Go and work in my Vineyard
St. Barnabas the Apostle

Twenty-Sixth Week of Ordinary Time

Monday, October 2  The Holy Guardian Angels
   6:30 AM  Carole A. Henderson
   9:00 AM  Patricia O’Connor
            Michael and Theresa Cirrincione

Tuesday, October 3  Corrine McCann
   6:30 AM
   9:00 AM  Frank DeVito

Wednesday, October 4  St. Francis of Assisi
   6:30 AM  Domingo and Dominga Cormace
   9:00 AM  Eugenio Gasparro and
            Donata D’Andrea

Thursday, October 5
   6:30 AM  Kenneth Carney
   9:00 AM  Thomas Reynolds - School Mass

Friday, October 6  Cathy Losee
   6:30 AM
   9:00 AM  Living and Deceased Members of the
            Robinson and Wupper Families

Saturday, October 7  Our Lady of the Rosary
   8:00 AM  Thomas Reynolds
   3:00 PM  Wedding:
            Tom McDonagh &
            Catherine Mistretta

   Fr. Kevin  4:30 PM  Raymond Vogts
            Josephine Faiella
            Felice Scimeca
            Alberta Splescia
            Intentions of Walter Andersen
            Kelly and Vince Occhipinti - 25th
            Wedding Anniversary Vow Renewal

   Fr. Adrian  7:00 PM  Adolph Sauer

Sunday, October 8  Twenty-Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time
   Fr. Kevin  7:00 AM  Margaret DeCiantis
   Fr. Charles  9:00 AM  Marie Elizabeth Salomon
   Fr. Adrian  10:15 AM  Carl & Dolly Nobile
   Fr. Kevin  10:30 AM  Luigi and Lucia DiMeglia
   Fr. Charles  12:00 PM  For the People of Our Parish
   Fr. Adrian  5:00 PM  Kathleen Rathgaber
Fr. Stanley Rother

Fr. Rother was from the town of Okarche, Oklahoma, where parish, school and farm were the pillars of community life. Surrounded by good priests and a vibrant parish life, Stanley felt God calling him to the priesthood.

When Stanley was still in seminary, St. John XXIII asked the Churches of North America to send assistance and establish missions in Central America. Soon after, the dioceses of Oklahoma City and Tulsa established a mission in Santiago Atitlan in Guatemala, a poor rural community of mostly indigenous people. A few years after he was ordained, Fr. Stanley accepted an invitation to join the mission team, where he would spend the next 13 years of his life.

When he arrived to the mission, the Tz'utujil Mayan Indians in the village had no native equivalent for Stanley, so they took to calling him Padre Francisco, after his baptismal name of Francis. The work ethic Fr. Stanley learned on his family’s farm would serve him well in this new place. As a mission priest, he was called on not just to say Mass, but to fix the broken truck or work the fields. He built a farmers' coop, a school, a hospital, and the first Catholic radio station, which was used for catechesis to the even more remote villages.

The beloved Padre Francisco was also known for his kindness, selflessness, joy and attentive presence among his parishioners. It was Father Stanley’s natural disposition to share the labor with them, to break bread with them, and celebrate life with them, that made the community in Guatemala say of Father Stanley, ‘he was our priest.’

Over the years, the violence of the Guatemalan civil war inched closer to the once-peaceful village. Disappearances, killings and danger soon became a part of daily life, but Fr. Stanley remained steadfast and supportive of his people.

In 1980-1981 the violence escalated to an almost unbearable point. Fr. Stanley was constantly seeing friends and parishioners abducted or killed. In a letter to Oklahoma Catholics during what would be his last Christmas, the priest relayed to the people back home the dangers his mission parish faced daily. “The reality is that we are in danger. But we don’t know when or what form the government will use to further repress the Church…. Given the situation, I am not ready to leave here just yet… But if it is my destiny that I should give my life here, then so be it....”

He ended the letter with what would become his signature quote: “The shepherd cannot run at the first sign of danger. Pray for us that we may be a sign of the love of Christ for our people, that our presence among them will fortify them to endure these sufferings in preparation for the coming of the Kingdom.”

