Adoration of the Eucharist:
Saturday: 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM
(provided there is no baptism or wedding).
Tuesday: 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Baptisms:
Saturdays at 11:30 AM &
Sunday at 1:30 PM
(when the Church is available).

Confessions:
Monday - Friday after 9:00 AM Mass
Tuesday 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Saturday 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Anointing of the Sick:
Celebrated on the fourth Saturday of
the month after 8:00 AM Mass.

Sacrament of Matrimony:
Contact the Rectory for Information.

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Monday - Friday: 6:30 AM & 9:00 AM
Saturday: 8:00 AM, 4:30 PM (Vigil) &
7:00 PM (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:15 AM,
10:30 AM, 12:00 PM & 5:00 PM

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Sundays until 6:00 PM

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Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
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November 24, 2019
Ordinary Time Thirty-Fourth Week
Sunday Readings Hymnal # 954

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

Monday, November 25
Fr. Shaju 6:30 AM For All the Faithful Departed
Fr. Jeff 9:00 AM Patsy Bellitti, Joseph Hegmann, Rosalyn Cippola, Dave A. Brown, Eddie Finn, Margaret Molloy
8th Grade attending

Tuesday, November 26
Fr. Jeff 6:30 AM Dorothy Rice
Fr. Shaju 9:00 AM Nancy Stabile

Wednesday, November 27
Fr. Jeff 6:30 AM Rose Nasifoglu
Fr. Jeff 9:00 AM Brian Dione

Thursday, November 28
Fr. Shaju 6:30 AM For the People of Our Parish
Fr. Jeff 9:30 AM For the People of Our Parish

Friday, November 29
Fr. Shaju 6:30 AM The Intentions of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist
Fr. Shaju 9:00 AM Cheryl Terrell

Saturday, November 30
Fr. Jeff 8:00 AM Corrine McCann
Fr. Michael 4:30 PM Patrick Stapleton, Daniel J. Cronin, Andrew Schenker, Dr. Daniel Ignacio, Joseph A. Giorgio, Maryann Iliano
Fr. Shaju 7:00 PM Francesco Tavella and Family

Sunday, December 1
Fr. Michael 7:00 AM Mary Kay Rabbito
Fr. Jeff 9:00 AM Marianne Rolston
Fr. Michael 10:15 AM Thomas I. DeFrancisci
Fr. Shaju 10:30 AM For the People of Our Parish
Fr. Jeff 12:00 PM Mary Monahan
Fr. Shaju 5:00 PM Luigi Chiarella
The Miraculous Medal of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In the great Catholic country of France, known as the Daughter of the Church, on November 27, 1830, the Blessed Mother appeared to St. Catherine Laboure. Our Lady revealed to St. Catherine the devotion of the Miraculous Medal of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

At first it was called the Medal of the Immaculate Conception because of the prayer that our Lord wanted to be said by the faithful: “O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you”. This medal was widely manufactured across Europe for all the faithful, both rich and poor. It became the largest distributed medal among Catholics.

So many miracles came through this medal, especially miracles of conversion. Because of this, the name of the medal was changed from Medal of the Immaculate Conception to the Miraculous Medal of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

A former anti-Catholic, Alphonse Ratisbonne, was given a Miraculous Medal by a friend of his just a few years after 1830. His friend told him to wear the medal. Not long after, in a church in Rome, our Lady appeared to him and he was converted to the Catholic Faith. As he saw Our Lady, he was clinging to his Miraculous Medal. He credited his conversion to Mary though the Miraculous Medal. Many miracles of conversion, not necessarily apparitions, have taken place since this devotion began 189 years ago.

St. Maximilian Kolbe said the Miraculous Medal is the bullet that hits the enemy, which is evil, and rescues souls. He, along with many saints, have witnessed conversions through people wearing the Miraculous Medal.

Saint Mother Teresa herself personally gave out over 10,000 Miraculous Medals to people. Today her order - the Missionaries of Charity - distributes over 1.8 million Miraculous Medals annually (Mission of the Immaculate, Fr. James Curry). That’s a lot of medals!

