fingers, power to be freed from ignorance by thinking on our own. During Catholic Schools Week we thank God for all the good teachers who have influenced our lives.

Teaching is at the core of today’s story in Mark’s gospel. Jesus is in the synagogue at Capernaum. It’s the Sabbath and the four disciples, whom we met last week, have followed Jesus from the beach right into the fishing town of Capernaum. Just when the congregation discovers that this visiting teacher has fire in his eyes, it happens. All hell breaks loose in the congregation. A raving man in the middle of the crowd shouts vague threats at the young preacher. ‘I know who you are,’ the man growls. ‘You’re God’s holy messenger, come here to destroy us.’ That’s enough to mess up anyone’s train of thought.

‘Be muzzled, you evil spirit,’ Jesus yells back. The ushers, understandably, are dumbstruck. ‘Maybe we should skip the collection this morning.’ The man then falls to the synagogue floor, his arms beating erratically in the air, his legs thrashing out in wide circles so that people move back to give him wide space. After a very long silence, the man becomes strangely calm and lays very still. Slowly, very slowly, he picks himself up off of the floor, his face now tranquil, his eyes clear, his voice measured and composed, he quickly finds a seat in the congregation.

How would you respond to that kind of service? I think, if they had given an invitation for confession I would have been the first up at the front of the Church, asking God to cleanse me from all demons. Maybe some of us would have rushed out of the church in terror. Mark has two little words that tie this story together. The first is teaching, of course, but the second word is authority. Mark wants us to see that in Jesus Christ, the Holy One of God is among us to confront our demons, to take charge of our confusion and chaos, and to heal our broken hearts. Jesus teaches with authority. We ask Jesus of Nazareth to come to change us, heal
We Pray for Our Deceased
Francis Jacob
David Edward Brown
Peter Martucci

Sanctuary Lamp
Is lit in memory of Samuel Kobulnick
from his wife, children and grandchildren.

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

We Pray for Our Sick
Denise Carnabucci, Sharon Wick, Christopher Minix,
Charles Young, Don Davis, Patrick Hoyne, Meghan Alice
Roach, Stephen Rich, Eugene Ryan, Kristin O’Halloran,
Patricia Merget, John Nalick, Jacob Daniel Haubeil, Kevin
Keegan, Christina Sumper, Terrie Manderson, Dorothy
Giammona, Faith Leahy, Linda Nalick, Dolores Trimboli,
Daniel Stryker, John Vasaturo, Elizabeth Maiorana, Marc
Berenson, John Errico, Margaret Meenan, Ed Messemer,
Gail Carey, Nicolette Natale, Mike Guzman, Stephen
Lawlor, Kevin O’Keefe, Aaron Mooney, Shannon Fay,
James Gillen, Sr., Phyllis Ignieri, James Lodato, Albertina
Hughes, Rosemarie Forte, Bridget Reichert, Sophia
Buzio, Joanne Santarsiero, John Fontana, Diana Menendez,
Barry Green, Frank O’Regan, Dr. Michael Tamburo, Baby
Lucas Spina, William Galluccio, Millie Torchia, Diane
Buscemi, Adele Dzienius, Vivian Hill, Dawn Aliberti, Frank
Meenan, Michael Pulitano, Michael Paraninfo, Raul

The Week at a Glance

Sunday:
11:00 AM  SEAS Open House until
1:00 PM
1:30 PM  Baptisms
6:00 PM  Pre Cana Opening, HFC
7:30 PM  Al-Anon, Cafeteria

Monday:
9:00 AM  K and Grade 7 attending
Mass
7:30 PM  Charismatics, HFC

Tuesday:
9:00 AM  Grade 5 attending Mass

Wednesday:
9:00 AM  Grade 8 attending Mass
7:30 PM  RCIA
7:00 PM  Chosen Level 8, HFC
7:30 PM  Al-Anon, Rectory
8:00 PM  Choir

Thursday:
9:00 AM  Grade 4 attending Mass
7:00 PM  Chosen Level 8, HFC
7:00 PM  Bible Study, Rectory

Friday:
9:00 AM  SEAS Retreat Grade 8,
after
1:30 PM  Lectio Divina, Rectory
7:00 PM  Lectio Divina, Rectory
8:00 PM  Nocturnal Adoration,
Church

Saturday:

Our Finances

1/21/18: $ 17,223
1/22/17: $ 15,480
Parish Families Registered: 4,997
Envelopes Mailed: 1,218
Used 1/21/18: 623
1/22/17: 612

Catholic Ministries Appeal

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

Special Collections

Today  Youth Ministry
Saint Barnabas the Apostle
150 tickets sold! Thank you.
150 tickets left! Don’t Miss Out.

