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

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

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

The Sacrament of the Sick is celebrated on the fourth Saturday of every month following the 8:00 AM Mass. To arrange a visit to a sick person by a priest, contact the rectory.
St. Barnabas the Apostle

Christmas Season

Monday, January 4  St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
   6:30 AM    Mildred Croker
   9:00 AM    Sisters of Charity at St. Barnabas
              Jack & Winifred Eschmann
              Pauline Jennings
              Charles Rampanelli
              Intentions of Daniel Grazioso
              Intentions of Sheila Whelan

Tuesday, January 5  St. John Neumann
   6:30 AM    Giuseppe Cipriano
   9:00 AM    The Living & Deceased Members of the
              Robinson & Wupper Families

Wednesday, January 6
   6:30 AM    Linda DeLucie
   9:00 AM    Kathryn Albertini

Thursday, January 7
   6:30 AM    Ernestine Mammone
   9:00 AM    St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
              Regional School Mass

Friday, January 8
   6:30 AM    Kathryn Hickel
   9:00 AM    William Scott

Saturday, January 9
   8:00 AM    Alesandro & Clorinda Facinelli
Fr. Adrian  5:00 PM    Anna O’Neill
              Maria Umberto & Marco Maiorano
              Jean Gibney  Raymond Cairo
              Sal Fili  Robert Cascalenda
Fr. Francis  7:30 PM    Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Iannota

Sunday, January 10  The Baptism of the Lord
Fr. Francis  7:00 AM    Msgr. Daniel J. Potterton
Fr. Francis  9:00 AM    For the People of Our Parish
Fr. Adrian  10:15 AM    Zorayda Tamano
Fr. Gus     10:30 AM    Adeline & Peter Villella, Jr.
Fr. Gus     12:00 PM    Lucia & Luigi DiMeglio
Fr. Adrian  5:00 PM    James Clare

We pray for our recently deceased
Nancy V. Savickas
  Marie Mascioli
  Frank Rabbito
and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Bread & Wine
The Eucharistic Bread & Wine is offered in memory of Winifred Eschmann from Alice Lercari.

Sanctuary Lamp
The Sanctuary Lamp Candle will be lit this week in memory of Raymond Cairo from MaryLou & Tom Finnen.

Confirmation
The Bishop’s Office has informed us that Confirmation will be held at St. Barnabas Church on Monday, May 23, 2016 at 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

Mass Times
Thank you to all who expressed their opinion about Saturday evening Mass times. Two thirds preferred 4:30 PM and 7:00 PM. This change will be introduced on Saturday, January 16th. We can review this change in May.
Inspiring Resources to Deepen Your Faith

Inspirational and Informative CDs, Books, Booklets & DVDs

St. Barnabas the Apostle parish is proud to offer Catholic CDs, books, booklets, and DVDs from Lighthouse Catholic Media to help you in your faith journey. These materials present a practical and inexpensive way to help you rediscover the Catholic faith and to share it with others.

These resources feature some of the most prominent Catholic speakers and authors — bishops, priests, deacons and well-known Catholic lay men and women.

Beginning the weekend of February 6 and 7, you will see a kiosk in the church vestibule offering various titles in different formats. A Lighthouse Catholic Media representative will speak to the congregation and be available after each Mass during that weekend to help you with your selections and to answer questions.

There are hundreds of titles available, and we plan to reorder more when the current ones run out, so keep checking back!

We ask for a donation of $2/booklet, $3/CD, $4/book, and $5/DVD to help continue this program. Checks can be made payable to the St. Barnabas the Apostle Church. Donations will be used to cover the cost of the initial materials and towards the purchase of additional ones.
At the beginning of the Children’s Mass on Christmas Eve we held a procession of children dressed as characters from the Christmas narrative. Thank you to who participated—and to the parents and members of Family Ministry who assisted in dressing up and lining up everyone.

Once the procession reached the altar I introduced the congregation to Mary, Joseph, and the selection of angels and shepherds before us. Just when I thought I was finished, a voice interrupted me to say ‘Don’t forget the Kings!’ Thank you to that wise young man of Bellmore for reminding us not to forget the Kings who came to the newborn King.

