Thanksgiving

We are blessed & grateful
St. Barnabas the Apostle

Thirty-Third Week of Ordinary Time

Monday, November 20

6:30 AM
Angelina Mammone

9:00 AM
George “Mac” McGinley

Friends and Family of Lou, Rosemary and Rory Grandwilliams

Mary Bridget Downes

Corrine McCann

Yvonne Browe

Tuesday, November 21

6:30 AM
For the Faithful Departed of St. Barnabas

9:00 AM
The Dorothy Healy Family

Wednesday, November 22

6:30 AM
Charlie and Ann Klika

9:00 AM
Rita and Frank Mistretta

Thursday, November 23

6:30 AM
Thanksgiving Day (Rectory Closed)

9:30 AM
For the People of Our Parish

Friday, November 24

6:30 AM
Saint Andrew Dung-Lac

9:00 AM
Gloria Srsich

9:00 AM
Patsy Bellitti

Saturday, November 25

8:00 AM
Kathleen Rathgaber

1:30 PM
Wedding: Rob Angilletta and Amanda Ubertini

Fr. Adrian

4:30 PM
Benjamin Mauro

Donna DeFino

Intentions of Mary Lou and Tom Till

Richard and Patricia Grindrod

Bernard and Mary Ference

Angelina Vanacore

Kevin Hurtes

Sunday, November 26

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

Fr. Kevin

7:00 AM
Alfred Zikowitz

Fr. Charles

9:00 AM
Terri Ann Clarke

Fr. Kevin

10:15 AM
Annmarie Friedmann

Fr. Charles

10:30 AM
Brian Dione

Fr. Kevin

12:00 PM
Luigi and Maria Balestrieri

Fr. Charles

5:00 PM
For the People of Our Parish
A Catholic Blessing for Thanksgiving Day

As you begin your Thanksgiving meal all make the sign of the cross. One of those present reads the following:

Brothers and sisters, listen to the words of the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians. (I Cor 1:3-9)

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in Him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by Him you were called to fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Prayer of Blessing.

God most provident, we join all creation in raising to you a hymn of thanksgiving through Jesus Christ your son. For generation upon generation peoples of this land have sung of your bounty; we too offer you praise for the rich harvest we have received at your hands. Bless us and this food which we share with grateful hearts. Continue to make our land fruitful and let our love for you be seen in our pursuit of peace and justice and in our generous response to those in need. Praise and glory to you, Lord God, now and for ever. Amen

On Thursday, November 23rd, Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 AM and 9:30 AM.
Gratitude

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving Day with our turkeys, stuffing and mashed potatoes and pumpkin pies, it’s good to be reminded that Thanksgiving should be more than a once-a-year celebration. Thanksgiving is a state of mind. God calls us to be a Eucharistic, Thanksgiving people, who have an attitude of gratitude. Attitude can make all the difference in our lives.

The story is told about a certain man who went to Church one Sunday. He frowned when the organist missed a note. He glared at two whispering teenagers. He looked repeatedly at his watch. When the collection basket was passed, he felt that the usher was watching to see how much he gave. He sat tight-lipped during all of the hymn singing. During the homily, he felt pleased with himself when he caught the priest making a grammatical mistake. As he was leaving the Church, he muttered to himself, "That was a terrible Mass, why do I bother?"

Another man went to Church on the same Sunday. He chuckled at the sight of a father hugging his toddler. During the offertory he wondered, "God has given me so much. Am I giving enough?" He struggled honestly with the scripture readings to find a word to live by. Part of the homily helped him with a question he had often thought about. He enthusiastically joined in the singing of the closing hymn. As he left the church, he thought to himself, "How good it is to be here together in God's presence."

Both men had gone to the same church, on the same Sunday, and each had found exactly what he was looking for. Attitude made all the difference.

But sometimes we find it hard to have a positive attitude. It is so easy to complain about dirty dishes, stinky laundry, and unmade beds. It's so easy to look on the negative side. One lady demonstrated the attitude we need to have when she wrote this prayer:

Dear Lord, Thank you for this sink of dirty dishes; we have plenty of food to eat. Thank you for this pile of dirty, stinky laundry; we have plenty of nice clothes to wear. And I would like to thank you, Lord, for those unmade beds; they were so warm and comfortable last night. I know that many have no bed. My thanks to you, Lord for this bathroom, complete with all the splattered, messy, soggy, grimy towels and the dirty lavatory, they are so convenient. Attitude is a choice, but it makes all the difference.

