St. Barnabas

A Catholic Community in Bellmore, New York
Since 1912

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Rev. Charles Omotu
Rev. Francis Agyeman
Deacon Bernard F. Sherlock
Deacon Richard E. Iandoli

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MASS TIMES:
Monday to Friday: 6:30 and 9:00 AM
Saturday: 8:00 AM See the Bulletin for the Holy Day Schedule
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 and 7:00 PM
Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon and 5:00 PM
10.15 AM in the Holy Family Chapel

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.

Catholic Schools Week
St. Barnabas the Apostle

Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, February 1
6:30 AM   Dominic Arcamone
9:00 AM   Dominic Scarola
          Kathleen Garland
          Gary & Kathleen Box

Tuesday, February 2  The  Presentation of the Lord
6:30 AM   Louis & Rory Grandwilliams
9:00 AM   For the Deceased Members of the Robinson & Wupper Families

Wednesday, February 3
6:30 AM   Roger Maxwell Migne
9:00 AM   William & Billie Jean Sugihari

Thursday, February 4
6:30 AM   Kathleen Congema
9:00 AM   Rosario & Mary D’Amico

Friday, February 5  St. Agatha
6:30 AM   Nick Mercurio
9:00 AM   Intentions of SEAS (School Mass)

Saturday, February 6  St. Paul Miki and Companions
8:00 AM   Mary Grace Varneke
Fr. Charles 4:30 PM   Eileen Balke & Deceased Members of the O’Rourke Family
          Susan DiFazio
          Ryan Lupo
          Margaret Quinn
          Rosalie Galatioto
          Geraldine Seales

Fr. Francis 7:00 PM   James Vincent Cunningham

Sunday, February 7  Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Fr. Charles 7:00 AM   Men & Woman of the New York City Police Department
Fr. Charles 9:00 AM   For the People of Our Parish
Fr. Adrian 10:15 AM   Thomas Fenton
Fr. Francis 10:30 AM   Eileen Balke
Fr. Adrian 12:00 PM   Michael DiGiuseppi
Fr. Francis 5:00 PM   James Clare

We pray for our recently deceased

Patrick Braglia
Christopher W. Buckheit
Salvatore Scaduto
William D. Christiansen

Bread & Wine

The Eucharistic Bread & Wine is offered in loving memory of Robert Brust from his wife and children.

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp Candle will be lit this week in loving memory of John D. Hennessy from Joanne Healey.

Feast of St. Blaise
Wednesday, February 3rd
Blessing of throats after 6:30 AM and 9:00 AM Mass.

Nocturnal Adoration
Friday, February 5th
At 8:00 PM in the Church.

February 10th

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 Holy Family Chapel and at 6:00 PM in the Church.
Next weekend February 6th and 7th, you can choose from a variety of CDs, books, booklets, and DVDs, which will be available in the church for a modest donation.

The Bible Sharing Group have kindly agreed to stock and maintain the Lighthouse showcase.

At the Bible Sharing Group we love to talk about our Lord Jesus Christ and enjoy reading and discussing the Holy Bible. We share personal feelings and understanding of scripture. We study what the Bible has to say about different things. For example: What does the bible say about anger or fear, love, marriage, faith and many other subjects that we all experience in our lives? Other times we read the scriptures and use the Little Rock Scripture Study, which is a Catholic commentary of the bible.

Sometimes we read a book of scripture from beginning to end and we stop to share on the different points we find of importance or interest. At times we watch a Christian movie.

We have been getting together on Thursday nights from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM since December 2, 1993. We meet at the St. Barnabas Rectory Conference Room.

And They Recognized Him…

St. Barnabas Lenten Parish Mission
Sunday, February 21st - Wednesday, February 24th

Topics & Presenters

“Recognizing God In Our World”
Sunday, February 21st at 7:30 PM
Monsignor Jim Vlaun, President & CEO, Telecare

“Recognizing God in the Loving Embrace of Forgiveness”
(Including the Sacrament of Reconciliation)
Monday, February 22nd at 7:30 PM
Fr. John Sureau, Associate Pastor, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Lindenhurst

“Recognizing God in Our Hearts: Doing Our Soul Work”
Tuesday, February 23rd at 7:30 PM
Fr. Michael Holzmann, Pastor, Holy Cross Church, Nesconset

“Recognizing Him in the Breaking of the Bread”
(Within the celebration of the Eucharist)
Wednesday, February 24th at 7:30 PM
Monsignor Joe DeGrocco, Pastor, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Lindenhurst

The four presenters will also preach the homily at all the Masses the weekend of February 20th & 21st. Please save the dates and we hope to see you at the Mission.
They tell me that traditional allegiance to political parties is breaking down among the young. That may well be the case. I suspect, however, without having scientific evidence to support it, that this is less true where the parents are passionately committed to one political party or another. It's even less true, I imagine, in cases where one or other parent is actively involved.