There are many powerful stories that come from this devotion. Fr. Sean was telling me the other day of a person he knows who gives out Miraculous Medals to many people he meets. This good man gave a Miraculous Medal to a waitress at a restaurant. He came back a few weeks later, and the young woman thanked him for his gift. She told him that she was considering having an abortion and then she looked into her pocket and saw the Miraculous Medal and thought otherwise. This is how powerful the devotion is! A person simply just giving a Miraculous Medal to someone actually saved an innocent life.

There are Miraculous Medals available for your taking in the church. Please feel free to take one or two. Feel free to have one for yourself and perhaps give an extra one to someone who could really use it.

You are most welcome to come to our solemn Thanksgiving Mass next Thursday at 9:30 AM. I have asked Father Sean Magaldi to offer the Mass and he accepted with great joy.

The next day, Friday, November 29th, feel free to come to Church to pray a Solemn Holy Hour in Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament at 6:00 PM. What a great way to show our thanks to God by being with Him as He gives us His very self in the Eucharist. The world Eucharist means thanksgiving. On behalf of all the priest of the parish, I wish you all a Blessed Thanksgiving.

In Jesus and Mary,

[Signature]
We Pray for Our Deceased
Carmela D’Amato

We Pray for Our Sick

Presentation of Gifts
If you wish to carry the gifts of Bread and Wine to the altar at weekend Masses please contact an usher before Mass begins and sign your name on the list at the Church door.

The Week Ahead

Monday:
7:30 PM Charismatic Prayer Group, HFC

Tuesday:
3:00 PM- 7:00 PM Adoration, Church
6:30 PM- 7:00 PM Confessions, Church

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

Thursday: RECTORY CLOSED -Thanksgiving Day

Friday:
6:00 PM Holy Hour of Adoration, followed by Dodgeball (7th & 8th Graders, registration required)

Saturday:
After all Masses: Knights Wreath Sale
4:30 PM Lighting & Blessing of trees after Mass

Sunday:
After all Masses: Knights Wreath Sale
7:30 PM Al Anon, School

Our Finances
11/17/19: $14,833  11/18/18: $16,722
Parish Families Registered: 5,064
Envelopes Mailed: 1,566
Used:
11/17/19: 554  11/18/18: 564

Special Collections
This Weekend - Catholic Ministries Appeal
December 1st - Maintenance & Repairs

Catholic Ministries Appeal
Goal: $108,900  Donors: 420
Pledged: $96,441  Received: $93,378

Please Note:
Rectory Hours This Week-
Wednesday, November 27th - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Thursday, November 28th - Closed
Friday, November 29th - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
We are a Catholic Parish in Bellmore, New York, Since 1912

Solemn Vespers - 4:15 PM, Sunday, November 24th
The Diocesan Choir offers the parishioners of St. Barnabas and all guests the opportunity to experience the rich liturgical tradition of evening prayer, also know as vespers. Roman Catholic clergy and religious orders are required to pray the Liturgy of the Hours each day as a key part of their daily prayer life: this includes the praying of vespers. In more formal daily settings, vespers may be prayed together in chant, making for a beautiful experience for all participants. The format of solemn vespers is very simple: the chanting of three Psalms, a scripture reading, a short reflection, the Magnificat (Mary’s song), intercessions, an Our Father, and a closing prayer. Please join us for this beautiful experience of our Catholic tradition.

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

Lighting and Blessing of Trees
Join us for lighting and blessing of the trees outside after the 4:30 PM Mass on Saturday, November 30th to mark the beginning of Advent. We will also enjoy hot chocolate and cookies!!

Flower Memorials
The flowers on the Altar may be memorialized in honor of loved ones. Offerings can be made for the Main Altar, Blessed Mother’s Altar, Shrines and Blessed Sacrament. Contact the rectory to make arrangements.