In January 1981, in immediate danger and his name on a death list, Fr. Stanley did return to Oklahoma for a few months. But as Easter approached, he wanted to spend Holy Week with his people in Guatemala. He made a point of returning to his Guatemala parish in time to celebrate Holy Week with his parishioners that year – and ultimately was killed for living out his Catholic faith. On the morning of July 28, 1981, three Ladinos broke into Fr. Rother's rectory. They wished ‘to disappear’ him, but he refused. Not wanting to endanger the others at the parish mission, he struggled but did not call for help. Fifteen minutes and two gunshots later, Father Stanley was dead and the men fled the mission grounds.

His life is a great example of ordinary people being called to do extraordinary things for God.
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Do we seem at times more a flock of geese cackling in the barnyard than a people struggling to fly? Jesus put it like this: There were two sons. The father asks the first son to go to work for him in a vineyard. “No way am I going out there. You kidding? It’s supposed to reach the high ‘80s today. No way.” But the son decides to actually go to work for his father and turns his no into a yes.

In the meantime, the father goes to the second son. Same request. “This one will help me—takes after me,” the father thinks. “Hey, son, will you go and work in the vineyard for me today?” “Why sure thing, dad; I always enjoy helping you out. I’m just about done with this game and then I’ll be out there.” “Hey, thanks, son. I knew I could depend on you.” However, the son has only finished the first part of the new game. So he pops back on the couch and the game won’t end until five o’clock—finishing time.

“Which one did the right thing?” Jesus asks. Did the disrespectful son who changed his mind and went into the field do the right thing? Or did couch potato son do the right thing? Which son do you identify with when asked to help your Church out? When you are called upon to put muscle to your faith? God invites us to say “yes” again.

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What’s Pastor Thinking?

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We Pray for Our Deceased

Anthony DelGaudio
Stanley Raymond Butterworth

Bread and Wine

Is presented in memory of
Sister Elizabeth Minturn
from Tom Reilly.

We Pray for Our Sick


The Week at a Glance

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

Monday:
6:30 PM OCF Parents Session, HFC
7:30 PM Charismatic Prayer Group, HFC

Tuesday:
9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Group, Rectory
1:00 PM Friendly Seniors, HFC
7:00 PM Catholic Daughters Meeting, School Cafeteria
7:30 PM Bereavement Group, Rectory

Wednesday:
7:00 PM CHOSEN Level 8, HFC
7:30 PM Al-Anon, Rectory
7:30 PM RCIA, Convent
8:00 PM Choir Practice, UC

Thursday:
7:00 PM CHOSEN Level 8, HFC
7:00 PM Bible Study, Rectory

Friday:
1:30 PM Lectio Divina, Rectory
7:00 PM Lectio Divina, Rectory
8:00 PM Nocturnal Adoration, Church

Saturday:
12:30 PM Confessions, Church
1:30 PM Baptisms, Church

Our Finances

9/25/16: $ 16,475
9/24/17: $ 15,475

Parish Families Registered: 4,997
Envelopes Mailed: 1,218
Used 9/25/16: 590
9/24/17: 543

Catholic Ministries Appeal

Goal: $106,400 Donors: 520
Pledged: $119,987 Received: $108,537

Second Collections

This Weekend: Respect Life
October 8: Hurricane Irma Relief
October 15: Maintenance & Repair
Many Thanks
A sincere thanks to all those who helped celebrate my Silver Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood. To those who offered their prayers and good wishes. To the staff of St. Barnabas who prepared the celebration. To the Bellmore Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters of America. And to those who were able to attend the Mass and reception. We will do it all again in another 25 years …. please God. Fr. Adrian

Respect Life Sunday
Sunday, October 1st is Respect Life Sunday. As we celebrate Respect Life Sunday, we are reminded that the assaults on human dignity come in many forms. The Respect Life Office is charged with deepening our already strong commitment to pro-life activities and parish education. Please support this vital work through participation in the special Respect Life envelope collection being taken up on Sunday, October 1, 2017. Your prayers and assistance are greatly appreciated.

