"The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.'
St. Barnabas the Apostle
Twenty-Eighth Week of Ordinary Time

Monday, October 16
6:30 AM Cyril O’Reilly
9:00 AM Olga Giovanna Marsico
Carmen Castro
Joanna Buccellato
Antonio Aliberti

Tuesday, October 17
St. Ignatius of Antioch
6:30 AM Sue Walsh
9:00 AM Nancy Stabile

Wednesday, October 18
St. Luke
6:30 AM Douglas Gerbosi
9:00 AM Gio Cipriani

Thursday, October 19
6:30 AM George Donohue
9:00 AM Austin Hill

Friday, October 20
6:30 AM Friends and Family of Lou, Rosemary
and Rory Grandwilliams
9:00 AM Geremia and Caroline Schiavone

Saturday, October 21
8:00 AM Louis Ciccotto
3:00 PM Wedding:
Daniel Sciulla & Diann Drury
Fr. Charles 4:30 PM James DeVito
Raymond Vogts
Patricia Ansbro
Rob Bertsch
Phillip Ferrandino
Rosella Tamburro
Fr. Kevin 7:00 PM Leonard Harrison

Sunday, October 22 Twenty-Ninth Sunday Ordinary Time
Fr. Charles 7:00 AM For the People of Our Parish
Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM Veronica Young
Fr. Charles 10:15 AM Carl and Dolly Nobile
Fr. Kevin 10:30 AM Adeline and Peter Villella, Jr.
Fr. Adrian 12:00 PM Frank Lodispoto
Fr. Kevin 5:00 PM Michael Gilmartin
Rite of Welcome

(Candidates with an adult come to the sanctuary. Adults place your right hand on your candidate’s right shoulder)

Fr. Adrian: Candidates today you ask of God’s Church to be accepted as a candidate for Confirmation.

Candidates’ Declaration of Intent

Blessed be God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you a new birth in Baptism. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation God frees you from sin. In reception of the Holy Eucharist you grow in strength.

Now, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, you desire to continue that journey of faith through the Sacrament of Confirmation, which will complete the Christian initiation begun at your Baptism.

Jesus told us that He is “the Way, the Truth, and the Life.” Are you prepared to reflect more deeply on “the Way” God has adopted you—through your Baptism—and has given you a new life in Christ? Candidates: I am.

Are you prepared to listen with us to “the Truth” of the apostles’ instruction? Candidates: I am.

And are you prepared to join with us in “the Life” of prayer and service as you prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation? Candidates: I am.

Affirmation and Welcoming by the Assembly

Parents and adults you now present these candidates to us. Do you promise to continue to help them complete their Christian initiation? Adults: We do.

To the parish community gathered with us, please answer, “We are,” to the following question. Are you ready to help these candidates complete their Christian initiation through your prayers and support? The assembly: We are.

Signing of the Candidates with the Cross

Candidates and adults, please stand and face each other. Dear candidates, you have expressed your desire to share fully in the life of the Catholic Church. I mark you with the Sign of Christ’s Cross and call upon the adults with you to do the same.

† Receive the Sign of the Cross on your forehead as a reminder of your Baptism into Christ’s saving death and resurrection.

† Receive the Sign of the Cross over your heart, that Christ may dwell there by faith.

† Receive the Sign of the Cross on your hands, that Christ may be known in the work that you do.

Candidates and sponsors, face forward. Sponsors place your right hand on your candidate’s right shoulder.

Candidates, I sign you with the sign of eternal life in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May God help you to persevere in the footsteps of Christ. We ask this through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.
The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who summons the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come.

What's Pastor Thinking?
A wedding is a lot of work, and it takes a lot of planning. But because it is a very important day for the groom and bride, they want to share this day with friends and family. Invitation lists are compiled and invitations sent out. The most hurtful thing is when some guests don’t even acknowledge they received an invitation! They never send back the little card saying if they are coming or not. It seems the wedding day is a lower priority than whatever else they had going on.