Pray for Vocations
This week please keep our Bishops, Priests and Seminarians in your prayers:

Monday -  Sem. Dennis Gannon
Rev. Gregory Heinlein

Tuesday -  Sem. Christopher Heller
Rev. Rudyferio Pesongco

Wednesday - Pray for Vocations
Rev. Ethel Anarado

Thursday - Pray for Discerners
Msgr. John T. Heinlein

Friday - Pray for Deacons
Msgr. Peter J. Pflomm

Saturday - Pray for the Youth of Our Diocese
Rev. Edmund C. Ani

Mary, Mother of Jesus, throw your mantel of purity over our priests. Protect them, guide them, and keep them in your heart. Be a Mother to them, especially in times of discouragement and loneliness. Love them and keep them belonging completely to Jesus. Like Jesus, they, too, are your sons, so keep their hearts pure and virginal. Keep their minds filled with Jesus, and put Jesus always on their lips, so that He is the one they offer to sinners and to all they meet. Mary, Mother of Jesus, be their Mother, loving them and bringing them joy. Take special care of sick and dying priests, and the ones most tempted. Remember how they spent their youth and old age, their entire lives serving and giving all to Jesus. Mary, bless them and keep a special place for them in your heart. Give them a piece of your heart, so beautiful and pure and immaculate, so full of love and humility, so that they, too, can grow in the likeness of Christ. Dear Mary, make them humble like you, and holy like Jesus. Amen.
Thanksgiving Baskets

Thanksgiving is a very special time for each of us as we celebrate and give thanks to God for family, friends and the many blessings we share. Still, there are those among us who will need our help to make their Thanksgiving a happy one. Here at St. Barnabas we have a rich and generous tradition of sharing our blessings with those in need by providing Food Baskets at Thanksgiving.

So, this year again, we invite you to donate one or two of the following items:

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Many thanks for your help throughout the year and with this special request at Thanksgiving.

**GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO THE POOR!**
Holy Hour
As we start buying our Christmas gifts, let’s embrace the greatest gift that God gives us - Himself (the Eucharist). Join us on Friday, November 29th at 6:00 PM for a Holy Hour of Adoration, followed by a game of Dodgeball for 7th and 8th graders, and some food and fun! To register for Dodgeball, please contact our Youth Minister, John at the Religious Ed Office or Johnisnardi02@gmail.com. Hope you will join us!

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 ONE item each weekend of Advent, it would help to fill our Pantry shelves and provide for our needy families. Many thanks and blessings during this Holy season.
- 1st Sunday of Advent (December 1st) - toilet tissue, paper towels, napkins, tissues
- 2nd Sunday of Advent (December 8th) - laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid
- 3rd Sunday of Advent (December 15th) - coffee, tea, hot chocolate, juice
- 4th Sunday of Advent (December 22nd) - bar soap, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant

Donations can be left in the Church Lobby near the Tree of Life or brought to the Rectory Office. Thank you!

Christmas Gift Giving
Gift giving and gift receiving are meant to remind us of the real meaning behind our celebration of Christmas - God’s priceless gift of His Son, Jesus. And, since that time that Mary and Joseph wandered homeless in Bethlehem, providing for the needy has been a tradition. So, again this year, our parish will make available Christmas Gift Tags, each carrying the name of a gift needed by someone in our community. You are invited to take home a tag or two during the next couple of weekends. Please securely attach your tag to the gift and leave unwrapped in the Church Lobby or bring to the Rectory Office. Gift cards can be left at the Rectory Office as well. We ask that gifts be delivered by Monday, December 9th so we can pick up and distribute to our families in time. God bless you for your continued kindness and generosity. May Jesus be born once more in all of our hearts this Christmas.

Pre Cana Winter Schedule
Opening: February 9th
On line Foccus: February 10th - 14th
Foccus Review: February 17th - 21st
In Home Sessions: February 23rd - March 27th
Closing: March 29th

Mailing Committee
The Mailing Committee will meet after the 9:00 AM Mass on Wednesday, December 4th in the Holy Family Chapel. All are welcome. Thank you for your assistance.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
“Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.”
Rejoice in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are January 31st - February 2nd and May 1st - 3rd, in Huntington. For information, call John and Toni Torio at (877) 697-9963 or visit them at wwmenyli.org.
Charismatic Prayer Group
St. Barnabas Charismatic Prayer Group is a Spirit filled prayer group with praise, song, scripture reading and sharing. We provide and encourage continuing support for personal growth and discovering Christ in your daily life. Come and hear about the life changing experiences and how the Holy Spirit is working in our lives. How Scripture comes alive, prayer life becomes renewed and faith is uplifted. Experience that personal relationship with Jesus Christ that makes Liturgy come alive. Our meetings begin with a Spirit filled time of Praise in song led by our music Ministry “In the Way”. Come, taste and see the goodness of the Lord. Join us every Monday evening from 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM to see and hear what Jesus is doing. Fellowship and refreshments after. For further information, contact Ellen O’Malley at 221-0574.

