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**LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

The Church’s Liturgical Year begins with Advent and concludes with the Feast of Christ the King. Here are some important dates for 2018.

The Christmas Season ends on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Monday, January 8, 2018).

Ordinary Time begins after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 8, 2018) until Ash Wednesday (February 14, 2018).

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (February 14, 2018) and ends with the Celebration of the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday (March 29, 2018).

The Paschal Triduum begins on Holy Thursday with the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper (March 29, 2018) and ends on Easter Sunday (April 1, 2018).

The Easter Season begins on Easter Sunday (April 1, 2018) and ends on the Solemnity of Pentecost (May 20, 2018).

Ordinary Time begins after the Solemnity of Pentecost (May 20, 2018) and continues until the First Sunday of Advent (December 2, 2018).

**PARISH EVENTS 2018**

First Holy Communion 2018  
Saturday May 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th.  
(Saturday April 28th for St. Barnabas children attending Catholic School)

Confirmation 2018  
To be announced by the Diocese  
Confirmation Retreat  
Saturday January 27th  
Rite of Enrollment  
February 10th & 11th

Parent Meetings  
Tuesday January 9th,  
February 6th or March 6th

Parish Mission  
Sunday February 25th to  
Wednesday February 28th

Evening Eucharistic Retreat  
March 5th

Reverse Raffle Draw  
Saturday April 21st

Discovering Christ Experience  
Tuesday May 15th, 22nd, 29th,  
June 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th  
Retreat on Saturday 16th June

Parish Ministry Fair  
Sunday June 3rd
Gift-giving season is over for another year. What was the best gift you received this Christmas? Perhaps it’s the thoughtful one, or maybe the expensive one. What about that practical gift? Ever gotten that kind of gift? Sometimes the most practical gifts are not always the best gifts to give. Married couples know that truth. What woman here truly enjoys getting a brand new multi-purpose mop or one of those ‘Lose Weight in Twenty Days’ kinds of books? Or still what man likes to receive the nose attachment that helps you to stop snoring?

In the movie, Father of the Bride, a young groom-to-be gives his fiancé a supremely practical gift. A blender. Her response: she runs up to her room, slams the door, and bursts into tears. She even calls their wedding off. Why? Part of the answer may lie in her desire to receive an unpredictable, spontaneous gift that stems from a romantic, carefree heart of love instead of a sensible, useful gift.

So today we come to the magi who show up from the East bearing gifts for the child. ‘They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.’ Pretty strange gifts aren’t they? Especially for a baby.

A more practical gift might have been food, clothing, or tickets out of town to escape Herod, some diapers, a blue blanket maybe. But not a two-ounce nugget and two bottles of perfume. What silly, pointless, useless gifts the magi laid before this poor baby!

So what do we give God? Mostly practical things perhaps. Like prayer and our weekly offering in the collection, we give God our voice during the hymns. A smile or two. We show up and give God an hour of our time at Mass. Do we need to give such gifts? Absolutely.

But we can also offer God a seemingly unpredictable, spontaneous, gift. Give God something of yourself. That's what the magi tell us. No, I've never been in a small group before, but I want to begin. I've never really taught before but I want to help children who attend Religious Education or the Confirmation Chosen program. I'm retired and have attended this Church faithfully for many years; I don't have much to give you, God, but I'll give what I can—I'll give myself to volunteer.

The only true gift, Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, is a portion of yourself. From oldest to youngest, we are the magi invited to give God the gift of ourselves.
We Pray for our Deceased
Agnes Hilsbos
Gloria Raimondi

Bread and Wine
Presented for the living and deceased members of the Spillane and Dolan Families from the Spillane Family.