Let us make a choice to be thankful all the time, not just on this Thanksgiving Day.
We Pray for Our Deceased
Salvatore Pampinella
Joseph Sgro

Bread and Wine
Is presented in loving memory of Corrine McCann from her Husband Austin

Sanctuary Lamp
Is lit in loving memory of Corrine McCann from her Children and Grandchildren

We Pray for Our Sick

Our Finances
11/13/16: $ 16,481
11/12/17: $ 15,056
Parish Families Registered: 4,997
Envelopes Mailed: 1,218
Used 11/13/16: 597
11/12/17: 571

Catholic Ministries Appeal
Goal: $106,400 Donors: 528
Pledged: $121,537
Received: $115,842

Special Collections
This Weekend
November 26 Home Missions
December 3 New Projects

The Week at a Glance
Sunday:
9:00 AM Levels 5 & 6 Attending
1:30 PM Baptisms
5:00 PM Pre Cana Closing Mass, Refreshments to follow
7:30 PM Al-Anon, School

Monday:
7:00 PM Lector Meeting, Church
7:30 PM Charismatics, UC

Tuesday:
9:00 AM Grade 6 Attending
1:00 PM Friendly Seniors, HFC
7:00 PM Levels 1 & 2 Parent Advent Workshop, HFC
7:30 PM Bereavement Group, Rectory

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

Thursday: Rectory Closed, Thanksgiving

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

Saturday:
8:00 AM Anointing, Church
12:30 PM Confessions, Church
**10:15 Mass**

Last week we celebrated Hospitality Sunday after the 10:15 AM Mass with the families that are taking the Baptism class. Hospitality is always the second Sunday of the month. We can always use bakers to bring in homemade or store-bought cakes and cookies. We are gearing up for Advent and also the Christmas pageant. Children who would like to participate in ‘The Story of the First Christmas’ can sign up after the 10:15 AM Mass or by emailing Lyn Politi at stbarnabasfamilyliturgy@gmail.com. The children are willing participants in the Liturgy every Sunday. Father Adrian gathered the children on the steps of the altar and performed a mock marriage with the children play acting the bride and groom, bridesmaid and the best man. The bridesmaid demonstrated that the oil in her lamp was low and the light would soon diminish. Father Adrian brought out the message of the Gospel, and that of the foolish virgins who were not prepared with oil for their lamps, resulting in their missing the wedding feast. This was so simply presented, that a child can grasp the concept of the parable. Finally, calling all children to join the Family Liturgy by being in the Entrance Procession, the Offertory Procession, the homily interaction on the altar steps, junior lectors, musicians and singers.

**Home Missions**

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) will take place in most parishes this weekend. The theme of this year’s collection is "CCHD: Working on the Margins."

"In the gospel of Luke, Jesus told his disciples, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in here the poor and the crippled, the blind and the lame.' This is the mission of CCHD (Lk. 14.15-24)," said Bishop Jaime Soto of Sacramento, California, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Subcommittee on the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

"CCHD works on the margins, alongside our brothers and sisters to bring new hope, build community, and address the root causes of poverty," said Bishop Soto. "With its focus on long-term solutions, CCHD transforms the lives of families and communities in need, bringing them to the table of God's Kingdom of justice, love and peace."

Examples of CCHD-funded groups include Urban Tree Connection, which works with low-income communities to develop local gardening projects. Urban Tree Connection Co-op has turned vacant land in Haddinton, Pennsylvania, into space for food production, teaching low-income residents how to grow and sell food. These projects not only give residents access to nutritious foods but they also create an opportunity for people to develop leadership skills and build community bonds.

With a grant from CCHD, the Parish Peace Project in Chicago aims to address the continuing violence in Latino neighborhoods and the large number of struggling Latino youth and young adults. This project, a collaboration between 15 parishes and the Office of Young Adult Ministry at the Archdiocese of Chicago, works with those caught up in the criminal justice system, brings support services to schools, as well as providing mental and medical health services to the undocumented. By connecting pastoral ministry, restorative justice work, and community organizing, the Parish Peace Project prepares young at-risk Latino men and women to build safer and stronger neighborhoods in Chicago.

CCHD carries out Jesus' mission of mercy. For over 40 years, CCHD has been the national anti-poverty program of the USCCB working to break the cycle of poverty in the United States and educate on poverty and its causes. The Subcommittee on the Catholic Campaign for Human Development allocates grants from funds received via the national collection each year. This national collection is the primary source of funding for the CCHD's anti-poverty grants and education programs which work to provide lasting solutions for the estimated 46 million people who live in poverty in the United States. Twenty-five percent of funds collected remain in each diocese to support local anti-poverty projects.