Hurricane Irma
The Bishops have invited us to take another emergency collection on behalf of those devastated in parts of the Caribbean and southeastern United States by Hurricane Irma. These funds will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA and other church partners, as they reach out to provide humanitarian aid in the form of water, food, shelter, and medical care, as well as to their long-term efforts to restore communities after widespread destruction, and to the USCCB for pastoral and reconstruction aid to the Church in the Caribbean and the United States. This special second collection will take place in St. Barnabas on the weekend of October 7th and 8th. This replaces the ‘New Projects’ collection scheduled for that weekend. Thank you and let us continue to pray for those who are working to rebuild their lives and those providing relief.

Saint Pius X Enriched Living Facility
The wonderful response to last week’s Second Collection for our retired priests residing at Saint Pius X Enriched Living Facility was greatly appreciated.
Saint Pius X continues to provide extraordinary care for the senior priests currently residing there full time and numerous other priests who come to this special facility on a temporary basis as they recover from illnesses or other injuries. If you have not yet considered a gift to this effort, please consider making a donation today! Brochures describing this appeal and envelopes are available in church today. Through your generosity, we can care for our senior priests in the manner best suited to their needs. On behalf of all the priests serving our Diocese, and all current and future residents of St. Pius X in Amityville, I thank you for your concern and generosity.

Pre Cana: Remaining Fall Schedule

In Home from Sunday, October 1st to Sunday, November 12th. Our Closing Mass is at 5:00 PM Sunday, November 19th. Refreshments to follow in the Holy Family Chapel.

50th Anniversary Celebrations

Couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at liturgies on Sunday, October 22nd, at the Church of St. Rose of Lima in Massapequa and on Sunday, November 19th at the Church of Christ the King in Commack. Both liturgies will begin at 2:30 PM. Registration forms may be obtained at the rectory and must be received by the Office of Worship by October 9th for the October 22nd liturgy, and by November 6th for the November 19th liturgy. There will be additional celebrations in the spring for those who may find that more convenient. Call 678-5800 ext. 207 for information.

Liturgical Ministry Training

If you are interested in serving as an EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER TRAINING contact Fr. Adrian.

1. TRAINING is required for all those who are beginning as Ministers.
2. Session “A” is required of ALL Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.
3. Those who minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to homebound persons are required to attend Session “B” in addition to Session “A”.

In Nassau: EM “A” Session and Lectors

October 14, 2017; 9 AM—1 PM
St. Agnes Parish Center, Rockville Centre
“B” session for Extraordinary Ministers
November 4, 2017; 9 AM—1 PM
St. Agnes Parish Center, Rockville Centre

In Suffolk: EM “A” Session and Lectors

October 21, 2017; 9 AM—1 PM
St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays
“B” Session for Extraordinary Ministers
October 28, 2017; 9 AM—1 PM
St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays

EVENING SESSIONS for Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors at St. Elizabeth, Melville
“A” - Wednesday, October 4, 2017; 7:00—10 PM
“B” - Wednesday, October 18, 2017; 7:00—10 PM

Food Pantry Weekend

This weekend is our Food Pantry Weekend. We are in particular need of: tuna fish, jarred spaghetti sauce, tea, paper towels, paper napkins, toothpaste, bar soap, shampoo and conditioner. Whatever you can do to help would be greatly appreciated. God bless your generosity.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Gospel is a great example of saying, “actions speak louder than words.” It is a reminder that belief isn’t a matter of saying yes or professing creeds. Belief is action, follow-through. Those who believed in John the Baptist changed their minds, that is their lives, by repenting. Those who believe in Jesus do the same. Spirituality is about growth that can only come from the willingness to let go and change. Aren’t the poor the suffering members of our Lord? Aren’t they our brothers and sisters? Supporting St. Vincent de Paul Society helps us to serve those who lack resources, who lack options, who lack power over their lives. Your acts of compassion alleviate
their needs and gives them hope. Thank you.

**Exercise for Others**
The Diocese of Rockville Centre announces its second annual “Exercise for Others” event. In its inaugural year, Exercise for Others raised more than $30,000 for the needy in our community. The fundraiser will take place on October 28th and involves teams spinning (indoor cycling) or Zumba (new this year) at three popular Long Island gyms. Money raised will go to Parish Outreach and Catholic Charities’ programs that assist those in need in our community.

