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St. Barnabas the Apostle
Thirty-Second Week of Ordinary Time

Monday, November 13  
St. Frances Xavier Cabrini  
6:30 AM  
Rev. Edward Muhs  
9:00 AM  
Carl and Dolly Nobile  
Gerard Curley  
Deceased Members of the O’Shea  
and Corbett Families  
Corrine McCann  
Marie Paluch

Tuesday, November 14  
6:30 AM  
George Onufrey  
9:00 AM  
Intentions of Jeanette Butler

Wednesday, November 15  
6:30 AM  
Kenneth Hubert  
9:00 AM  
Frank Paul DeCristofaro

Thursday, November 16  
6:30 AM  
Nestor Sartorio  
9:00 AM  
Joseph Tavella

Friday, November 17  
Saint Elizabeth Of Hungary  
6:30 AM  
For All the Faithful Departed of  
St. Barnabas  
9:00 AM  
Edward Mistretta

Saturday, November 18  
8:00 AM  
Nancy Stabile  
2:00 PM  
Wedding:  
Ryan Catterson and  
Casey Schmieder

Fr. Charles  4:30 PM  
Raymond Vogts  
Edward and Florence Lee  
Anthony Dragonetti  
Donna M. DeFino  
Eufrecina Mendez Garcia  
Rolando Caraliman Alias  
John McDevitt

Fr. Adrian  7:00 PM  
John Harth

Sunday, November 19  
Thirty-Third Sunday OT  
Fr. Charles  7:00 AM  
Rev. John W. Powers  
Enza Salerno  
Carl and Dolly Nobile  
Adeline and Peter Villella, Jr.  
For the People of Our Parish  
James Clare
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!
‘Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.’

Matthew 25:13

What’s Pastor Thinking?

Why weren’t they prepared? That’s the question of today’s gospel story! If the maidens knew the wedding procession might be delayed until the wee hours, why would they have been so negligent as to not bring enough oil for their lamps? We don’t know. No clue. That is the bite of the parable.

What we do know is that once the door was closed to the wedding guests, it was bolted from the inside and no one was admitted. The door remained locked - no matter that the bride could identify her bridesmaids on the other side of the door.

What a sad sight! A locked door and five on the outside and five on the inside. Do what they will, Jesus implies — knock on wood, throw pebbles on the upper window, yell, cajole, whimper, or throw a tantrum — the door is shut and locked. Perhaps this was a protocol that Jesus’ listeners knew only too well.

The point? Maybe it is as stark as this: some people who are expected to be there, who have been invited to be there and fully intend to be there, won’t be there in the end. We’re not talking bad and good; all of the maidens may be equally excellent. Maybe they all had impeccable character. But Jesus is talking wisdom-talk: it’s all about being wise — and unwise.

Maybe they assumed that the others of the bridal party would simply share their oil. Sometimes we do that, don’t we? We can go through life little prepared when we expect that someone will rescue us. But ‘readiness’ is what living the life of the Kingdom is all about. We choose to live Beatitudes not just one day in the year, but everyday. Ant it’s a tough choice. Being peacemaker for a day is not as demanding as being peacemaker year after year. We especially need committed peacemakers in the face of the new kinds of violence we're experiencing in cities throughout the world and at home. From the Las Vegas sniper to the attack in Manhattan, to the massacre in the church in Texas — we are called to bear peace to any and all.

At the beginning of the life of faith, we have lamps; we are excited about the procession; we all know how to say, ‘Lord, Lord.’ But not all who begin the journey will be prepared for the delays and setbacks that disciples are called to endure.