Today’s parable talks about a wedding banquet, but it's really referring to our relationship with God. God invites His loved ones to come and celebrate with Him, but they have other things to do. God isn't high enough on their priority lists. He’s just not important enough for them.

We don't often think about God being disappointed, or hurt, or feeling shunned or betrayed, but He can be. Just last week we heard a reading from Isaiah in which God was upset because the people He'd nurtured and tended to like a precious vine turned from Him, and rejected Him. This week He's compared to a proud and powerful king who is happy about His son's marriage and throws a party, wanting everyone to celebrate, but nobody cares. Of course that hurts.

God knows the hurt of rejection. Think of the hurt Jesus felt on the cross. With the crowds He'd been teaching and healing; crying out for His blood, His disciples scattering in all directions and denying Him to anyone who tried to connect them to Him. And Him feeling so distant and cut off from His own Father that He cried out in anguish, My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?! Jesus felt that, experienced that, made that event a part of His very being.

Now God is not some lonely character desperate for friends; He is a generous and benevolent host, who has created something good with the intention of sharing it with others. So those who consciously reject Him, He lets go, and He reaches out to still others, because what He's got is too good to keep to Himself. He set up this banquet specifically to provide celebration and nourishment to others; all who will celebrate and be nourished are welcome.

God knows life as life should be, life as life could be, and He provides it. And through His grace and mercy, He has invited us to share in it. Come to the banquet, for all is now ready. Discipleship can be difficult. It demands a lot of us. Our values are different from the prevailing values of society. But the truth is, we're called, through no worth or merit of our own, to participate in all the good things God has done. We're called to participate in the joy and the feasting and the glory of the kingdom.
The Week at a Glance

Sunday:
12:00 PM Catholic Daughters Mass
1:30 PM Baptisms, Church
7:30 PM Al-Anon, School

Monday:
7:30 PM Charismatic Prayer Group, HFC

Tuesday:
1:00 PM Friendly Seniors, HFC
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

Saturday:
8:30 AM Men’s Group, HFC
11:30 AM Baptisms, Church

Sanctuary Lamp

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

We Pray for Our Sick


Our Finances

10/9/16: $ 16,324
10/8/17: $ 15,207
Parish Families Registered: 4,997
Envelopes Mailed: 1,218
Used 10/9/16: 547
10/8/17: 525

Catholic Ministries Appeal

Goal: $106,400 Donors: 520
Pledged: $120,037
Received: $110,674

Second Collections

This Weekend
Hurricane Maria and Mexico Earthquakes Funds
(Replaces the Maintenance & Repair collection scheduled for this weekend)

October 22
World Missions

October 29
Catholic Ministries Appeal

November 1
All Saints Day

November 5
Catholic Ministries Appeal
Hurricane Maria and Mexico Earthquakes Funds

In light of the devastation caused by Hurricane Maria and multiple earthquakes in Mexico, Bishop John O. Barres authorized an additional special second collection to assist those suffering from the seemingly unprecedented number of natural disasters. This collection can be taken up in the 133 parishes of the Diocese of Rockville Centre this weekend. It replaces the scheduled Maintenance & Repair Collection.

The Church in the Caribbean – especially the Diocese of St. Thomas, the six dioceses of Puerto Rico and Cuba have suffered significant devastation. The Church in Mexico also experienced substantial damage, due to the earthquake, in several dioceses, some of which are the poorest in the country. “We pray in solidarity for all those who are suffering in these days,” said Bishop Barres.

World Mission Sunday

Our annual worldwide Eucharistic celebration for the Missions and missionaries of the world will be on October 22. This collection on the next-to-last Sunday in October is a unique, global effort for the entire Church to provide for the building up of over one thousand local churches in Asia and Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Through the work of these churches and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help, experience God’s love, mercy, hope and peace.
Catholic Ministries Appeal
Based upon payments received as of October 2nd, we are pleased to report that our parish has reached its $106,400 goal, and in fact, has raised payments of $110,674 for the 2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please accept our heartfelt congratulations, and our sincere appreciation to our generous parishioners and our Appeal Committee for their hard work. Congratulations and many thanks!

