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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
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PERSEVERANCE
YOU WILL SECURE YOUR LIVES
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - C
Lk 21:5-19
St. Barnabas the Apostle

Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, November 14
6:30 AM George Onufrey
9:00 AM In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony & Padre Pio
Intentions of Jeanette Butler
Pat Fenton Reilly & Family
Jennie Ciullo
Gary Cioni

Tuesday, November 15
6:30 AM Vincent Anthony Mira
9:00 AM Brian Dione

Wednesday, November 16
6:30 AM Irene Hutchinson
9:00 AM Mary Ann Bahnken

Thursday, November 17 St. Elizabeth of Hungry
6:30 AM For All the Faithful Departed of St. Barnabas
9:00 AM George Albrecht

Friday, November 18
6:30 AM Rev. Edward J. Muhs
9:00 AM John Moore
3:00 PM Wedding Robert Ingebrethsen & Christina Copozzi

Saturday, November 19
8:00 AM Rev. John Powers
Fr. Adrian 4:30 PM Raymond Vogts
Alba Zarnitz
Cornelius Clifford
Joan Chilingirian
Paul Maffeo
Peter Pleines

Fr. Charles 7:00 PM Francesca D’Addio

Sunday, November 20 Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Fr. Adrian 7:00 AM Angelina Mammine
Fr. Kevin 9:00 AM Third & Fourth Grade
Eileen Balke & the Deceased Members of the O’Rourke Family

Fr. Adrian 10:15 AM Frank Seminara
Fr. Charles 10:30 AM The People of Our Parish
Fr. Kevin 12:00 PM Luigi & Maria Balstriere
Fr. Charles 5:00 PM Frank Seminara

We pray for our recently deceased

James William Catrini
Charles M. Thomas Jr.
Jacqueline M. Bauer

Advent Wreath Candles
If you wish to memorialize a candle on the Advent Wreath for a loved one please contact the rectory. The offering is $50 for each candle.

Ministry Meetings
Holy Family Chapel, 7-8 PM
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.

Saint Agnes Medal
I am very pleased to inform you that our nominee for the 2016 St. Agnes Medal of Service is Ms. Dorothy Waters. The medal will be presented to her next Sunday, November 20th in St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre. Congratulations to Dot and your family from all the staff and parishioners of St. Barnabas.
Coming Together as Faithful Citizens for the Common Good

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has issued the following statement regarding the election of Donald Trump as President-Elect.

The American people have made their decision on the next President of the United States, members of Congress as well as state and local officials. I congratulate Mr. Trump and everyone elected yesterday. Now is the moment to move toward the responsibility of governing for the common good of all citizens. Let us not see each other in the divisive light of Democrat or Republican or any other political party, but rather, let us see the face of Christ in our neighbors, especially the suffering or those with whom we may disagree.

We, as citizens and our elected representatives, would do well to remember the words of Pope Francis when he addressed the United States Congress last year, “all political activity must serve and promote the good of the human person and be based on respect for his or her dignity.” Millions of Americans who are struggling to find economic opportunity for their families voted to be heard. Our response should be simple: we hear you. The responsibility to help strengthen families belongs to each of us.

The Bishops Conference looks forward to working with President-elect Trump to protect human life from its most vulnerable beginning to its natural end. We will advocate for policies that offer opportunity to all people, of all faiths, in all walks of life. We are firm in our resolve that our brothers and sisters who are migrants and refugees can be humanely welcomed without sacrificing our security. We will call attention to the violent persecution threatening our fellow Christians and people of other faiths around the world, especially in the Middle East. And we will look for the new administration’s commitment to domestic religious liberty, ensuring people of faith remain free to proclaim and shape our lives around the truth about man and woman, and the unique bond of marriage that they can form.

Every election brings a new beginning. Some may wonder whether the country can reconcile, work together and fulfill the promise of a more perfect union. Through the hope Christ offers, I believe God will give us the strength to heal and unite.

Let us pray for leaders in public life that they may rise to the responsibilities entrusted to them with grace and courage. And may all of us as Catholics help each other be faithful and joyful witnesses to the healing love of Jesus.