Activism is arresting, to say the least. It makes children sit up and take notice. What's true in political life must have some relevance for the Church's ministry as well. If a father or mother attends Church, is involved in ministry or volunteers in School, CYO or other Church activities, it must, as a general rule, have a positive affect on the family.

No generation is completely detached from another.

If on the other hand, our parish involvement is nil, will our children be any different? Certain things are passed on to the next generation that never get mentioned in a will!

This week we thank God for the powerful role Catholic Schools play in the evangelization of the whole family. How blessed we are to have St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School on our doorstep. It has a proud history, a wonderful caring staff and a hard working fun loving student body. May it continue as a place that lives Respect, Responsibility & Reverence.

Photos Tracey Clifford
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Regional Catholic School

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OPEN HOUSE
Today, Sunday, January 31st
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Come Visit and Take a Trip Around the World

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

Tuesday February 2nd
Open House for future Nursery (Parents Only) 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
Open House for future Our Time 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
7:00 PM National Junior Honor Society Induction of new members

Wednesday February 3rd
Throat Blessing on the Feast of St. Blaise at 8:20 AM
Open House for future Our Time 10:00 AM—11:00 AM
A Geography Bee Grade 4 through 8 12:30PM

Thursday February 4th
Kids Day

Friday February 5th
9:00 AM Liturgy Celebration of National Catholic Schools Week
### Financial Reports

#### Weekend Collections

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#### Parish Families Registered
- 5,005

#### # Envelopes Mailed
- 1,463

#### # Envelopes Used
- 187

#### # Envelopes 1/25/15
- 575

### The Week at a Glance

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

#### Monday:
- 8:00 PM Charismatic Prayer Group, Holy Family Chapel

#### Tuesday:
- 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting, St. Paul Room, Rectory
- 1:00 PM Friendly Seniors, Holy Family Chapel
- 7:00 PM Baptism Class
- 7:00 PM Family Music Practice, Holy Family Chapel

#### 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

#### Saturday:
- 9:00 AM Level 8 Confirmation Retreat, Holy Family Chapel
- 12:30 PM Reconciliation, Church

### A Special Remembrance

A special thank you to the estate of Joan McAbee for remembering St. Barnabas in her final request.

### 2015 Catholic Ministries Appeal

- **Goal Amount:** $109,100.00
- **Total Pledged:** $127,940.00
- **Total Received:** $127,510.00
- **Total # of Donors:** 711

### Year End Contribution

Call the Rectory if you wish to receive a contribution statement for 2015. Statements will be sent out in February.

### It's Cold Outside

Thank you to our maintenance crew: John, Nino, James & Hilirio who spent many hours removing the snow on our property.
Palm for Burning
Please place your palm in the basket at the front of the church.

Pre-Cana 2016 Winter Schedule
Opening Sunday, February 21st at 6:00 PM, closing April 17th at 6:00 PM. Engaged couples should contact the rectory to register for Pre-Cana as soon as possible.

Girl Scouts Religious Awards
Girl Scout Religious Awards Workshop will be held on Saturday, February 6th in the school cafeteria. Ave Maria, Family of God and I Live My Faith will meet from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM; and Regina Coeli will meet from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM.

Catholic Daughters of Americas
The next meeting of Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Mother Seton #2413 will be held on Tuesday, February 9th at 7:00 PM in the School Cafeteria. Please bring an unwrapped gift for the babies and moms of the Life Center for our Annual Baby Shower. Gloria Schreiber of the Life Center will be our guest speaker. For information call Jackie at 781-7846 after 7:00 PM.

Widow & Widowers
Join us to see the show “Daughters” at the Stage in Merrick on Sunday, February 7th at 3:00 PM. Ticket cost is $18. Call Mary McManus at 221-4117 or Bernadette Mundy at 221-4516 to reserve your ticket. Payments can be mailed to Bernadette Mundy at 2617 Martin Ave. Bellmore, NY 11710 as soon as possible.

Friendly Seniors Meeting
Tuesday, February 2nd at 1:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel.
Our Time

A parent and child program for children ages 2 to 3 years old. OUR TIME offers a variety of age-appropriate activities, such as arts and crafts, live music, story time, and play time in a faith-based environment.

Classes are conducted in a well-structured classroom setting and are taught by Sabina Lamb. Mrs. Lamb is the Leader of Family Music at St. Barnabas at the 10:15 AM Mass.