Pre Cana: Remaining Fall Schedule
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 a liturgy on Sunday, November 19th at the Church of Christ the King in Commack at 2:30 PM. Registration forms may be obtained at the rectory and must be received by the Office of Worship by November 6th. There will be additional celebrations in the spring for those who may find that more convenient. Call 678-5800 ext. 207 for information.

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. The sign-up sheet for Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors for All Saints Day, Wednesday, November 1st, is in the Sacristy. Please sign up after Mass.

Liturgical Ministry Training
If you are interested in serving as an EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER 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”.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Today’s Gospel could be called the Gospel of excuses. It is incredible that invited guests could refuse to come to such a significant and lavish banquet! Those invited had not understood - or chose not to understand - the urgency of the invitation. We are invited to a feast even more lavish and we, too, can fail to see its significance and fail to prepare ourselves. It is through reflection on the humility and obedience of Jesus Christ that we will most securely respond to God’s personal invitation and that we will come to the banquet which He has prepared for us. Supporting the St. Vincent de Paul Society helps us to bring the goodness of Jesus Christ who came into this world to help the poor and needy.

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 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 Kwiecinski, Volunteer/Intern Coordinator at 733-8704.
Catholic Charities Employment
Catholic Charities is always looking for individuals to join the ministry and offer “Care with Dignity...Life with Hope.” Direct Support Professionals - Residential Services for Developmentally Disabled Adults. Nassau, Western Suffolk and East End locations. Starting salary is $12.17/hour. FT & PT evening, awake overnight and weekend shifts available, along with many flexible On Call opportunities.

For a full listing of jobs and their descriptions, please go to www.Catholiccharities.cc and click on the “jobs” tab. You may apply by sending your resume and cover letter via email to jobs@catholiccharities.cc or fax to 733-7038. Please reference “DSP - parish bulletin” in the subject line.

Ministry Position for Suffolk County Parish
Catholic Charities is accepting resumes for a Parish Social Ministry Coordinator for a Suffolk parish. The Parish Social Ministry Coordinator will have the responsibility of engaging the parish in the ministry; recruiting, training and supervising volunteers; managing the direct services provided to people in need; identifying community resources; and working collaboratively with other members of the parish staff. Necessary qualifications and skills: desire to live the Gospel by serving those in need, knowledge of and commitment to Catholic Social Teaching, experience with Parish Social Ministry or related proficiency, managerial and interpersonal skills, computer skills, Bachelor’s degree and bi-lingual (Spanish) is a plus. This position is full time. Please send cover letter and resume by email to Malloy.Paula@CatholicCharities.cc.

Bereavement Support
This Fall, our Bereavement Support Group will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 PM in the rectory meeting room. Our meetings began October 3rd, but are still open to anyone wanting to join. 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.

Apostolathe 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. The statue will be at St. Barnabas, Monday November 6th. Evening Vigil from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Join the parish in prayer and devotion for the world.

Public Square Rosary
Unite in prayer for our families, country and peace on Saturday, October 14th from 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Stand up for America at the Fireman’s 9-11 Memorial at the Northwest corner of Sunrise Highway and Merrick Ave., Merrick. For information call Center of Life at 409-6201. (Bring a chair).
Marian Healing Ministry
There will be a healing Mass at St. Anastasia’s Church, 45-14 245th Street, Douglaston on Tuesday, October 17th at 7:00 PM. Celebrant is Fr. Augustine Fernando, assisted by Deacons Joseph Mercolino and Michael Vicinanza.

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 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.

Widows, Widowers, Divorced and Single Catholics of L.I.
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.