One Hour of Prayer for Peace
Monday, November 14th @ 7:30PM
St. Barnabas Church
If you take a coin, any coin, what you see under George Washington's chin, over Abe Lincoln's hair, and in front of Jefferson's nose are the words ‘In God We Trust.’ Same sentiment is expressed on paper money: ‘In God We Trust.’ Those words (as well as the stuff they're printed on) are very welcome in St. Barnabas.

Of course, there are a lot of other places where we can place our trust today. Depending on who we're talking to - in 401K's we trust, in human goodness we trust, in a strong military we trust, in relationships we trust, in financial markets we trust, and in politicians we trust.

But we have been let down before by politicians. The evil of terrorism has made us down-size our ‘trust’ in a peaceful future. We worry jobs that are never secure enough and a currency that isn’t stable enough. Trust requires stability.

At the time of Jesus the Temple in Jerusalem was the symbol of security. Perched high on the mountain in the city, this was that place where God lived. As long as the Temple remained on Mount Zion and as long as people lived a devout life, no one could ever hurt the people of Israel.

Under Herod the Great this Temple had doubled in size and was covered with plates of gold. When the sun light struck its gold, the Temple radiated such a blinding flash that people could not even look up at it. But Jesus interrupts our gawking and says, ‘The days are coming when there shall not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.’

Torn down? Herod's Temple? Impossible! The historian Josephus informs us that in fact this temple, which took almost fifty years to construct, was torn down block by block in AD70. Jesus knew this would happen. That faith placed in any ultimately disappoint us because the only one who stands outside of our world, who moves purposefully, is God. Even though everything else will be shaken — the earth, the heavens, politics, even our very lives — we believe in the power of God to make all things new, even us. That's where our trust is. That's who our trust is in.

Can we truly entrust our lives and future to God? How do we know that God won't disappear on us like everything else that we've placed our trust in. That's the risk we take. However look around. Many of us in the congregation today have made a discovery that if we let God move into the driver's seat of our lives, we will discover the joy of trusting in someone who will be with us forever.

So every time you pullout your pocket change take a moment to read those words under George's chin, over Abe's head, and staring Jefferson in the face. Read those words carefully, thoughtfully— ‘in God I trust.’
The Week at a Glance

Sunday:
1:30 PM  Baptisms, Church
6:00 PM  Pre-Cana Closing, HFC
7:30 PM  Al-Anon, School Cafeteria

Monday:
7:30 PM  Vigil for Peace, HFC
7:30 PM  Right to Life Group, Rectory

Tuesday:
1:00 PM  Friendly Seniors, HFC
7:00 PM  St. Barnabas Parents Night, HFC
7:00 PM  Family Music Practice, Church
7:30 PM  Bereavement Group, Rectory

Wednesday:
9:30 AM  Mailing Committee, HFC
7:00 PM  Chosen, HFC
7:00 PM  Rosary Making Group, School
7:30 PM  Al-Anon, Rectory
7:30 PM  RCIA, Convent
8:00 PM  Choir Rehearsal, 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

Saturday:
8:30 AM  Mens Prayer Group, HFC
12:30 PM  Confessions, Church

Financial Reports

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Envelopes Mailed: 1,284  Used: 621
Envelopes Used 11/8/15:  597

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Rosemary Grandwilliams, Louis Romano, Eugene Ryan,
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Bryan Finn is the Director of Apostolic Activities at Kellenberg Memorial High School, Retreat leader and Church History teacher. James O’Brien is part of the Apostolic Outreach Team at Kellenberg Memorial High School, Retreat leader and Scripture teacher.

You will not want to miss future Parents Nights on December 13th and January 10th with Nolan Reynolds of Campus Ministry at Holy Trinity Diocesan High School on the theme "God is the Answer: Finding Peace, Mercy and Salvation in Christ and His Church." On February 14th and March 21st Lee Hlavacek, Director of Religious Education at Cure of Ars in Merrick, will speak on ‘Catholic Parenting - a fast track to sainthood.’ Then on April 4th Tony Bellizzi, Retreat Director, Author, Director of Hope for the Children will talk on "Living Bread" a helpful insight into Eucharist for all parents especially those with children preparing for First Communion. Thank you parents for handing on the faith in your families. We hope you will find these Parent Nights both helpful and encouraging.
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 certificates, 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. Baskets will be distributed this week.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The Gospel predicts the end of times. The condition for our life and our not having fear of the end of times is to trust in God and to live by Jesus’ name now? Ask yourself “What would Jesus do?” Jesus would teach us to love one another, and that we may accompany the poor in their search for God. Please support our Outreach so that the poor and needy will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving.

