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14 October 2018
St. Barnabas the Apostle

Ordinary Time Twenty-Eighth Week

Today’s Mass Intention is for:

Monday, October 15
Fr. Michael 6:30 AM
Saint Teresa of Jesus
Kenneth Hubert
Fr. Kevin 9:00 AM
William White
Meghan Alice Roach

Tuesday, October 16
Fr. Kevin 6:30 AM
Intentions of Elaine Rezny
Brian Dione
Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM

Wednesday, October 17
Fr. Adrian 6:30 AM
Saint Ignatius of Antioch
Charlie and Ann Klika
Fr. Michael 9:00 AM
Nancy Stabile

Thursday, October 18
Fr. Kevin 6:30 AM
Saint Luke
Olga Marsico
Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM
Douglas Gerbost

Friday, October 19
Fr. Michael 6:30 AM
Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues
Meghan Alice Roach
Fr. Kevin 9:00 AM
Austin Hill

Saturday, October 20
Fr. Michael 8:00 AM
Friends and Family of Lou, Rosemary and
Rory Grandwilliams
3:00 PM
Wedding: Frank Scimeca and
Jacqueline Boyle
Fr. Kevin 4:30 PM
Raymond Vogts
Louise DelGrosso
Joanne Massarotti
Al Wider
Donald Roe
Yolanda Dattilo
Fr. Adrian 7:00 PM
Madeline Shershen

Sunday, October 21
Fr. Kevin 7:00 AM
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lois Fournier
Fr. Michael 9:00 AM
Joseph Procopio
Fr. Kevin 10:15 AM
Eugene J. Skelly
Fr. Adrian 10:30 AM
FDNY Capt. Vincent M. Giammona
Fr. Michael 12:00 PM
Carmine Bruno
Fr. Adrian 5:00 PM
For the People of Our Parish
New Hymnals
TO BE MEMORIALIZED

We are introducing new permanent hardcover hymnals to the pews. These will replace the paperback versions that are currently in use. The hardcover hymnal contains all the hymns we regularly use and has the three year cycle of readings. Having permanent hymnals will be a cost saver because the paperbacks have to be replaced every year. This will also cut back on the amount of trash we dispose of annually. If you would like to dedicate a hymnal to a loved one please contact the rectory office. Your dedication will be placed inside the cover.

$25 Donation
Phone 516 785 0054
Today’s gospel introduces us to a rich young man. Most might think this story is about people like Bill Gates, Warren Buffet, Tiger Woods or Oprah Winfrey. Or maybe we think it’s about people who won the lottery or who took home the prize on ‘The Price is Right’ or who correctly answered all the questions on ‘Jeopardy.’ We look at the rich young man in the gospel and assume it’s about someone who is rich, but not about us. But the truth is, when you compare any of us to the vast majority of the people in the world, we are rich! If we had half of what we own and earned half of what we earn, we would still be among the richest 10% of the world’s people. So this story is about us. It’s not just about the rich celebrities who entertain us - though they are included in it. Nor is it about the rich ball players we pay to play for us - though they are included in it, too. This story is primarily about us - we are people who have money and whether we want to admit it, not only do we cling to it in ways not too different from the young man. Jesus spoke more about money than He did about prayer. He spoke more about money than he did about family. He spoke more about money than He did about faith. In fact, the only thing He is reported to have spoken about more than money was the Kingdom of God. That’s because money is a powerful force in our society. Money is a rival god to God. ‘In God We Trust’ is printed on our money, but the truth is that money can become our god. It’s money we trust. And money is an all-consuming god.

The question then becomes, what are we to do? ‘What must we do to inherit life eternal?’ as the rich young man asks.

One of the best ways to become free of the power of money is to be generous with it. It is possible to have wealth and to serve God. It’s a matter of having possessions without being possessed by them. As long as we cling to our wealth, God cannot enter our lives. When we are generous and let go, we will find untold wealth from God.
We Pray For Our Deceased
Josephine Giordano
Concetta Mastriago

Bread and Wine
Is offered in memory of William White from the Menza Family.

Sanctuary Lamp
Is lit in memory of Mary and James Butler from their children.

Sisters of St. Barnabas Intention
For all families, especially those facing difficult times and challenges.