OUR TIME meets once a week for one hour from September through June. Sessions are offered on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday mornings from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School.*

Space is limited!

For more information, please call:
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School
785-5709
Or Sabina Lamb 781-9834

Catholic Schools:
The Good News In Education!

*Days and time subject to change pending enrollment.

Hi Everyone,

Today’s second reading from 1 Corinthians is a well known reading often used for weddings. It’s always a reading that reminds us of the true nature of love, but seems very appropriate this week. No one would argue that this is how love should look. It is however a good chance to see if we follow St. Paul’s example.

Let’s ask ourselves - am I patient? Am I kind? If I have incredible faith and yet do not know how to love, what good is it? But how does that look in my everyday life? Let’s take school. How patient are we with other students? Do we reach out in kindness or are we too concerned with how we look to each other? What about at home? Do I yell or overreact at home?

We’ve just cleaned up from the largest single snowfall in quite a while. How did we show love during this time? It was certainly difficult to clear everything and get through a couple of days. Let’s ask ourselves - was there someone I could have helped? Was I too stressed to be kind?

Jesus teaches us to love the way he loved and reminds us that it is so important. Just think about how your life would be different if everyone showed this kind of love!

Have a blessed week!

Peggy

Our next night is Friday, February 12th - 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Open to all Middle Schoolers and High School teens help run the night. We’ll have plenty of food and games!

Never been here before?
No problem, Come down we’d love for you to join us!
Also in February we’ll meet on Friday, February 26th! High school students - come help us run these nights!
If you are a teen or an adult who wants to join our Core team? E-mail Peggy at stbarnabasyouthministry@gmail.com
CLASS CANCELLATIONS
Will be posted on our website under the “Announcements” tab, as well as on KJOY- 98.3FM; Cablevision Channel 12 and Verizon Fios 1. You can also check the parish Facebook page. Rule of thumb – if the Bellmore school district is closed we will cancel classes.

The Religious Education Program is in need of 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!

Important Dates
Confirmation will be held on Monday, May 23rd Parents/students should have received a letter with the time of their Mass as well as the rehearsal information.

Monday, February 8th - Level 1 Parent Meeting 10:00 AM in the Holy Family Chapel OR 7:00 PM in the Upper Church.

Wednesday, February 10th - NO CLASSES – Ash Wednesday – Ashes distributed at all Masses – 6:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:00 PM, and 8:00 PM and at the following Services: 4:15 PM in both the Church and Holy Family Chapel and 6:00 PM in the Church.

Monday, February 15th through Friday, February 19th – NO CLASSES – Winter Recess

Wednesday, February 24th – all level 5, 6 7 and 8 classes are cancelled. Please attend the last night of the Parish Mission.

* NOTE we will be holding classes at the 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM session for levels 1 through 4.

The Religious Education grade level calendars and the website will you keep informed of dates of classes, homework assignments, and requirements. As well as when there is no scheduled classes.

Knights of Columbus
Columbus Hall is now available for rental. The Bellmore Knights of Columbus moved to a new location at 101 Frederick Ave. off Bedford Ave. in town. This new facility is now ready and available for rental. This is a state-of-the-art facility perfect for parties up to 80 guests. Please think of the Bellmore K of C for your celebration events such as Birthdays, Anniversaries, Wedding Rehearsals, Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, Business Meetings, etc. For details on hall rental please call 785-9407.

Prayer Shawl Ministry
The Prayer shawl ministry knits/crochets, shawls/lap blankets for parishioners who are in the hospital/nursing home or suffering in some way and might draw comfort from receiving a prayer shawl. If you know anyone who would benefit from a shawl or blanket please contact Sr. William at 785-0130. The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry is Tuesday, February 2nd at 10:00 AM in the rectory.

Food Pantry Weekend
February 6th & 7th
Many thanks for all the donations made to our Food Pantry. This past month we were able to serve 186 people because of your kindness and generosity. Right now we are in particular need of these items: coffee, tea, hot chocolate, juice, sugar, tuna, canned pasta, maple syrup, canned chicken, pasta sauce, pudding and jello, dish detergent, laundry detergent and cleaning supplies. God bless you for your support of our needy families.

St. Vincent de Paul Society
Serving the needy of the Parish is the main purpose of SVDP. We strive to help individuals and families meet their basic needs. This can include limited financial support for rent and financial monthly expenses as well as food. We provide resources to help make you self-sufficient and furnish a list of agencies and programs for assistance.
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At SEAS you will watch your child grow from a FOLLOWER of Jesus into an AMBASSADOR of Christ

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 31st
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Celebrating over 20 years of Academics, Faith & Service

Nursery-8th Grade New York State Fully Accredited Faculty
New York State Certified Teachers & New York State Curriculum Compliance

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School is a Middle States Accredited Catholic School for Nursery through 8th Grade Children. 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, which is a Two-Year Old Child and Parent Transitional Program. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School curriculum is fully aligned with the Diocese of Rockville Centre and the Common Core Standards. SEAS strives to create a nurturing educational environment of Academics, Faith, and Service.