St. Barnabas Choir

The St. Barnabas Choir is seeking new members. Altos especially needed, but all voices are welcome. No audition required, just the desire to share your talents with our congregation. Rehearsals are Wednesday nights at 8:00 PM in the Church, and we sing at the 10:30 AM Sunday Masses in addition to some special events during the year. Please call the rectory and ask for Bill Dione.

Family Music Ministry

If you are going into 2nd grade or higher and are interested in joining the 10:15 AM Family Mass Choir, please come to our practice on Tuesdays, at 7:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel. Practices are held weekly on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel. Adults who play the guitar are also needed. For more information please speak with Sabina Lamb the Family Music Ministry Leader following the 10:15 AM Mass or call the rectory and leave a message.

Jesus Loves Me Medal

First grade Daisies may earn the Jesus Loves Me Award, introducing them to the connection between scouting and their spiritual lives. Girls work with their families over a period of two to four months and received their medals at Mass on Girl Scout Sunday. To register or for more information please contact Joan Monastero at monasteroj@verizon.net. Or call 783-8567.

Contemplative Prayer and 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.

At the meeting we share our experience of the prayer and how God is touching our lives through these prayer forms. It is not a class or a course. It is entering into the practice of the Prayer.

All are invited and most welcome to participate. No experience 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.
- Lection 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.

The St. Barnabas Men's Prayer Group

Meeting Saturday, November 19th following the 8:00 AM Mass in the Holy Family Chapel. Our group is open to men between the ages of 16 - 116!
The main focus of our group is to help build a strong relationship with Jesus through prayer and action, and to develop and deepen your faith. For information please contact Fred Kreuder at 987-5350; email: stbampg@aol.com. Visit our facebook page: "The Way of Light - The St. Barnabas the Apostle Men's Prayer Group".

Mass for Bereaved Parents
Mass will be held Wednesday, November 16th at 7:30 PM at St. Rose of Lima Church, Massapequa.

Solemn Holy Hour
Join us on Sunday, November 20th at 3:00 PM as we close the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Rose of Lima Church in Massapequa.

Respect Life
Something to think about -- Does science support the Church's belief in the sanctity of life from the moment of conception? "The life of a new human being commences at a scientifically well-defined event; the fusion of the plasma of sperm and egg. This conclusion is not a matter of religious belief or societal convention; it is a matter of objective, scientific observation." [M. Condic, PhD, "When Does Human Life Begin? The Scientific Evidence and Terminology Revisited" (2013)]

SAVE THE DATE -- March For Life, January 27, 2017 -- "I join the March For Life in Washington with my prayers. May God help us respect all life, especially the most vulnerable." (Pope Francis). Join hundreds of thousands of Americans, schoolchildren to seniors from across the nation, in this beautiful event in support of the sanctity of life. For information contact Vin Murray at 781-7846.

Ocean of Mercy
Diocese of Rockville Centre Day of Prayer and Healing for Women, Healing After Abortion, will be held on Saturday, December 10th. The Day of Prayer and Healing for women is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred space. The day is directed by faithful priests who have a sensitivity and a heart for those who suffer. For more information visit: respectlife.drvc.org. To register contact Project Rachel at 1-888-456-4673 or email projectrachel@drvc.org. Reservations and information are confidential.

Marian Healing Ministry
There will be a Healing Mass at St. Anastasia's Church 45-14 245th St., Douglaston-Little Neck on Tuesday, November 15th. Service begins at 7:00 PM with the Rosary, Mass and Healing Service will follow. Celebrant is Fr. Augustine Fernando assisted by Deacons Joseph Merolino and Michael Vicinanza. For information call (718)631-4454.

