31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10/30/16
Rev. Adrian McHugh, Pastor
Rev. Charles Omotu
Rev. Kevin Gruber
Deacon Bernard F. Sherlock

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School
Principal, Ms. Leeann Graziose  516-785-5709

St. Barnabas Christian Formation
Mrs. Marjorie Lampert  516-785-0130

Social Ministry  Mrs. Alice Witt  516-785-6243
Music Ministry  Mr. William R. Dione
Youth Ministry  Mrs. Margaret Harnisch
Business & Personnel  Mr. John G. Nappi

RECTORY OFFICE
2320 Bedford Avenue, Bellmore, NY 11710
516-785-0054  Fax: 516-221-7789
Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM;
Friday: 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM;
(Closed Weekdays: 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM)
Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Emergency Only: 516-280-0359

MASS TIMES
Monday to Friday: 6:30 and 9 AM
Saturday: 8:00 AM  Vigil : 4:30 & 7:00 PM
Sunday: 7, 9, 10:15, 10:30 AM, 12 Noon & 5 PM
Confessions Saturday 12:30 PM
Contact the Rectory Office for information on the
Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony & Anointing.

Tuesday is All Saints
(Vigil 7PM Monday)
Masses  6:30 & 9AM; 4:30 & 7PM.
Wednesday is All Souls
Masses 6:30 & 9AM; 7PM Reading the Names
St. Barnabas the Apostle

Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, October 31
6:30 AM    Thomas Srsich
9:00 AM    Nancy Stabile
           William Clever
7:00 PM    For the People of Our Parish

Tuesday, November 1  All Saint’s Day
6:30 AM    Louis Grandwilliams
9:00 AM    Joseph Tavella
4:30 PM    Kathleen Uttendorfer
7:00 PM    Victor Losquadro

Wednesday, November 2  Commemoration
Of all the Faithful Departed
6:30 AM    For All the Souls of the
           Faithful Departed
9:00 AM    For All the Souls of the
           Faithful Departed
7:00 PM    For All the Souls of the
           Faithful Departed

Thursday, November 3
6:30 AM    Pamela Guerrer
9:00 AM    School Mass

Friday, November 4th  St. Charles Borromeo
6:30 AM    Gladys Evans
9:00 AM    Arthur Kerley

Saturday, November 5
8:00 AM    Lillian Rocco
3:00 PM    Wedding:
           Christian Giordano & Danielle D’Amelio

Fr. Charles  4:30 PM    Raymond Vogts
             June Leahy Furda
             Rita Brown
             Anastasia Martin
             Ina Carroll
             Stephen Donohue

Fr. Kevin     7:00 PM    Joan Conover

Sunday, November 6  Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time
Fr. Charles  7:00 AM    Joanne Blake
Fr. Adrian  9:00 AM    First & Second Grade
           For the People of Our Parish
Fr. Charles  10:15 AM    Ann Marie Hopkins
Fr. Kevin   10:30 AM    Vincent Karchinski
Fr. Adrian  12:00 PM    Frank Lodispoto
Fr. Kevin   5:00 PM    Margaret Quinn & Joseph N. Piller

We pray for our recently deceased
Frederick G. Gallehr, Jr.
Jeanne Ryan
Timothy Michael Darwell
Rose Yandoli

Bread & Wine
The Eucharistic Bread & Wine
for the week will be offered in
loving memory of Denise
Palazzolo from her family.

Sanctuary Candle
The Sanctuary Candle will be lit
in loving memory of Denise
Palazzolo from her family.

Daylight Savings Time
Daylight Savings Time ends on
Sunday, November 6th. Don’t
forget to turn your clocks back
one hour.

Ministry Meetings
Holy Family Chapel, 7-8 PM
Tuesday November 8th
Lectors, Ushers & Family
Ministry
Tuesday November 29th
Wedding Rehearsal Team &
Ministry of Consolation
Tuesday December 6th
•  Baptism Team
•  Pre-Cana Team
•  RCIA Team

Bulletin Notes
To place a notice in our bulletin
please e-mail us:
Bulletin11710@aol.com.