We Pray for Our Sick

The Week Ahead

Sunday:
10:15 AM  Baptism Class & Agape
1:30 PM  Baptisms, Church
6:00 PM  Middle School Youth Group, HFC
7:30 PM  Al-Anon, South Cafeteria

Monday:
7:30 PM  Charismatic Prayer Group, HFC

Tuesday:
10:00 AM  Parent Reconciliation Meeting - Level 2, HFC
12:30 PM  Friendly Seniors, HFC
7:00 PM  Parent Reconciliation Meeting - Level 2, HFC
7:30 PM  Bereavement Support Group, Rectory

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

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

Friday:
1:30 PM  Lectio Divina, Rectory Room

Saturday:
11:30 AM  Baptisms
12:30 PM  Confession
2:00 PM  Girl Scouts, Cafeteria

Our Finances
10/7/18: $14,926         10/8/17: $15,221
Families Registered: 5,057
Envelopes Mailed: 1,424
Used: 10/7/18: 519  10/8/17: 525

Catholic Ministries Appeal
Goal: $108,900  Donors: 477
Pledged: $111,130  Received: $103,749

Special Collections
October 21st  World Mission Sunday
WE WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS TO ST. BARNABAS

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Anderson
Mr. and Mrs. George Ascher
Ms. Miranda Awe
Mrs. Nicole Barbieri
Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Brennan
Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Conway
Ms. Tanya Cusumano
Mr. and Mrs. Radhames DeJesus
Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Doyle
Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Elhardt
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fanning
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Flynn
Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Galea
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hutchinson
Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Lass
Mr. and Mrs. Paul McGuire
Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Mendoza
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Montano
Mr. and Mrs. Ramiro Reyes
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rohs
Mr. Thomas Ruhle
Mr. and Mrs. Brian Scibilia
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Sgro
Mr. and Mrs. William Stone
Mrs. Marisa Szrajer
Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Taylor
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tuzzolo
Mr. and Mrs. Wielslow Waszczuk
Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Worster
Mr. and Mrs. Steven Zuniga

YOU BELONG HERE

Hospitality / Agape Sunday Today Following the 10:15 AM Mass
Parishioners are invited to stay after the 10:15 AM Mass and enjoy complimentary bagels, coffee, tea, juice and other dessert items. A special thank you to all of our parish bakers who make this monthly event possible! Anyone interested in joining the Family Liturgy Committee or helping out with Hospitality Sunday please email stbarnabasfamilyliturgy@gmail.com. We extend a warm welcome to all our new parents who are joining us today for the Baptism Preparation Class. This will take place after hospitality.

Ronny Jaghab & Kristina Amato
Joseph Porchia & Krystal O’Keefe
Joseph Fortini & Samantha Schwartz
Our Mission is to Encourage Evangelize & Educate

Extraordinary Ministers & Lectors
Many thanks to all our new Ministers of the Eucharist who volunteered at the recent Ministry Fair. If you are interested in serving our parish as a Minister of the Eucharist or Lector, please contact Fr. Adrian. The training begins on October 27th at St. Agnes cathedral. The monthly sign-up sheet for all our extraordinary ministers and lectors for All Saint’s Day, Thursday November 1st, is in the sacristy. Please sign up after Mass.

St. Barnabas Pre-Cana Schedule
In Home: 9/30 thru 11/16
Closing: Sunday 11/18 at 5:00 PM Mass

Engaged Encounter
Do you need to fulfill your Marriage Prep Requirement? Engaged Encounter is an effective Pre Cana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Couples are given the opportunity to explore many aspects of their relationship through a series of presentations, writings and dialog. There are no group discussions. Our next weekend will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington from November 2nd - 4th. For information please call Lenny and Pat Walker at (631) 563-1032 or www.engagedencounterli.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Whoever wishes to come after Me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me. Take time for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are November 16th - 18th and February 18th - 19th, 2019 in Huntington. For more information, call John and Toni Torio at (877) 697-9963 or visit them at www.wmeli.org.