**Social Ministry Advent Giving**

As we journey together this Advent Season, Social Ministry invites you to participate in our weekly Advent Giving Program. By donating just ONE item each Sunday of Advent, it would help fill our pantry shelves and provide for our needy families. Many thanks and blessings during this holy season.

- **1st Sunday of Advent (Dec 3rd)** - Coffee, tea, juice
- **2nd Sunday of Advent (Dec 10th)** - Dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent
- **3rd Sunday of Advent (Dec 17th)** - paper towels, tissues, napkins
- **4th Sunday of Advent** - toothpaste, bar soap, shampoo/conditioner
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 on the following dates:
· Ushers: Saturday, November 18th at 10:00 AM in the Holy Family Chapel.
· Lectors: Monday, November 20th at 7:00 PM in the Church.
If you are unable to attend, please contact Fr. Charles.

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 bkberland@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!

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.

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

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.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
The wealth of God has no limits. Neither are there limits to what God shares with us. What a remarkable God! What kind of master entrusts His slaves with this kind of wealth? What kind of God shares divine life with adopted children? The good news of today’s Gospel is the extravagance of what is being given us. All we need to do is be faithful in
“small matters”. The cost of fidelity has no comparison to the reward given. When you support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you are sharing God’s extravagant love.

**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.

**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.

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

**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@icsseminary.edu.

**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.

**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 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.

**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.

**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.

To place a notice in our Bulletin email Bulletin11710@aol.com.

To place an advertisement on our cover call The Church Bulletin at (631) 249-4994.

Please support our Bulletin.

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**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*

**Preacher:**
Most Rev. James Massa
Auxiliary Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn

Bishop Massa is a former Executive Director of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Secretariat of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs

**In attendance:**
The Most Rev. John O. Barres
Bishop, 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

*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

For information contact The Rev. George Summers
summers@optonline.net or 631-298-4918
Christians have lived in the Middle East since Pentecost and are spread across the entire region. Today, Christians in the Middle East form a grand mosaic comprised of Catholic Churches, Eastern Orthodox Churches, Oriental Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and Protestant communities. They are indigenous and have been integrated into their societies for centuries. While not a majority in any Middle Eastern country, ancient Christian communities have long contributed to their societies, especially in the fields of education, health, and science.

Over centuries, the Muslim majority has often lived together with Christians and other religious minorities in peace. But in recent years, the Middle East has faced war, globalization, and shifts in culture and identity. Societal and political uncertainty creates fertile ground for fundamentalist interpretations of political, legal and cultural rights. Feeling increased pressure, many Christians have left the region, leading some to wonder whether the “Cradle of Christianity” will soon be devoid of Christians.

**Iraq** - Iraq’s Christian population exemplifies the effects of war on a religious minority. Historically, Christians played a substantive role in Iraq. Following the 2003 U.S. invasion, the political and social exclusion of Sunnis resulted in the rise of extremism that often targeted Christians, who were associated with the West in the minds of extremists. The so-called Islamic State arose, killing Christians and Muslims alike, pressing women and girls into sexual servitude, causing thousands to flee or be forcibly converted, and seizing resources to fund their violent rampage. Christians and other religious minorities, notably the Yazidis, fled and the numbers of Christians dwindled. As the tide of ISIS is driven back, Christians who remain support the establishment of the rule of law and inclusive communities. Christian bishops in Iraq have called for international assistance to rebuild, stressing the need for Christians to remain integrated with the broader community, promoting the vision of a nation that respects the rights of all.

**Syria** - Syrians remain under threat, not only from ISIS, but from their own civil war that began in 2011. Almost 7 million Syrians have been displaced within their own country and over 4.8 million are refugees. Syrian Christians represent a disproportionately small percentage of refugees due to a number of complex factors, including their level of education, relationships to relatives overseas, and government associations. Many seek shelter in neighboring Lebanon and Jordan, where Christian communities are more established. Pope Francis has denounced the persecution, torture and killing of Christians in Syria, calling it a "form of genocide" that must end. The refugee situation has overwhelmed neighboring countries as well as Europe, creating new challenges for social cohesion.