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    Doors open at 7:30
Drawing starts at 8:00pm    Beer, wine, soda and hors d’oeuvres
Winner need not be present to win

REVERSE RAFFLE TICKET REQUEST
St. Blaise, Saturday, February 3rd
The blessing of throats will take place after 8:00 AM Mass.

Ash Wednesday, February 14th
Ashes will be distributed after the homily at parish Masses at 6:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 12 Noon and 8:00 PM. Ashes will also be distributed at Prayer Services at 4:15 PM in both the Church and the Holy Family Chapel and at 6:00 PM in the Church.

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors
Sign up sheets for Ash Wednesday, February 14th Masses and Services are available in the Sacristy. Please sign up after Mass or call the rectory during the week.

EMs, Lectors, & Altar Servers
Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers have been sent via e-mail the ministry schedule for February. For those who do not have e-mail or have not provided their e-mail address, please pick up a copy of the schedule in the Altar Server’s Sacristy following Mass.

Mailing Committee
It’s that time of year again when we send a Lent invitation to the parish community. We ask the members of the mailing committee to assist in this important task. We will meet on Tuesday, February 6th after the 9:00 AM Mass in the Holy Family Chapel. All are welcome. Thank you for your assistance.

Divorced or Separated Catholics
Divorced or Separated Catholics of Long Island including Widows, Widowers and Singles are invited to a New Member Orientation meeting on Wednesday, February 28th 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 will be served after the meeting. For further information, please call Carol at 794-4933 or Barbara at 798-2858.

Pre Cana Schedule - Winter 2018
Opening: 6:00 PM, Sunday, January 28th Holy Family Chapel
FOCCUS Online: January 29th - February 2nd
FOCCUS Review: February 5th - February 9th
In Home Sessions: February 11th - March 16th
Closing: 5:00 PM Mass - Sunday, March 18th followed by refreshments.

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.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
The next meeting of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Mother Seton #2413, will be held on Tuesday, February 6th at 7:00 PM in the school cafeteria. We will have our annual baby shower and a speaker from the Life Center. Please bring an unwrapped gift for baby and mother. For further information, call Jackie at 781-7846.

Our Mission is to Encourage Evangelize & Educate
St. Vincent de Paul
In the Gospel today, we read that because Jesus spoke with authority His reputation spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. From that point on, they “remembered” and told the story. The little word “remember” is at the heart of our greatest prayer, the Mass. The Mass is the great prayer in which, along with Jesus, we ask God the Father to remember the life, suffering, death and resurrection of His only Son. What would the world be like if it did not have the Sacrifice of the Mass? Always remember that there is no grace, no joy, no good things in this world that has not come to us through Jesus Christ. As His disciples, we can also speak with authority when we put our faith into actions by helping the poor and suffering in the parish.

Baptism Preparation
Facilitator
The Meaning and the grace of the sacrament of Baptism are clearly seen in the rites of its celebration.
Tuesday, January 30th, 2018 from 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM. St. Peter of Alcantara, Port Washington.
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.

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

Rockville Centre Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ireland
Spiritual Director: His Excellency, Bishop John Barres and Auxiliary Bishop Robert Brennan
August 20 - 27, 2018
$3,999 from New York
Optional Post Tour: Knock and Galway
Additional $999 per person
www.pilgrimages.com/drvc

We are a Catholic Parish in Bellmore, New York, Since 1912
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.

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.

Kellenberg Alumni 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.

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
St. Rose of Lima Adult Faith Formation


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 rivered@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. For more information, call Ellen O’Malley at 221-0574.

The Men of the Way of Light

Excuses, excuses, excuses. They come in all shapes and sizes and keep us from doing what we don’t really want to do, but maybe what we should be doing. They keep us from leaving our comfort zones. Sometimes, they keep us from hearing God’s call. We are just so busy, that we find it hard to fit God into our lives. As the season of Lent fast approaches, today’s responsorial psalm pleads, “If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.” God calls out to us constantly. He asks us to leave our comfort zones, perhaps even go out on a limb for Him. Will you heed His call? After all, His son was hung from a limb for you! The Men of the Way of Light are looking for some “Real Men” who are not afraid to step out of their comfort zones to deepen their faith and to carry the torch of the gospel. Please join us at our next meetings on Saturday, February 3rd and Saturday, February 17th. We meet every first and 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. Visit our FaceBook page “The Way of Light - The St. Barnabas the Apostle Men’s Prayer Group.”