Join Us For the Rosary
We are looking for some wonderful people who love the blessed Mother as much as we do, to come join us in saying the Rosary, Monday through Friday in the Church before the start of 9:00 AM Mass. We have also been known to go out to breakfast after Mass a couple of times during the year.

SEAS Christmas Card Raffle
Support our regional school by purchasing a Christmas Raffle card for $10 this weekend after Mass. Each card equals 31 opportunities to win cash up to $2,500. Great stocking stuffers. After this weekend, contact the main office of school at 785-5709 to purchase through December 19th.

Choir Members Needed
The Music Ministry of St. Barnabas Choir plays a vital part in liturgical celebrations throughout the year. Lessons and Carols, Christmas, Lent and Easter Services are sung by our choir. The choir sings at 10:30 AM Mass on Sundays. Our liturgies are enriched by their musical participation. St. Barnabas Choir is welcoming new members throughout the month of October. The choir is in need of Soprano, Alto and especially male voices, Tenor and Bass. No audition is necessary and the ability to read music is not required. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM in the Church. For more information, please contact Mr. Dione, our Choir Director at the Rectory Office at 785-0054.

RCIA News
On Sunday, December 1st, 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 candidates: Dawn Burnside, Barbara Frisone, Joseph Frisone, Linda Faisca, Jude Baker-Johnson and Kenneth Pierson.

Visit us on Social Media -

Facebook: .com/St-Barnabas  Website: www.stbarnabasny.org  Parish App: myparishapp.com
Please contact John Isnardi at 785-0130 to register for Dodgeball.
Widows and Widowers
Join us for our Holiday Party on Sunday, December 8th at 12:30 PM at the Wantagh Inn. This event is being chaired by Terry Hoffman - (631) 669-0198 and Bernadette Mundy - 221-4516. The cost is $28. Checks should be sent to Terry Hoffman at 66 Whalers Cove, Babylon 11702, no later than December 1st.

Friendly Seniors Christmas Luncheon
Join us on Tuesday, December 3rd at 12:00 PM at Piccolo’s Restaurant, 2770 Sunrise Highway, Bellmore. For more information, contact Margaret Ferris at 221-4974.

Knights Korner
It is now much easier to join us using the online application. Go to www.kofc.org and follow the “join” buttons. Our Council is #3689 and is needed to complete the application and be assigned to our Council.

Christmas Wreath Sale - As has been our practice for many years, the Bellmore Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas wreaths, grave blankets and pillows, crosses, and “Keep Christ in Christmas” lawn signs and magnet signs following all the Masses the weekend after Thanksgiving. Your support, as always, is greatly appreciated. If you would like any of the merchandise delivered to your home in the local community, please send your request to toxguy2000@aol.com.

Bellmore Holiday Fair
Sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary #3689 of the Knights of Columbus. Sunday, December 8th from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM at 2000 Bellmore Ave., Bellmore. JewelryDesignsbyCoco, Crocheted with Winsome, Handcrafted items, Pocketbooks, Tupperware, LuLu Roe, Chocolate, Scentsy, Party Lite and SO MANY More! All proceeds help local charities.

Celebration of Hope
Fr. Francis Pizzarelli and Hope House Ministries would like to extend to you a very special invitation to their 36th Annual Celebration of Hope at Christmas & the Holiday Season, on Monday, December 2nd. This event will take place at Villa Lombardi’s in Holbrook at 7:00 PM. Enjoy cocktails, buffet dinner, coffee, dessert and a silent auction. Contact Theresa Zeis at (631) 473-8796.
Save the Date - March for Life

The annual *March for Life* in Washington, D.C. is fast approaching! You are most welcome to join fellow parishioners on our same-day bus trip to march with hundreds of thousands of concerned citizens from across the nation on this pilgrimage for the sanctity of life. Look for more details in the bulletin in the coming weeks. We would love for you to join us in person and in prayer!