Magnificat Christmas Breakfast
A Ministry to Catholic Women cordially invites you to attend a Christmas Breakfast on Saturday, December 10th at the Hofstra Club in Uniondale at 9:45 AM. The speaker, Lisa Mladnich - A Catholic wife and mom is the host of Strong Faith, True Beauty on Shalom World TV. Lisa is a published author as well as a regular contributor to Relevant Radio. She has appeared on EWTN TV's Women of Grace. Lisa is the founder of AmazingCatechists.com and her desire is to help catechists teach the faith to children with love and enthusiasm. The breakfast is $35 per person. Make checks payable to Magnificat and mail to: Judy Murphy, 42 Pinehurst St., Lido Beach, NY 11561. Pre-registration is required; checks must be received by December 5th. Payment will not be accepted at the door. For additional information contact Angela at 763-1739 or Judy at (917)453-5750. Bring a friend for a morning of fellowship, refreshment and worship!

Marian Symposium
Join the Friends of the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception for a Marian Symposium at the Seminary on Sunday, December 4th beginning with Mass at 10:00 AM. Keynote Speaker is Bishop James Massa, Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn. The day will include lunch, presentations on Marian art (Angela DeLessio-Morrison) and Marian spirituality (Fr. Hugh Gillespie, SMM), musical interlude with Marian selections by the Cathedral Seminary Schola and Vespers at 4:00 PM. Advance registration is required. $40 per guest. For reservations and information, call the Seminary Development Office at (631)423-0483x102.
Mailing Committee
The St. Barnabas Mailing Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 16th after the 9:00 AM Mass, in the Holy Family Chapel. All Parishioners are invited to attend.

Craft Fairs
Holy Trinity Diocesan High School annual Christmas Craft Fairs are on Saturday, November 19th and Saturday, December 10th from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Sister Act: A Divine Musical Comedy
Enjoy the evening on Friday, December 9th at 8:00 PM at the Bayway Arts Center Main Stage in East Islip. Tickets are $35 for adults, $30 for seniors (65 & older) and $15 for children (12 & under). Contact Kathy Coletti at (631)666-5679 for tickets. There will also be a 50/50 raffle and all proceeds from this event will benefit the Life Center of Long Island.

Catholic Charities Employment
We always are looking for individuals to join the ministry of Catholic Charities and offer “Care With Dignity…Life With Hope.” There is a full time position for a Medicaid Service Coordinator (MSC) based in the Disabilities Services offices in Amityville. The MSC coordinates support services for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in Nassau and Suffolk. The ideal candidate will have a BA/BS in Human Services or related discipline, at least 1 year experience working with developmentally disabled individuals (case management experience preferred), a valid NYS Driver’s License, and the ability to travel island-wide to visit clients. To apply, send resume & cover letter via email or fax. Reference “Medicaid Service Coordinator” in the subject line. Email: jobs@catholiccharities.cc or fax to: 733-7038. A full listing of jobs and descriptions is listed at www.catholiccharities.cc and click on “jobs” tab. Catholic Charities is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
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Staff Sgt. Eric S. Loughran, Staff Sgt. Christopher Price, SPC Kieran Riordan, First
Lt. Marlene Dwyer, Cpl. Alexandra Caudullo.

National Guard:
Major James McLean, A1C James Mikowski,
Airman First Class Thomas Ruggiero.

US Navy:
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Rev. Major Timothy Hirten

US Merchant Marine:
Lt. J.G. Eric Stumpel.

US Coast Guard:

US Peace Corps:
Patrick Coons

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 – 516-785-0130.

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:
Wednesday, November 23rd - NO CLASSES
Thursday, November 24th – Thanksgiving!
Check the Religious Education website regularly.

Parent & Child Program
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. Contact Sabina Lamb 781-9834
The Church makes the salvation story our story, here and now. Through the Church, we encounter Christ in the Liturgy of the Word Eucharist, in the other sacraments, and through other people. The Church is called the “bride of Christ” and the “body of Christ” because Jesus loves us and wants to unite himself to us. While developing and maintaining a personal relationship with Christ is fundamental to our faith journey, we are reminded that to follow Christ is also to be in communion with others. It is not something we do alone—we have a personal relationship in context of our communal relationship.

**Conversation After Class**

- Why do you think it is important to be Catholic? What makes the Catholic Faith unique?
- Which of the four marks of the Catholic Church seems most important to you, and why? (The four marks are one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.)
- If a friend invited you to skip Mass to attend a Protestant service instead, why would that not be a good idea? What do you receive at Mass that you cannot get anywhere else?