‘Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.’
We Pray for Our Deceased
Viola ‘Joan’ Schimoler
Joseph Caiola
John Steven Napolillo
Lorraine Georg
Robert Palmara

Bread and Wine
Is presented in loving memory of
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We Pray for Our Sick

The Week at a Glance

Sunday:
10:15 AM  Baptism Class, HFC
1:30 PM  Baptisms, Church
7:30 PM  Al-Anon, School

Monday:
7:00 PM  Altar Server/Parent Meeting, Church
7:30 PM  Charismatics, UC

Tuesday:
7:30 PM  Bereavement Group, Rectory

Wednesday:
7:00 PM  CHOSEN L7, HFC
7:30 PM  Al-Anon, Rectory
7:30 PM  RCIA, Convent
8:00 PM  Choir

Thursday:
7:00 PM  Bible Study, Rectory
7:00 PM  CHOSEN L7, HFC

Friday:
1:30 PM  Lectio Divina, Rectory
7:00 PM  Lectio Divina, Rectory

Saturday:
8:30 AM  Men’s Group, HFC
10:00 AM  Usher Meeting, Church
11:30 AM  Baptisms, Church
12:30 PM  Confessions, Church

Our Finances
11/06/16: $ 18,027
11/05/17: $ 16,423

Parish Families Registered:  4,997
Envelopes Mailed: 1,218
Used 11/06/16: 621
11/05/17:  598

Catholic Ministries Appeal
Goal: $106,400  Donors: 528
Pledged: $121,102
Received: $115,841

Special Collections
This Weekend
November 19  Maintenance & Repair
November 26  Home Missions
New Projects
Mailing Committee
It’s that time of the year again when we send a Christmas invitation to the parish community. We ask the members of the mailing committee to assist in this important task. We will meet on Wednesday November 15th after the 9:00 AM Mass in the Holy Family Chapel. All are welcome. Thank you for your assistance.

RCIA News
On Sunday, December 3rd, during the 10:30 AM Mass, we will celebrate the Rite of Welcome for those adults in our parish who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. Assembling publicly for the first time, the candidates declare their intention to prepare for the Sacraments. The gathered community accepts them as persons who intend to become full members of the Church. Please welcome and pray for our catechumens Christopher Ambruster and Franchesca Basso and our candidates for full Communion - Dana DiGirolamo, Jenna Pascarello and Samantha Schwartz.

Ushers, Lectors, & Altar Servers
A mandatory meeting will be held in the Church on the following dates:
• Altar Servers and Parents: Monday, November 13th at 7:00 PM
• Ushers: Saturday, November 18th at 10:00 AM
• Lectors: Monday, November 20th at 7:00 PM
If you are unable to attend, please contact Fr. Charles.

Eucharistic Retreat Day
Join the Missionaries of The Most Holy Eucharist for a Eucharistic Retreat Day on Sunday, November 12th from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington. The day includes Hot Breakfast and Lunch, Rosary, Spiritual mediations, Holy Mass, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. You must register in advance - space is limited. Please email MostHolyEucharist@gmail.com or call (631) 629-6514. Please bring a $35 donation with you on the day of the retreat.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
The 2018 search is underway for the Longest Married Couple in the U.S. Do you think you know who they are? Maybe it’s your parents...grandparents...that nice couple who live down the street. Nominating a couple is easy! Just send their names, wedding date and where they live and your contact information to bkkerland@gmail.com or Bryan and Karen Berland, 530 S. Academy, Guthrie, OK 73044 or call (405) 850-4274. Nominations accepted until January 10, 2018. Winners will be announced February 2018 to celebrate World Marriage Day. Nominate a couple you know today!

Pre Cana: Remaining Fall Schedule
Closing Mass is at 5:00 PM Sunday, November 19th. Refreshments to follow in the Holy Family Chapel.

Little Bethlehem Christians
Little Bethlehem Christian is a group that represents 200 Christian families who live in Bethlehem, the holy land, and make their living as wood carvers. After all Masses on Saturday and Sunday, November 18th and 19th, the group represented by the Alsahouri family will display a collection of hand-carved olive wood religious items, that are for sale. The profit goes to support the Christianity in the land of Christ. Please look at them and also visit their website, www.little-bethlehem.org.

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.
** Please Note** Two non-refundable tickets were ordered for the show by someone who decided not to go. These tickets are available for $206 including the bus. If you are interested in purchasing them please call the rectory.