We Pray for Our Sick

The Week at a Glance

Sunday:
9:00 AM  L 1 & 2 attending Mass
1:30 PM  Baptisms
7:30 PM  Al-Anon, Cafeteria

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

Tuesday:
9:00 AM  Grade 5 attending Mass
10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Meeting, Rectory
7:00 PM  Parent Session, HFC
7:30 PM  Respect Life, Rectory

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

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

Friday:
1:30 PM  Lectio Divina, Rectory
7:00 PM  Lectio Divina, Rectory
7:00 PM  Prayer Service, Divorced and Separated, HFC

Saturday:
10:00 AM Divorced & Separated
11:30 AM  Annulment Facilitator Training, HFC
12:30 PM  Baptisms

Our Finances
12/25/16: $16,505  12/24/17: $17,232
1/1/17: $14,612  12/31/17: $13,879
Parish Families Registered: 4,997
Envelopes Mailed: 1,218
Used 12/25/16: 599  12/24/17: 619
1/1/17: 507  12/31/17: 475

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

Special Collections
January 14th  Maintenance & Repair
January 28th  Youth Ministry
“Love Saves Lives.”

Join us on our bus trip to Washington, DC as we join hundreds of thousands of Americans in a peace pilgrimage on behalf of the unborn. It’s an experience that you’ll never forget!

Details to follow in the coming weeks. For more information please contact Vin Murray at 781-7846.
Baptism of the Lord: Monday, January 8

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on Monday, January 8th. It is not a holy day of obligation, but simply marks the end of the Christmas season. Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 AM and 9:00 AM. Ordinary time begins the next day.

Many Thanks from Parish Social Ministry

A tremendous thank you to all who contributed to Parish Social Ministry for Christmas. The response to our needy families was phenomenal; whether it was giving pantry items in our weekly Advent collection, taking an angel tag, providing gift cards, making a monetary donation, adopting a needy family, saying a prayer, or any other act of kindness, it made Christmas especially happy for so many of our less fortunate neighbors. A special thank you to the many organizations that made Christmas donations; Cub Scout Pack 580, Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton School, the St. Barnabas Choir, the North Bellmore Library, Kiwanis, Vietnam War Veterans Association, and last but certainly not least, a heartfelt thank you to the pantry volunteers who worked endless hours sorting, packing and distributing to our many families. You made it all possible! Thank you to all! Alice Witt

St. Vincent de Paul

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn King and offer Him gifts of gold, frankincense an myrrh. For the Magi, the stars were not simply a light show or entertainment. They were their way of life and their guiding lights - literally. I wonder, if we paid similarly close attention to our surroundings and the subtle shifts in our environment, might we notice when God was speaking to us in an obvious way? So often we ask God to show us a sign, but when the sign appears we are too distracted or afraid to follow it. Go outside tonight and look up at the stars. What do you see, and more importantly, what do you feel? Stand under the night sky in silent prayer for few minutes and pray that the God of the Universe shines His light into our lives and guides us on the right path, so that we, like the Magi, may never lose sight of the paths to Jesus amid the struggles of our lives. Please keep the poor and needy in your prayers.

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. The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry is Tuesday, January 9th at 10:00 AM in the Rectory.
Longest Married Couple in the US
The 8th Annual search for the Longest Married Couple began on October 10th. The Search ends on January 10, 2018. The Search is conducted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. In addition to the overall winning couple, there is a couple recognized from each of the fifty states. For the past several years the winners in New York State have come from the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Nominating is easy! Just send the names, wedding date, where the couple you are nominating lives, and your contact information to Bryan and Karen Berland. Email - bkberland@gmail.com or 530 S. Academy, Guthrie, OK 73044.

Catholic Divorced & Separated Prayer Service & Information
Designed to provide knowledge and support for individuals who have or are experiencing divorce or separation. January 12th, and 26th, 2018 from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM at St. Barnabas Parish (Holy Family Chapel) Bellmore.

Telecare Telethon Time!
The Telecare Telethon is the weekend of Saturday, January 13th from 2PM -10PM and Sunday, January 14th 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 some celebrity chefs, musical groups and New York sports teams will help fuel the enjoyment. Join Msgr. Jim Vlaun for the 25th annual Telecare Telethon and consider making a donation by phone or a secure donation over the internet at www.TelecareTV.org.

Birthright
Pregnant? Need Help? Birthright has a 24 - hour hotline for anyone needing assistance and loving support during pregnancy. Call (800) 550-4900. The following locations have direct numbers: Wantagh 785-4070; Islip (631) 277-3888; Hampton Bays (631) 728-8900; Southold (631) 876-5138; and Rocky Point (631) 821-9727.