Catholics for Freedom of Religion

Disciplined for Religious Beliefs in the Air Force: Highly decorated Air Force Col. Leland Bohannon, was relieved of command, transferred, and denied promotion, after he refused to sign a certificate of appreciation for a master sergeant’s same-sex spouse since it conflicted with his conscience and religious beliefs. The certificate is traditionally given to the spouses of retiring military members but is not legally required to be given and is not an official document. Instead, an off base superior officer agreed to sign the certificate in Bohannon’s place. Subsequently, the master sergeant filed a complaint alleging Bohannon discriminated against him by not signing the certificate himself. No airman...should ever have to forfeit their religious beliefs in order to serve in the military,” said a First Liberty Institute attorney.’ The accommodation should have been granted.”
Catholic Charities Employment

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. Jesus Christ is vital to our everyday living. With the time, talents, and treasures of the members of our parish community we serve our brothers and sisters in Christ through the traditions and teachings of our Catholic faith.

Regular Sacrificial Giving

You can contribute to St. Barnabas with on-line banking and bill paying services. Call the rectory to request the service. Send a check to St. Barnabas with your weekly collection donation indicated. Include your Name, Address & Envelope Number.

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.

Baptism

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
“Each of us must respond to the gift of mercy in our hearts by getting up and putting mercy into action”

- Pope Francis

Hands of Christ’s Mercy

Please consider making a gift to the 2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

For more information, to watch our video or to make a donation, visit CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296
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:

| St. Barnabas | Bellmore | St. Thomas | West Hempstead |
| Our Lady of Victory | Floral Park | St. Patrick | Bay Shore |
| St. Rose of Lima | Massapequa | St. Anne | Brentwood |
| Cure of Ars | Merrick | Queen of the MfHR | Bridgehampton |
| St. Dominic | Oyster Bay | Ss. Cyril & Methodius | Deer Park |
| St. Edward | Syosset | St. Rosalie | Hampton Bays |
| St. Sylvester | Medford | St. James | Setauket |
| Sts. Peter & Paul | Manorville | St. Elizabeth | Melville |
Are You Talking To Me?” (Chapter 18)

Knowing God Through Prayer

The purpose of this lesson is to instill a hunger in the heart of your teen to get to know God (and not simply about God) through prayer. As St. Therese of Lisieux observed in her Autobiography, “For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.”

Our Catholic tradition has many different ways to approach God in prayer, including verbal prayer (both spontaneous and drawn from the treasury of the saints), meditation, and contemplation. Through prayers of blessing and adoration, petition (also called supplication), intercession, thanksgiving, and praise, we experience God both through personal prayer and as a people of God, especially in the liturgy. Have you prayed today?

Conversation After Class

- Do you pray regularly? How and when?
- Why is it important to pray every day and not just when you have a problem?
- What is the difference between knowing God and knowing about him?
- If someone asked you to show them how to pray—say, they had a big problem and...
**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 this weekend, 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.

**Save the Dates**

- Saturday, January 27th 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
- May 7th Confirmation
Mother Teresa (1910–1997) was an Albanian-Indian Roman Catholic nun and missionary. For much of her life, she served the impoverished communities of Calcutta, caring for the sick and sharing the love of Christ and because of that, her very name became a metaphor for selflessness and goodness during her lifetime.

There is much to be learned and gained from someone so selfless and loving, so kind and considerate. Today, we look at 25 quotes about God, culture, life and small acts of kindness which people still find inspiring.

- “Joy is strength.”
- “The person who gives with a smile is the best giver because God loves a cheerful giver.”
- “It’s not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.”
- “Be happy in the moment, that’s enough. Each moment is all we need, not more.”
- “Reach high, for stars lie hidden in your soul. Dream deep, for every dream, precedes the goal.”
- “Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you.”
- “I know God will not give me anything I can’t handle. I just wish that He didn’t trust me so much.”
- “Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everybody, I think that is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat.”
- “Do not wait for leaders; do it alone, person to person.”
- “If you want a love message to be heard, it has got to be sent out. To keep a lamp burning, we have to keep putting oil in it.”
- “If you judge people, you have no time to love them.”
- “Loneliness is the most terrible poverty.”
- “We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do.”

"Every time you smile at someone it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing."

"Peace begins with a smile."

~ Mother Teresa
• “Peace begins with a smile.”

• “Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin.”

• “I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.”

• “I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things.”

• ‘Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing.”

• “The Simple Path, Silence is Prayer, Prayer is Faith, Faith is Love, Love is Service, The Fruit of Service is Peace”

• Good works are links that form a chain of love.”

• “God made the world for the delight of human beings– if we could see His goodness everywhere, His concern for us, His awareness of our needs: the phone call we’ve waited for, the ride we are offered, the letter in the mail, just the little things He does for us throughout the day. As we remember and notice His love for us, we just begin to fall in love with Him because He is so busy with us — you just can’t resist Him. I believe there’s no such thing as luck in life, it’s God’s love, it’s His.”

• “Even the rich are hungry for love, for being cared for, for being wanted, for having someone to call their own.”

• “God doesn’t require us to succeed, he only requires that you try.”