Advertise
To place an advertisement on
our cover call The Church
Bulletin at (631)249-4994.
Why do we carve pumpkins

According to Irish folklore, a man nicknamed “Stingy Jack” fooled the devil a few times, making the devil promise not to bother him for over 10 years and not to claim his soul. Upon Jack’s death, the devil kept his promise and did not take his soul. Unfortunately, God would not allow such an unsavory into heaven. The devil sent Jack into the dark with only a burning coal to light his way. Jack placed the coal into a carved-out turnip and has been roaming the earth ever since. The Irish children would put a piece of glowing coal in a carved turnip or beet to commemorate this Irish trickster of the devil, who later became known as “Jack of the Lantern” and then “jack-o’-lantern.” Other Irish and Scottish stories tell of people carving scary faces and characters into turnips, potatoes and beets. These spooky edibles were placed in windows or near doors to frighten away Stingy Jack and other evil spirits. English immigrants brought these traditions to America where they found that the Native American variety of pumpkins were easier to carve and made perfect lanterns rather than large beets.
Tuesday is All Saints and Wednesday is All Souls. We tend to ‘canonize’ our loved ones after they die. On All Saints Day, we think of those Christian heroes and heroines who are not remembered in the Church calendar of Saints—family members, neighbors—but who were good, God-filled people.

When St. Paul addresses the Christians at Corinth, he referred to them as ‘saints’ (1Cor. 1:2). But he did not do that because they were a congregation full of Mother Teresa’s and Pope John Paul the Second. In fact if you read Paul’s letter to the Corinthians, you will see that church at Corinth had big problems; the services were chaotic, there were false teachings, cliques, divisions, adultery, etc. And you thought WE had problems! Well, if Paul calls the Corinthians saints, it can only be because he saw their potential, their calling. And that’s actually what All Saints Day reminds us of—that we are all saints in training!

Guess what? You are called to make of your life something wonderful for God. YOU have the potential to become a saint. If you get promoted at work, the first things you do is clarify what the new job description is. Well it’s the same in the position of saint. What does a saint do? What are the benefits? Can we try to our best to fulfill the description? Is it doable?

The one who encourages us to apply for the position is none other than Jesus himself. And he says to us ‘what is impossible for humans is possible for God.’ Jesus is saying: it’s humanly impossible, so . . . trust God and keep doing your best!

The way Jesus put it is: you will always stand in need for transformation. If we think we have arrived, God makes us aware of another area of change and personal and spiritual growth. But we can keep on going!

Nobody said being a Christian is easy. It’s not! It’s one of the toughest things. It’s a call to be radical. A call to be so open to God that He can actually change you in a radical way. It’s not for the faint of heart. It takes a lot of struggle, but in the end it’s worth it. Not just to our own benefit, but because our lives will make a difference in the world—just like Jesus’ life made a difference.

How can we fulfill our job description as saints? Be open to God and . . . allow yourself to be transformed by God . . . And follow St. Paul’s advice: ‘Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds . . . ’

That’s all, saints.
The Week at a Glance

Sunday:
10:30 AM    New Altar Server Installation
At Mass
7:30 PM    Al-Anon, School Cafeteria

Monday:
No Religious Education Classes
7:30 PM    Charismatic Group, Church

Tuesday:
No Religious Education Classes
10:00 AM    Prayer Shawl Meeting, Rectory
1:00 PM    Friendly Seniors, HFC
7:00 PM    Family Music Practice, HFC
7:30 PM    Bereavement Group, Rectory

Wednesday: No Chosen tonight
7:00 PM    Rosary Making Group, School
7:00 PM    All Souls Day Mass
7:30 PM    Al-Anon, Rectory
7:30 PM    RCIA, Convent
8:00 PM    Choir Rehearsal following Mass, Church

Thursday:
7:00 PM    Chosen, HFC
7:00 PM    Bible Study, Rectory
1:30 PM    Contemplative Prayer,
Convent Meeting Room
7:30 PM    Contemplative Prayer,
Convent Meeting Room

Friday:
1:30 PM    Lectio Divina,
          Convent Meeting Room
7:30 PM    Lectio Divina,
          Convent Meeting Room
8:00 PM    Nocturnal Adoration, Church

Saturday:
12:30 PM    Confessions, Church

Financial Reports
Weekend Collections

10/25/15: $14,106
10/23/16: $15,538

Parish Families Registered:  5,029
Envelopes Mailed: 1,284   Used: 586
Envelopes Used 10/25/15:  575

2016 Catholic Ministries Appeal
Goal: $107,900  Donors: 534
Pledged: $117,972  Received: $111,282

Second Collection Next Week
Archdiocese for the Military Services
The guiding mission of AMS is to provide the
sacraments - and the re-affirming Word of Christ - to
the men and women serving in our armed forces,
patients in VA Medical Centers, civilians working
for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and
the families of these populations.