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.
The following one day programs are also being offered -
⇒ Living Gratefully - Monday, October 16th from 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM. $50 (includes lunch).
⇒ Faith & Film Festival: Of Gods and Men - Thursday, October 19th; Two showings: 12:30 PM and 7:00 PM. $10.
For further information, call 627-9255. Call 627-9255 or visit www.olgaretreat.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.

Fundraiser to Benefit Wantagh HS and SEAS
Saturday, October 14th at Wantagh Park from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza and more! There will be a DJ, games, raffles and a 50/50. Suggested donations are $25 for adults and $10 for children. All proceeds will go towards Forever 20 June Leahy Furda Memorial Scholarship Fund. Please contact Elizabeth Leahy Greco at 220-8228 or Esther Leahy Gerrity at (631) 987-4643 for additional information or to make donations. They can also be reached at juneleahyfurdafund@outlook.com.

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. Mary’s HS -
  Sunday, October 15th from 2:00 - 4:30 PM
♦ McGann-Mercy Diocesan HS -
  Saturday, October 21st from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
♦ St. John the Baptist Diocesan HS -
  Sunday, October 22nd from 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM
♦ St. Dominic HS -
  Sunday, October 22nd from 1:00 - 3:30 PM
♦ Molloy College
  Sunday, November 12th at 1:00 PM
Bishop McDonnell HS Reunion
The Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School Class of 1952 will be celebrating its 65th Reunion with a Mass and Luncheon at Our Lady of Mercy Academy, Syosset on October 15th. For information, please contact Fran at 798-6684 or email frances1960@msn.com by October 1st.

Girl Scout Religious Awards
The first meeting for Girl Scouts who wish to earn their religious medals will be Saturday, October 21st in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School cafeteria. Brownies working on the Ave Maria and Family of God awards will meet at 3:00 PM. Juniors 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 PM to 4:00 PM and Seniors and Ambassadors working on Spirit Alive will meet from 2:30 PM to 3:00 PM. First grade Daisies work on the Jesus Loves Me award with their Families. For further information or to register for the workshops please contact Judy Hughes (4th - 6th grades) at 781-8040 or for all other grades contact Joan Monastero at monasteroj@verizon.net or 783-8567.

Swim Team Registration
Registration for the Maria Regina CYO Swim Team will be held on Monday, October 23rd from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM in the lobby of the Maria Regina School at 4045 Jerusalem Ave. in Seaford. The program is for boys and girls ages 6 - 18 and St. Barnabas parishioners are welcome to join. All Home meets and practices are at Farmingdale High School. Please visit mariaregina.swimtopia.com or e-mail Helen at swimmrcyo@yahoo.com with any further questions.

Sisters of St. Dominic Gala
Many of you know the Dominican Sisters of Amityville through their ministry in schools, health facilities, parish affiliations, etc. This year, we celebrate and honor those whose daily dedication and hard work foster the creation of a caring community. The Dominican Gala will be held on October 26th, at the Crest Hollow Country Club, to benefit the ministries of our Sisters. For further information about our 50/50 raffle or a listing in the 2017 Dominican Gala Journal, please contact Mary Fuchs, Director of Advancement, at (631) 842-6000 ext. 241.

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.

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.
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; Southhold (631) 876-5138; and Rocky Point (631) 821-9727.

Catholics for Freedom of Religion
In August, a 3-judge panel of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, struck down the appeal of Washington State H.S. football coach, Joe Kennedy, who was fired for taking-a-knee on the 50-yard line after a game, bowing his head to silently thank God for a good game, and 30 seconds later - leave. “Banning all coaches from praying individually in public, just because they can be seen, is wrong,” said First Liberty President Shackelford. “This is not the America contemplated by the Constitution.”

The Men the Way of the Light
In today’s second reading, St. Paul says, “I can do all things in Him that strengthens me.” Sometimes, though, our lives seem out of control with seemingly insurmountable problems. Join the members of the St. Barnabas Men’s Prayer Group on Saturday, October 21st, as we discuss how we can overcome these overwhelming times in our lives, with Jesus’ help, and how we can aid others in Jesus’ name during the times of abundance.