Retrouvaille
The Retrouvaille Program is a Marriage program that helps couples who are facing difficult challenges, restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This Christian marriage program is Catholic in origin, where couples of all faiths or no faith background are encouraged to attend. Primarily a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. Presenters are not trained marriage counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love. The next weekend is in Huntington from November
Divorce & Beyond Support Group
A ten week support group providing friendship, prayer and dedicated to helping each other deal with the challenges and difficulties faced during the experience of separation and divorce. The program is designed to help men and women find encouragement as they explore and experience the emotions and issues associated with divorce and moving forward. Begins on Monday, October 15th from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM at St. Christopher Parish, Baldwin, in the Buckley Room. Register online at www.drvc.faith.org.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
In today’s Gospel, Jesus says: “Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in Heaven; then, come follow Me.” This doesn’t mean that we literally sell everything; we all have family and social obligations that make having things a necessity. Jesus is saying that we can’t let possessions (or anything else, for that matter) divide our hearts. Too often possessions possess us; we must let go so only God can possess us. Divided hearts just won’t do. God wants our all so God can give all in return. When you give to St. Vincent de Paul, you give hope to your neighbors who have nothing.

Respect Life Study Day
Please join us for a Respect Life study day Date and Times, Morning: Tuesday, November 6th, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.
Evening: Tuesday, November 6, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.
Where: Seminary of the Immaculate Conception 440 W Neck Rd, Huntington.
We will review and discuss the teachings in: Caritas in Veritate- “Charity in Truth”, The last Encyclical of Pope Benedict XVI Veritatis Splendor - “The Splendor of Truth”, the 10th Encyclical of St. Pope John Paul II Theology of the Body – Brief biblical insight on St. Pope John Paul II’s catechesis Additionally we will discuss a brief overview of Respect Life events and Diocesan Pre Cana. RSVP by Wednesday October 31st.

Respect Life Luncheon
Nassau Knights for Life, Inc. presents their First Annual “Respect Life Month Fall Luncheon for Life” on Saturday, October 20th from 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM at Farmingdale Library, lower Reception Room, 116 Merrits Road, Farmingdale. Cost is $32.50 per person and includes pasta dinner with meats, salad, bread and dessert. Soft drinks and coffee to be served. Raffles and prizes to be drawn. All donations for Life accepted. For reservations, contact Gloria Sommerville, Treasurer at 579-7318.

Life Center of L.I. Opportunity
The Life Center is searching for a part time bilingual staff person for our Deer Park location. Counseling skills background a plus, but will also train. For more information, please contact Gloria at 798-8746. Please send resumes to gschreiber@lifecenterli.org.
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Widows and Widowers

Wednesday, November 7th at 12:30 PM - Lunch at Guy Anthony’s, 2208 Jerusalem Avenue, Merrick. The cost is $25 and checks should be sent to Ann Sarrantonio at 2412 Knob Hill Road, North Bellmore, no later than October 31st. For questions, call Joyce Quinn at 781-6475. Sunday, December 2nd at 12:30 PM - Holiday Party/Meeting at the Wantagh Inn. The cost is $26 and checks should be sent to Terry Hoffman at 66 Whalers Cove, Babylon 11702, no later than November 21st. As always, our annual dues of $10 are due before the end of the year. They can be paid at the Holiday Party or mailed directly to Joy Brennan at 1830 Bellmore Avenue, Bellmore.

Friendly Seniors

Friendly Seniors of St. Barnabas meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month in the lower Church (HFC) from 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM. We have a business meeting, pray for intentions, play BINGO after a raffle and serve refreshments. Dues are $1 per meeting and will go towards our Christmas party at Piccolo’s in December. There is a chair lift for those who may need it. Our next meetings are on October 16th and November 6th. For information, contact Margaret Ferris at 221-4974.

Single Catholics of Long Island

A social organization for single persons, including divorced, separated and widowed will be having a New Member Orientation Meeting on Wednesday, October 24th at 7:30 PM. St. Frances de Chantal School, 1309 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh. This is a non-denominational meeting and all are welcome. Bring proof of single status to join. Refreshments following the meeting. For further information, call Carol at 794-4933 or Barbara at 798-2858.

Blood Drive

Sacred Heart Church is hosting a blood drive on Sunday, October 28th from 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM at 720 Merrick Avenue, North Merrick. Enter the school building at the gym doors which face the Southern State Parkway. Contact Maureen at 984-8419 or mofergie13@gmail.com for information. One donation can impact the lives of 3 people!
Swim Team
Registration for the Maria Regina CYO Swim Team will be held on Wednesday, October 24th from 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM in the Commons area of Farmingdale High School at 150 Lincoln Street, Farmingdale. The program is for boys and girls ages 6 - 18, and St. Barnabas parishioners are welcome to join. It is not a Learn to Swim program, as all swimmers must be able to swim 25 yards unassisted. All practices are at Farmingdale High School. Please visit mariaregina.swimtopia.com for further information.