This lesson answers this fundamental question, while also addressing basic questions like: “Was Jesus real?” and, “Did he really claim to be God?” The person, nature, and work of Christ—from his Incarnation to his Second Coming—is at the center of the Catholic Faith. Christ is the model for how we are to live; he is the one who saves us from our sin and gives us the hope of eternal life. He is the fullness of revelation about God and is himself God in the flesh. Jesus, then, is the only way to find lasting peace and freedom.

Young people will have a variety of responses to the question, “Who is Jesus?” Living in a post-Christian society, surrounded by a dizzying panorama of “creeds” and worldviews, we need to be challenged to remember the words of the Lord: “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me” (John 14:6).

**Conversation After Class**

- This week you talked about how Jesus could not have been just a “good man” because he claimed to be God. That leaves three options: (1) he knew he was lying, (2) he fooled himself into believing a lie (that is, he was crazy)... or (3) he really was God. Which do you think is most likely, and why?
- If Jesus were coming over for dinner, what would you ask him?
- Why do you think Jesus came to earth? Why didn’t God just drop the Bible from the sky?
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Please visit our website at www.steas.com for all our news and current events.

Congratulations to November’s Ambassador’s of Christ!
Keep your light shining bright!
K-1 Alexander Small
K-2 Connell Faver
1-1 James Nasso
1-2 Angela Urso
2-1 Nicholas Pozo
2-2 Mackenzie Minero
3-1 Ella Doyle
3-2 Richard LaVacca
4-1 Ava Barrett
4-2 Tiffany Williams
5-1 Benicio Cruz
5-2 PJ Tondi
6-1 Fred Joseph
6-2 Thomas O’Kane
7-1 Arthur Erskine
8-1 Jeffrey Mitchell

We had a great time at our Annual Halloween Parade!
All the students looked fantastic!
And even Santa, Mrs. Claus and the elves made a visit before they get busy back in the North Pole!

Christmas Card Raffle
Give the gift of chance to your family, friends, teachers, etc. during this Christmas Season!
Contact the office or
Dawn Williams 516-865-7962, halodmf@yahoo.com
Dear Parishioners,

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School is proud to honor the following exceptional people at the 2017 SEASon to Believe Gala.

Father Gregory Cappuccino  
Laurie & Jim Graham  
Laurie & John Murray Jr.  
Lyn Ryan

As a permanent remembrance of each Gala, a 16 x 20 Scroll of Honor is professionally printed, framed and prominently displayed in the School’s lobby. The success of the Gala depends upon the generosity of our donors. Please consider purchasing a donation for the Scroll of Honor. The donation levels for the Scroll of Honor are:

Grand Marquis - $1,500  
Marquis - $1,000  
Diamond - $500  
Platinum - $300  
Gold - $200  
Silver - $125  
Bronze - $75

Please return the bottom half of this form with your level of donation. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Baylis at (516)623-1637 or sbaylis24@gmail.com. All Scroll donations need to be in by January 16, 2015.

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SEASon to Believe Gala  
Attn: Stacey Romanelli

I would like to support the SEASon to Believe Gala. Please include the following business, family and/or group name on the Scroll of Honor. Enclosed is my check payable to SEAS in the amount of $______________.

Business, family and/or group name as it is to appear on the Scroll:

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Thank you,
SEAS Gala Committee
The Synod Fathers stated in a number of ways that we need to help young people discover the dignity and beauty of marriage. They should be helped to perceive the attraction of a complete union that elevates and perfects the social dimension of existence, gives sexuality its deepest meaning, and benefits children by offering them the best context for their growth and development.

“The complexity of today’s society and the challenges faced by the family require a greater effort on the part of the whole Christian community in preparing those who are about to be married. The importance of the virtues needs to be included. Among these, chastity proves invaluable for the genuine growth of love between persons. In this regard, the Synod Fathers agreed on the need to involve the entire community more extensively by stressing the witness of families themselves and by grounding marriage preparation in the process of Christian initiation by bringing out the connection between marriage, baptism and the other sacraments.

The Fathers also spoke of the need for specific programs of marriage preparation aimed at giving couples a genuine experience of participation in ecclesial life and a complete introduction to various aspects of family life.”