Baptism Preparation Facilitator
The Meaning and the grace of the sacrament of Baptism are clearly seen in the rites of its celebration. Tuesday, January 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, 2018 from 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM. St. Peter of Alcantara, Port Washington.
Thursday, January 18th, 25th & February 1st, from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM at St. James Parish (Pastoral Center, Room 104) Setauket.

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

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish, 495 N Ocean Ave, Patchogue, NY 11772, on Wednesday, February 7th at 7:30 PM.

**Talbot House**

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

**Good Shepherd Hospice**

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

**Holy Trinity Driver’s Ed**

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

**Cub Scout Fun and Faith Day**

Saturday, January 20th from 8:30 AM - 12:00 Noon at Sacred Heart Church in Merrick. A special day of prayer, handicrafts, and games. For information please call the Catholic Scouting Office at 678-5800, ext. 245 or email scouting@drvc.org.

**Girl Scout Religious Awards**

The next meeting for Brownies, Juniors and 6th Grade Cadettes working on their girl Scout religious awards will be Saturday, January 13th in the St. Elizabeth Ann

**Liturgical Ministry Training**

**ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE OF WORSHIP 516-678-5800 x504**

**1. TRAINING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:** required for all those who are beginning as Ministers. Session “A” is required of ALL Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to homebound persons are required to attend Session “B” in addition to Session “A”. **SESSION “A” MUST BE ATTENDED PRIOR TO SESSION “B”**.

**CONTACT FR. ADRIAN**

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER OR LECTOR

**NASSAU**

- **EM “A” Session and Lectors**
  - April 14, 2018, 9 AM – 1 PM
    - St. Agnes Parish Center, Rockville Centre
  - **B” session for Extraordinary Ministers**
    - April 21, 2018, 9 AM – 1 PM
      - St. Agnes Parish Center, Rockville Centre

**SUFFOLK**

- **EM “A” Session and Lectors**
  - May 12, 2018, 9 AM – 1 PM
    - St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays
  - **“B” Session for Extraordinary Ministers**
    - May 19, 2018, 9 AM – 1 PM
      - St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays

**EVENING SESSIONS for Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors at St. Elizabeth, Melville**

- **Session “A” - Wednesday, May 16, 2018, 7:00 – 10 PM**
- **Session “B” - Wednesday, May 23, 2018, 7:00 – 10 PM**
Seton School cafeteria.

Brownies working on the Ave Maria and Family of God awards will meet from 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Those working on the Regina Coeli award will meet at 2:30 PM and those working on I Live My Faith will meet at 3:00 PM. Cadettes working on the Marian award (Mary, the First Disciple) will meet from 3:00 - 4:00 PM, and Seniors and Ambassadors working on Spirit Alive will meet from 2:30 - 3:00 PM.

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.

Charismatic Prayer Group

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

The Men of the Way of Light

If you are interested in joining a men’s prayer group, but this time is not good for you, please contact us and let us know, as we are interested in putting together other prayer “cells” on different days. For more information contact Fred Kreuder at 987-5350 or email stbampg@aol.com and visit our FaceBook page - “The Way of Light - The St. Barnabas the Apostle Men’s Prayer Group.”

Catholics for Freedom of Religion

Partial Victory for First Amendment Freedoms: A federal court ruled in mid-December that an Atlanta, GA city policy requiring public employees to get permission to do other work outside their city employment, that led to the firing of Fire Chief Kevin Cochran in 2015, was unconstitutional. The long-time fire chief had a distinguished career that included an appointment by Pres. Obama as the first U.S. Fire Administrator. Nevertheless, he was fired for authoring and self-publishing a book for his men’s Bible study that upholds the biblical view on sexuality. “This win protects all city employees wanting to engage in ‘controversial’ speech - whether that be what the Bible has to say about marriage or what Charlie Brown and the bible have to say about Christmas,” said an ADF attorney.
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. Each week this amount will be credited to your account. This eliminates using weekly envelopes and guarantees that your donation will be received.

