OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
11/20/16

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

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Find us on Facebook
Monday, November 21  Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
   6:30 AM   The Faithful Departed of St. Barnabas
             Nicole Franzone
             George “Mac” McGinley
             Gerry Curley
             Patricia Joy Brennan
             Terese McCarthy
             Margaret R. Johnstone

Tuesday, November 22  St. Cecilia
   6:30 AM   Charlie & Ann Klika
   9:00 AM   Kathleen Garland

Wednesday, November 23
   6:30 AM   Edward Patrick Nallan
   9:00 AM   Gerald V. Curley

Thursday, November 24  St. Andrew
   6:30 AM   Dung-Lac & Companions
             For the People of Our Parish
             For the People of Our Parish

Friday, November 25
   6:30 AM   Walter Hennenberger
   9:00 AM   Patsy Bellitti

Saturday, November 26
   8:00 AM   Jean Brett Leach
             Raymond Vogts
             Annmarie Friedmann
             John Palumbo
             Joan Chilingirian
             Suzanne Goldbach
             Karin Canner
             Peter Nolan

We pray for our recently deceased
   Elizabeth Yager
   Santo Squadrito
   Vito Orlando
   Veronica T. Tencza

Fr. Charles  4:30 PM
             Margaret Quinn & Joseph N. Pillar
             Rita & Frank Mistretta
             For the People of Our Parish
             Stephen Andrew Clifford
             Thomas Miloscia

Fr. Kevin  7:00 PM
             Wedding:
             Charles Mignoli & Melissa Dwyer
             James Clare

Sunday, November 27
First Sunday of Advent
Fr. Charles  7:00 AM
Fr. Adrian  9:00 AM
Fr. Charles  10:15 AM
Fr. Adrian  10:30 AM
Fr. Kevin  12:00 PM
   1:30 PM
Fr. Kevin  5:00 PM

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

The Rectory Office
The Rectory Office will be closed on Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th in observance of Thanksgiving.

Anointing of the Sick
Saturday, November 26th following the 8:00 AM Mass.

Our nominee for the 2016 St. Agnes Medal of Service is Ms. Dorothy Waters. The medal will be presented to her this afternoon in St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre. Congratulations to you and your family from all the staff and parishioners of St. Barnabas.
Thanksgiving Day Blessing

On Thursday, November 24th, Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 AM and 9:30 AM.

Here is a blessing to 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
This coming week we will celebrate Thanksgiving Day. I really love Thanksgiving even though my family is not close enough to celebrate with them. Most of all I like the food: the gold-brown roasted turkey, sweet potatoes and... . . .

Today while we come together with the Thanksgiving holiday in mind and Advent not too far off, our liturgy calls us to focus on Christ the King. The setting is Calvary almost 2000 years ago. The occasion: the darkest moment in the history of humankind! Christ crucified. Yet, as all the children of the resurrection know, God takes the darkest moment in human history and turns it into the biggest triumph for humanity. It is the moment when the Christ takes away the sins of the world. It is the moment when God the Father takes the crown of thorns put on His son by human hands and replaces it with a crown of glory.

In the middle of this dark and yet triumphant hour, we find humanity represented by the repentant and by the unrepentant thief. The unrepentant one mocks Jesus expressing his unbelief: "If you are the Messiah, how come you can't help yourself and us?" He represents the dark side within every one of us. The side that rebels against God's unconditional love; the side that doesn’t want to accept Christ’s Kingship in our lives.

And then, there is the other thief. He represents the other side within us, the one that reaches out to Jesus with a repentant heart. The side that knows that accepting Christ as our Lord is the best thing we could ever do for ourselves. Listen to the words of the repentant thief once again: "Remember me when you come into your kingdom!"

‘Remember me’ is what we pray at times when the world seems to come down on us, when nobody seems to care any longer. In those moments God becomes our last resort, our hope in the midst of terror. ‘Lord Jesus, remember our friends and loved ones,’ we pray. The good news is that Christ the King does not forget any of us - ever! God's arms are stretched out wide and his invitation is for all of us. ‘Truly, I tell you,’ says Jesus, ‘today you will be with me in paradise.’ Not even death will stop King Jesus from remembering you and me. The royal invitation stands fast.