**Catholic Charities Golf Classic**
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rockville Centre will be hosting their 15th Annual Golf Classic on Monday, October 2nd at the Meadow Brook Club in Jericho. Join them in this special opportunity to honor and thank the McCarthy Family who have been loyal supporters of Catholic Charities for more than 50 years. Sponsorship packages - both golfing and non-golfing are available for purchase as well as individual tickets. Donations in any amount are greatly appreciated and may be mailed to Catholic Charities, Development Department, 90 Cherry Lane, Hicksville. For information call 733-7042.

**Catholic Charities Volunteers Needed**
Catholic Charities VIP Center in Lynbrook needs volunteers to assist in driving visually impaired people to and from this center on Thursdays. We currently have a need for drivers from the Hicksville and Wantagh areas. If you are interested and available or are interested in any other volunteer opportunities, please contact Mary Ellen Kwicinski, Volunteer/Intern Coordinator at 733-8704.

**Bereavement Support Group**
This Fall, our Bereavement Support Group will meet on Tuesday evenings beginning October 3rd at 7:30 PM in the rectory meeting room. This is an eight week program, conducted by trained facilitators. If you have experienced the loss of a spouse, please consider being with us, and know that you will be most welcome. The grieving process is often made easier by sharing with others who have been through the same experience. For additional information, call Alice Witt at Social Ministry at 785-6243.

**School Secretary Needed**
St. Peter of Alcantara Elementary School in Port Washington is looking for a part time school secretary. Hours are Monday and Friday 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM, Tuesday - Thursday 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM. The ideal candidate should be flexible, and a positive problem solver with strong organizational skills. School experience preferred, but not necessary. If you are interested, please fax resume and cover letter to the attention of Ms. Carberry at 767-8075.

**St. Barnabas Rosary Makers**
The St. Barnabas Rosary Makers are dedicated to promoting the mission of our Blessed Mother which
is the message of the Rosary. Our goal is to teach and spread this sacred devotion, first by making rosaries, and then sending them to different countries throughout the world. We are looking to invite new members to join our group. The meeting dates are as follows: October 4th and 18th, November 8th and 29th, and December 20th at 7:00 PM in the school cafeteria. Please note, we will not be meeting every Wednesday as previously scheduled.

**The Year of Fatima**
100 years after the last appearance in Fatima by Our Lady, she still encourages us to pray the rosary as a family. A beautiful pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima is now available to anyone who would like to invite her into their home for a week to pray the rosary with their family. Please call Vin Murray at 781-7846 to reserve a time.

**Apostolate of Fatima**
USA OUR LADY’S BLUE ARMY announces the arrival in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, NY, The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue, November 5 - November 20, 2017. St. Barnabas, Bellmore Monday 6th November. Evening Vigil 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Join the parish in prayer and devotion for the world.

**The 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 further information, call Ellen O’Malley at 221-0574.

**Widows and Widowers**
Join us on Thursday, October 19th at 12:30 PM for a luncheon at Gusto Divino located at 3030 Sunrise Highway, Seaford. Price is $26 per person. Send money to Joyce Quinn at 2463 Freeport St., Wantagh 11793 or call 781-6475 before October 13th.
Our meetings are held every 4th Wednesday at 7:30 PM at St. Frances De Chantal School at 1309 Wantagh Ave., Wantagh. Our next new member orientation is on Wednesday, October 25th. Bring proof of single status to join. Refreshments are served after the meeting. For further information, call Carol at 794-4933 or Barbara at 798-2858.

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas**
The next meeting of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Mother Seton #2413, will be held on Tuesday, October 3rd at 7:00 PM in the school cafeteria. Our Catholic Daughters Mass will be held on Sunday, October 15th at 12:00 PM. For further information, call Jackie at 781-7846.

**Blood Drive**
Sister Edward Joseph, CSJ Parish Social Ministry Semi-annual blood drive will be held on Sunday, October 29th from 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM at Sacred Heart School Auditorium, 730 Merrick Avenue, Merrick. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call Maureen at 379-8123.

