HAPPY THANKSGIVING

CELEBRATE GOD'S BLESSINGS
## St. Barnabas the Apostle

**Ordinary Time Thirty-Third Week**

### Monday, November 19
- Fr. Michael 6:30 AM  
  Angelina Mammone
- Fr. Kevin 9:00 AM  
  Rev. John W. Powers
  George “Mac” McGinlay
  Dominic Saracen
  Rita and Angelo Campanella
  Victor Cioffi
  Meghan Alice Roach
  **Grade 1 attending Mass**

### Tuesday, November 20
- Fr. Kevin 6:30 AM  
  Friends and Family of Lou, Rosemary and Rory Grandwilliams
- Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM  
  Corrine McCann
  **K & Grade 7 attending Mass**

### Wednesday, November 21
- **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- Fr. Adrian 6:30 AM  
  Joan Smith
- Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM  
  Nancy Stabile
  **Grade 4 attending Mass**

### Thursday, November 22
- **Thanksgiving Day; St. Cecilia**
- Fr. Kevin 6:30 AM  
  For the People of Our Parish
- Fr. Adrian 9:30 AM  
  For the People of Our Parish

### Friday, November 23
- Fr. Adrian 6:30 AM  
  Charlie and Ann Klika
- Fr. Kevin 9:00 AM  
  Rita Mistretta

### Saturday, November 24
- **Saint Andrew Dung-Lac**
- Fr. Adrian 8:00 AM  
  Edward Patrick Nallan
  **1:30 PM**  
  **Wedding:**  Patrick Moore and Nikole Visconti
- Fr. Michael 4:30 PM  
  Patrick and Kathleen Morley
  Judy G. LaMacchia
  Louis Falace
  John Preputnik
  Robert Ptacek
  Louise Sweeney
- Fr. Kevin 7:00 PM  
  Tommy Zalud

### Sunday, November 25
- **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**
- Fr. Michael 7:00 AM  
  Anne and Nat Savino
- Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM  
  Mary Von Stein
- Fr. Michael 10:15 AM  
  For the People of Our Parish
- Fr. Kevin 10:30 AM  
  Joseph Tavella
- Fr. Adrian 12:00 PM  
  Deceased Members of the Schmitt and Grogan Families
- Fr. Kevin 5:00 PM  
  Marie Gallo

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Rev. Adrian McHugh, Pastor  
Rev. Kevin Gruber  
Rev. Michael Ngoka, CM

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Office Open Monday - Friday:  
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM;  
(Closed Weekdays: 12:30 - 1:30 PM)  
Saturday & Sunday: 9 AM to 1 PM

MASS TIMES  
Monday to Friday: 6:30 and 9 AM  
Saturday: 8:00 AM  
Vigil: 4:30 & 7 PM  
Sunday: 7, 9, 10:15, 10:30 AM;  
12 & 5PM.  
Confessions Saturday 12:30 PM

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

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is celebrated on the fourth Saturday after 8:00 AM Mass

Contact the Rectory for information on the Sacrament of Matrimony

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A Thanksgiving Dinner Prayer

Heavenly Father, on Thanksgiving Day
We bow our heart to You and pray,
We give You thanks for all You've done
Especially for the gift of Jesus, Your Son.
For beauty in nature, Your glory we see
For joy and health, friends and family,
For daily provision, Your mercy and care
These are the blessings You graciously share.
So today we offer this response of praise
With a promise to follow You all of our days.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING
I like the autumn colors. It’s a beautiful time of the year. And now with Thanksgiving this week, it’s the best time of year.

Thanksgiving is the time to count our blessings. Another year survived. But while our Church had a lot of difficult days last year, we can find that we have been blessed too. It’s great to be a part of a parish were people are involved, where people attend Mass and where we have a lot of things going for us. A lot of people in the parish have had a great year for one reason or another - maybe because they have a new house to live in, or a new job, or there’s a new baby. But even though we can count our blessings, we remember there are many people who only have the hope of a better year next year to sustain them through the winter.