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

Healing Mass
There will be a Healing Mass at the Church of St. Anastasia, 45-14 245th Street, Douglaston on Tuesday, October 16th. 7:00 PM - Rosary, Mass and Healing Service, with Celebrant Fr. Augustine Fernando. Contact St. Anastasia at (718) 631-4454.

Catholic School Open Houses
- St. Mary’s High School - Sunday, October 14th from 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM.
- Holy Trinity Diocesan High School - Saturday, October 20th from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM.
- St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School - Sunday, October 21st from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM.
- St. Dominic High School - Sunday, October 21st from 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM.
- Molloy College - Sunday, November 11th at 1:00 PM.

Kellenberg Memorial Reunions
Class of 1993 - 25 Year Reunion: All members of the class of 1993 are invited to return to campus on Saturday, October 27th, to celebrate their 25 Year Reunion. The evening will begin with Mass at 6:00 PM, followed by a private cocktail party from 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM.
Class of 1988 - 30 Year Reunion: All members of the class of 1988 are invited to return to campus on Saturday, November 3rd, to celebrate their 30 Year Reunion. The evening will begin with Mass at 6:00 PM, followed by a private cocktail party from 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM. To register for either event, please visit kellenberg.org/alumni. Questions may be
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directed to the Alumni Office at 292-0200, ext. 396 or alumni@kellenberg.org.

Catholics for Freedom of Religion
Discrimination Against Houses of Worship continues: A New Jersey court’s decision that fixing furnaces or repairing broken plumbing in historic church buildings is “religious,” is being appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. The N.J. court said that grants earmarked to repair and preserve historic buildings could not go to religious “activities” and defined these activities as basic repairs. But - the Supreme Court had ruled last year that a church cannot be excluded from programs generally available to the public. What do issues of historic preservation, hurricane recovery, and playground safety have in common? They are, or have been, at the center of court cases and arguments around separation of church and state. In 2017, FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) was sued by 3 Texas churches and 2 Florida synagogues damaged by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma because they “explicitly denied equal access to FEMA disaster relief grants for houses of worship solely because of their religious status,” said Becket Fund attorneys. The administration offered support for the churches seeking relief funds, and by January, 2018, the discriminatory policy was reversed.

The Men of the way of Light
In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells a man that by following the commandments, he will inherit eternal life. When the man replies that he has observed the commandments all his life, Jesus looks upon him lovingly and then challenges him, telling him to sell all that he has and give to the poor. The man went away sorrowful, for he had many possessions. Jesus lovingly challenges us to greater holiness in ways that are unique to each one of us. For example, he challenges me with patience, or rather, my lack of it! He asks me for patience in understanding my wife and children. He challenges my patience in where He is leading me. He tests my patience to do the things that He has called me to do, rather than the things I want to do. In our journey toward holiness, we may reach the same point as the man in the Gospel. When Jesus lovingly urges us to greater holiness, do we freely answer “Yes?” Want to join us on our journey toward greater holiness? Please attend our faith discussion group at our next meeting on Saturday, October 27th, immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass in the Nazareth Room of the Holy Family Chapel. Bagels and coffee served. The meeting runs until 10:30 AM. For information, visit our FaceBook page or pick up one of our business cards displayed at the rear of the Church.

Tabor Retreat Center
Tabor Retreat Center, located at 60 Anchor Avenue, Oceanside, is offering several programs.
• Holiday Recipes Made Healthy and Delicious - Sunday, November 4th from 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM. Converting traditional recipes to be Gluten free and Dairy free is easy and full of healthy ingredients. Don’t worry - everyone in your family won’t know the difference. The food will be delicious and they won’t fall asleep after dinner. Roasted veggies, braised Brussel sprouts, butternut squash roasted with cranberry vinegar, cranberry sauce with apples and berry crisp for dessert. There will be a holiday raffle and great food to eat. Bring a beverage of
your choice and a sharp knife and cutting board. All food included in the donation of $35. Deposit $15.

- Healing Meditation - Thursdays, November 8th, 15th, 29th, December 6th, 13th, and 20th from 7:00 PM - 7:45 PM. Meditation is recommended for everything from relaxation, relationships, business performance and enhancement, as well as to manage pain, loss, and anxiety...all in one spiritual practice. Come and sit with Jamie Tedesco-Cohen and learn to quiet the mind while enjoying guided meditations to relax and heal the soul. Donation is $60 for the series. Deposit is $30.