Cure of Ars Mothers' Group

Come join the Cure of Ars Mothers’ Group, for coffee, snacks, prayers, fellowship, charity events, outings and laughter. Our goal is to offer support to each other in a caring, relaxing, non-judgmental environment. We meet every Monday when school is in session from 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM in the Conference Room in the school building of Cure of Ars. We have experienced babysitters available to watch toddlers in a safe and enjoyable playroom. Moms of infants are encouraged to bring their infants as well. All moms are welcome! Call Isabel Donis at 395-2784 for further information.

Handicapped Encounter Christ Ministry

Handicapped Encounter Christ (HEC) is a ministry for adults with physical, mental, cognitive and/or sensory disabilities. It is based on the Cursillo movement of the Catholic Church. HEC brings together the communities of disabled and enabled adults so they can all get to know our Lord, Jesus Christ. During the year, we have many different events and annually there is a three day HEC Retreat held in April. We are always looking for participants to join this ministry - those who are disabled and those who are not - so that together we are one community learning from each other, enjoying the company of one another and establishing many beautiful friendships together as we all get to know our Lord. We are having our annual HEC Christmas party on Saturday, December 7th from 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Please
join us for an afternoon of lunch, desserts, fellowship, music, singing, dancing and Santa too! The party is held at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 29 Clay Pitts Road, Greenlawn. All are invited, but please RSVP to Diana at (631) 806-6213.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
On this last Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate Christ’s kingship. The notion of “king” can conjure images of power, wealth and self-serving rule. But here we have a King who has no power and wealth; His throne is a cross and His rule is suffering and death. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ was a triumph. Today’s feast also suggests triumph, for we are celebrating the Feast of Jesus Christ, Universal KING. Jesus Christ is King, but He is a very special sort of King. When Jesus Christ was born, He did not look like a King and He looked even less like one when He died. Kings are not born in stables and they do not die writhing in pain on a cross. Today, we are reminded that it was “through Him all things were made and without Him was made nothing.” We are citizens of His kingdom because He had made us so, through Baptism. He makes us guests at His royal table every time He feeds us with His own Body and Blood in Holy Communion. He gives us a royal pardon every time we approach Him in the Sacrament of Penance, after we have said and done things that are unworthy of one who is a citizen. Devotion to Christ the King means loving those people whom, when He was king on earth, liked to have close about Him - the poor. Let us pray that Christ the King will bless all of us with His gifts of peace and love. Please keep the poor and needy in your prayers. Thank you.

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Divorced or Separated Catholics
A social organization for single persons is having a New Member Orientation for widows, widowers, divorced, separated, and single persons on Tuesday, November 26th at 7:30 PM at St. Francis de Chantal, Knights of Columbus Council #6526, 1869 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh. Parking is in the rear of the building. This is a non-denominational meeting and all are welcome. Annual dues are $30. Refreshments following the meeting. For further information, please call Carol at 794-4933 or Fran at 889-5790. Please note: Due to the closeness of Christmas, there will be no meeting in December.

Celebration of Mary
Deepen your Advent devotion! Join the Friends of the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception for a day of Celebration of Mary at the Seminary, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington on Saturday, December 7th. Journey to the heart of Mary through Theology, Spirituality, and the Arts. Program includes presentation by Bishop Frank Caggiano (Bridgeport, CT); Fr. Paul Anel (Diocese of Brooklyn); Fr. John McCartney (Associate Moderator of the Curia); St. Joseph Seminary Schola (Yonkers). The day will conclude with Mass celebrated by Bishop Barres at 4:00 PM. **Advance registration required.** $40 per guest. For reservations and information: Seminary Development Office: (631) 423-0483, ext. 102; bmalone@iceseminary.edu, or Seminary website - www.iceseminary.edu.