So, no matter what, no matter how the year has gone, no matter what challenges or victories you have faced, the call to thanksgiving goes out to everyone. There’s a lot of power in living with the attitude of gratitude, in giving thanks, even when there isn’t a whole lot on the surface to be thankful about. Remember the story of the Widow’s Mite last week? That little lady was so thankful for the presence of God in her life that she gave all she had, not because she had received so many blessings. Certainly not the kind of blessings we might be mindful of today, like family and money enough to pay the bills, or a good place to live. All that had been taken away from her. But, she was thankful still, for God’s faithful presence. It was always there with her, even when the going was tough. What would you give for a friend who was faithful like that - who would stand by you even when times were tough? Being thankful doesn't mean that we will be happier because we think positive thoughts. It just helps us to embrace the fact, that God is in charge, that God is good and God is all powerful. What more is necessary, except to give our lives back to His love and service? Happy Thanksgiving!
We pray for our Deceased
Reverend Monsignor William Jablonski
(Associate Pastor, St. Barnabas, 1968 to 1974)
Rose Marie Pietroforte
June Dorothy Daly
Charlotte Goepfert
Robert Joseph Kenyon
Connie Franzone

Sanctuary Lamp
Is lit in loving memory of Theresa Anselmo from her family.

Sisters of St. Barnabas Intention
In Thanksgiving to God for family and friends.
We ask the Holy Spirit to increase His gifts of Faith and Peace.

We Pray for Our Sick

The Week Ahead

Sunday:
1:30 PM  Baptisms, Church
5:00 PM  Pre Cana Closing Mass
7:30 PM  Al-Anon, South Cafeteria

Monday:
7:30 PM  Charismatic Prayer Group, HFC

Tuesday:
12:30 PM  Friendly Seniors, HFC
7:30 PM  Bereavement Support Group, Rectory

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

Thursday:  Rectory Closed - Thanksgiving
Friday:
1:30 PM  Lectio Divina, Rectory Room

Saturday:
All Masses  K of C Christmas Wreath sale
11:30 AM  Baptisms
12:30 PM  Confession

Our Finances
11/11/18: $16,663  11/12/17: $15,056
Families Registered: 5,057
Envelopes Mailed: 1,424
Used: 11/11/18: 550  11/12/17: 571

Catholic Ministries Appeal
Goal: $108,900  Donors: 481
Pledged: $111,360  Received: $106,403

Special Collections
This Weekend
Catholic Campaign for Human Development

December 2nd
Maintenance and Repairs -
To replace the boiler in the Convent
Sacred Reading for Advent and Christmas 2018–2019

Next weekend you can pick up your copy of ‘Sacred Reading,’ our uplifting prayer book for Advent and the Christmas season. This little book engages you with the Church’s daily scripture readings and will inspire you with the traditional spiritual devotion known as lectio divina (sacred reading). Create moments of peace in your busy holiday season by focusing on a six-step process of prayer:

- know that God is present;
- read the gospel;
- notice what you think and feel as you read the gospel;
- pray as you are led for yourself and others;
- listen to God; and
- ask him to show you how to live today.

More than simply another daily prayer book, Sacred Reading gives you practical tools that allow the day’s scripture to change your heart and find expression in your actions.

Extraordinary Ministers & Lectors

The sign-up sheet for the Immaculate Conception, Saturday, December 8th, is available in the sacristy. The 2019 Lector Workbooks are available in the Altar Server’s Sacristy.

Rectory Hours This Week

Wednesday, November 21st: 9:00AM - 12:30 PM
Thursday, November 22nd: Closed
Friday, November 23rd: Closed

Knights of Columbus Wreath Sale

The Bellmore Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas Wreaths after all Masses next weekend, November 24th - 25th. As always, we thank you for your support and we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving.

Anointing of the Sick

On Sunday, December 9th, the second Sunday of Advent, we will celebrate the Anointing of the Sick at the noon Mass. All who are sick are invited to participate in this beautiful sacrament. The church does have regulations regarding who may be anointed. First, the person seeking to be anointed must have a serious illness. The illness may be physical, spiritual or emotional but it must be of a serious nature. Secondly, the Church specifies that...
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you have never been anointed for this condition previously. Once you are anointed for an illness, you may not be anointed again unless the condition worsens. Because one may not perceive the grace of God in one’s life does not mean that it has not been granted. One may be anointed because of age. Anyone who is 65 or older may be anointed once a year because of one’s age without a serious illness. If you have any further questions, please call the rectory. This is a beautiful communal celebration. Please invite a relative or friend, who may not come to Mass because of illness, to come to this special liturgy. Your assistance in getting them to Mass is a great grace.