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

In Memory of:

John Iengo from Mr. & Mrs. Richard T. Solieri; Bloniarz, Tuohy, and McNamara Families from Mr. & Mrs. Stanley T. Bloniarz; Casace & Nunziata Families from Mario Casace; Sal Lukas & Leo Soboleski from Mr. & Mrs. Edward J. Crean; Cacioppo & Privatera Families from Philip & Grace Cacippo; O’Keefe & Villanueva families from Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Villanueva; Olympia & Louis Guarino from Ms. Elisa Crowley; Anna & Daniel Killien from Miss Helen Killien; Richard Vaniderstine from Mrs. Joan Vniderstine; Bernadette & Marvin Vadrais from Ms. Carol Vadnais; Balistriere & DiMeglio from Mr. & Mrs. John Balestriere; Francis J. Garrett from Mrs. Diane Garrett; Rosa E. Medina from the Quicero Family; "Mom", Sarah, Dolly and Joanie from Daniel O’Leary; Stella & Richard Morra from the Morra/Streichler Family. Gertrude Mazza & Aida Soto from Dominick J. Mazza; Alex & Kevin Rose and Kathleen Rose from Bridget Rose; Annmarie Friedmann.

Intentions of; Mrs. Mary J. Curley, Mr. & Mrs. R Friedmann, Ms. Annmarie Gennattasio-Rei, Mr. & Mrs. R. Rebentisch, Anna & Antonio Bonello.

Many Thanks to All Our Flower Donors
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 January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, (10:30 Mass for July 8, August 12 and September 9), October 14, November 11, December 9.

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

US MERCHANT MARINE:
Lt. J.G. Eric Stumpel.

US COAST GUARD:

US PEACE CORPS:
Patrick Coons
Saint Barnabas the Apostle

Only 300 tickets to be Sold
Great odds>>> 1 in 300 chance to win the big prize!
Last ticket pulled is the BIG WINNER

GRAND PRIZE OF $5,000

TEN - $500 PRIZES
TWO - $1,000 PRIZES

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

All proceeds will support renovations to St. Barnabas Convent Building

Saturday, April 21st 8:00pm
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School cafeteria Doors open at 7:30
Drawing starts at 8:00pm Beer, wine, soda and hors d’oeuvres
Winner need not be present to win

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

Tickets will be available for purchase at the rectory beginning the week of December 11, 2017.
Cash or checks made payable to “Saint Barnabas” will be accepted.

REVERSE RAFFLE TICKET REQUEST

Name: ___________________________ Telephone #: __________________ Number of tickets: ____
Address: ________________________________

Number of adults attending the party on Saturday, April 21st ______0 ______1 ______2
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
9 Days for Life is a "digital pilgrimage" of prayer and action focused on cherishing the gift of every person's life. A multi-faceted novena highlighting a different intention each day provides reflections, bonus information, and suggested actions. Join and learn more at www.9daysforlife.com!
If you’re a Catholic, you’ve probably seen it: a mysterious series of letters and numbers, looking for all the world like an equation, inscribed in chalk over a doorway at your parish, or at the home of a friend. Epiphany marks the occasion of a time-honored Christian tradition of “chalking the doors.” The formula for the ritual — adapted for 2018 — is simple: take chalk of any color and write the following above the entrance of your home: 20 + C+M + B + 18.

The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar — who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, Christus mansionem benedicat: “May Christ bless the house.”

The “+” signs represent the cross, and the “20” at the beginning and the “18” at the end mark the year.

Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request that Christ bless those homes so marked and that He stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year.

The chalking of the doors is a centuries-old practice throughout the world. It is an easy tradition to adopt, and a great practice whereby we dedicate our year to God from its very outset, asking His blessing on our homes and on all who live, work or visit them there.

The timing for the chalking of the doors is today — on the traditional Feast of the Epiphany — the Twelfth Day of Christmas. Traditionally the blessing is done by either parent of the family. This blessing can be performed simply by just writing the inscription and offering a short prayer and the sprinkling of holy water.

Practicing traditions like the chalking of the doors
helps us to live our Faith more concretely and serve as an outward sign of our dedication to Our Lord. Our homes are also the place where many of us will make the greatest strides in our spiritual growth, through observance of daily prayer, spiritual reading, and work offered as an oblation to God.