The Men of the Way of Light
The Holy Spirit, in His wisdom, inspired the writers of the Bible to use many different names to describe Jesus. Titles such as, *Messiah*, *Savior*, *Shepherd*, *Teacher*, *Lord, Son of God, and Son of Man*, describe both the nature and work of Jesus and the rightful position He should hold in our lives. This Sunday, we celebrate Jesus with the title “Christ the King”.

The dictionary speaks of a king as one who has sovereign power and authority, one who has dignity and royal bearing, one who holds a preeminent or superior position, one who has character and splendor of a regal quality and as one who inherits his position and rules for life. Jesus was all this and more! Even when He was arrested, beaten and crucified, it was obvious that He was in charge, exercising His sovereign authority. As indicated in John 19, no one could have touched Him without His permission. Allowing Himself to be put in the most undignified and degrading position in order to secure our salvation, He retained His dignity. Observers like the soldier and the thief recognized His royalty and deity.

The “good thief” shows signs of repentance, recognizes Jesus’ innocence, and makes an act of faith in Him. Jesus promises him Paradise! St. Ambrose comments, “The Lord always grants more than one asks”. The thief only asks Jesus to remember him, but the Lord says to him, ‘Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise’.
Life consists in dwelling with Jesus Christ, and where Jesus is, there is His kingdom!”

This episode invites us to admire the designs of Divine Providence, how grace and human freedom interact. These two criminals, sinners, found themselves in the same position. One despairs. The other repents, makes a prayerful appeal to Christ, and wins the promise of salvation! “Among men, confession is followed by punishment; whereas confession to God is followed by salvation.” (St. John Chrysostom)

That same choice is open to each one of us in the sacrament of Reconciliation! We each need to answer the questions: Is Christ the King of my life? Of all the people, myself included, who have a claim on my life, to what extend does Jesus have the preeminent and superior claim?

Jesus is a benevolent and loving ruler who allows His subjects voluntary compliance to His authority. Those surrendering their will to His rule discover not only His graciousness, but the superiority of His Kingdom over the kingdom of self. This is the Sunday to reaffirm His kinship in our life. As we receive the Eucharist, let’s also receive His rule over our life. (Condensed from the Emmaus Journey Reflections)

Need help putting Jesus first in your life? Join us at our next meeting on Saturday, December 7th, immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass.

We meet in the Nazareth Room of the Holy Family Chapel. Bagels and coffee served. Our meetings run until 10:30 AM. For more information, visit our FaceBook page.

Focus on Religious Freedom

Why Do We Celebrate Thanksgiving Day Every Year?

Ever since 1789 when Pres. George Washington proclaimed that a day of Thanksgiving be held to thank God for giving the American people the opportunity to create a Constitution to preserve their hard-won freedoms, most presidents have also proclaimed a national day of thanksgiving and praise to God. However, the dates and months of the celebration varied. It wasn’t until Pres. Abraham Lincoln’s 1863 Proclamation that Thanksgiving was regularly commemorated each year on the last Thursday in November. Then, in 1941, Congress passed a joint resolution and officially set the fourth Thursday in November as a fixed-date for the holiday.

Since Washington’s proclamation was the first of its kind, it is the legitimate standard for all future proclamations. Pres. Washington focused on God and our relationship to Him. He said we should “acknowledge His providence”, “obey His will” “be grateful for His benefits”, “humbly implore His protection and favor”. Thanksgiving should be “devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be.”

Thanksgiving Proclamations:

1863 - Pres. Abraham Lincoln: “(I) invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States to set apart and observe (a day) of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens.”

2015 - Pres. Barack Obama: “Pres. George Washington proclaimed the first Thanksgiving in our country’s nascence, calling on the citizens of our fledgling democracy to place their faith in ‘the
providence of Almighty God’, and to be thankful for what is bequeathed us.’

2017 - Pres. Donald Trump: “On this Thanksgiving Day, as we have for nearly four centuries, Americans give thanks to almighty God for our abundant blessings...to show gratitude for our freedom, for our friends and families, and for the prosperous Nation we call home.”

“It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord...for the days are with us again when, at the gathering of the harvest, we solemnly express our dependence upon Almighty God.” - Pres. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, 1942

Regular Sacrificial Giving
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 a weekly 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 of St. Barnabas. Thank you.
Come Join Us For a Joyful Start
To Your Christmas Season

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019  7:00 p.m.