- Creative Visualization Techniques for Teens and Tween Athletes - Thursdays, November 8th, 15th, 29th, December 6th, 13th, and 20th from 7:00 PM - 7:45 PM. One of the things that separates elite athletes from average athletes is that elite athletes utilize the power of imagery and visualization. In this 6 week class your 12 - 18 year old child will learn specific mental training, meditation and creative visualization techniques that professional athletes use, such as goal setting, meditation, visualization and how to change unhelpful patterns. Donation is $60 for the series. Deposit is $30.

Register for any of these courses at www.taborretreatcenter.net.

Concert and Music Workshop

Join world-renowned composer, performer, liturgist and theologian Bob Hurd for a Concert and Music Workshop at St. John the Evangelist R.C. Church, 546 St. John’s Place, Riverhead. Bob has been composing liturgical music for the past 45 years and is known as an early pioneer of bilingual and multilingual music. Friday, October 19th Bob will lead us in “An Evening of Song and Prayer,” an all community concert of music, reflection, meditation and art, designed to expand your spiritual awareness and deepen your relationship with our risen Lord. Saturday, October 20th, Bob will offer a workshop focused on spirituality, Eucharist and music. This workshop is open to anyone who has an interest in how music and liturgy work hand-in-hand to provide a rich experience for members of the assembly. Tickets are $15 for the concert and $10 for the workshop ($20 for both) in advance or $20 for the concert and $10 for the workshop at the door. For more information, call Renee Stakey (Music Director) at (631) 644-5928 or sjpsocialmedia@aol.com.
The Holy Rosary
Join the 2018 Public Square Rosary Crusade at Sacred Heart Church Parking Lot, 1921 Old Mill Rd., Merrick on Saturday, October 13th, at 12:00 noon.

Our Lady of Fatima
Invite the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima into your home and teach your children to pray the rosary. To reserve a week, call Vin Murray at 781-7846 or 382-7200.

Magnificat
Magnificat, a Ministry to Catholic Women, cordially invites you to attend a Dinner on Thursday, November 1st at Pompei Restaurant in Hempstead at 6:00 PM. Our speaker will be Margie Woods, who will share how she has learned that Trustful Surrender to God’s Divine Providence is the key to living a happy and grace-filled life. The Dinner is $49 per person, and pre-registration is required. Please make checks payable to “Magnificat” and mail to - Judy Murphy, 42 Pinehurst Street, Lido Beach 11561. Checks must be received by October 27th. Payment will not be accepted at the door. For additional information, please contact Judy at (917) 453-5750. Come and bring a friend for an evening of fellowship, refreshment and worship!

Faith Formation Coordinator
Sacred Heart Church in Merrick is looking for a Coordinator for Grades 1 - 5. A degree in Education and/or Theology preferred. Must be active/Church going Catholic. 28 hours per week, evenings and weekends as needed for sacraments and sacramental preparation. Knowledge of PDS is a plus. Classes meet Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Salary commensurate with experience. Please contact Carol Tannehill at ctannehillshc@gmail.com for information.

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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. (See the list of dates below).

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 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 10:15 Mass & Class are held on October 14, November 11, December 9, 2018.

In 2019 the 10:15 Mass & Class are held on January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12 and June 9. *(Class will be held after the 10:30 Mass on July 14, August 11 and September 8, 2019).* We return to the 10:15 Mass for October 13, November 11, December 8, 2019.

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Parishioners of St. Barnabas often express how much they love their Parish. Our ministries help us to discover how we might turn our love of our parish into participation in its mission. The Ministry of the Altar Server is to provide young people an opportunity to serve the parish community at Mass and develop a deeper appreciation of the Eucharist.

We are currently recruiting for new altar servers. We, therefore, invite families to encourage their children to participate in this very important ministry. Children who express an interest in becoming an altar server will participate in a series of training sessions.

Qualifications
- Must be Catholic
- Have received First Holy Communion
- Fourth grade (as of 9/18) in school or older
- Enrollment in a Catholic School is not a requirement. This is a parish-wide ministry.

Training includes instruction on the liturgy and altar server responsibilities. After training, the new altar servers will be commissioned and be put on a schedule to serve at Mass and other liturgical services. Training will be held in October.

If you are interested, please fill out this form and drop it off in the collection basket or to the rectory.