We Pray for the Sick
Nicoletta Russo, Meghan Alice Roach, Stephen Rich,
Patrick Hoyne, Don Davis, Kim Loucks, John Scalia,
Rosemary Grandwilliams, Louis Romano,
Eugene Ryan, Kristin O’Halloran, Patricia Merget,
Theresa Anselmo, Jason Todhunter, Donna Polemini,
Jacob Daniel Haubeil, John Nalick, Kevin Keegan,
Joyce Caggiano, Charles Young, Robert Volpe,
Christina Sumperl, Kyle Burch, George Stockerl,
Terrie Manderson, Evelyn LaMont, Charlie Riiska,
Dr. Lawton Manderson, Angelo Giglio,
Sophie Buzzeo, Mario G. Cacace, Dolores Trimboli,
Robert Wright, Cynthia Simpson, Jillian K. Yonker,
Angela DeVito,  Ed Messember, Mary Beth Novello,
Anthony Cammaratta, Dominick Carillo,
Anthony Lanana, Andrzej Okolski, Angela Ferrara,
Gloria LaBau, Baby Lucas Spina
and Babies Grayson & Gavin Pierre

Banoms of Marriage
Robert Ingebrethsen &
Christina Copozzi
Thank you to all who attended Parent’s Night on October 25th. People were very positive about the speakers and their presentation. If you missed it, the speakers will return on November 15th to repeat the same talk. ALL parents are welcome. The speakers are Bryan Finn (the Director of Apostolic Activities at Kellenberg Memorial High School, Retreat leader and Church History teacher) and James O’Brien (part of the Apostolic Outreach Team at Kellenberg Memorial High School, Retreat leader and Scripture teacher.) Watch this space for information on future St. Barnabas Parents Nights.

Remembered In November
Remember your loved ones by enrolling them in the Masses for November. Envelopes can be found at the doors of the church today. The Book of Remembrance will be placed on the Sanctuary on November 1st where you can record those who have died. Those mentioned on the envelopes and in the Book of Remembrance will be remembered at each Masses throughout November.

All Saints Day
Tuesday, November 1st is All Saints Day and a Holy Day of Obligation. The Vigil Mass is Monday, October 31st at 7:00 PM. Masses on Tuesday will be 6:30 & 9:00 AM, 4:30 PM and 7:00 PM.

All Souls Mass
Wednesday, November 2nd, is All Souls Day. Masses are at 6:30 AM, 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM. At the 7:00 PM Mass we will remember all the recently deceased members of our Parish family who have died this year, and were buried from our church, at this special Mass. The names of those who died will be read after the homily. May they rest in peace.

St. Barnabas Parents Night
For Parents of Children Attending Religious Education & Catholic School
Tuesday
November 15th
7PM to 8PM
Holy Family Chapel
Faith and the Family
Presenters
James O’Brien & Bryan Finn

All Souls Day Remembrance
In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, on All Souls Day, please remember the Souls of:

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
6.

My Name
My Address

All Saints Day

Remembered In November
Remember your loved ones by enrolling them in the Masses for November. Envelopes can be found at the doors of the church today. The Book of Remembrance will be placed on the Sanctuary on November 1st where you can record those who have died. Those mentioned on the envelopes and in the Book of Remembrance will be remembered at each Masses throughout November.

All Saints Day
Tuesday, November 1st is All Saints Day and a Holy Day of Obligation. The Vigil Mass is Monday, October 31st at 7:00 PM. Masses on Tuesday will be 6:30 & 9:00 AM, 4:30 PM and 7:00 PM.

All Souls Mass
Wednesday, November 2nd, is All Souls Day. Masses are at 6:30 AM, 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM. At the 7:00 PM Mass we will remember all the recently deceased members of our Parish family who have died this year, and were buried from our church, at this special Mass. The names of those who died will be read after the homily. May they rest in peace.

St. Barnabas Parents Night
For Parents of Children Attending Religious Education & Catholic School
Tuesday
November 15th
7PM to 8PM
Holy Family Chapel
Faith and the Family
Presenters
James O’Brien & Bryan Finn

Thank you to all who attended Parent’s Night on October 25th. People were very positive about the speakers and their presentation. If you missed it, the speakers will return on November 15th to repeat the same talk. ALL parents are welcome. The speakers are Bryan Finn (the Director of Apostolic Activities at Kellenberg Memorial High School, Retreat leader and Church History teacher) and James O’Brien (part of the Apostolic Outreach Team at Kellenberg Memorial High School, Retreat leader and Scripture teacher.) Watch this space for information on future St. Barnabas Parents Nights.
Contemplative Prayer & Lectio Divina
The prayer groups for Contemplative Prayer and Lectio Divina have been meeting since the end of September. Contemplative Prayer is an ancient form of prayer in which one turns one’s attention or heart to God. It is known by other names as well: The Prayer of Recollection and The Prayer of the Heart. It is simply resting in God.