Setting the foundation today… for the Graduates of tomorrow!

Come fall in Love with St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School!
At Day's End

*John Hall*

“Is anybody happier because you passed his way?
The day is almost over and its toiling is through;
Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word to you?
Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?
Can you say tonight, in parting with the day that’s slipping fast,
that you helped a single brother of the many that you passed?
Did you waste the day, or lose it?
Was it well or sorely spent?
Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said?
Does the man whose hopes were fading now with courage look ahead?
Did you leave a trail of kindness, or a scar of discontent?
As you close your eyes in slumber, do you think that God will say, you have earned one more tomorrow by the work you did today?”

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**We Pray for the Sick**

Nicoletta Russo, Meghan Alice Roach, Debbie Cain, Stephen Rich, Patrick Hoyne, Jerry Hefner, Rosemary Grandwilliams, Barbara Cannon, George Donohue, Lillian Rocco, Pat Simone, Louis Romano, Don Davis, Kristin O’ Halloran, Patricia Merget, Mildred Scalesi, Rita Lemma, Mary Grimes, Donald Grimes, Jacob Daniel Haubeil, Damon Capobianco, 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, Barbara O’Neil, Dr. Lawton Manderson, Terrie Manderson, Diane LaBianca, Theresa Anselmo, John C. Hannan Sr., George Stockerl, James P. Corliss, Jr., Vic Caliguiri, Clarence Anspake, Jr., Walter Eisenhardt, Lottie Smakowski, Dominick Schiavone, James Hoare, Nicole & Baby Ella McKernan.

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**US Army:**

General Paul Hurley, PFC David Calame, Jr., PFC Justin Oney, Chaplain Spec Kevin A. Bauer, Major Eric Reid, SPFC Sean Luhman, SPC Andrew Crowley III, Lt. Richard Joseph Holahan, Major Benjamin H. Klimkowski, Staff Sgt. Eric S. Loughran, Staff Sgt. Christopher Price, SPC Kieran Riordan, First Lt Marlene Dwyer.

**National Guard:**


**US Navy:**


**US Marines:**


**US Air Force:**

Capt. McLean G. Bethea, Nicholas P. Wright, Rev. Major Timothy Hirten

**US Merchant Marine:**

Lt. J.G. Eric Stumpel.

**US Coast Guard:**

Ensgeg Robert M. Scaduto, Jr.

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I often get asked, ‘What do you think of St. Barnabas?’ Since I became Pastor I have been greatly impressed by your ‘stickability’ - the ability of a core group of parishioners to stick with the parish - while over the years many have opted to go elsewhere or not go at all! This Catholic community has served the people of Bellmore well since 1912 - and it’s YOUR presence, YOUR dedication and YOUR volunteering that ensures St. Barnabas remains a place where faith is nourished, hope is nurtured and love is shared. As Pastor I am accountable to you, so I ask you to please reflect on our present financial situation as expressed in the published report. It shows what you give, where your money is going and how it is used.

From the report you will see that half the income comes from your weekly donations to the main collection. The other half comes from all other activities, services, ministries and fundraising events. There is no ‘pot of gold’ in the Diocese or Church to fund St. Barnabas - The general rule of thumb is that it is all funded by YOU. Both the very welcomed ‘widow’s mite’ and the large Seasonal gifts received from the same few people, are all necessary. We ALL have a stewardship of the parish. Thank you for your support.

We hold ONE annual fundraising event - the golf outing. Thank you to all who make this a success. It may be necessary to introduce more fundraising events to keep St. Barnabas running. Please understand that all fees received from services provided at St. Barnabas are an essential part of our income. This year we have a large amount of outstanding fees due to Religious Education.

What saved St. Barnabas from producing a deficit this year was prudent management of resources, cutting back on non-essential payments and the introduction of the so-called Second Collection. Although many Catholics find second collections to be annoying, they are essential. Once a month the U.S. bishops sponsor one special collection. The others support our local parish and ministries. Without the second collection for Maintenance and Repair we would be facing a financial deficit.

The world as its worst needs the Church at its best. But the Church faces many challenges. One challenge results from the declining numbers in both the pew and the pulpit. With less parishioners, priests and religious, more work is expected from fewer people. And fewer people means less income.