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

The Men of the Way of Light
In today’s first reading we are told, “Wisdom...is found by those who seek her.” Join the members of the St. Barnabas Men’s Prayer Group on Saturday, November 18th as we discuss our pursuit of Wisdom, in the light of God’s Word. We will be meeting in the Nazareth Room in the lower church immediately after the 8:00 AM Mass. Please join us for Christian fellowship and spiritual renewal (and a bagel breakfast!). If you are interested in joining a men’s prayer group, but this time is not good for you, please contact us and let us know, as we are interested in putting together other prayer “cells” on different days. For more information, contact Fred Kreuder at 987-5350 or email stbampg@aol.com and visit our FaceBook page: “The Way of the Light - The St. Barnabas the Apostle Men’s Prayer Group.”

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
In today’s Gospel Jesus challenges us to “stay awake” by taking time to seriously look at ourselves, the priorities of our lives, and how we are growing spiritually. Our readiness for the Bridegroom is something for which we prepare during our entire lives. The Gospel suggests that our waiting and watching must also include seeking. We must go out to meet Christ. Seeking while waiting for the Bridegroom prepares us for His coming by helping us to see all the little decisions in our everyday lives as directly related to our being ready, the door being open, and our going into the feast. We are all called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God. Help our community thrive by supporting the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

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.

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 next meeting dates are as follows: November 29th, and December 20th at 7:00 PM in the school cafeteria. Please note, we will not be meeting every Wednesday as previously scheduled.

Catholics for Freedom of Religion
Student Group Facing “Hate” Charges at Georgetown: Georgetown University student group, Love Saxa, is in danger of being defunded and barred from campus facilities after some students petitioned that it be recognized as a “hate group” - charges levied against it for its fidelity to Catholic doctrine on sexuality. “Love Saxa believes that marriage is a conjugal union on every level,” said student-president Amelia Levine. “Our definition of ‘healthy relationships’ and ‘sexual integrity’ is synonymous with those of the Catholic Church, and therefore of Georgetown University. If labeled a ‘hate group’, it will not be long until other traditional religious groups are labeled ‘hate groups’ as well.”

**Please Note** All events are free if you attend Mass and will be served a continental breakfast. For more information, please call the rectory at 532-5550.
become certain of two things: religious freedom is under attack, and we will not cease our struggle to protect it.” Cardinal Timothy Dolan

Telecare
Telecare, the Television Network of the Diocese of Rockville Centre is hosting the Telecare Award of Excellence Luncheon on Tuesday, November 21st. at the Garden City Hotel. Reverend Monsignor James C. Vlaun is pleased to announce this year’s honorees: Archbishop Bernardito Auza (Religious Leader Award), Charlie Rose (Leader in Broadcast Media), and Lawrence Bossidy (Business Leader Award). Robert and Catherine Grillo will serve as Co-Chairs for the event. Please visit Telecare’s website at www.telecaretv.org or contact Angelica Ayroso at 538-8704, ext. 148 or aayroso@telecaretv.org for sponsorships, underwriting, journal ads, and in-kind donation information.

Mass for Bereaved Parents
St. Rose of Lima Church in Massapequa is holding a Mass for Bereaved Parents and families who have suffered the loss of a child on Wednesday, November 15th at 7:30 PM. All are invited.

Our Lady of Grace Spiritual Center
Our Lady of Grace Spiritual Center located at 29 Shelter Rock Road in Manhasset is offering a program on Sunday, November 19th - ‘Coping with the Holidays’, from 1:30 - 3:30 PM. This program, for those who have lost a loved one, can help you handle the stresses of the holiday season. Cost is $15. Call 627-9255 or visit www.olgretreat.com to register or for more information.

ADORE
Calling all young adults, college age and up! Join the Missionaries of the Most Holy Eucharist for ADORE: A Young Adult Evening of Prayer including Adoration, Confession, Praise and Worship, Mass, Food, and Fellowship. Music by Woods Worship. No RSVP necessary. Friday, November 17th, doors open at 7:00 PM at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington. We can’t wait to see you there! If you have questions, email info@WoodsWorship.com or visit WoodsWorship.com/adore.