Lectio Divina is praying scripture. There are four movements to Lectio Divina.

- Lectio (Reading): What is the word of God saying.
- Meditatio (Reflecting): What word or phrase did I notice in the reading.
- Oratio (Prayer): Thanking God.
- Contemplatio (Sitting with God): Allows God to fill us with His love.

To most of us these are new forms of prayer. At the meeting we share our experience of the prayer and how God is touching our lives through these prayer forms. The groups meet weekly. It is not so much a class or a course. It is entering into the practice of the Prayer. The weekly meetings are intended to be support groups for this form of prayer as we develop and mature in these prayer forms.

All are invited and most welcome to participate. No experienced is required. We share our experience of how God is working in our lives and how God is drawing us closer to God’s presence.

Contemplative Prayer meets on Thursdays at 1:30 PM and 7:30 PM.

Lectio Divina meets on Fridays at 1:30 PM and 7:30 PM.

Both groups meet in the Convent Meeting Room.

Fr. Kevin is looking forward to welcoming you to experience these beautiful prayer forms.

Respect Life
Something to think about - Many in the front lines of advocating for the sanctity of life have started to adopt the term “preborn” instead of “unborn”. Why? Because “unborn” may be perceived by some as something vague or other than an individual, fully human life in his or her earliest stages of development, whereas “preborn” accurately describes each unique life that already exists at conception, constantly developing and waiting to be born. Join us in support of the right to life of preborn babies!

Save the date - March for Life 2017 - January 27, 2017. Join us on our bus trip to Washington DC, as we join hundreds of thousands of Americans in a peace pilgrimage on behalf of the preborn. It’s an experience you’ll never forget! Details to follow, for information contact Vin Murray at 781-7846.

Thanksgiving Baskets For The Needy
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 need our help to make their own Thanksgiving a happy one. The Parish of Saint Barnabas has a rich and generous tradition of sharing its blessings with those in need by providing Food Baskets at Thanksgiving. So, this year we invite you to consider donating one or two of the following items: A gift certificate to purchase a turkey, fresh, frozen or canned produce, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, juice & cider, a tin of cookies, pancake mix & syrup, coffee & tea. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Food Pantry Weekend
November 5th & 6th. The number of families we serve continues to grow. In order to help them we need your donations to the Food Pantry. We are currently in great need of: All paper products, shampoo, conditioner, dishwashing detergent, laundry detergent, bar soap, cleaning supplies, pancake mix/syrup, ketchup, mustard, and mayonnaise. Many thanks for all your contributions.

St. Vincent de Paul Society
In the Gospel today, Zacchaeus accepts our Lord joyfully; and the sign of his acceptance is his open
house and resolution to give half of his goods to the poor. When you give to the poor and needy in the parish you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Please remember to pray for the poor and needy, your prayers give them hope and bring respite.

Friendly Visitor Needed
Catholic Charities is seeking a “friendly visitor” volunteer to offer companionship to a senior gentleman living in their Freeport Housing site. A friendly companion would offer socialization, conversation and assistance with his mail, bills and help with phone calls. If you are available to offer volunteer hours, contact Mary Ellen Kwiecinski, Volunteer Coordinator at 733-7044.

Maintenance & Repair
We are currently repairing two head piece assemblies for the physical bells in the bell tower. Thank you for your continued support.

Friendly Seniors
Meeting on Tuesday, November 1st at 1:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel.

Widows & Widowers Club
Join us on Tuesday, November 8th at 1:00 PM for lunch at Jani, 1175 Wantagh Ave, Wantagh. The cost is $22. Please send checks to Carmen DiBenedetto, 2621 Mariners Ave., Wantagh, no later than November 1st. All are welcome.

Mass for Bereaved Parents
This mass will be held on Wednesday, November 16th at 7:30 PM at St. Rose of Lima Church located at 2 Bayview Ave., Massapequa.