I encourage Christian communities to recognize the great benefit that they themselves receive from supporting engaged couples as they grow in love. As the Italian bishops have observed, those couples are “a valuable resource because, as they sincerely commit themselves to grow in love and self-giving, they can help renew the fabric of the whole ecclesial body. Their special form of friendship can prove contagious and foster the growth of friendship and fraternity in the Christian community of which they are a part”. There are a number of legitimate ways to structure programs of marriage preparation, and each local Church will discern how best to provide a suitable formation without distancing young people from the sacrament. They do not need to be taught the entire Catechism or overwhelmed with too much information. Here too, “it is not great knowledge, but rather the ability to feel and relish things interiorly that contents and satisfies the soul”.

Quality is more important than quantity, and priority should be given – along with a renewed proclamation of the kerygma – to an attractive and helpful presentation of information that can help couples to live the rest of their lives together “with great courage and generosity”. Marriage preparation should be a kind of “initiation” to the sacrament of matrimony, providing couples with the help they need to receive the sacrament worthily and to make
a solid beginning of life as a family.

With the help of missionary families, the couple’s own families and a variety of pastoral resources, ways should also be found to offer a remote preparation that, by example and good advice, can help their love to grow and mature. Discussion groups and optional talks on a variety of topics of genuine interest to young people can also prove helpful. All the same, some individual meetings remain essential, since the primary objective is to help each to learn how to love this very real person with whom he or she plans to share his or her whole life. Learning to love someone does not happen automatically, nor can it be taught in a workshop just prior to the celebration of marriage. For every couple, marriage preparation begins at birth. What they received from their family should prepare them to know themselves and to make a full and definitive commitment.

Those best prepared for marriage are probably those who learned what Christian marriage is from their own parents, who chose each other unconditionally and daily renew this decision.

In this sense, pastoral initiatives aimed at helping married couples to grow in love and in the Gospel of the family also help their children, by preparing them for their future married life. Nor should we underestimate the pastoral value of traditional religious practices. To give just one example: I think of Saint Valentine’s Day; in some countries, commercial interests are quicker to see the potential of this celebration than are we in the Church.

The timely preparation of engaged couples by the parish community should also assist them to recognize eventual problems and risks. In this way, they can come to realize the wisdom of breaking off a relationship whose failure and painful aftermath can be foreseen. In their initial enchantment with one another, couples can attempt to conceal or relativize certain things and to avoid disagreements; only later do problems surface. For this reason, they should be strongly encouraged to discuss what each expects from marriage, what they understand by love and commitment, what each wants from the other and what kind of life they would like to build together.

Such discussions would help them to see if they in fact have little in common and to realize that mutual attraction alone will not suffice to keep them together. Nothing is more volatile, precarious and unpredictable than desire. The decision to marry should never be encouraged unless the couple has discerned deeper reasons that will ensure a genuine and stable commitment.

In any event, if one partner clearly recognizes the other’s weak points, he or she needs to have a realistic trust in the possibility of helping to develop the good points that counterbalance them, and in this way to foster their human growth. This entails a willingness to face eventual sacrifices, problems and situations of conflict; it demands a firm resolve to be ready for this. Couples need to be able to detect danger signals in their relationship and to find, before the wedding, effective ways of responding to them. Sadly, many couples marry without really knowing one another. They have enjoyed each other’s company and done things together, but without facing the challenge of revealing themselves and coming to know who the other person truly is.

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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.
Jesus told them …

Fill in the missing letters by using the code.

Apple = a
Egg = e
Ice cream = i

“Stand firm and daily work well and live.”

The disciples saw the beauty of the temple.

Find and count the hidden objects in the picture.

3 or 4? 5 or 6?

At the time, there will be earthquakes, famines and plagues.

Follow the path that leads to Jesus.

Match the opposite pictures.
Jesus warned that hard times were coming for them. What did He tell them?

Fit the words into the puzzle. Transfer the words to the lines and read what Jesus said.

He  hear  time  deceived
war  name  Watch  frightened
you  near  follow  revolutions
come  that  claiming

“______ out ______ _____
are not __________. For many
will ______ in My ______
_____________, ‘I am ____,’ and
‘The ______ is ______.’ Do not
_______ them. When you
______ of ______ and
_____________, do not
be ______________.”