But who were these mysterious Magi from the East? Were they astronomers? Scientists? They certainly weren’t Christians or Hebrews. All we know is that they somehow figured out by the configuration of the sky lights that something important was happening in the world. Well, they must have been really sure about that if they embarked on such a long journey to Bethlehem. There they found Jesus. Their story tells us that no matter who you are, or where you are from, Jesus came for you. That's good news for Magi, Gentiles and those once thought beyond the scope of God’s mercy—but bad news for the Herods of the world. Warned in a dream that Herod had evil intentions, the Magi went home, changed, transformed, renewed. They went home by another way.

By another way. That phrase has a double meaning. Yes, the Magi took a different route home, steering clear of Jerusalem, avoiding Herod. They also took a different path. Their lives were changed. They no longer were on the outside looking in. No longer dependent on rare and mysterious stars to guide their lives. Now they could follow Jesus and know God’s unending mercy and abundant love. They could follow Jesus, and their lives would have a purpose. The Magi found another way—another way to LIVE!

In this Year of Mercy may we be reminded that no-one is excluded from the mercy of God.
## The Week at a Glance

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

### Monday:
- 7:00 PM  St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, Rectory Meeting Room
- 8:00 PM  Charismatic Prayer Group, Holy Family Chapel

### Tuesday:
- 9:30 AM  Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting, Rectory Meeting Room
- 10:00 AM Level 2 Parent Meeting, Holy Family Chapel
- 1:00 PM  Friendly Seniors Meeting, Holy Family Chapel
- 7:00 PM  Level 2 Parent Meeting, Holy Family Chapel
- 7:00 PM  Baptism Class, Church
- 7:00 PM  Bereavement Group Meeting, Rectory Meeting Room
- 7:00 PM  Catholic Daughters Meeting, School Cafeteria

### Wednesday:
- 7:00 PM  RCIA Meeting, Convent Meeting Room
- 7:30 PM  Al-Anon Meeting, Rectory Meeting Room
- 8:00 PM  Choir Rehearsal, Church

### Thursday:
- 7:00 PM  Bible Study, Rectory Meeting Room

### Friday:
- 8:00 PM  Nocturnal Adoration, Church

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### Financial Reports

#### Weekend Collections
- 12/21/14: $15,698.00
- 12/20/15: $17,260.00

#### 2015 Catholic Ministries Appeal
- Goal Amount: $109,100.00
- Total Pledged: $127,635.00
- Total Received: $124,805.00
- Total # of Donors: 710

#### Second Collection Next Weekend

#### Maintenance & Repair

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**Many Thanks**

Many thanks to all our parishioners for your generosity and continued support throughout 2015. A detailed annual report of the parish finances will be available in the Bulletin very soon.
US Army:

National Guard:

US Navy:

US Marines:

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

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

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

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In Your Prayers Remember the Sick

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

Thank you to all those who give of their time and talent in the various ministries that serve the people of St. Barnabas. Wishing you all a very Happy New Year.
St. Vincent de Paul
FISH of Wantagh, est. in 1970, provides Bellmore and Wantagh seniors (60 and over) free transportation to and from medical visits. FISH is partially funded by the Nassau County Office for the Aging through the NYS Office for the Aging. Seniors needing assistance or drivers interested in volunteering should contact Paul at 785-2358. Drivers are reimbursed for mileage and supplemental insurance is provided.

Girl Scouts
Religious Award Workshop
January 9th, School Cafeteria
The next meeting of the Religious Award Workshop will be, Saturday, January 11th in the school Cafeteria. The Brownies working on I Live My Faith, will meet at 2:00 PM and the girls earning the Regina Coeli will meet at 3:00 PM.

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

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

Weekly Meetings
Al-Anon meets every Wednesday at 7:30 PM in the Rectory Meeting Room and every Sunday at 7:30 PM in the School Cafeteria.