The chalking of the doors encourages Christians to dedicate their life at home to God and to others. Seeing the symbols over our doors can help to remind us, while passing in and out on our daily routines, that our homes and all those who dwell there belong to Christ. It also serves as a reminder of the welcoming the Magi gave to Jesus. We should strive to be as welcoming to all who come to our homes to visit us!

A prayer to say during your Chalking:

May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is your incarnate Word, now and forever. Amen.

God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten One to every nation by the guidance of a star.

Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Loving God, bless this household. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and abiding in your will. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

All say the Our Father. . .

Religious Education

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

We still in need of adults to work one on one or in a small group environment.

We a few students that need either a one-on-one learning environment or a small group environment that needs someone to work with them. Please call the Office of Christian Formation (516) 785-0130 to volunteer or to receive more information.

We are also in need of Adult Volunteers to be Substitutes, Hall Monitors and Attendance/Lobby Aides for our Religious Education program. Please call the office to get more information.

Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday, January 9 – Parent Session – “Parenthood” Tony Bellizzi – Holy Family Chapel 7-8pm

Sunday, January 14 – L3 & L4 9am Mass

NO CLASSES ON MONDAY, JANUARY 15 – MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY

Sunday, January 21 – L5 & L6 9am Mass
Why Be Catholic (Chapter 6)
Discover the Church of Jesus

The Church makes the salvation story our story, here and now. Through the Church, we encounter Christ in the Liturgy of the Word, Eucharist, in the other sacraments, and through other people.

The Church is called the “bride of Christ” and the “body of Christ” because Jesus loves us and wants to unite Himself to us. While developing and maintaining a personal relationship with Christ is fundamental to our faith journey, we are reminded that to follow Christ is also to be in communion with others.

It is not something we do alone—we have a personal relationship in context of our communal relationship.

*Level 8, January 17th or 18th*

The 4 Confirmation Forms are due
Confirmation Retreat January 27th

*Level 7, January 24th or 25th*

Conversation After Class

- Why do you think it is important to be Catholic? What makes the Catholic Faith unique?
- Which of the four marks of the Catholic Church seems most important to you, and why? (The four marks are one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.)
- If a friend invited you to skip Mass, why would that not be a good idea? What do you receive at Mass that you cannot get anywhere else?
Looking for a Catholic Pre-School Close to Home?

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton School is conveniently located in Bellmore and is your regional Catholic school. With over 25 years of experience in education our Pre-School offers a variety of programs to meet all your education needs for children aged 2-5, all taking place in an authentic school environment.

We have open registration for this school year, as well as next school year. Call TODAY for a personalized Parent Guided Tour of our school. Or Visit Us at our next Open House, January 28th 11-1pm, for a fun interactive family experience.

COME TO OUR OPEN HOUSE!
Sunday, January 28th 11-1pm

Come take a child friendly interactive tour of our school decorated as the Creation Story. Even participate in our “Turf War” Instagram contest!

We are a Regional Catholic School serving our four parishes: St. Barnabas, Cure of Ars, St. Raphael, St. Frances de Chantal.
Our next meeting will be on Sunday, January 28th from 6:00pm—7:00pm. Our meeting will be a bible study on a specific passage from scripture. We will meet in the youth room in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School.

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

Youth Minister:
Kieran Maelia
stbyouth17@gmail.com
(516) 785-0130

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2018 Multi-Parish Teen Retreat
March 16, 17, & 18
Huntington Seminary