Campaign for Human Development and Home Missions
The Collection for the Campaign for Human Development and Home Missions will be taken up this weekend. Over 43 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and Home Missions at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

St. Barnabas Pre - Cana
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Banins of Marriage:
Patrick Moore & Nikole Visconti
Let our daily nurturing of our relationship use the Mass a a model.
Let us each day humbly acknowledge our faults and ask for forgiveness for any hurts we have caused the other.
May we take any opportunity for praising and affirming the talents and efforts of the other.
May we offer our time, understanding, and active, empathetic listening even when we judge that we have heard before what we are hearing now.
May we pray with and for each other in whatever ways we can
May we try to build a solid foundation of openness and trust based upon similar values.
May we celebrate our coming vows and put the stress on our relationship building, not on the wedding day details that will soon pail in importance.
May we treat each other with a sacred trust that seeks to build up.
Help us believe that God sends us forth as a couple to become an ever clearer channel of his love.
Don’t let us neglect to give each other a kiss of peace often!
May we go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Friendly Seniors
Friendly Seniors of St. Barnabas meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month in the lower Church (HFC) from 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM. We have a business meeting, pray for intentions, play BINGO after a raffle and serve refreshments. Dues are $1 per meeting and will go towards our Christmas party at Piccolo's on December 4th. There is a chair lift for those who may need it. For information, contact Margaret Ferris at 221-4974.

Widows and Widowers
Sunday, December 2nd at 12:30 PM - Holiday Party/Meeting at the Wantagh Inn. The cost is $26 and checks should be sent to Terry Hoffman at 66 Whalers Cove, Babylon 11702, no later than November 21st. Our annual dues of $10 are due before the end of the year. They can be paid at the Holiday Party or mailed directly to Joy Brennan at 1830 Bellmore Avenue - Unit 7, Bellmore.

Divorced or Separated Catholics
A social organization for single persons is holding a new member orientation on Wednesday, November 28th at 7:30 PM at St. Frances de Chantal School, 1309 Wantagh Ave., Wantagh. This is a non-denominational meeting and all are welcome. Bring proof of single status to join. Refreshments following the meeting. For further information, please call Carol at 794-4933 or Barbara at 798-2858.

Respect Life Rosary
All are invited to join the Respect Life Group at the outdoor Mary statue to pray the rosary after the 8:00 AM Mass on Saturday, November 24th. Please bring a lawn chair.

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

Celebration of Mary
Join the Friends of the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception for a Celebration of Mary at the Seminary located at 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, on her special feast day, Saturday, December 8th. Journey to the heart of Mary through Theology, Spirituality, and the Arts. Beginning with 10:00 AM Mass, celebrated by
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Bishop John O. Barres, the day will include lunch, presentations by Msgr. Peter Vaccari, Rector of St. Joseph’s Seminary; Brother Timothy Driscoll, SM, Kellenberg Memorial H.S., and the Cathedral Seminary Schola (Douglaston). Advance registration required. $40 per guest. For reservations and information, contact the Seminary Development Office at (631) 423-0483, ext. 102 or email bmalone@icseminary.edu.

2018 Catholic Faith Network Award of Excellence
The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) will host the CFN Award of Excellence on Tuesday, November 20th at the Garden City Hotel. This year’s honorees include: Bishop Robert Brennan, Vicar General of the Diocese of Rockville Centre; Bishop Nelson Perez, Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland; Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Lindenhurst; Rosanna Scotto, Television Host and Journalist; and Claudio and Debra Del Vecchio; Principals of Brooks Brothers. Neil and Danielle Tucker will serve as Co-Chairs for the event. For more information, please contact Angelica Ayroso at aayroso@cfntv.org or visit our website at www.cfntv.org.

Veterans’ Informational Program
Long Island State Veterans’ Home is having an informational program on Saturday, December 1st from 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM. 100 Patriots Road, Stony Brook in the Multi-purpose Room. The event is free and open to the public. Continental breakfast will be served. Changes to the Aid and Attendance Benefit will be discussed. For information, call visit www.listateveteranshome.org or call 444-8606.