March for Life 2018
Save the Date! March for Life 2018 - January 19, 2018. This year’s theme is “Love Saves Lives.” Join us on our bus trip to Washington, DC as we join hundreds of thousands of Americans in a peace pilgrimage on behalf of the unborn. It’s an experience that you’ll never forget! Details to follow in the coming weeks. For more information please contact Vin Murray at 781-7846.

Celebration of Mary
Join the Friends of the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception for a Celebration of Mary to be held at the Seminary on Sunday, December 3rd. Journey to the heart of Mary through Theology, Spirituality, and the Arts. Beginning with Mass at 10:00 AM, celebrated by Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski, Auxiliary Bishop of Rockville Centre, the day will include lunch and several presentations. Advance registration is required. $40 per guest. For reservations and information, contact the Seminary Development Office at (631) 423-0483 ext. 102 or email bmalone@icseminary.edu.

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

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.

Marian Healing Ministry
There will be a Healing Mass at St. Anastasia’s Church, 45-14 245th Street, Douglaston on Tuesday, November 14th at 7:00 PM. Come and experience the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the presence,
healing touch and power of our Lord Jesus Christ and the intercession of Mary the Mother of God and our mother.

Prayer Shawl Ministry
The St. Barnabas Prayer Shawl Ministry knits and crochets shawls and lap blankets for parishioners who are in the hospital or nursing home, or suffering in some way, and might draw comfort from receiving the prayer shawl. If you know of anyone who would benefit from a shawl or blanket please contact the rectory at 785-0054 and we will gladly provide you with one.

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, November 29th. Bring proof of single status to join. Refreshments are served after the meeting. For further information, call Carol at 794-4933.

Widows and Widowers
Our Christmas Party/Meeting will be on Sunday, December 10th at 12:30 PM at the Wantagh Inn. Price is $28. Checks should be sent to Terry Hoffmann, 66 Whalers Cove, Babylon 11702 no later than December 5th. Reservations must be received by the due date. No payments will be accepted at the door! Since this is a party, you are welcome to bring a guest. Please remember, we must know by the due date. Annual fees of $10 are due in December. If you have any questions, please contact either Bernadette Mundy at 221-4516 or Terry Hoffmann at (631) 669-0198. We look forward to seeing you on December 10th!

Catholic Schools Open Houses
You are invited to explore the benefits of a Catholic School Education. Please feel free to visit the following schools during the times and dates listed.
- Molloy College - Sunday, November 12th at 1:00 PM
- St. Martin de Porres, Uniondale - A Marianist Elementary School  Saturday, November 18th at 11:00 AM

Girl Scout Religious Awards
The next meeting for Brownies, Juniors, and 6th grade Cadettes working on their Girls Scout religious awards will be Saturday, November 18th 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. Those working on the Regina Coeli award will meet at 2:30 PM, and those working on I Live My Faith will meet at 3:00 PM.

Elvis and Sinatra Night
Don’t miss the event of the year with a professional Elvis impersonator! Saturday, November 25th from 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM at St. Frances de Chantal Auditorium located at 1309 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh. Cost is $40 for dinner, drinks and show. Call 785-2333, ext. 325 for tickets.

Holiday Craft and Gift Fair
Notre Dame Parish, New Hyde Park is seeking vendors for a Holiday Craft and Gift Fair on Saturday, December 9th from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Tables are $55. If interested, email

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Banns of Marriage

Michael Sienick & Rae Ann Scalise

Brian Witt & Viki Sorrentino Amanda
ndcmain@gmail.com or call Notre Dame Rectory at 352-7203 Monday - Friday from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM and ask for Carole.

Christmas Fair
St. William the Abbott located at 2001 Jackson Ave., Seaford is having their 41st annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, December 2nd and Sunday, December 3rd from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM both days. More than 60 Artisans for your shopping pleasure. In addition to all the wonderful items, they will offer hot and cold food, fresh evergreen wreaths, baked good, raffle baskets, grand 50/50 and of course, Santa Claus will visit the boys and girls.