Parish Trip to Radio City Music Hall
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.

School Secretary Needed
St. Peter in Alcantara School in Port Washington is looking for a school secretary. Call 944-3772 and speak with the Principal, Marianne Carberry.

Seamstress Needed
Fr. Kevin is in need of a skilled seamstress. He has a vestment that needs to be reconfigured to match current Church protocol. If you would like to help or need additional information please call the rectory and ask for Fr. Kevin. Thank you.

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.

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.

To place a notice in our Bulletin email Bulletin11710@aol.com.
To place an advertisement on our cover call The Church Bulletin at (631) 249-4994.
October 15, 2017

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

Since my installation in January, I have had the joyful opportunity to visit many of the Diocese’s parishes, schools and ministries. Thank you for your commitment to the pursuit of holiness and mission in every dimension of your lives. Thank you for your intimacy with Father, Son and Holy Spirit and your deep desire to share your Catholic faith on Long Island and to be instruments of dramatic missionary growth. Your commitment to the Catholic Church’s Eucharistic Mission of Mercy to the World has inspired me at every turn.

As your Servant Successor of the Apostles and as your Shepherd, I am now asking all of us together to take a new and important step in the Church’s Eucharistic Mission of Mercy by announcing that the Diocese of Rockville Centre will be making a major commitment to the ongoing healing of survivors of acts of child sexual abuse committed by clergy.

As you may have heard, I announced this past week the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program (IRCP) for the Diocese of Rockville Centre. This program follows years of meaningful and ever vigilant steps taken in this Diocese to protect children and youth. It is a critical and tangible next step towards reconciliation, healing and compensation for survivors of acts of abuse committed by diocesan clergy.

Our Program will be administered by Mr. Kenneth Feinberg, a preeminent mediator in the country who has administered numerous high-profile compensation programs, including the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund and the Compensation Fund for the victims of the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Mr. Feinberg will be aided by his colleague, Ms. Camille Biros, in this effort.

The Diocese has also established an Independent Oversight Committee to oversee the implementation and administration of the Program. This committee consists of the Honorable A. Gail Prudenti, Dean of the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University and former Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts of New York State; Michael Cardello III, a partner with the law firm of Moritt Hock & Hamroff; and Dr. Thomas Demaria, a New York State Psychologist who is the Director of the Psychological Services Center of the Doctoral Psychology Program at Long Island University Post.
The Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program builds on the reforms and best practices for protecting our children in the Catholic Church. The outreach of Bishops and survivors’ assistance coordinators to survivors and their families, a firm zero tolerance policy and immediate reporting and cooperation with civil authorities, diocesan and parish audits, the ongoing training of clergy, employees and volunteers to prevent child abuse, extensive background checks on employees and volunteers, thorough screening of our seminarians preparing to be priests – these are examples of the proactive procedures which have been integrated into every dimension of the Catholic Church’s life and will always require our moment by moment vigilance and commitment.

It is important to note that the funding for this program will come from investment returns over time and insurance programs. Of course, if we were not using these funds for this purpose they could have been used for other dimensions of the Church’s mission. However, I am convinced that using these funds to help bring reconciliation, healing and compensation for survivors is a vitally important goal and commitment, and the critical next step in our Church’s mission of mercy.

Pope Francis said that survivors of abuse and their families are “true heralds of hope and ministers of mercy”. Each one of us in every parish in the Diocese of Rockville Centre and the universal Church is called to pray, to sacrifice and to be instruments of healing for those who have experienced sexual abuse or any form of abuse. In this spirit, we are instruments of the Holy Spirit and the Divine Mercy.

To learn more about the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program, please visit the diocesan website www.drvc.org and click on “Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program” to access full Program information. You can visit the Program site directly by going to www.RockvilleCentreDioceseIRCP.com.