Child’s Name: ____________________________

Grade Child is in as of 9/18: ____________________________

School Child Attends: ____________________________

Parents’ First Names: ____________________________

Address: ____________________________

Contact Phone Number: ____________________________

Parent’s Email: ____________________________
Part I of II: Our Call as Catholic Citizens

This brief document is Part I of a summary of the US bishops’ reflection, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, which complements the teaching of bishops in dioceses and states.

“If indeed ‘the just ordering of society and of the state is a central responsibility of politics,’ the Church ‘cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice.’” So writes Pope Francis, quoting Pope Benedict XVI.

Our nation faces many political challenges that demand well-informed moral choices:

- The ongoing destruction of a million innocent human lives each year by abortion
- Physician-assisted suicide
- The redefinition of marriage
- The excessive consumption of material goods and the destruction of natural resources, harming the environment as well as the poor
- Deadly attacks on Christians and other religious minorities throughout the world
- Efforts to narrow the definition and exercise of religious freedom
- Economic policies that fail to prioritize the needs of poor people, at home and abroad
- A broken immigration system and a worldwide refugee crisis
- Wars, terror, and violence that threaten every aspect of human life and dignity.

As Catholics, we are part of a community with profound teachings that help us consider challenges in public life, contribute to greater justice and peace for all people, and evaluate policy positions, party platforms, and candidates’ promises and actions in the light of the Gospel in order to help build a better world.

Why Does the Church Teach About Issues Affecting Public Policy?

The Church’s obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith, a part of the mission given to us by Jesus Christ. As people of both faith and reason, Catholics are called to bring truth to political life and to practice Christ’s commandment to “love one another” (Jn 13:34).

The US Constitution protects the right of individual believers and religious bodies to proclaim and live out their faith without government interference, favoritism, or discrimination. Civil law should recognize and protect the Church’s right and responsibility to participate in society without abandoning its moral convictions. Our nation’s tradition of pluralism is enhanced, not threatened, when religious groups and people of faith bring their convictions into public life. The Catholic community brings to political dialogue a consistent moral framework and broad experience serving those in need.

Who in the Church Should Participate in Political Life?

In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. As Catholics, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to any political party or interest group. In today’s environment, Catholics may feel politically disenfranchised, sensing that no party and few candidates fully share our comprehensive commitment to human life and dignity. This should not discourage us. On the contrary, it makes our obligation to act all the more urgent. Catholic lay women and men need to act on the Church’s moral principles and become more involved: running for office, working within political parties, and communicating concerns to elected officials. Even those who cannot vote should raise their voices on matters that affect their lives and the common good. Faithful citizenship is an ongoing responsibility, not just an election year duty.

How Can Catholic Social Teaching Help Guide Our Participation?

In the words of Pope Francis, “progress in building a people in peace, justice and fraternity depends on four principles related to constant tensions present in every social reality. These derive from the pillars of the Church’s social doctrine, which serve as ‘primary and fundamental parameters of reference for interpreting and evaluating social phenomena.’” The four principles include:

1. The dignity of the human person, the common good, subsidiarity, and solidarity. Taken together, these principles provide a moral framework for Catholic engagement in advancing what we have called a “consistent ethic of life” (Living the Gospel of Life, no. 22).

2. Rightly understood, this ethic does not treat all issues as morally equivalent; nor does it reduce Catholic teaching to one or two issues. It anchors the Catholic commitment to defend human life and other human rights, from conception until natural death, in the fundamental obligation to respect the dignity of every human being as a child of God.

Catholic voters should use Catholic teaching to examine candidates’ positions on issues and should consider candidates’ integrity, philosophy, and performance. It is important for all citizens “to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest” (USCCB, Living the Gospel of Life, no. 33). The following summary of the four principles highlights several themes of Catholic social teaching for special consideration: these include human rights and responsibilities, respect for work and the rights of workers, care for God’s creation, and the preferential option for the poor and vulnerable.