**Our Lady of Grace Center**
Our Lady of Grace Center located at 29 Shelter Rock Road in Manhasset offers monthly programs that help to deepen your spirituality.
⇒ DeMello Spirituality - Mondays at 1:00 PM.
⇒ Joan Chittister Study Group - Wednesdays 1PM.
⇒ Divine Mercy - Wednesdays at 7:00 PM.
⇒ Spiritual Practice - Thursdays at 10:30 AM.
⇒ Praying with St. Ignatius: Introduction to Ignatian Prayer. A unique eight-week, guided prayer experience for small groups, modeled on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Each meeting teaches and reinforces specific prayer practices. Tuesdays, October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st and November 7th at 7:30 PM. $120.
For further information, call 627-9255. Call 627-9255 or visit www.olgretreat.com.

**Master of Arts Program**
St. Joseph’s Seminary and College offers programs to qualified lay men and women, consecrated religious, and priests, with four locations to meet the needs of students in Yonkers, Huntington, Douglaston, and Poughkeepsie. All new students receive a 50% discount on their first class. Visit our website at www.dunwoodie.edu or contact our Associate Deans in the Academic Office, Donna Eschenauer at (914) 367-8280 or Christine Hammill-Cregan at (631) 423-0483, ext. 130.

**Catholic High Schools Open Houses**
You are invited to explore the benefits of a Catholic High School Education. Please feel free to visit the following schools during the times and dates listed.
♦ St. Anthony’s HS -
    Sunday, October 1st from 10:00 AM -
Desert Bread
Join the friends of the Seminary on Sunday afternoons in October for a workshop series presented by Professor Annabelle Moseley. Just as the Israelites were nourished in the desert with bread from heaven, we will nourish the soul as well as the body, exploring the rich treasure trove of art, literature and music unique to our Catholic faith. During break, our fellowship will continue at table as we discuss selected themes of faith together over a shared luncheon. Please join us as we cultivate a harvest of knowledge and awe and find desert bread, sustenance in this too-often hectic and anxious world. From 2:00 - 4:30 PM; October 1st, 22nd and 29th. Cost is $25 per session or $60 for all three in advance. For information and reservations contact the Seminary Development Office at (631) 423-0483 ext. 102 or email bmalone@icseminary.edu.

Opioid Overdose Prevention Training
Learn how to recognize and prevent an overdose using naloxone, a life saving antidote that blocks the effects of opioids and can reverse an overdose. A representative from the YES Community Counseling Center will provide this free training session at the Bellmore Memorial Library on Tuesday, October 26th from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM. Free kits will be available while supplies last. Due to the limited number of kits currently available, only one will be given out per family. To register online, go to www.bellmorelibrary.org and click on Events and Programs.

EMs, Lectors, & Altar Servers
Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers have been sent via e-mail the ministry schedule for October. 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.

Walk Across Long Island
Join Good Shepherd Hospice for our annual walks: Saturday, October 21st in Long Beach and Sunday, October 22nd in Port Jefferson. For more information, call Anna at 425-1914 or email Krista at Krista.Sarubbi@chsli.org.
Catholics for Freedom of Religion

The Supreme Court will rule next year on whether government may coerce Christians, Jews, and Muslims to use their creative gifts to celebrate same-sex marriage. It will review the case of baker, Jack Phillips, of Masterpiece Bakeshop, CO, who cites his Christian faith in declining to create custom cakes for same-sex weddings. “I will serve anyone who comes in,” Phillips said. However, designing a same-sex wedding cake would cross a line for him. “I shouldn’t be forced to create a cake that goes against my faith.” “The spirit of our age is profoundly secular and secularism accepts religion - if it accepts it at all - only on its terms. Under this view, religion is subordinated to be the political interests of the secular state and it is precisely this subordination of religion to the state that the First Amendment seeks to prevent.” Pope Benedict XVI

Crossroads Cultural Center

2017 Albacete Lecture on Faith and Culture with Fr. Julian Carron, Professor of Theology at the Catholic University of Milan and President of the Fraternity of Communion and Liberation. Friday, October 13th at 7:00 PM at the Sheen Center, 18 Bleeker Street, New York, NY. Limited seats. Free reservation is required. RSVP at www.sheencenter.org.