We as a Church recognize that no amount of monetary compensation could ever erase or undo the grave harm suffered by survivors of child abuse. Still, we embrace Christ’s healing power and the Mission of Mercy of the Catholic Church as we begin our Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program. We stand in solidarity with our survivors and their families and we continue our commitment and vigilance to the protection of children in our Church and in society. God bless you all and thank you for the inspirational way you live our Church’s Mission of Mercy each day.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

[Signature]

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre
Thanksgiving is a very special time for each of us as we celebrate and give thanks to God for family, friends and the many blessings we share.

Still, there are those among us who will need our help to make their Thanksgiving a happy one. Here at St. Barnabas we have a rich and generous tradition of sharing our blessings with those in need by providing Food Baskets at Thanksgiving. So, this year again, we invite you to consider donating one or two of the following items:

Gift card to purchase a turkey, canned vegetables (including yams), stuffing mix, potatoes (canned or boxed), gravy, pancake mix/syrup, cider/juice, cookies (tin or box), canned fruit, coffee/tea, napkins. We were fortunate to have received lots and lots of cranberry sauce, so that Thanksgiving request has been filled. Many, many thanks for all the monthly contributions and for helping with the special requests made for Thanksgiving.

God bless you for your generosity!
Coming soon to Bellmore!
A Red Carpet Premiere Film Event
starring Donna Camilleri from St. Barnabas Parish, Bellmore
in an hour-long independent documentary film

Title: "Bella: Portrait of a Prayer"
Showtime: Oct. 21, 12:00 noon - 2:00 PM
Where: Bellmore Movies, 222 Pettit Ave. (opposite Bellmore LIRR station)
Ticket sales: In advance at Bellmore Movies or Dear Little Dollies doll shop, 418 Bedford Ave., or at event
Limited seating!
Cost: $20/ticket. No credit cards please. Cash or Checks made out to your choice of below mentioned 501(c)3 charity.

"Bella" is the inspirational true life story of an amazing woman, told in her own words and in the words of her family and friends. Donna Camilleri "plays herself" in the unfolding of the extraordinary way she lives her ordinary life, and the way she touches people with the depths of her gentle humanity and giftedness. You will be moved, as so many have been, by her simple, beautiful soul.

Proceeds of all ticket sales, as well as raffles/purchases at the event, will benefit tax exempt programs which support persons with Down Syndrome, including the Diocese of Rockville Centre - Special Need Ministry; the NDSS (National Down Syndrome Society); The ACDS (Association for Children with Down Syndrome); the AHRC (Association for the Help of Retarded Children); the ADRC (Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center - to spearhead a program for persons with Down Syndrome and with, or at risk of developing, young onset Alzheimer's Disease.)

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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.

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 November 12, December 10, January 14, February 11, March 11.
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, Nicholas P. Wright, Rev. Major Timothy Hirten

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

US COAST GUARD:

US PEACE CORPS:
Patrick Coons

Banns of Marriage
Brian Collins & Julie Costello

St. Barnabas Level 7
YOUTH retreat
Holy Family Chapel
Saturday November 4th
9:30 AM—12 noon
OR
1:00 PM—3:30 PM
10 DAY PILGRIMAGE
TO THE HOLY LAND

NOVEMBER 12 - 21, 2017

Visiting
HAIFA * TIBERIAS * NAZARETH
BETHELHEM * JERUSALEM

Hosted by
Fr. Kevin Gruber

$3529 from NEW YORK
(Air/land tour price is $2829 plus $700 government taxes/airline surcharges)

Clockwise from above left: Sea of Galilee; Dome of the Rock ~ Jerusalem;
Mount of Beatitudes; Via Dolorosa ~ Jerusalem
World 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

From May to October in 1917, Our Lady of the Rosary appeared to three little children of Fatima, Portugal. People of every medical condition of life went to Fatima to honor Mary, the Mother of God and thank her for the graces received and to beg her for favors received of body and soul. On May 13, 1947, the 50th Anniversary of Our Lady’s appearance at Fatima, Pope Paul VI blessed twenty five Pilgrim Virgin Statues when he visited Fatima. It was his desire that these statues be taken around the world on pilgrimages of peace. One of these statues was presented to our country and has continued moving in solemn procession throughout the U.S.