St. Joseph Renewal Center
The following programs will take place at St. Joseph Renewal Center at Montfort Spiritual Center, 26 S. Saxon Ave., Bay Shore. Call (631) 647-8683.
• A Day of Reflection with Paula D’Arcy “Healing from Inside Out” - Wednesday, November 28th from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Offering: $60.00 includes lunch.
• Retreat for Men and Women “Connecting the DOTS” - November 30th - December 2nd. Presenters: Bethe & Jim Barker, Paul Bergen and Ann Marie Dodd. Offering: $200.00 for the weekend.
• Advent Day of Prayer - Wednesday, December 12th from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM - “A Child brings JOY to a BROKEN WORLD” - Offering: $60 includes lunch. Presenter: Josephine Daspro, CSJ.

F O R M E D  P I C K

The Miracle of Father Kapaun
Do You Know This American War Hero?
Emil Kapaun—priest, soldier, and Korean War hero—was awarded posthumously the Medal of Honor, and is also being considered by the Vatican for canonization as a saint.
“A must see film.”
—James S., East Dubuque, IL

Watch on formed.org
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
The Gospel predicts end times; our challenge through is to live faithfully now. When we live in conformity to the Word, hearing Jesus’ words and living them out, the future holds no fear for us. On the journey of life, we must make choices. Our instincts, our selfishness, our pride will often suggest to us to follow them. It is an easier road. But Christ, and our consciences suggest another way. To follow that road, we must say no to our natural instincts. We do that by allowing Jesus to have a greater say in our lives, in decisions, and in our thoughts. By supporting St. Vincent de Paul you indeed put your faith into action as you bring healing to the poor, hungry and weeping. Donations can be left at the rectory or in the church collections. Please mark them for St. Vincent de Paul.

The Men of the Way of Light
In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus say to the Apostles that no one knows the day or the hour of the end times. Will it happen in our lifetime? We don't know. What we do know is that today, we are one day closer to our own passing. We also have no idea when that will be. Are you prepared? Is your family? Friends? What should you do to prepare? We always think that we have plenty of time to get right with God. We say, "I can't get close to God until I get myself right." Sadly, we find that time slips away all too quickly! The truth is that we first have to "Get with God' in order to get right! Jesus arms were spread wide as he died on the cross for our sins. Those same arms are still spread wide to welcome us into the embrace of his endless mercy! Aren't you overdue to get closer to God? When a man gets closer to God, his family and all those around him benefit! Interested? Please attend our faith discussion group at our next meeting on Saturday, December 1st, immediately following the 8am mass. We meet in the Nazareth Room of the Holy Family Chapel. Bagels and coffee served. Our meetings run until 10:30am. For more information, visit our Facebook page or pick up one of our business cards displayed at the rear of the church.

Benefit for Mercy Soup Kitchen
Through the generosity of the Church of St. Joseph, the renowned St. Joseph’s Choir will present a FREE BENEFIT CONCERT at St. Joseph’s Church in Babylon Village on Sunday, December 9th at 7:00 PM. They will perform selections from Handel’s MESSIAH and Vivaldi’s GLORIA directed by Dr. Marie Drohan and accompanied by soloist, trumpet harpsichord and the Sophisticated Strings. The concert will include other beautiful choral selections and will be preceded by a moving candlelight procession. The choir has sung on Fox 5 and on European national television and in the presence of many prominent figures such as Cardinal Bevilaqua, Cardinal Egan, Cardinal Myers, the late Cardinal O’Connor, Helen Hayes, Ossie Davis and the great jazz legend, Dave Brubeck. They met and performed for Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI and most recently embarked on a concert tour choir to the Czech Republic, Germany and Austria. St. Joseph’s R.C. Church is located on North Carll Avenue in Babylon Village, one block north of Main St. and two blocks south of the Babylon railroad station. Early arrival is recommended as the church is put in complete darkness promptly at 7:00 PM. Free-will offerings of cash or checks made payable to St. Joseph Church will be most appreciated. Suggested
St. William the Abbot Christmas Craft Fair
St. William the Abbot is hosting their 42nd Annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, December 1st from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM and Sunday, December 2nd from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, at 2001 Jackson Avenue, Seaford. More than 60 Artisans for your shopping pleasure. In addition, we will offer hot and cold food, fresh evergreen wreaths, baked goods, raffle baskets, grand 50/50 and of course, Santa Claus will visit.