Christian Music Festival
On Sunday, November 6th, 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the Bellmore Theatre for the Performing Arts, 222 Pettit Avenue, Bellmore. Performing are some of the top Christian bands, solo artists and choirs from Long Island & New York including: Eyewitness, Red Words, Peter Stanganelli & Rapture, Freedom Chapel Worship Band, Caleb Johnson, Tom Brent Christian Comedy, Remnant Uncovered, Two By Two & St. Patrick’s Youth Choir. For information call CMMA at 826-1124, to purchase tickets, visit www.itickets.com/events/361002.html.

Faith on Tap!
Join us for our next Faith on Tap on Tuesday, November 8th at 7:30 PM at Lily Flanagan’s, 345 Deer Park Avenue, Babylon. “Finding Hope in the Hard Times” - A Journey of Faith, presented by Danielle LaRose. Danielle LaRose is a registered nurse and the Coordinator for Outreach at St. Rose of Lima Parish. For information, contact Marianne Sheridan, at msheridan@drvc.org.

Screening of ‘Outcasts’
Join us for this never before seen look into the lives of the world’s outcasts and those who have sacrificed all to serve them, the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. The screening will be held on Thursday, November 10th at 7:30 PM at St. Joseph’s Parish Center, 39 North Carll Avenue, Babylon. Doors open at 7:00 PM. Ticket donations are $10 for on-line pre-registration or $12 at the door. High School Students $5. Register online. There will also be a Q&A with Grassroots Films Producer, a fellow Long Islander, Joseph Campo, and several Franciscan Friars after the screening.

Auction & Chinese Dinner
The Garden at St. Francis will be hosting an auction & Chinese dinner, on Saturday, November 5th at 6:00 PM at The St. Francis Parish Hall. (1692 Bellmore Avenue, North Bellmore). Tickets are $18 for pre purchase, or $20 at the door. Children under 12 are $8.00. This includes dinner, snacks, soft drinks, coffee, tea, dessert and 5 raffle tickets for baskets. BYOB. Call Pat 679-1184 or Donna (718) 309-7555 for more information. Reservations are needed and must be made by October 28th. The table maximum is 10 people.
Parish Trip to Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular

A parish trip is planned to Radio City for the Christmas Spectacular. The date of the outing is December 16th. We will attend the 7:30 PM show.

The cost of the ticket will be your choice, according to the location you choose.

Ticket Prices:
- 3rd Mezzanine: $55.00 per ticket*
- 2nd Mezzanine & Side Orchestra: $65.00 per ticket*
- 1st Mezzanine & Orchestra: $80.00 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.

In addition to the cost of the tickets there will be a charge for the bus. The cost of the bus will be divided by the number of seats that are sold. The more tickets we sell the lower the cost of the bus will be. The bus will leave St. Barnabas parking lot at noon.

The bus will drop us off at St. Patrick’s Cathedral on 5th Avenue. The bus will leave us at that point. After viewing the new renovation of St. Patrick’s Cathedral, you will be on your own. Some may choose to have dinner at a fine restaurant. Others may choose a simple meal. Others may want to see the window displays on 5th Avenue. Still others will want to see the tree and watch the skaters at Rockefeller Center. You will be free to do what you want.

We will all meet up at Radio City around 7:00 PM for the show. After the bus drops you off at St. Patrick’s Cathedral you will be responsible for your own transportation until after the show. Following the show the bus will pick us up outside of Radio City.

If you have any questions, please call Fr. Kevin at the rectory.
Can the Church ask me to vote according to my Catholic principles?

Our nation’s founders sought to “separate church and state” in the sense of prohibiting the establishment of any particular denomination as the official religious body of the nation — not in the sense of forbidding religious organizations to address matters of grave importance to human welfare.

Building upon Scripture and the teachings of Church leaders and saints for centuries, our faith has clear principles for how best to achieve justice, peace and human dignity for all men and women. Moreover, the Catholic moral tradition rests firmly on the natural law binding upon everyone, not just Catholics.

Four key principles

Four principles of Catholic social doctrine are key to making practical judgments to do good and avoid evil in voting:
1. Promoting and defending the dignity of the human person
2. Supporting the family and subsidiarity in local, state and national institutions
3. Working for the common good where human rights are protected and basic responsibilities are met
4. Acting in solidarity with concern for all as our brothers and sisters, especially the poor and most vulnerable (Faithful Citizenship, 40-52).

Is there anything Catholics must always reject?