Presented At
St. Barnabas R.C. Church
2320 Bedford Ave., Bellmore NY 11710

Featuring
The St. Barnabas Choir
William Dione, Music Director

Admission is Free
If you would like to bring a nonperishable food item for our pantry’s Christmas baskets, please leave it in the church lobby with our thanks!
Important Date Change for 2nd Grade Students

The date for First Reconciliation has been changed to **Saturday, February 1, 2020**. You will receive a new letter with the updated information.

**Upcoming Important Dates:**

- **Tuesday, November 26th** – **NO Classes**
- **Wednesday, November 27th** – **NO Classes**
- **Thursday, November 28th** – **NO Classes** – Thanksgiving!

We are still in need of Adult Volunteers to be Hall Monitors and Substitute Catechists. Please call the office for more information - *(516) 785-0130.*

The following are the dates for CHosen:

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**7th Grade Reminders:** Letter of Inspiration project due for 12/18-12/19

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**8th Grade Reminders:** Letter of Inspiration project, as well as Sponsor Designation forms for 12/11-12/12
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).

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 December 8th, and in 2020 - January 12th, February 9th, and March 8th.

Available Dates

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We invite you to join us for Cookies with Santa at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School!

Sunday, December 8th, 2 - 3pm, SEAS Cafeteria & Gym

Meet & greet Santa while enjoying a delicious treat and receive a beautiful complimentary photo with Santa and your family.

The cost of the event is $10/child and $5/adult. Children under 2 years of age are free.

Tickets will be picked up at the door on day of the event, which will allow for your child/children to make some Christmas crafts and take one family picture with Santa.

Please RSVP by Dec 2nd to Jennifer Velazquez
Phone: 516-317-0423 or Email: jennifervelazquez2@yahoo.com

Mail the completed form and payment to:
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School
ATTN: Cookies with Santa – Jennifer Velazquez
2341 Washington Ave
Bollmore NY 11710

______________________________  __________________________
Family Name:  Phone:

______________________________  __________________________
Number of Guests: Adults  Children

Cost  Total Cost
$10/Child  $__________
$5/Adult  $__________
You may have experienced the gift of our Ministry of Consolation. These are volunteers who assist families in preparation for a funeral of a loved one. We meet with the family to help choose readings, hymns and gather other information for the funeral Mass. At the funeral Mass we welcome, help with seating and are there with the boxes of tissues where needed. We are in great need of new volunteers. If you are interested, phone the Rectory Office, 785-0054. Thank you.
1 of the criminals being crucified asked Jesus to remember him when He came into His kingdom.

Trace the letters.

His kingdom

Jesus told him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with Me in paradise.”

Jesus asked God to forgive the people who crucified Him. “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing,” He prayed.

Match and trace the letters.

F I E G

V R O

The rulers sneered at Jesus. They said, “He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Messiah.”

There was a sign above Jesus that said, “This is the King of the Jews.”

The soldiers also came up and mocked Jesus. They offered Him wine vinegar and said, “If You are the king of the Jews, save Yourself.”

Circle the picture that is different.

Children’s Worship Bulletin

Ages 3+


Christ the King

Soldiers crucified Jesus at a place called the Skull. There were also 2 criminals who were crucified with Him.

Trace the lines to finish the picture.

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Why does the verse say God was pleased?

Write the word that means the opposite of the one given. Then fill in the blanks below:

For God was pleased

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"For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the ____________ of sins."

Paul spoke to the people of Colosse about Christ. What did He say?

Paul said, 'He is the (8) _______ of the (2) _______ and God, the (1) _______ over all (5D). For by Him all (12) _______ were (18).'(12) _______ in heaven and on earth, (13) _______ and (2) _______. whether (4) _______ or (5) _______ or (14) _______ or (9) _______. all (12) _______ were (16) _______ by Him and for Him. He is (3) _______ all (12) _______ and in Him all (12) _______ (20) _______. He is the (7) _______ of the (16) _______ of the (19) _______ the (5A) _______: so that in (15) _______ He might have the (11) _______.'