Contact:
Kieran Maelia
St. Barnabas LifeTeen
(516) 785-0130
stbyouth17@gmail.com

Daily Rate: $50.00
2-Night Stay: $125 (Meals Included)
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<td>3 Today’s readings remind us that we are all children of God.</td>
<td>4 The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has been working for</td>
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<td>6 Did you know that 1 in 6 children in the U.S. live below the poverty line? Feds want to help children learn about poverty? Share the</td>
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<td>8 Through baptism we share in Christ’s prophetic mission as people of</td>
<td>10 It is impossible to talk about poverty, about abstract poverty.</td>
<td>11 Today is national Human Trafficking Awareness Day. There are</td>
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<td>that have displaced more than 65 million people throughout the world.</td>
<td>God “to bring glad tidings to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives</td>
<td>That does not exist! Poverty is the flesh of the poor Jesus in this</td>
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<td>and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free</td>
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<td>migration and read their stories. What can you do to welcome our</td>
<td>(Isa. 52:1-6). How can you live out your baptismal advocate for and</td>
<td>structures. Go, look for those on the one flesh of Jesus. - Pope Francis.</td>
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<td>migrant brothers and sisters in your community?</td>
<td>for and with persons in poverty locally and globally?</td>
<td>Watch the Poverty USA Tour and learn about the cycle of poverty.</td>
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<td>On this World Day of Migrants and Refugees, the Gospel invites us to</td>
<td>13 We faith calls us to care for God’s creation and help poor</td>
<td>17 We are called to help empower those who are vulnerable to</td>
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<td>help our neighbors who are feeling violence, persecution, or poverty.</td>
<td>countries and communities adapt to the effects of climate change.</td>
<td>seek change in their communities. A key element of breaking the cycle</td>
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<td>22 Today is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of</td>
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<td>“Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an</td>
<td>23 We are called to both defend the rights of victims and to uphold</td>
<td>24 Throughout history, God journeys with his people. In a very</td>
<td>25 “Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every</td>
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<td>instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor” (Acts</td>
<td>the dignity of offenders through restorative justice practices. How</td>
<td>very special way God is close to those who suffer and are marginalized.</td>
<td>every creature” (Mt. 28:19). How does the Gospel require us to respond</td>
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<td>20:22). Pray for the grace to understand how God is calling you to be</td>
<td>can you show God’s love and mercy to those in need of healing and</td>
<td>watch this Jesus and reflect. What priority do those who experience</td>
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For more info and tips on getting involved, visit PovertyUSA.org or PobrezaUSA.org. Longer daily reflections are available at http://bit.ly/USCCBPoverty.
Parent & Child Program

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

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

For more information or to enroll contact:
Sabina Lamb (516) 781-9834
Across
2. King _____ was greatly disturbed by the Magi’s news of a new King.
3. The Magi went through Jerusalem asking, “Where is he who has been born king of the _____?
7. The Magi declared, “For we saw his star when it rose and have come to _____ him.
8. What city did the Magi find the new-born King, Jesus?

Down
1. When the Magi at last found the young Messiah, they fell on their faces and _____ Him
4. The Magi were convinced that the bright light in the sky was a sign of the Messiah’s _____.
5. Secretly, the wicked King did not want to worship Jesus; he only wanted the wise men to discover where He was so he could have Jesus _____.
6. The Magi are also known as _____.
9. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your _____.
The Magi left Jerusalem and followed a star.
The Magi asked King Herod about the baby. This news worried Herod.

Finish the picture.

Circle 7 differences in the 2nd picture.

Word Bank

HEROD      JEWISH      BIRTHDAY
MAGI       WORSHIP     MURDER
JERUSALEM  BETHLEHEM  WISEMEN
KING       JESUS       HEART
ANSWER KEY

Across
2. King (Herod) was greatly disturbed by the Magi’s news of a new King.
3. The Magi went through Jerusalem asking, “Where is he who has been born king of the (Jews)?
7. The Magi declared, “For we saw his star when it rose and have come to (Worship) him.
8. What city did the Magi find the new-born King, Jesus? (Bethlehem)

Down
1. When the Magi at last found the young Messiah, they fell on their faces and (Worshipped) Him
4. The Magi were convinced that the bright light in the sky was a sign of the Messiah’s (Birth).
5. Secretly, the wicked King did not want to worship Jesus; he only wanted the wise men to discover where He was so he could have Jesus (Killed).
6. The Magi are also known as (Wise Men).
9. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your (Heart).
Some Magi came to Jerusalem. What did they ask?

Match the numbers with the words in the stars.

1. - at + fower + og
   =

2. inge + c + tte + ow + pcil + hor
   =

3. ilk + an + at + ouse
   =

What happened next?

Write all of the “1” words in order. Then return to the top of the puzzle and write all of the “2” words in order. Then return to the top and write all of the “3” words in order.

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and sent them to Bethlehem.

Help the Magi find their way to Bethlehem. Read the story along the way.