St. Andrew’s Christmas Bake Sale
St. Andrew’s Church, 275 Ellison Avenue, Westbury is having a Christmas Bake sale on Saturday December 8th from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Cookies, breads, fruit and nut rolls, and more will be featured along with Pirohi and other Eastern European foods.

Part Time Secretary Needed
Sacred Heart Church in North Merrick is looking for a part time parish secretary. Hours are 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, three days a week. Candidate should be an active Catholic, have good phone skills and able to handle light typing. For

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May the Lord preserve the members of our Army, National Guard, Navy, Marine, Air Force, Merchant Marine, Coast Guard and Peace Corps from all harm.

US ARMY:

NATIONAL GUARD:

US NAVY:

US MARINES:

US AIR FORCE:
Rev. Major Timothy Hirten, Nicholas P. Wright.

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

US COAST GUARD:
Lt. Robert M. Scaduto, Jr.
Pilgrimage

We are pleased to announce there is a second pilgrimage opportunity available to those interested. In addition to the Splendors of Eastern Europe with the Passion Play of Oberammeragu, there is also the opportunity to make a Marion Pilgrimage to the Lourdes and the City of Lights. Here are the details. Please call the rectory to be mailed a brochure.

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.

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.

To place a notice in our Bulletin email stbapostle@gmail.com.

To place an advertisement on our cover call The Church Bulletin at (631) 249-4994.
If you wish to arrange a baptism, please contact the rectory at 785-0054. Once your request is received you will be invited to meet one of the priests. This meeting offers parents an opportunity to review the baptism ceremony and set the date. The meeting is more conversational than instructional. Forms need to be completed giving information on the parents, child’s date and place of birth, as well as the names and religious affiliation of the sponsors. At least one sponsor must be a practicing Catholic.

Baptisms are held on Saturday at 11:30 AM, and Sunday at 1:30 PM, when the Church is available. (See the list of dates below).

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

First time parents are required to attend a Baptism Class. Classes are held in the Holy Family Chapel on Agape Sunday, the second Sunday of the month. Crying babies and noisy children are welcome. We begin with Mass at 10:15 AM, when your baby will be welcomed to St. Barnabas, followed by refreshments and the class.

The 10:15 AM Mass & Class will be held on November 11th and December 9th, 2018. In 2019 the 10:15 AM Mass & Class will be held on January 13th, February 10th, March 10th, April 14th, May 12th and June 9th. (Class will be held after the 10:30 AM Mass on July 14th, August 11th and September 8th, 2019). We return to the 10:15 AM Mass for October 13th, November 11th, December 8th, 2019.

### Available Dates

**November 2018:**
- Saturday 24
- Sunday 18, 25

**December 2018:**
- Saturday 1, 29
- Sunday 2, 9

**January 2019:**
- Saturday 5, 19
- Sunday 6, 27

**February 2019:**
- Saturday 2, 16
- Sunday 10, 24

**March 2019:**
- Saturday 2, 23
- Sunday 10, 31

**April 2019:**
- Saturday 6, 13
- Sunday 7, 28

**May 2019:**
- Sunday only 5, 19
We are introducing new permanent hardcover hymnals to the pews. These will replace the paperback versions that are currently in use. The hardcover hymnal contains all the hymns we regularly use and has the three year cycle of readings. Having permanent hymnals will be a cost saver because the paperbacks have to be replaced every year. This will also cut back on the amount of trash we dispose of annually. If you would like to dedicate a hymnal to a loved one please contact the rectory office. Your dedication will be placed inside the cover.

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6TH GRADE SCHOOL MASS

MENTOR FOR CHRIST
THANKFUL PUMPKIN PROJECT

FUN IN EARLY CHILDHOOD!

The theme of November’s school mass was Thankfulness. Throughout the month there have been many different service projects hosted by the Student Council, National Junior Honor Society, and the 6th grade that emphasize BEing Thankful through giving to those in need.

Give the gift of CASH! Join in on this fun SEAS tradition by purchasing Christmas Card Raffles. They are the perfect for teacher gifts! Contact the main office to purchase.

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Level 8 Class

November 28th or 29th
Chapter 17
“Who’s calling?”
Holy Orders and Vocational Discernment

The purpose of this lesson is to instill an understanding of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. In addition, your teen will learn a bit more about the process of discerning a vocation to the priesthood, religious life, married life, or single life.