Parish Trip to Radio City Music Hall

There is enough interest in a parish trip to Radio City for the Christmas Spectacular. The date of the outing is December 1st and we will attend the 7:30 PM show. The cost of the ticket will be your choice, according to the location you choose.

3rd Mezzanine: $55.00 per ticket*
2nd Mezzanine & Side Orchestra: $65.00 per ticket*
1st Mezzanine & Orchestra: $90.00 per ticket*
Prime (more front and centered in the orchestra and 1st Mezzanine) $105.00 a ticket*
Premium (these are the best seats in the house in orchestra and 1st Mezzanine) $135.00*
*each ticket will have an additional $3.50 service fee.
The charge for the bus will be divided by the number of seats that are sold.

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.

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US ARMY:

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:

US PEACE CORPS:
Patrick Coons

If you wish to arrange a baptism at St. Barnabas, please contact the rectory at 516-785-0054. Once your request is received you will be invited to meet one of our 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.

Baptism Class Schedule
First time parents need 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, when your baby will be welcomed to St. Barnabas, followed by refreshments and the class. The dates for class are October 8, November 12, December 10. In 2018 classes are on January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8.
Welcome back Grade 8

Welcome to the second year of our Chosen Confirmation Process. Here is your Confirmation Packet in its entirety! All enclosed forms need to be returned before class on December 13 or 14th.

The Chosen Confirmation Process is made up of 12 sessions throughout the year. The dates for these sessions are listed.

We recognize that you are very involved in many activities and we encourage you to be involved, but we ask that you put this commitment (getting confirmed) before those other commitments for the short time that we are together.

Confirmation Packet Due December 13 or 14

Confirmation Retreat, January 27th 2018

Rite of Enrollment, February 10th & 11th 2018

Confirmation May 2018
In addition to the Chosen classes, it is important that you make it a priority to attend Mass on the weekends and be a part of the learning and praying Catholic community.

The homework reflection you receive at class should be returned to the collection basket during the weekend Mass following your class.

The Four Forms received at class this week are due by December 13th or 14th
- Sponsor Information Form
- Saint Information Sheet
- Retreat Permission / Sign-up Form
- Service Hours Form

Letters to be added
- A Letter to Fr. Adrian requesting Confirmation
- Letters from your Family and Sponsor to be given to you on at the Rite of Enrollment

1. Choose a Sponsor

The sponsor’s role is to help the candidate fulfill the baptismal promises made at the time of Baptism. He or she has the responsibility to set a good, Catholic example. You could ask the godparent who initially accepted this responsibility at your Baptism, or someone else who is present in your life. One of the primary roles of the sponsor is to help the candidate explore our Catholic faith through the sponsor’s own faith experiences.

The Criteria for Sponsors are:
- A person who is a practicing faith-filled Roman Catholic adult.
- A person who is able to relate in friendship to a teenager and is a good listener.
- A person who is willing to share his or her own experience of faith.
- Sponsors must be fully initiated Catholics, that is, they must have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. Preferably, the baptismal sponsor should be the Confirmation sponsor whenever possible.
- A sponsor must be at least sixteen years old. (N.B. Parents may not be sponsors for their sons and daughters).

2. Sponsor’s Designation Form

The sponsor must read and complete the ‘Testimony of Designated Sponsor Form.’ Your Confirmation sponsor should have this signed by his or her own pastor in their own parish, even if the sponsor is a Saint Barnabas Parishioner. Without this certificate, the chosen sponsor can not serve as a sponsor. This form needs to be returned by December 13th and 14th.

3. Choose a Saint’s Name

Names of saints are chosen to serve as patrons and models for those being confirmed. Candidates are encouraged to choose a saint’s name as the Confirmation name, not because of the attractiveness of the name, but because of the attractiveness of the Christian life that the person led. The saint’s name for Confirmation is the same name the candidate researches for the Saint Project.