• “I have found the paradox, that if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only more love.”

• “Our life of poverty is as necessary as the work itself. Only in heaven will we see how much we owe to the poor for helping us to love God better because of them.”

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**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:**

Sunday, February 4 – Level 1 and Level 2 9:00am Mass

Tuesday, February 6 – Parent Meeting – “Family and the New Evangelization” 7pm-8pm Holy Family Chapel

Thursday, February 8 – R.S.V.P. for all Level 1 and 2 families who plan on attending the Lent Workshop is due today.

Tuesday, February 13 - Level 1 and 2 Lent Workshop for Parents – 7pm-8pm Holy Family Chapel. A flyer with more information was sent home with students.
Come Witness The Creation Story!

Sunday, January 28
11 AM- 1 PM  Open House & Registration, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School

Monday, January 29
8:20 AM  Opening Student Prayer Service (Students Only)
9:30-10:30 AM  Open House for Future 2nd & 1st Grade, Kindergarten & Pre-K (Parents Only)

Tuesday, January 30
9:00-10:00 AM  Wacky and Wild Game Show Assembly—Grades Pre-K thru 3rd
10:15-11:15 AM  Chinese Lunch Sponsored by Student Council (Pre-Ordered)
9:30-10:30 AM  Open House for Future Nursery (Parents Only)
10:00-11:00 AM  Open House for Future Our Time
(Parents and Children are welcome)
7:00 PM  National Junior Honor Society Induction of New Members in the T. Reynolds Gym
Ceremony and Refreshments to follow

Wednesday, January 31
10:00- 11:00 AM  Open House for Future Our Time (Parents and Children are welcome)

Thursday, February 1
8:30-2:00 PM  Kids Day Activities for Blue and White Day

Friday, February 2
9:00 AM  Liturgy Celebration of Catholic School Teachers
12:15 PM  Teacher Appreciation Day Luncheon

Saturday, February 3
7:00 PM  Fathers’ Club Wine Tasting Event - in the SEAS Cafeteria

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2018
January 28 – February 3
#CSW18

Check out our website: www.steas.com ~ Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter @ #SEAS_Bellmore
Fathers Club Wine Event
Veni, Vidi, Vinum Bibi

Saturday | Feb. 3 | 7 P.M.
SEAS CAFETERIA
$25 Per Person

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
Catholic School Education

176 Dioceses with Catholic schools

Total Number of Catholic School Students:
two million students
in preschool, elementary and secondary schools

New Catholic Schools that opened in the 2015-2016 academic year:
14

A Gift to the Nation: Based on the average public school per pupil cost of $12,608 Catholic schools provide more than 24 billion dollars a year savings for the nation.

Special Needs: 78.4 percent of Catholic schools serve students with mild to moderate special needs.

High School Graduation Rate 99%

Student Diversity: 20.3% are racial minorities, 16.1% are Hispanic/Latino

Staffing Ratio (National Average) 13:1

School Waiting Lists 1,795

Top 10 Cities with Highest Catholic School Enrollment: Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia, New York, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Brooklyn, Boston, St. Louis, New Orleans

Currently, 27 states and the District of Columbia have legislation that provides some form of financial assistance to parents to help them choose a private or faith-based education for their children. Currently there are 59 publicly-financed programs (vouchers, scholarships, education savings accounts and tax relief) available to assist parents with financial resources that enable them to exercise choice in their selection of a school for their children.
Meeting 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
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

Parent & Child Program

Register and start attending now!

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 Teaches and Heals

On the Sabbath, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach.

Find and count how many.

- 3 or 4?
- 5 or 6?

News of Jesus spread quickly.

Help these people get to the crowd.

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.
A man with an impure spirit called out to Jesus. What did he call Jesus?

Use the code to fill in the missing letters.

\[ \square = \text{o} \quad \triangle = \text{y} \]
\[ \diamond = \text{n} \quad \bigcirc = \text{d} \]

“Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

Circle 6 differences in the bottom picture.

Jesus is calling his disciples. Lead the men to him.
The words on the scroll are written from right to left. Rewrite them left to right.

gnihcaet saw suseJ
eugoganys eht ni
muanrepaC ni
.htabbaS eht no

The ______ were all so ______
that they ______ each ______. “What is this?”

A new ______ — and with ______!

He even gives ______ to ______
and they ______ Him,” ______ about Him

______ over the ______
______ of ______.

“Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!”

Circle the word in each set that doesn’t belong.
Write it on the correct line.

girl
impure
boy

potato
spirit

carrot

shook
pen

man
cola

violently
green
red

came

TABLE
chair

out

paint

artist

him

read

book

Noah

rainbow

shrink

The ______ ______

______ the ______

______ and

______ ______

of ______ with a ______!