Teens often have a “knee jerk” reaction to considering whether God might be calling them to serve him in the Church. They simply cannot imagine a satisfying, fulfilling life without the benefits of marriage, and they do not stop to consider that all vocations have both a crown and a cross, both benefits and sacrifices. This lesson will encourage them to consider this.

Conversation Starters
This week, you learned the Catholic teaching that a priest acts in persona Christ Capitis ("in the person of Christ the Head"), i.e., with the authority of Christ, when he administers the sacraments. Why is this important for the life of the Church? What are the three questions discussed this week which can help you discern what God is calling you to do? How do these three questions help?

Level 7 Class

December 5th or 6th
Chapter 6
Why Be Catholic
Discovering the Church Jesus Founded

The Church makes the salvation story our story, here and now. Through the Church, we encounter Christ in the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the 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 (see CCC 789).

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. It is in and through the Church, Christ’s body, that we find that communion.

Conversation Starters
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.) (See CCC 811-812.)
The dates and times for First Holy Communion were handed out at our Parent Meetings on Tuesday, October 16th. If you are requesting a change it MUST be submitted in writing and you will be notified if we are able to accommodate the change.

**REMINDER:** We cannot allow anyone into the building during class time that is not a volunteer – doors will open at 5:30 PM for dismissal.

We still need Hall Monitors for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM.

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

**Calendar dates at a Glance**

- **Wednesday & Thursday November 21st - 22nd:** No Classes
- **Monday - Thursday, November 26th - 29th:** Levels 1 & 2 Safety program held during class session. Parents are invited to attend - Holy Family Chapel.
- **Tuesday, December 4th:** Our Second in the series of Parent Sessions. Our guest speaker is Kevin McCormick - 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Holy Family Chapel.
- **Monday-Thursday, December 3rd-6th:** Levels 3 & 4 Safety program held during class session.
When the Son of Man Returns

When Jesus comes back to earth, people will see Him coming in clouds with great power and glory.

Trace the lines to finish drawing Jesus and the clouds around Him.

God is the only one who knows the hour and day when Jesus, the Son of Man, will return.

Son of Man

Trace the letters.

Jesus said, “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away.”

Write the missing letter in each word. Hint: Each letter is used only once.

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“My words never pass away.”

A Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Lord, we humbly ask thy blessing on the turkey and the dressing, on the yams and cranberry jelly, and the homemade pickles from our kitchen.

Bless the coffee, tea, apple and pumpkin pies. Bless each and every calorie... :-)!

Let us enjoy Thanksgiving dinner; tomorrow we can all get thinner.

For all thy help along the way we’re thankful this Thanksgiving Day. We’re thankful, too, for all our dear ones, for all the far away and near ones.

Although we may be apart, we’re together in our hearts. Keep us in thy loving care, this is my Thanksgiving prayer.

PS: Anyone who wishes may help with the dishes. :-)
Giving Thanks

Coloring Page
WORSHIP  SONG  JOY  THANKS
ENDURES  FOREVER  SHEEP  SHOUT
SONGS  PASTURE  GLADNESS  PRAISE

ACROSS
5. A short piece of music that is sung
6. To talk or exclaim in a very loud voice
7. A small animal with a woolly coat
8. The planet where people live

DOWN
1. To express one's love and adoration for God
2. A field covered with grass where animals eat
3. An expression of appreciation
4. A feeling of great happiness

GIVING THANKS

WORSHIP  EARTH  JOY  LOVE
PASTURE  FOREVER  SHEEP  ENTER
SONGS  PASTURE  GLADNESS  GATES

[Crossword puzzle with clues]
When the Son of Man Returns

Jesus told the disciples of a time to come. He said, "The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light." What did He say would fall from the sky?

Connect the dots from 1 to 67 to form a word.

"At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory," said Jesus.

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A Prayer for Thanksgiving

Loving God,

We turn our hearts to you on this day for giving thanks, mindful of your many gifts.

For each one, we are grateful.

For each one, we are blessed.

For each one we are opened to the abundance of your love.

May this Thanksgiving Day offer a reminder to be generous with others, as you are with us.

We praise you.

We rejoice in you.

We give you thanks.

Amen.