The Dignity of the Human Person

Human life is sacred because every person is created in the image and likeness of God. There is a rich and multifaceted Catholic teaching on human dignity summarized in the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church. Every human being “must always be understood in his irrepealable and inviolable uniqueness . . . This entails above all the requirement not only of simple respect on the part of others, especially political and social institutions and their leaders with regard to every man and woman on the earth, but even more, this means that the primary commitment of each person towards others, and particularly of these same institutions, must be for the promotion and integral development of the person” (no. 131). The Compendium continues, “It is necessary to ‘consider every neighbor without exception'
as another self, taking into account first of all his life and the means necessary for living it with dignity” (Cf. Laudato Si’, no. 27). Every political, economic, social, scientific and cultural program must be inspired by the awareness of the primacy of each human being over society.56

Subsidiarity
It is impossible to promote the dignity of the person without showing concern for the family, groups, associations, and local realities—in short, for those economic, social, cultural, recreational, professional, and political communities to which people spontaneously give life and which make it possible for them to achieve effective social growth. The family, based on marriage between a man and a woman, is the fundamental unit of society. This sanctuary for the creation and nurturing of children must not be redefined, undermined, or neglected. Supporting families should be a priority for economic and social policies. How our society is organized—in economics and politics, in law and public policy—affects the well-being of individuals and of society. Every person and association has a right and a duty to participate in shaping society to promote the well-being of individuals and the common good.

The principle of subsidiarity reminds us that larger institutions in society should not overwhelm or interfere with smaller or local institutions; yet larger institutions have essential responsibilities when the more local institutions cannot adequately protect human dignity, meet human needs, and advance the common good.7

The Common Good
The common good is comprised of “the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily.”8 Human dignity is respected and the common good is fostered only if human rights are protected and basic responsibilities are met. Every human being has a right to life, a right to religious freedom, and a right to have access to those things required for human decency—food and shelter, education and employment, health care and housing. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities—to ourselves, to our families, and to the larger society.

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. An economic system must serve the dignity of the human person and the common good by respecting the dignity of work and protecting the rights of workers. Economic justice calls for decent work at fair, living wages, a broad and fair legalization program with a path to citizenship for immigrant workers, and the opportunity for all people to work together for the common good through their work, ownership, enterprise, investment, participation in unions, and other forms of economic activity. Workers also have responsibilities—to provide a fair day’s work for a fair day’s pay, to treat employers and coworkers with respect, and to carry out their work in ways that contribute to the common good. Workers, employers, and unions should not only advance their own interests but also work together to advance economic justice and the well-being of all.

We have a duty to care for God’s creation, which Pope Francis refers to in Laudato Si’ as “our common home.”96 We are all called to be careful stewards of God’s creation and to ensure a safe and hospitable environment for vulnerable human beings now and in the future. Pope Francis, consistent with St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI (World Day of Peace Message, 1990 and 2010), has lifted up pollution, climate change, lack of access to clean water, and the loss of biodiversity as particular challenges. Pope Francis speaks of an “ecological debt” (no. 51) owed by wealthier nations to developing nations. And he calls all of us to an “ecological conversion” (no. 219), by which “the effects of [our] encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in [our] relationship with the world around [us].”10 Indeed, this concern with “natural ecology” is an indispensable part of the broader “human ecology,” which encompasses not only material but moral and social dimensions as well.

Solidarity
Solidarity is “a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all.” It is found in “a commitment to the good of one’s neighbor with the readiness, in the Gospel sense, to ‘lose oneself’ for the sake of the other instead of exploiting him, and to serve him instead of oppressing him for one’s own advantage.”11 We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. Our Catholic commitment to solidarity requires that we pursue justice, eliminate racism, end human trafficking, protect human rights, seek peace, and avoid the use of force except as a necessary last resort.

In a special way, our solidarity must find expression in the preferential option for the poor and vulnerable. A moral test for society is how we treat the weakest among us—the unborn, those dealing with disabilities or terminal illness, the poor, and the marginalized.

Conclusion
In light of Catholic teaching, the bishops vigorously repeat their call for a renewed politics that focuses on moral principles, the promotion of human life and dignity, and the pursuit of the common good. Political participation in this spirit reflects not only the social teaching of our Church but the best traditions of our nation.

Notes
1 Evangeli Gaudium, no. 183.
2 This specific list of issues is taken from the Introductory Note to Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, 2015. For a fuller consideration, see the second document in this series, “The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: Part II: Making Moral Choices and Applying Our Principles” (2016), and the full statement of the bishops’ Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, 2015.
3 Evangeli Gaudium, no. 221.
4 These principles are drawn from a rich tradition more fully described in the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church from the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2005), no. 160. For more information on these principles, see Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, 2016, nos. 40f.
5 Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, no. 132. This summary represents only a few highlights from the fuller treatment of the human person in the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church. For the fuller treatment, see especially nos. 124-159 where many other important aspects of human dignity are treated.
6 Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, no. 185.
7 Centesimus Annus, no. 48; Dignitatis Humanae, nos. 4-6.
8 Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, no. 164
9 Laudato Si’, no. 77.
10 Laudato Si’, nos. 219 and 217.
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REMINDER: We cannot allow anyone into the building during class time that is not a volunteer – door will open at 5:30 PM for dismissal.