4. Saint Project

Candidates are required to complete a one page paper on the saint whose name they have chosen.
Requirements for the Saint Report:
- Cover of Report: Includes name of Saint researched and your name. (Please write the complete name of the saint, for example, if you choose St. Francis, please indicate St. Francis of Assisi or St. Francis de Sales).
- Report Due: December 13 and 14.
- Information about saint should include:
  - Family life of saint
  - Occupation of saint
  - Life and/or death of saint and Feast Day
  - Virtues practiced by saint
  - Candidate’s reason for choosing this saint
  - Characteristics of saint that inspire you

5. Confirmation Retreat

The Confirmation retreat will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2018 in the Holy Family Chapel (Lower Church). Candidates are required to attend the entire retreat. At the retreat, you will be measured for your Confirmation gown.

6. Rite of Enrollment

On the weekend of February 10th and February 11th, all candidates are asked to attend any Mass at St. Barnabas for the Rite of Enrollment. A parent, sponsor or family member will be required to attend the Mass with you. At Mass you present a letter to Fr. Adrian outlining your intention to receive the sacrament.

7. Letter to Father Adrian

Requirements for Letter to Father Adrian:
The personal letter from the candidates to Fr. Adrian needs to be brought to Mass on the weekend of February 10th and 11th for the Rite of Enrollment. This letter should NOT be placed in an envelope and should be handed by the candidate personally to Fr. Adrian during the Mass.

Details of the letter should include the following:
- Introduce yourself and tell Fr. Adrian about your family, yourself, and your interests.
- What is your Confirmation name? Why did you choose this name?
- Who is your sponsor? Why did you choose your sponsor? Why do you think your sponsor is worthy to help you before and after you receive the sacrament of Confirmation?
- Which gift of the Holy Spirit is most helpful to you at this time?
- Why should Fr. Adrian make a recommendation to the Bishop that you be confirmed?
- How do you plan to remain involved with the church after Confirmation?
- What types of Works of Mercy did you perform and a description of how the service affected the candidate?

8. Letters from Family and Sponsor

This year we asked your sponsor, parents and other family members to write letters to you to offer encouragement in your decision to be confirmed. The letter should outline your Christian qualities and offer a word of hope for your future. ALL letters need to be returned to the Office of Christian Formation by December 13th and 14th.

The letters will be distributed to you at the RITE OF ENROLLMENT at St. Barnabas on February 10th and 11th. The contents of these letters will be a delightful surprise. Any letters received after the December packet deadline cannot be guaranteed to be received by the candidate during the Rite of Enrollment on the weekend of February 10th and 11th, 2018.

Here are a few topic suggestions for those letters:
- Our pride in the candidate for his/her preparation for Confirmation – the extra study effort, their service, and attention to prayer.
- How special/unique the candidate is and why. How he/she has brought love and joy to the family and others.
- Encourage the candidate to come to the sponsor and their family in times of pain, discouragement, failure. Speak about these times in your own life.
- Encourage the candidate to always strive to grow in his/her relationship with God and to live a moral, responsible life as a fully initiated Catholic.

Letters from sponsor, parents and siblings and others close to the candidate should be included as part of the Confirmation packet to be handed in by the parents/guardians. The packet, is due December 13th and 14th, 2017.
9. **Works of Mercy**  
(Service)

Each Confirmation candidate is strongly encouraged to perform Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy (Service) in the parish and/or community in response to our call to service as Catholics. Through serving others, we learn lessons and put our lives into perspective. The candidates have many talents and time that can be used to benefit those that are less fortunate.

**The Corporal Works of Mercy**
- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Shelter the homeless
- Visit the sick
- Visit the imprisoned
- Bury the dead

When giving service, the following points should be considered:
- Your service is not just a job well done. It is selflessly and lovingly helping those in need.
- You should reflect on how your service project is helping you take on the mind and heart of Christ, fulfill the needs of others, and build up the Christian community.