**Egypt** - In Egypt, the Coptic Orthodox Church constitutes the largest Christian presence in the region, tracing its tradition back to ancient roots. Copts and other religious minorities in Egypt face religious discrimination and persecution as their country suffers from political uncertainty. Despite Christian-Muslim dialogue efforts, they are discriminated against in access to education and employment, the ability to own and operate businesses, and to practice their faith freely and openly in some places. It is difficult for them to secure building permits for churches, and church buildings have been destroyed. Christians have been physically harassed, kidnapped, and killed.

**The Holy Land** - In the Holy Land, the political conflict between Israelis and Palestinians continues to fuel a grim humanitarian situation for Arab Christians and Muslims in East Jerusalem and the West Bank. The crisis is particularly dire for Christians and Muslims in Gaza. The separation wall, expanding Israeli settlements, and numerous checkpoints restrict movements of Palestinians and damage their economy. Actions from both sides compromise the legitimate
aspirations of Israelis for security and recognition, and of Palestinians for a viable and independent state. The economic and political situation caused by the occupation of the Palestinian lands leads Christians to emigrate.

Migration and Displaced Peoples

Throughout the Middle East Christians are emigrating. In addition to fleeing discrimination and persecution from extremists, Christians emigrate in search of educational and economic opportunities. Often countries and regions like the United States, Western Europe, Latin America and Australia exert a “pull” on potential Christian emigrants due to their economic opportunities and Christian-majority populations. As local populations dwindle, religious minority communities have become more fragmented. Rather than remain in increasingly isolated pockets, many desire to reunite with more prosperous relatives and communities outside the region.

Today the Church continues to stand in solidarity at the service of all people in the Middle East, Christian and Muslim, minority and majority. Pope Francis has repeatedly spoken out against the horrific incidents committed against ethnic and religious minorities. He recognizes the special role of the Christian presence in the Middle East in bearing witness to Jesus and in fostering fraternity, unity, and dialogue. He continues to condemn the atrocities and urges the international community to address the needs of minorities “above all by promoting peace through negotiation and diplomacy, ... and stopping as soon as possible the violence. . . .”

SOME USCCB RESPONSES

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops expresses solidarity with Christians and all those who suffer from the instability, violence and persecution in the region. Though visits to the region, meetings with the religious leaders and refugees in the Middle East, and advocacy with the executive and legislative branches of the U.S. government, U.S. bishops confirm that “a concern for our Christian brethren is inclusive and does not exclude a concern for all the peoples of the region who suffer violence and persecution.”

Holy Land: USCCB urges the U.S. government to exercise strong leadership for a two-state solution; a just peace demands recognition, security and an end to violence for the state of Israel; an end to Israeli occupation of East Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza; and the establishment of an internationally-recognized and viable Palestinian state. Religious freedom and access to the holy sites for all faiths must be respected.

Syria and Iraq: Led by Pope Francis, USCCB and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) continue to urge the United States to work with other governments towards certain goals in Iraq and Syria: obtaining ceasefires, initiating serious negotiations, providing impartial humanitarian assistance, and encouraging building inclusive societies.

USCCB policy has also “recognized that it may be necessary for the international community to use proportionate and discriminate force to stop. . . . unjust aggressors [in Syria and Iraq] and to protect religious minorities and civilians within the framework of international and humanitarian law.” While the continued use of military force may be necessary, it should not be the only tool used to overcome ISIS. USCCB urges the United States to adopt a more holistic intervention that can address political exclusion and economic desperation that are being manipulated by ISIS in its recruitment efforts. It is also critical to scale up humanitarian and development assistance to host countries and trusted NGOs, including faith-based NGOs like our own CRS.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Urge our nation to support the UN brokered peace process for Syria. Support strong U.S. leadership to promote peace and stability in the Middle East.

Accept our nation’s fair share of the most vulnerable families of all religions and ethnicities for resettlement as refugees, paying attention to the victims of genocide and other atrocities.

Encourage both local and international governments to strengthen the rule of law based on equal citizenship and ensure the protection of all, including vulnerable minorities; U.S. assistance should help local and national efforts to improve policing and the judiciary, while encouraging appropriate self-governance at the local level.

Provide generous U.S. humanitarian and development assistance to refugees, displaced persons and communities, including funding for trusted faith-based non-governmental agencies like Catholic Relief Services and local Caritas agencies so that aid reaches all groups, including majority and minority communities.

RESOURCES:

Visit www.usccb.org/sdwp/international/mideast.shtml. Contact: Dr. Stephen Colecchi, Director, USCCB Office of International Justice and Peace, 202-541-3160 (phone), 541-3339 (fax), scolecci@usccb.org.
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
Why do I have to go to Mass?  
(Chapter 15)  
Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist

The purpose of this lesson is to lead us to understand the beauty and richness of the Mass and to see it as our “front row seat” in the most important event in human history.