Another challenge we face is the well known fact that Catholics contribute less money to their Church than members of other faith groups. The general rule of thumb is that it is all funded by YOU. Both the typical Catholic household the very welcomed ‘widow’s deficit.
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Some parishioners opt for automatic bill pay for their Sunday offerings. Consult your financial institution or bill paying service.

### Parish Financial Report 9/1/14 - 8/31/15

#### Revenue

Regular Collections: 1,024,286  
(Sunday = $804,017  
Rest from Holidays, Maintenance & Repair, Christmas Easter & others)

Fundraising & CMA: 43,699  
Parish Programs: 455,214  
Maintenance & Repair: 55,583  
Auxiliary Revenue: 191,852  
Non-Operating Income: 6,136

**Total Revenue:** 1,776,770

#### Expenditures

Total Salaries & Benefits: 953,875  
(Salaries of 31 Employees = $694,209  
Benefits include Medical, Dental, Pensions, FICA, Unemployment Insurance, Workers Compensation & Disability)

Fundraising: 17,935  
Parish Programs: 131,535  
School Subsidy: 145,778  
Printing, Office & Aux Expenditures: 257,634  
Household: 18,934  
Buildings, Utilities, Maintenance & Capital Improvements: 248,292

**Total Expenditures:** 1,773,938

**Surplus:** 2,787

Annual weekly operating costs: 34,115  
Annual weekly revenue: 34,168  
Weekly Sunday Collection Goal: 18,269

Funds collected at the second collection for ‘maintenance and repairs’ are used for preventative maintenance projects. Updates on current projects are published in the Bulletin and announced at Masses. As a result of having well maintained buildings and grounds we receive many compliments from both parishioners and visitors. It’s interesting to note that those who are more generous to the main collection also contribute more to the second collections! Thank you for your support.

We are also most grateful to those parents who currently have children in our Catholic school. You too are asked to contribute more than most. Thank you for supporting our School.

Finally, if a few more people could commit to a certain level of giving, - either an annual dollar amount or a percent of income—or could pledge to raise their giving by $1 to $5 a week extra, we would easily meet our budget. The weekly bar-chart indicates our goal. An additional contribution of $1 or $5 extra a week would help us reach our goal. May we be reckless in our generosity to the church as God has been in showering gifts upon us.

*Fr. Adrian*
Parish Mission Statement
Our parish is a vibrant and spirited Catholic Community. Through our Eucharistic worship and daily lives, we are strengthened by our liturgical and sacramental celebrations which are always at the heart of Catholicism. These solemn ceremonies help to shape the faith of children and adults alike. There are numerous opportunities for service that allow us to love one another as Christ commanded. May our Patron Saint, Saint Barnabas, whose name means Son of Encouragement, allow this community to be for you a faithful friend, a sturdy shelter and a treasure beyond price.

Five goals for St. Barnabas for 2016.
1. To invite greater participation from all families, beginning with those with children preparing to receive sacraments.
2. To reflect on how we can make an outreach to the wider community. To study the process called ‘REBUILT’ as a model for evangelization.
3. To develop parish structures - Pastoral Council, Fundraising Group & Liturgy Group. To support our parish ministry volunteers.
4. To build community among members through social events.
5. To deepen the spiritual life of the parish through retreats, missions and days of reflection.

What Does A Pastoral Council Do?
The function of the Parish Pastoral Council is to advise the Pastor in those pastoral matters presented to it by the Pastor. It carries out its function by:
- Informing the Pastor of the needs and concerns, gifts and resources of the whole parish and its members;
- Developing and reviewing a parish mission statement (which will always contain the name of Jesus) and periodically re-evaluating and revising it;
- Developing a parish pastoral plan;
- Participating in ongoing pastoral planning;
- Recommending policies, procedures and programs which would assist in the implementation of the mission statement and the parish pastoral plan;
- Reviewing and evaluating the effectiveness of existing programs;
- Reflecting on Diocesan pastoral priorities and recommending how they can be implemented.

2015 Statistics
Baptisms 196
First Communions 230
Confirmations 210
Marriages 42
Funerals 132
Religious Ed. Students 1,587
Mass Attendance Avg. 2,374

Planning Committee
Fr. Francis Agyeman
Lucy DeFrancisci
Bill Dione
Peggy Harnisch
Brian Kenny
Florence Kurek
Marjorie Lampert
Fr. Adrian McHugh
Phyllis Noon
Fr. Charles Omotu
Sr. William Noreen Reilly
James Ruescher
Patricia Schiller
Alice Witt
Ken Yager

Financial Council
Steve Onufrey
Tom Finnen
Joe DeFino
Dennis Frawley