Parish Revenue Sharing
The Church of St. Barnabas the Apostle participates in Ocean Financial Credit Union’s Parish Revenue Sharing program where we have received a total of $3,339 since this program began. Each quarter we receive funds from the program based on our parishioner’s usage of the Ocean Financial Visa credit/debit cards. Every time you swipe your Ocean Financial Visa credit or debit card, we get the support. We would like to thank each of you who are already using an Ocean Financial Visa card and encourage those who are not to become cardholders today. For more information on becoming a member, visit www.oceanfinancial.org or call 620-8100.

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.

A CHORAL EVENING PRAYER SERVICE FEATURING THE FARMINGDALE ECUMENICAL CHOIR
with choristers from other congregations
Sponsored by THE LONG ISLAND LUTHERAN-ANGELICAN-ROMAN CATHOLIC DIALOGUE

In attendance:
The Most Rev. John O. Barres
Bishop, R.C. Diocese of Rockville Centre
The Right Rev. Lawrence C. Provenzano
Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Long Island
The Rev. Robert A. Rimbo
Bishop, Metropolitan New York Synod ELCA

For Information contact The Rev. George Summers
summers@optonline.net or 631-298-4918

The Love of Christ Compels Us
A Celebration of Christian Unity and Reconciliation on the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

Sunday, November 19, 4:00 p.m.
St. Kilian’s Roman Catholic Church
Farmingdale, Long Island, New York
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

Baptism at St. Barnabas

If you wish to arrange a baptism, please contact the rectory at 516-785-0054. Once your request is received you will be invited to meet one of the priests. This meeting offers parents an opportunity to review the baptism ceremony and set the date. The meeting is more conversational than instructional. Forms need to be completed giving information on the parents, child’s date and place of birth, as well as the names and religious affiliation of the sponsors. At least one sponsor must be a practicing Catholic.

Baptisms are held on Saturday at 11:30 AM, and Sunday at 1:30 PM when the Church is available.

If you wish to hold a private baptism you must bring a visiting priest to perform the baptism service. Private baptisms may be held on Saturday at 1:30 PM and 3:00 PM and on Sunday at 3:00 PM, if these times are available.

Baptism Class Schedule 2017-2018

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, April 8, May 13, June 10, (10:30 Mass for July 8, August 12 and September 9) October 14, November 11, December 9.
Many thanks to all those who attended our Evening of Prayer in honor of Our Lady of Fatima on Monday November 6th.

A special word of thanks to the Charismatic Prayer Group for leading us in prayer and song and to Ellen O’Malley for coordinating the evening.
Calling all angels, stars, townspeople, and shepherds! Why not take some time this holiday season to let the joy of Christmas fill your heart?! Come experience the true meaning of the very first Christmas. Children ages 3 and up are invited to participate in this memorable Advent presentation. We are fortunate to have children of all ages participate in this performance from middle and high school ages to little ones who are first time angels and shepherds. Why not join us? Everyone is welcome! Let us join together as a faith filled community to celebrate the joy of the very First Christmas.

Practices will be held: Friday, December 1st 6-8pm (meet in Upper Church – dismissal from Holy Family Chapel). And Wednesday, December 6th, 6-8pm Upper Church only. If you are interested in participating, simply join us on Friday or email Lyn Politi at stbarnabasfamilyliturgy@gmail.com
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 - properly understood - bring us to a right understanding of the truth. We also highlight the profoundly intimate nature of faith, which is an act of surrender to the God who first gave himself to us.

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.”

As your son or daughter grows in understanding of Catholicism, he or she will need to 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)

Next ‘Chosen’ Confirmation Preparation Evening  
Level 8 November 29 or 30  
Level 7 December 6 or 7
THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE YOUTH RETREAT FOR LEVEL 7

Upcoming Dates:
Sunday, November 19 – Level 5 and 6 – 9am Mass
Tuesday, November 21 – Level 1 and 2 Parent Advent Workshop – 7:00pm-8:00pm in the Holy Family Chapel
Wednesday, November 22 – NO CLASSES
Thursday, November 23 – Thanksgiving Day – NO CLASSES
Friday, November 24 – The Religious Education Office is closed.

Thank you to those who came last weekend to LifeTeen!
Our Next meeting will be on Sunday, November 19 6:00pm in the Holy Family Chapel.
We will be collecting food for our Parish Food Pantry.
This will also be our Thanksgiving soup dinner party!
We hope you can make it on the 19th!