As Catholics, we are also morally obligated to attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation. The Catechism tells us that the liturgical celebration has remained substantially the same since the second century (see CCC 1345), and that together the Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist form a “single act of worship.” This is the first of five precepts (or “positive laws”) of the Church. Confessing sins and receiving the Eucharist at least once a year, at Easter, are the second and third precepts (see CCC 2042). In a most special way, it is through this sacrament that Jesus fulfilled his promise: “I am with you always...” (Mt 28:20).

Conversation After Class

- If someone at school asked you why you go to church on Sunday, what would you say?
- Do you think it is important to go to church every Sunday and on holy days of obligation? Why or why not?
- At times in Church history—and even today in some parts of the world—people have been killed for practicing the Catholic Faith. If practicing your Catholic Faith were illegal, would there be enough evidence to convict you of being Catholic?
- What are some important ways you can prepare to encounter Jesus at Mass?
We are still in need of adults to work one on one or in a small group environment. We have a few students that need either a one-on-one learning environment or a small group environment and need someone to work with them. 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 of Christian Formation at 785-0130 to volunteer or to receive more information.

**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.

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**St. Barnabas Life Teen**

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!
Congratulations to the 2017-2018 Student Council! And very big thank you to Ms. Gallego for all the hard work that you put into making it a great experience for the students! The Student Council runs many different events, fundraisers, and programs. These students lead as mentors in our school community, plus enrich the school environment through all their hard work. Student Council members keep your light shining bright!

**Officers:**
- President: Stephen Garvey
- Vice President: Matteo Rincon
- Treasurer: Michael McGoldrick
- Secretary: Maddie Graham
- Public Relations: Austin Rincon
- Pretzel Coordinator: Gisele Graziose

**Class Representatives:**
- K-1: Tyler Rodriguez & Fred Joseph
- K-2: Patrick Garvey & Christian Graziose
- 1-1: Sophia Buono & Josie DiFranco
- 1-2: Kristen Grasso & Angelina Scalise
- 2-1: Gabriella Valenti & Lena Martorana
- 2-2: Natalia Kawochka
- 3-1: Kaelin McCaffrey
- 3-2: Gisele Graziose
- 4-1: Damien Sileo and Ryan Lopano
- 4-2: Grace Iannotta
- 5-1: Derek Duane, Roisin O’Brien, Alex Darzano
- 5-2: Carina Petrie & Tiffany Williams
- 6-1: Devin Aaron
- 6-2: Michael Murphy
- 7-1: Melanie Sorto
- 7-2: Matthew Dunphy and Samantha Peck
- 8-1: Aaron Darzano

A very big “Thank You!” to all the parent volunteers, teachers, and people who donated to Improv Night! Without your generosity of time and goods the event would not have been nearly as successful as it was! It was a great night for all who attended!
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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 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.

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
**Parent & Child Program**

For children ages 2-3 years old.

*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.
Parable of the Talents Word Search

 abilities
 buried
 celebrate
 doubled
 faithful
 master
 more
 parable
 servant
 special
 take
talents
 trustworthy
 valuable

2 men used the money wisely. 1 man hid the money.

When the master returned, the 2 men gave him the money they had been given, PLUS the money they had earned.

Find and circle 1 hidden coin.

Find and circle 4 hidden scrolls.

Circle 5 differences in the 2nd picture.
Parable of the Talents Crossword

Word List:
abilities  buried
doubled  master
parable  special
trustworthy  take
valuable  more

Across
3. The type of story Jesus told about the talents is called this.
6. The master rewarded the servant who increased his talents by giving them ____.
7. The master gave to each servant according to their ____.
9. If you are ____ with a few things God will give you more responsibility.

Down
1. We are each given a ____ ability that no one else has.
2. If we don't use our special gift God will ____ it away.
4. The servant who received one talent did this with it.
5. Our abilities are very ____ to God, he wants us to use them wisely.
6. This person in the story is used to describe God.
8. The first two servants did this with their talents.
Jesus said the kingdom of God is like a man who ...

The master returned and called his servants to settle his accounts. He was not happy with the servant who hid his money in the ground. He took the talent back and sent the servant away. But he was very happy with the two servants who had made more money.

The _______ who _________ five ________.

"and _______ _______ ___________.