- As Catholics, we “may choose different ways to respond to compelling social problems, but we cannot differ on our moral obligation to help build a more just and peaceful world through morally acceptable means, so that the weak and vulnerable are protected and human rights and dignity are defended” (FC, No. 20).
- Our faith reminds us that we must always reject and oppose “intrinsically evil” actions of any sort. Acts such as the taking of innocent human life are so deeply flawed that they are always incompatible with love of God and neighbor.
- This is why the Church so strongly opposes abortion and physician-assisted suicide (euthanasia). In each case, the lives of the weak and the vulnerable are endangered, and there can be no good reason to allow the taking of these innocent lives or to vote for legislation that would allow these evils to result. Likewise, our Church opposes other actions that both violate human dignity and are destructive of life, such as human cloning or the destructive research on human embryos.

The Church condemns genocide, torture, the targeting of noncombatants in acts of terror or war, and racism, for they, too, are severe violations of human rights and human dignity. Related concerns are excessive consumption of material goods, unjust discrimination and the “narrowing redefinition of religious freedom which threatens both individual conscience and the freedom of the Church to serve” those in need (FC, Introductory Note).

If all of these are priorities, what is most important?

All of these issues are important, but they are not all morally or ethically equivalent. “The direct and intentional destruction of innocent human life from the moment of conception until natural death is always wrong and is not just one issue among many. It must always be opposed” (FC, No. 28).

At the same time, issues such as war, the death penalty, racism and care for the poor and the immigrant are enormously important. “These are not optional concerns which can be dismissed” (FC, No. 29).

The moral teaching of our Church is about more than prohibitions. We Catholics are encouraged to respond to the basic needs of human beings — food, shelter, health care, education and employment. We are called to welcome refugees and immigrants, defend religious freedom, support marriage and family and protect the environment.
If we keep all of these principles in mind, is there going to be anyone we can vote for? Unfortunately, we are often forced to choose between two inadequate and flawed political agendas. It can be quite difficult to find candidates who align with our consciences on all of the key moral issues.

This is why the virtue of prudence is necessary when approaching the voting booth. This virtue helps us deliberate over the choices before us — to determine, in light of Church teaching and our formed consciences, who is most deserving of our support. In other words, in a world of imperfect choices, we must strive to make the best choice possible.

Where Catholics must be in agreement is that fundamental moral obligation we share: To “help build a more just and peaceful world through morally acceptable means, so that the weak and vulnerable are protected and human rights and dignity are defended” (FC, No. 20).

Four steps before voting
1. Inform yourself about the Church’s teachings. The Catechism of the Catholic Church is a great place to start. Consider gathering a small group to discuss Church teachings in relation to the candidates or policies.
2. Inform yourself about the issues. Read the Catholic press and listen to the candidates. See where the candidates stand on critical moral and social issues.
3. Seek input from Catholics you respect.
4. Pray. Take your hopes, concerns and worries to the Lord and ask for his guidance.

If no single party or candidate conforms to our key Catholic principles, what are we to do? It is clear that one absolutely may not vote for a “candidate who favors a policy promoting an intrinsically evil act, such as abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, deliberately subjecting workers or the poor to subhuman living conditions, redefining marriage in ways that violate its essential meaning, or racist behavior, if the voter’s intent is to support that position” (FC No. 34). But neither can one use a candidate’s opposition to such evils “to justify indifference or inattentiveness to other important moral issues involving human life or dignity” (FC, No. 34).

There may be times when a voter selects a candidate who holds an unacceptable position, but this can be done only for “truly grave moral reasons,” not just for partisan or personal interests. It may involve the prudential judgment that one candidate seems likely to do less harm or is more likely to pursue other positive priorities. If, for a grave reason, we do vote for a candidate who holds positions contrary to fundamental moral goods, we have a duty to make our opposition to those positions heard. Writing letters, speaking up at forums and participating in local party political activities are ways to steadfastly assert our Catholic values. There may even be occasions when some Catholic voters feel that they must take “the extraordinary step of not voting for any candidate” (FC, No. 36). This, too, is a serious decision that must be guided by one’s conscience and the moral teachings of our faith.

This seems hard
In today’s political environment, voting as a Catholic is hard work. It takes serious reflection, knowledge of Church teaching and awareness of who the candidates are and where they stand on the issues. The Church challenges us to vote for what is best for society and all of its members, particularly those least able to speak up for or defend themselves. The great privilege of democracy is that we, as citizens and religious believers, can have a voice in the direction of our country by voting for the common good; this is both a right and a responsibility.