Today, we salute the King of Kings in our midst. Let us remember to give to Christ what is due Him: our hearts and lives. And having been accepted by God and having been cleansed from all sin, let us lift our voices in the chorus of millions of believers, saints, and angels to praise and honor Christ the King.

Students at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School salute the King of Kings
The Week at a Glance

Sunday:
1:30 PM  Baptisms, Church
7:30 PM  Al-Anon, School Cafeteria

Monday:
7:30 PM  Charismatic Prayer Group, HFC
8:00 PM  Choir, Church

Tuesday:
8:00 PM  Choir, Church
7:00 PM  Family Music Practice, HFC
7:30 PM  Bereavement Group, Rectory

Wednesday: (No Religious Ed)
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:  Thanksgiving Day
 Rectory Office Closed

Friday:  Rectory Office Closed

Saturday:
8:00 AM  Anointing of the Sick
12:30 PM  Confessions, Church

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

Banns of Marriage

Michele Narciso & Elisa Izzo
**RCIA News**

On Sunday, November 27th, 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 Yessica v. dal Reyes and our candidates for full communion: John Christiansen and Laura Matto.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, may we open the door of our heart so wide that we may listen to the voice of Jesus calling us to help build his kingdom here on earth. He has honored us by asking for our cooperation in establishing in this world a kingdom of justice, love and peace. Jesus told us that there will never cease to be poor in the land. Let us be devoted to Christ the King by loving and caring for the poor and needy in the parish.

**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.

**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.

**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 receive their medals at Mass on Girl Scout Sunday. To register please contact Joan Monastero at monasteroj@verizon.net or call 783-8567.

**Respect Life**

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.

**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 information contact Angela at 763-1739 or Judy at (917) 453-5750.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Widows, Widowers, Divorced & Single Catholics of Long Island**
New member orientation will be held on Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:30 PM at St. Frances de Chantal School in Wantagh. Please bring proof of single status to join. Refreshments served after the meeting. For information call Carol at 794-4933 or Barbara at 798-2858.
You will not want to miss future Parents Nights 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.

St. Barnabas Parents Night
For Parents of Children Attending Religious Education & Catholic School

Tuesday
December 13th
January 10th

7PM to 8PM
Holy Family Chapel

God is the Answer
Finding Peace, Mercy and Salvation in Christ and His Church

Presenters
Nolan Reynolds
Campus Ministry at Holy Trinity Diocesan High School

Call 516-785-0130 to confirm

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, Dec. 4, 2016 7:00pm

Presented At
St. Barnabas R.C. Church
2320 Bedford Ave., Bellmore NY 11710
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 parent's presence and prepare for entering Pre-K.

Contact Sabina Lamb 781-9834

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

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

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

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. 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.
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Regional Catholic School
Where we “Reach” with Respect, Responsibility & Reverence
Please visit our website at www.steas.com for all our news and current events.

Oh when the saints come marching in!
What a treat it was to watch the Saints Parade!
A big thank you to the Second Grade, you did an fantastic job!

Family Portrait Fundraiser
Monday 11/28, 3:00 PM -6:00 PM
When you give a small donation of $10 to our school, Family Portraits by Lifetouch will give you a 15 minute family sitting and an 8x10 family portrait. There is nothing else you need to buy, but there will be additional options and packages if you choose. A percent of the proceeds from additional sales will also go back to the school.

Contact: Laurie Murray, staruk67@aol.com or call the office

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:

Please Print

Thank you,

SEAS Gala Committee
I am happy to announce that in November of 2017 I will be leading a 10 day pilgrimage to the Holy Lands. I have been leading these pilgrimages for many years. The land where Jesus walked is one of my favorite destinations. These pilgrimages are always fresh and new. After leading many pilgrimages, for years I traveled to the Holy Lands for my private retreat to simply pray at the sacred sites that are associated with the life of Jesus.