Sunday, November 5th
St. Rose of Lima Church 2 Bayview Ave., Massapequa
Arr. 7:30 AM, 8:30, 11:00, 12:30 Mass, 5:15 Mass Depart 8:00PM
Helen Gavin 516-799-5910

Monday, November 6th
Blessed Sacrament Church 201 N. Central Ave., Valley Stream
Arr. 8:00 AM 9:00AM Mass Depart 3:00PM
Maria Agtarap (Joy) 516-568-1027, 516-270-6123

Tuesday, November 7th
St. Mary’s Church 330 Northern Blvd., Manhasset
Arr. 8:00 AM, 9:00AM Mass Depart 11:00AM
Fr. Robert Romeo, Ann Welsh 516-627-4821

Wednesday, November 8th
St. Ignatius Church 129 Broadway, Hicksville
Arr. 3:00 PM, Depart 7:00PM
Joan Della Ratta 516-931-0056

Thursday, November 9th
St. Anthony’s 110 Anchor Ave., Oceanside
Arr. 11:00AM, 12 Noon Mass, Depart 8:15PM
Joan Hillard 516-337-3770
Jane Mango DeAnna 516-603-5835

Friday, November 10th
St. Martha’s 546 Greengrove Ave., Uniondale
Arr. 8:00 AM, 9AM Mass, 7:30 PM Healing Mass
Deacon Evenou 374-207-0671
Pat Edwards 631-766-3659

Saturday, November 11th
St. Catherine Sienna 33 New Hyde Park Rd., Franklin Square
Arr. 11:00AM, Depart 3:00PM
Fr. Richard Fillionzzi 516-448-7331
Anna Rupert 516-322-0701

St. Frances de Chantal 1300 Wantagh Ave., Wantagh
Arr. 6:30PM Depart 9:00PM
Linda Pascule 516-729-5333

Sunday, November 12th
St. Joseph’s Church 39 Carl Ave., Babylon
Arr. 9:00AM, 10:00 AM Mass Depart 2:30PM
Fr. Charles Manganino
Kathy Knott 631-418-7424

Fr. Adrian McHugh 516-785-0054, Ellen O’Malley 516-221-0574
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Regional Catholic School

Where we “Embrace” our faith with Respect, Responsibility & Reverence.

Please visit our website www.steas.com and Facebook Page for all our news and current events.

Good luck to all the candidates who are running for a Student Council Position! The posters are up and the speeches are written. Be sure to check back to see who was elected! Thank you to Ms. Gallego for all the hard work you put into keeping the Student Council organized. This great program promotes self reflection, public speaking skills, empathy, and graciousness among our students.

Our second school mass for the year was hosted by the 3rd Grade. They lead us in celebration for the feast day of Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary. Father Greg lead the congregation in a great homily in which students learned about who Mary was. Father Greg also hosted our first grade level retreat. The 3rd Grade students EMBRACED their faith as they excitedly participated. This mass also marks the beginning of the Rosary Club. Once a week students sacrifice their recess to pray the rosary together.

The Kindergarten was excited to welcome their “Special Person” into class. This fun day offers a unique opportunity for family members and friends to get a peek into their student’s classroom and learn about their studies.
SEAS Improv Night

Please join us for a night of fun & laughter
Thursday, November 9th at Mulcahy’s
7pm – 11pm
Featuring:
Tommy Gooch, John Santo,
SEAS Faculty Family Feud & Ms. Graziose
Chinese Auction * 50/50 * Grand Prizes
Buffet Dinner, Beer, Wine, Soda & Dessert

Admission: $60/person

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(Family Name)

_________X $60/person = $____________

Total Enclosed $__________ Check #__________

Please send payment to: SEAS c/o Daryl Fallon 2341 Washington Ave. Bellmore, NY 11710 if you have any questions please contact me at dfallon@steas.com
We are very excited to kick off youth ministry at St. Barnabas by introducing ‘Life Teen.’ All those in 8-12th grade are invited to consider joining us for our “Life Nights”!