As we approach the polls, may we understand & embrace the principles of our Faith that should guide our political engagement.
October 24, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

With Election Day just two weeks away, the decisions you and I will make are important ones. Each and every one of us has a very important role to play. We have to decide who will get our vote. Permit me the opportunity to share with you some thoughts I ask you to consider.

First and foremost, pray. Spend time in prayer asking God to guide you and your family and our country during this time. Pray before the Blessed Sacrament, pray to the Blessed Mother, pray the rosary and entrust your decision to our Lord.

Like many of you, I lament the current climate of division, and the mean spiritedness and intolerance of some toward those who do not agree with candidates and positions that do not fit their worldview. If you think you are confused and slightly battered by the noise, public protests and private misgivings, you have every reason to be so. But as responsible citizens and faithful men and women of God, we have to exercise our right to vote in a way that is serious, well-informed and reflective of who we are as Americans and Catholics.

We believe in God. We know He is the creator and thus God is intimately present in all things -- the world, human life, communities, choices and elections. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said, “Those who deny God can lead us only in a direction that ultimately is destructive”.

The human person, made in the image and likeness of God, is the ultimate measure of what is good or bad, right or wrong. Every person is sacred and has inherent rights which political leaders must protect and serve. Those who do not are unworthy of our vote. Those who contradict themselves by saying one thing and doing another are unworthy of our vote.

Many issues are very important in our society today. But none of them can eclipse the centrality of human life, especially innocent human life in the womb or at the end of life. Above all and over all, the number one issue more fundamental and crucial than any other is abortion -- that is the direct taking of innocent life, which is financed by government funds -- the diversion of our tax dollars to abortionists like Planned Parenthood as well as government insistence that we Catholics like the Little Sisters of the Poor, violate our consciences to advance such programs.

Support of abortion by a candidate for public office, some of whom are Catholics, even if they use the fallacious and deeply offensive “personally opposed but . . .” line, is reason sufficient unto itself to disqualify any and every such candidate from receiving our vote. Let me repeat that: Support of abortion by a candidate for public office, some of whom are Catholics, even if they use the fallacious and deeply offensive “personally opposed but . . .” line, is reason sufficient unto itself to disqualify any and every such candidate from receiving our vote.

I have three questions to end this letter! Please reflect upon these as you examine your conscience and prepare to exercise your right to vote.

1. Do you think our country is going in the right direction or the wrong direction? I believe it is heading in the wrong direction. If I am right, then,
2. Of the two candidates running for President, and of all of the candidates running for elective office, whether federal, state or local, which ones will continue to lead us in the current direction or which are more likely to restore justice in those areas that cry out for such a restoration?
3. Which ones are willing to lead us in a direction that is more pro life, more pro family and more pro truth? Which ones will recognize and respect the role of religion in the lives of citizens and the Church’s right to mediate the truths of the Gospel and the Church’s teaching as part of the public life of our country, in public ministries like health care, education and charitable works, without being forced to adopt and facilitate those cultural practices that are not consonant with Church teaching?

For further insight, I have written two columns on voting in The Long Island Catholic Magazine. They are also available on the diocesan website, www.drvc.org. In addition, the U.S. Bishops have prepared a teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics called “Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship”. It is also available online. I urge you to consider thoughtfully these resources along with this letter as you go through the process of deciding whom you will support with your vote.

May God bless you and your families and may God continue to bless the United States of America.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Bishop of Rockville Centre
St. Barnabas Vigil for Peace

Monday, November 14th
7:30PM

The Monday Night Charismatic Prayer Group Will lead us in Song and Prayer

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception

Most Reverend William Murphy
Bishop of Rockville Centre

and

The Sacred Heart Institute

invite you to

The Annual St. Agnes Lecture
in Pastoral Theology

3 PM
Sunday
Oct. 30, 2016

Seminary Chapel

His Excellency
Archbishop Christophe Pierre
Apostolic Nuncio to the United States

Schedule

3:00 pm Welcome and Introduction
3:15 pm Presentation by Archbishop Pierre
4:15 pm Informal Reception
5:15 pm Evening Prayer

Pre-Registration Requested & Encouraged

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
140 West Neck Road ♦ Huntington, New York 11743

[631] 425-0485 x 109 bmalone@iseminary.edu

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
For children ages 2-3 years old. Our Time is a class where a child with a parent can 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, and Wednesday from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM from September through June at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School.
- Our Time is an affordable way to introduce your child to the classroom environment without the worry of being separated.
- It allows for the child to be comforted with a parents presence and prepare for entering Pre-K.
- Our Time is taught by Mrs. Sabina Lamb. Mrs. Lamb is also the leader of the Family Liturgy Music Ministry. To contact Sabina Lamb call 781-9834

Classes are well underway! If you or someone you know has not registered yet please contact the Religious Education Office so that we may assist you – 785-0130.