Thank you to all who stepped forward and volunteered to teach.
We still need Hall Monitors for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM.

We are also in need of volunteers to teach a small or group or on a one-to-one basis for students who need a more individualized learning environment. Please call the Religious Education Office for more information.

Wednesday, October 31 – No Class – Halloween
Level 8 Class
October 17th or 18th
Chapter 15
“Why do I have to go to Mass?”
Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist

The purpose of this lesson is to lead your teen to understand the beauty and richness of the Mass and to see it as his or her “front row seat” in the most important event in human history. As Catholics, we are also morally obligated to attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation. The Catechism tells us that the liturgical celebration has remained substantially the same since the second century, and that together the Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist form a “single act of worship” that is reflected “on earth as it is in heaven.” In a most special way, it is through this sacrament that Jesus fulfilled his promise: “I am with you always...” (Matthew 28:20).

Conversation Starters
If someone at school asked you why you go to church on Sunday, what would you say?
Do you think it is important to go to church every Sunday and on holy days of obligation?
What are some important ways you can prepare to encounter Jesus at Mass? Confirmation?

Level 7 Class
October 24th or 25th
Chapter 4
How do I know God is Real (Chapter 4)
Understanding Divine Revelation

The purpose of this lesson is to focus on the ways in which God makes himself known to us and how we should respond to what he has revealed. We examine the relationship between faith and reason and how both of these things bring us to a right understanding of the truth.

In school, in their communities, and through the media, teens are bombarded with the idea that there is no such thing as objective moral or spiritual truth, but that these things are “relative” to what each person thinks. As a result of this “relativism” (which Pope Francis identified as “the spiritual poverty of our time”), faith and morals have been reduced to personal opinion or sentiment rather than reality: “Jesus is God for me.”

Conversation After Class
How can someone know God through nature? How does nature speak to you about God? What are two important ways God has revealed himself to us? (Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition, which together form one “deposit of faith.”)
Cure of Ars/St. Barnabas
Middle School
Youth Group

When: Sunday, October 14th
Where: Holy Family Chapel
(St. Barnabas)
Time: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Join us for our first Middle School Youth Group Meeting

Questions: contact Kieran at
stbyouth17@gmail.com

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GOODS & SERVICES AUCTION

We are a Regional Catholic School serving our five parishes: St. Barnabas, Cure of Ars, St. Raphael, St. Frances de Chantal, and Sacred Heart.

This week in school Pre-K took their first field trip ever to the Bellmore Public Library. They learned so many interesting things! Thank you to the Third Grade for presenting our October School Mass. We celebrated St. Francis of Assisi’s Feast Day by praying for all of God’s creatures. Looking for an Early Childhood program? Be sure to join us for our Open House, October 21, 11-1pm.
The Rich Young Man

As Jesus started on His way, a man ran up and fell on his knees before Him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

Connect the dots. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Jesus’ disciples were amazed by what He taught them, and they followed Him.

Help show the disciples the way to follow Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and loved him. He said, “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow Me.”

Find the hidden pictures.

Jesus said to His disciples, “How hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! But all things are possible with God.”

Shade in the shapes with numbers. Do not shade in the shapes with letters.
ACROSS
4. A small, slender implement used for sewing
5. A long-necked animal with humps
6. To go into
8. Something considered to be especially precious or valuable
9. Difficult; requiring considerable skill or effort

DOWN
1. The home of God and the angels
2. An adult male human
3. Less difficult; something accomplished with little effort
6. An opening in a needle
7. Possessing great material wealth

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The Rich Young Man

A man knelt before Jesus and asked Him how to inherit eternal life. Use the graph to find Jesus’ words.

Help the camel get through the maze, and read the words along the way to learn something Jesus told His disciples.

Jesus said something about the first and the last. What was it?

The disciples were ... amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?" What did Jesus tell them?

Unscramble the words below. Write the words on the numbered lines.

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3. ________ 4. ________
5. ________ 6. ________