Life Teen is an international youth ministry organization with its sole purpose to lead teens closer to Jesus Christ. We encourage you to explore Life Teen’s website to learn more about the program.

This weekend, October 14-15, our new Youth Minister, Kieran Maelia, will speak at all Masses to introduce himself and to invite the youth of St. Barnabas to join Life Teen. As we prepare for this we need a team of dedicated core members to join us on the journey. If you are a college student or older, please consider joining us to help lead our teens closer to Christ.

Please pray for our youth that they may say yes to Jesus Christ in their lives!
Please know that my prayers are with all of you.
If you have any questions or comments, please email Kieran at: stbyouth17@gmail.com or call the Youth Ministry Office at: (516) 221-0537.

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The purpose of this lesson is to introduce us to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, which are “permanent dispositions” (CCC 1830) that allow us to follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit. These gifts, which are strengthened in us at Confirmation, are intended to help us grow in holiness—and to empower us to help others grow as well. In this lesson, we talk about the two types of Gifts of the Holy Spirit—the seven gifts listed in Isaiah 11, which help us to grow in holiness and produce in us the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. We will also discuss the charismatic gifts, which the Holy Spirit gives us to empower us to lead others to holiness and to build up the kingdom of God on earth. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit, received at Baptism and strengthened through Confirmation, help us to live the Christian life. As with any gift, however, we must be willing to open the gift in order to use it. The more we cooperate with and exercise a particular gift, the stronger we grow in using it.

**Conversation After Class**

Can you name the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit? (Wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, piety, fortitude, and fear of the Lord.)
If you get all the gifts you need from the Spirit at Baptism, what do they have to do with Confirmation?
How many of the twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit can you name? (Fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity.)
Which do you most need to cultivate in your own life?
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 to get more information.

You will receive a letter soon with information on your child’s First Communion time and date.

Saturday, October 28 - Level 3 and 4 Reconciliation at 11:30am in the Church

Tuesday, October 31 - NO Classes

Wednesday, November 1 All Saints Day NO Classes
Parent & Child Program

For children ages 2-3 years old.

Our Time is the perfect way for you and your child 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 Or the School Office.

FALL ENROLLMENT AVAILABLE!
One of the men who came did not wear wedding clothes.

Jesus said, …

“Many are invited, but few are chosen.”

PARABLES | STREET | INVITED | BANQUET
GUESTS | HEAVEN | KINGDOM | CORNERS
SERVANTS | CATTLE | COME | OXEN
FILLED | REFUSED | WEDDING | DINNER
Find these letters hidden in the picture.

WEDDING BANQUET

The king noticed a man at the wedding feast who was not wearing wedding clothes. He had him thrown out into the darkness.

Unscramble the words below to find what Jesus said.

"OFR YAMN EAR DVINIETI TUB WFE ERA SHNOEC"

The king told his servants that those invited did not deserve to come. He said, "Go to the streets and invite anyone you find."

Write a word to fit each definition. Transfer the letters to the lines below.

Opposite of rich
A group of relatives
A special, big meal
A place to live
Opposite of up
Not small
Opposite of go

The king sent his servants to get the invited guests.

Use the code to find what happened.

ABCDEF GHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

GSVB IVUF HVW GL
XLNV HLSV HVMG
NLIV HVIE ZMGH
GLGVOOGSVN
VEVI B GSRMT
DZHVIZWBGSVB
HGROOKZWRML
ZGGVMGRLMHLNV
VEVM PROOVWGSV
HVIEZMGHGSV
PRMTDZHVEVIB
ZMTIB