On my very first retreat I had the great privilege to celebrate the Liturgy every morning in the tomb where Jesus rose, or on Golgotha where he was crucified. I would leave the hotel at 4:30 AM to walk to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Once the church was opened I would go to the sacristan to find out what altar was available for me to celebrate the Eucharist. Every morning I was told that either the altar on Golgotha was available or the altar in the Tomb itself. What a privilege to be able to celebrate the Eucharist at these holy sites.

The same retreat I took a bus to Bethlehem to pray at the birth place of Jesus. Ordinarily there are long lines. And it is not possible to spend more than a few brief moments in the crypt of the nativity. As the line was moving, which was surprisingly short, I noticed that no one was getting in line behind me. I proceeded to go into the crypt. After a few minutes I was alone. Extraordinary!! I was alone at the site of Jesus’ birth. I had my bible with me and I read the Infancy Narratives from the gospels of Luke and Matthew. I consider this to be an extraordinary grace of God. I have never heard of this happening to anyone.

On my retreats I stayed in Jerusalem with the exception of day trips to Bethlehem and Nazareth. On our pilgrimage we will be seeing so much more. Including the mount of the Beatitudes, the Church of St. Anne, and the impressive Church of All Nations where Jesus experienced his agony in the garden. The pilgrimage promises to be a deeply spiritual and moving experience. I hope many of you will be able to participate in the pilgrimage of a lifetime. Please feel free to contact me at the rectory with any questions.

Fr. Kevin
US Army:
General Paul Hurley, PFC David Calame, Jr.,
PFC Justin Oney, Chaplain Spec Kevin A. Bauer,
Major Eric Reid, SPFC Sean Luhman,
SPC Andrew Crowley III, Lt. Richard Joseph Holahan,
Major Benjamin H. Klimkowski, 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:
STS Thomas Kerley, Petty Off. ET3 Edward F. Faulkner,
GM1 Brian Kopp, Ensign John Connors,
HM3 Philip LeSueur MA2 Richard Kaercher,
CPO Nicolas Cuervo, Richard E. Feldman,
SN Andrew Freire, Joseph Polizzi,
Christopher Polizzi, Frank James Geary.

US Marines:
Sgt. William D. Loughran, IV, Major Luke T. Holian,
Gunnery Sgt. Scott Murray,
Corporal Joseph Finno,
LCPL Brendan Whelan, PFC Ryan Baranek,
Pvt. Brian Hussey, Pvt. Richard Graziano,
PFC James Brush, PFC James Owens,
PFC William Corrigan., PFC Matthew Maniet.

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.
The pastoral care of engaged and married couples should be centered on the marriage bond, assisting couples not only to deepen their love but also to overcome problems and difficulties. This involves not only helping them to accept the Church’s teaching and to have recourse to her valuable resources, but also offering practical programs, sound advice, proven strategies and psychological guidance. All this calls for a pedagogy of love, attuned to the feelings and needs of young people and capable of helping them to grow interiorly. Marriage preparation should also provide couples with the names of places, people and services to which they can turn for help when problems arise. It is also important to remind them of the availability of the sacrament of Reconciliation, which allows them to bring their sins and past mistakes, and their relationship itself, before God, and to receive in turn his merciful forgiveness and healing strength. (AL 205-211)

Short-term preparations for marriage tend to be concentrated on invitations, clothes, the party and any number of other details that tend to drain not only the budget but energy and joy as well. The spouses come to the wedding ceremony exhausted and harried, rather than focused and ready for the great step that they are about to take. The same kind of preoccupation with a big celebration also affects certain de facto unions; because of the expenses involved, the couple, instead of being concerned above all with their love and solemnizing it in the presence of others, never get married. Here let me say a word to fiancés. Have the courage to be different. Don’t let yourselves get swallowed up by a society of consumption and empty appearances. What is important is the love you share, strengthened and sanctified by grace. You are capable of opting for a more modest and simple celebration in which love takes precedence over everything else. Pastoral workers and the entire community can help make this priority the norm rather than the exception.
the wedding day. While these things are good and enjoyable, they can easily detract from the real beauty of the wedding day, which comes in the liturgical Celebration of Matrimony. Pope Francis reminds us how important it is to focus on the Preparation of the Celebration:

In their preparation for marriage, the couple should be encouraged to make the liturgical celebration a profound personal experience and to appreciate the meaning of each of its signs. In the case of two baptized persons, the commitment expressed by the words of consent and the bodily union that consummates the marriage can only be seen as signs of the covenantal love and union between the incarnate Son of God and his Church. In the baptized, words and signs become an eloquent language of faith. The body, created with a God-given meaning, “becomes the language of the ministers of the sacrament, aware that in the conjugal pact there is expressed and realized the mystery that has its origin in God himself”.

At times, the couple does not grasp the theological and spiritual import of the words of consent, which illuminate the meaning of all the signs that follow. It needs to be stressed that these words cannot be reduced to the present; they involve a totality that includes the future: “until death do us part”. The content of the words of consent makes it clear that “freedom and fidelity are not opposed to one another; rather, they are mutually supportive, both in interpersonal and social relationships. Indeed, let us consider the damage caused, in our culture of global communication, by the escalation of unkept promises... Honoring one’s word, fidelity to one’s promises: these are things that cannot be bought and sold. They cannot be compelled by force or maintained without sacrifice”.

The Kenyan Bishops have observed that “many [young people] concentrate on their wedding day and forget the life-long commitment they are about to enter into”. They need to be encouraged to see the sacrament not as a single moment that then becomes a part of the past and its memories, but rather as a reality that permanently influences the whole of married life. The procreative meaning of sexuality, the language of the body, and the signs of love shown throughout married life, all become an “uninterrupted continuity of liturgical language” and “conjugal life becomes in a certain sense liturgical”.

The couple can also meditate on the biblical readings and the meaningfulness of the rings they will exchange and the other signs that are part of the rite. Nor would it be good for them to arrive at the wedding without ever having prayed together, one for the other, to seek God’s help in remaining faithful and generous, to ask the Lord together what he wants of them, and to consecrate their love before an image of the Virgin Mary. Those who help prepare them for marriage should help them experience these moments of prayer that can prove so beneficial. “The marriage liturgy is a unique event, which is both a family and a community celebration. The first signs of Jesus were performed at the wedding feast of Cana. The good wine, resulting from the Lord’s miracle that brought joy to the beginning of a new family, is the new wine of Christ’s covenant with the men and women of every age... Frequently, the celebrant speaks to a congregation that includes people who seldom participate in the life of the Church, or who are members of other Christian denominations or religious communities. The occasion thus provides a valuable opportunity to proclaim the Gospel of Christ”.

(AL 212-216)
Parish Trip to Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular

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

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

Ticket Prices:
- 3rd Mezzanine: $55.00 per ticket*
- 2nd Mezzanine & Side Orchestra: $65.00 per ticket*
- 1st Mezzanine & Orchestra: $80.00 per ticket*
- Prime (more front and centered in the orchestra and 1st Mezzanine) $105.00 a ticket*
- Premium (these are the best seats in the house in orchestra and 1st Mezzanine) $135.00

*each ticket will have an additional $3.50 service fee.

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

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

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

If you have any questions, please call Fr. Kevin at the rectory.
The 2nd man said, “Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.” Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with Me in paradise.”
Solve the math problems. Then use this code to find out what Jesus said to him.

A=35  E=40  L=39  O=4  S=24  W=14
B=132  H=17  M=81  P=7  T=19  Y=27
D=29  I=75  N=12  R=22  U=72

Find these letters in the picture: RIGHT LEFT

Beginning with the second letter and working from left to right across each line of letters, cross out every other letter. Write the remaining letters in order on the lines.

Fit the pieces into the sign.