**Suggested Works of Mercy**
Find out what your parish or school organizations are doing. Join in on one of their projects or help in one or more of the following ways:
- Become involved in one of the projects sponsored by the St. Barnabas Outreach Program
- Help at a food kitchen/shelter
- Collect food and clothing for people in need
- Raise money for charity or other organizations through a sponsored walk
- Offer to babysit free of charge for parents attending Mass or church activities
- Rake leaves, run errands, wash windows, remove snow, etc. for infirmed or elderly neighbors
- Volunteer to assist activities in the community
- Read or help a young child with assignments
- Altar Serving
- Collect and wrap loose pennies from family and donate the money to a charity

10. **Confirmation Conversation**

Fr. Adrian and other representatives from St. Barnabas will meet with candidates sometime after the Rite of Enrollment to discuss the expectations of Confirmation candidates, which include:
- They must have been baptized in the Roman Catholic faith
- Attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days in accordance with our Catholic tradition
- Participate in the Sacrament of Eucharist and Reconciliation
- Achieve a deeper knowledge of what Catholics believe by studying the information provided and participating in group discussions and activities
- Complete all areas of the preparation process as outlined in the Confirmation packet that was mailed to your home
- Making a mature decision to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation

11. **Confirmation Rehearsal**

Confirmation candidates and their sponsor or parent are required to attend a brief mandatory rehearsal of the Confirmation. The Confirmation gowns and guest tickets will be distributed at the rehearsal.
Religious Education Classes began last week!

We have 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 for more information.

Thank you.

Monday, October 2nd - Classes
Tuesday, October 3rd - Classes
Wednesday, October 4th - Classes
Thursday, October 5th - Classes
Sunday, October 8th - Levels 3 and 4 - 9:00 AM Mass
Monday, October 9th - NO CLASSES (Columbus Day)
Sunday 10:15 Mass

Next Sunday is Agape Sunday

On the second Sunday of every month parishioners are invited to enjoy coffee, tea, juice, milk, bagels as well as other tasty treats purchased or made by parishioners. Hospitality Sunday is a great place to reconnect with old friends and make some new ones as well. Each month on Hospitality Sunday we will have a special craft or activity for children that relates to the liturgical season.

Have you considered serving as a Lector, Greeter, Usher or in the Music Ministry? We also need families to sign up to bring a homemade or store bought treat for Hospitality Sunday and/or help with set up/clean up.

The Costume Ministry helps sew, repair and maintain St. Barnabas costumes. Many are in need of repair and we could really use some helping hands.

Check the information table in the Holy Family Chapel.
Email stbarnabasfamilyliturgy@gmail.com
The 3rd Grade had a really great time at SAFETY TOWN! They learned all about keeping themselves and others safe as bike riders, pedestrians, and motorists.

Thank you the Fathers Club! They tackled the job of helping organize and clean up around the stage in the gymnasium, including the hundreds of chairs that are stored under the stage! Interested in joining? Attend the next meeting, October 11th at Piccolo's in Bellmore at 7:30 PM.

Please help us spread the word about our Early Childhood Open House.

If you know of a family with young children, please pass this bulletin onto them and encourage them to come check us out!
The Two Sons

A man had 2 sons. He asked one son to go and work in his vineyard. His son said, “No.” Then he changed his mind and went to work.

Circle the 6 differences in the 2nd picture.

The man asked his other son the same thing. He said, “Yes,” but then did not go.

Find the hidden objects in the picture.

We should do what is right.

Circle the children doing what is right.

Which son did the will of his father?

Circle the son who did what was right.
Jesus told a parable about two sons. Here is one of them.

Draw the other son.

But this son did not go. Which of the two did what his father wanted?

Put the words in alphabetical order. The letters in the blocks spell the answer.

faith
cough
gift
water
hair
bait
test
depth

What was the story about?

Use the code to find out.

What did the second son say when his father asked him the same question?

Follow the directions to find out.

1. Write the words EAST, WEST, NORTH and SOUTH in order without spaces.

2. Change the E’s to I’s.

3. Change the A’s to W’s and the S’s to L’s.

4. Double the first letter and delete the T’s and N’s.

5. Move the first I between the first W and L, change H’s to G’s and delete R’s.

6. Delete letters 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, and 13.

7. Fill in the blanks with the letters.

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