A Catechist is still needed to teach a Level 4 class on Mondays, as well as Substitutes and Hall Monitors to assist with the Religious Education program. Please call the office to get more information.

Upcoming Dates:
Monday, October 31 – NO CLASSES
Tuesday, November 1 – All Saint’s, NO CLASSES
Tuesday, November 8 – Bellmore Schools
       Closed - NO CLASSES
Wednesday, November 23 - NO CLASSES
Thursday, November 24 – Thanksgiving!

Check the Religious Education website regularly.

St. Barnabas Parish would like to congratulate the following volunteer catechists who received the Pope Paul VI Award at the Catechetical Service Award Ceremony at St. Agnes Cathedral on Tuesday, October 25th from Bishop Nelson J. Perez.

Eileen Arriaga, Lisa Babsin, Geralyn Cleary, Amanda McCarthy, Maryellen Pierce, Kathy Romano, Maria Isabel Sabino, Kellie Shuart

The Pope Paul VI is awarded to those who have contributed five years of outstanding volunteer service in catechetical ministry.
NO CLASS
ON
WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 2ND
LEVEL 8

THIS CLASS WAS CANCELLED
BECAUSE THERE IS A MASS
AT 7PM IN THE CHURCH
FOR ALL SOULS DAY

Your next class is
Wednesday November 16th

Level 7 HAVE CLASS
Thursday November 3rd
How do I know God is Real (Chapter 4)
Understanding Divine Revelation
Return Reflection #4 at any St. Barnabas Mass
on the weekend of 11/5-6 or 11/12-13

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.” “Abortion is immoral to the Catholic Church.”

We move toward a truly adult approach to faith, based on full intellectual assent to the teachings of the Church - which are valid not merely because they are our traditions, but because what God has revealed is true.

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.”)
- If your friend asks you a question about the Catholic Church that you cannot answer, what is a good way to handle it? (Read the Catechism, search for a reliable website online)
All of the candidates did a great job running for office!
President: John Paul Rincon, Vice president: Jonathon Petrie,
Treasurer: Matteo Rincon, Secretary: Sophia Fontanilles
Use the code to fill in the blanks.

= A
= E
= K
= S
= T
= V

Jesus said, “Today has come to this house.

The Son of Man came to and to what was...”

Match the words with the symbols to fill in the blanks.

Zacchaeus
Jesus
ran
see
coming

way
tree
climbed
Him

that
was

since

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

1. coins & paper bills to exchange for goods
2. the cost of an item
3. a required amount of money for the government added onto the price
4. a present
5. the worth of an object
6. amount paid to a worker
7. nice, caring
8. doing something the same way every time

Solve the math problems below, and use the answers to find the correct word for each blank.

21+7 = 25-3 = 3+3 = 19+7
9+6 = 12+7 = 11-3 = 16+9
24+7 = 26-15 = 8+4

1 2 3 4 5
6 7 8 9 10
11 12 13
14 15 16 17
18 19 20 21 22
23 24 25 26 27
28 29 30 31

20 2 28 20 2 7 31 32 4 7 4 12 3 31 3 2 23 35
14 8 22 32 12 20 16 2 16 1 5 6 27 27 4 27 8 2 2 27 16
11 2 11 32 10 2 2 7 12 3 31 8 16 29 32 12 18 26
19 32 4 24 11 4 31 12 3 5 34 2 31 5 2 21 11 2 16
24 3 5 11 32 8 3 25 8 23 8 20 20 6 12 5 34 12 9 28
16 2 21 7 11 8 1 4 27 17 32 4 24 1 2 21 3 17

today 12
down 6
immediately 26
come 22
stay 8
house 11
Crowds of people came to see Jesus.

Follow the maze through the crowd.

Zacchaeus climbed into a tree so he could see Jesus.

Connect the dots.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

Jesus called him, so he came down and welcomed Jesus into his house.

(Circle) 5 bags of money hidden in the picture.

Zacchaeus promised to pay back the people he had cheated.