Bereavement Support
Check the website of Catholic Cemeteries, at www.holyroodcemetery.org, click on the word Bereavement in the middle of the page and then Support Groups Available Now.
Hi Everyone,

Happy New Year! We’re kicking off 2016 with a night of gym games, board games, maybe video games and pizza. If you are in 6th through 8th grade we hope you will stop down and check it out. If you are in High School and would like to help, let me know – we need a bunch of High School teens to help supervise. We’ll have games like dodgeball and basketball going on in the gym, but we’ll also have some games in the cafeteria.

If you’ve been down to a Youth Ministry night, this is a great opportunity. Bring friends! They don’t need to be a member of St. Barnabas.

Parents – please encourage your kids to come down. It’s nice to have a place for kids to be that’s safe and supports the values you have.

This night will be from 7:00 PM to 8:30PM through the door in the school opposite the Christian Formation office.

Teens – if you are interested in helping out that night and possibly in the future, contact Peggy so I know how many to count on. I’m hoping you’ll be able to come at 6:30 PM that might to set up and go over plans for the night. This is a great service opportunity as well as a chance to work with our younger students. Have a wonderful week and I hope to see you there!

Peggy
We need adult volunteers to assist as Hall Monitors and Substitute Catechists. We have been having difficulty finding adults to substitute when a catechist cannot come in. Please consider helping!

We have several First Holy Communion Dresses that were donated; many of them are brand new with tags as well as a few boys’ suits that were worn once that have been donated. If you are interested in looking at the dresses or suits please contact the Office of Christian Formation at 785-0130.

There are a few sweatshirts, jackets and miscellaneous items that are in our lost and found in the Religious Education Room in the school building. Please check when you bring your child to religious education class.

CONFIRMATION DATE
Monday, May 23, 2016 – parents/students will receive a letter with the time of their Mass and rehearsal information.

CLASSES RESUME MONDAY JANUARY 4
Tuesday, January 5th Level 2 Parent Meeting – 10 am OR 7pm in the Holy Family Chapel – theme of this meeting is your child’s First Reconciliation.
Saturday, January 9th Level 2 First Reconciliation – you should have received a letter with information on your child’s reconciliation.
Sunday, January 10th Religious Freedom

Monday, January 18th NO CLASSES – Holiday - Martin Luther King, Jr. day
Thursday, January 28th Level 7 Parent Meeting 7pm in the North Cafeteria
Saturday, January 30th Level 8 – Confirmation Retreats – students will be measured for their Confirmation gowns at their Retreat.

Check grade level calendars as well as the website to keep informed of dates of classes, homework assignments, and requirements.
In his announcement about the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis declared that “no-one can be excluded from the mercy of God.”

The motto Merciful Like the Father (taken from the Gospel of Luke, 6:36) serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure (Lk 6:37-38).

The logo – the work of Jesuit Father Marko I. Rupnik – represents an image quite important to the early Church: that of the Son taking upon his shoulders a lost soul. One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, one’s own humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in his gaze, the love of the Father.

The scene is captured within the so called mandorla (the shape of an almond), a figure quite important in early and medieval iconography, for it calls to mind the two natures of Christ, divine and human. The three concentric ovals, with colors progressively lighter as we move outward, suggest the movement of Christ who carries humanity out of the night of sin and death. The darker color suggests the love of the Father who forgives all.

Lord, make 2016 a very happy year for all of us here at St. Barnabas. Not by shielding us from sorrow and pain, but by strengthening us to bear it if it comes.
Not by taking hardship from us, but by taking all fear from us as we meet hardships.
Not by making our paths easy, but by making us sturdy enough to tread any path.
Not by granting unbroken sunshine, but by keeping our faces bright even in the shadows.
Not by making our lives always pleasant, but by showing us where others need us and by making us ready to be there and to help...

We pray also Lord you will bless us as a local parish community, Not with great numbers of people who come looking for events and activities. But with abundant opportunities to teach your word, to celebrate the sacraments and do your work here in this area. Nor do we pray that you will make our name great, but that through us your name will be praised.
Father, make our year a happy one! — Amen