We still in need of adults to work one on one or in a small group environment. We a few students that need either a one-on-one learning environment or a small group environment that needs someone to work with them. Please call the Office of Christian Formation (516) 785-0130 to volunteer or to receive more information.
We are also in need of Adult Volunteers to be Substitutes, Hall Monitors and Attendance/Lobby Aides for our Religious Education program. Please call the office to get more information.

St. Barnabas Life Teen
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MORE NAMES TO BE PUBLISHED NEXT WEEK
Thank you to the 7th grade for hosting our school Mass celebrating All Saints Day! Father Adrian spoke of how we are all called to act as the saints did. Young or old, we all can become saints!

The 7th grade participated in a wonderful faith formation activity. They packed Halloween goody bags for the children at Cohen Children’s Medical Center. Great work 7th grade! Keep your light shining bright!

Everyone joined in on the fun at our Halloween Parade!
Parent & Child Program

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

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

For more information or to enroll contact: Sabina Lamb (516) 781-9834 Or the School Office.
The foolish ones did not take any oil for their lamps.

Circle the hidden objects.

The wise maidens had lamps ready when the bridegroom came.

In each set, cross out the lamp that doesn’t match.

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TZFESGHOGQNOGTA
OBMPPKSMIDNIGHT
GOMQINANHEAVENS
CAQLQTIIIEDIJKB
LPOBRIDEGROOMAE
MOJKKEFDKLXMOHNE
FEOGSWOIHAZSRQP
VWEXGBINODATHUX
ITBTPCLGRWREET
RSRCUBODAAAMOZTE
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FOOLISH
MIDNIGHT
BRIDEGROOM
DOOR
MEET
WEDDING
LAMPS
ASLEEP
DROWSY
TRIMMED
WISE
HEAVEN
VIRGINS
RANG
WATCH
OIL
BANQUET
KINGDOM
COME
WOKE
ACROSS
5. 12 o'clock at night
6. Not awake
7. A swinging or sliding cover over the place where someone usually enters a room
9. Ceremony in which a man and a woman are married.
10. Someone who does not use good judgment is ________.

DOWN
1. Someone who has good judgment and makes good decisions is ________.
2. Devices used to produce light
3. A feast or meal held in recognition of some person or occasion
4. To observe or look at something
8. A liquid that is often used to make fuel.

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Jesus told a parable about 10 bridesmaids. What does this parable teach us about? Find the answer below.

Write the word that fits the definition. Use the numbers as a guide to copy the letters to the lines below.

A white drink from a cow . . . \[
\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & 2 & 3 \\
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Something to catch fish in . . . \[
\begin{array}{ccc}
4 & 5 & 6 \\
\end{array}
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A utensil to eat with . . . . . . . . . . \[
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7 \\
\end{array}
\]

Weighs a lot . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . \[
\begin{array}{ccc}
8 & 9 & 10 \\
\end{array}
\]

Barking animal . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . \[
\begin{array}{ccc}
11 & 12 & 13 \\
\end{array}
\]

\[
\begin{array}{cccccccc}
6 & 8 & 5 & 3 & 2 & 4 & 13 & 11 & 12 & 1 \\
12 & 7 & 8 & 5 & 9 & 10 & 5 & 4 \\
\end{array}
\]

The kingdom of heaven will be like 10 bridesmaids who went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any extra oil. The wise ones took oil in jars along with their lamps.

Solve the math problems to write the words on the correct blanks.

- 9 + 4 = \_
- 20 - 5 = \_
- 14 + 2 = \_
- 18 - 7 = \_
- 7 + 5 = \_
- 19 - 6 = \_
- 13 + 5 = \_
- 19 - 2 = \_
- 15 + 4 = \_
- 18 - 4 = \_

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The foolish ones said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.” “No,” they replied, “there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.” But while they were gone, the bridegroom arrived.

Find the 12 underlined letters in the picture.

The bridesmaids who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. Later the others also came. “Lord, Lord,” they said, “open the door for us!” But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.”