ADVENT
A SEASON OF PREPARATION

Be watchful!
Be alert!
You do not know
when the time will come

December 3, 2017
Rev. Adrian McHugh, Pastor
Rev. Charles Omotu
Rev. Kevin Gruber

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

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St. Barnabas the Apostle
First Week of Advent

Monday, December 4
6:30 AM  Kenneth Hubert
9:00 AM  Eugene J. Skelly
Jerry Gatti
Zafer Kdragich
Joey Orlando
Dee Dee Murray

Tuesday, December 5
6:30 AM  Irene Daly
9:00 AM  Corrine McCann

Wednesday, December 6
6:30 AM  Gino Spanarelli
9:00 AM  Living and Deceased Members of the
Robinson and Wupper Families

Thursday, December 7
Saint Ambrose
6:30 AM  Michael McGuire
9:00 AM  Intentions of Leeann Graziose and
Lynn Brandon

Vigil 7:00 PM  Maureen Burns

Friday, December 8
The Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
6:30 AM  Sr. Joseph Richard
9:00 AM  James Valentino
12:00 PM  Sisters of Charity - Vow Renewal
4:30 PM  Intentions of Tom and Mary Lou Till
7:00 PM  Joseph John Savoca

Saturday, December 9
8:00 AM  Antonio Silveira and Families
Fr. Kevin  4:30 PM  Vincent Mavaro
Marija Ljuljic
Madeline Barone
Intentions of Tom and Mary Lou Till
Teresa Forkan
Pasquale Genova
Lena Fiorentino

Fr. Adrian  7:00 PM

Sunday, December 10
Second Sunday of Advent
Fr. Kevin  7:00 AM
Fr. Charles  9:00 AM
Fr. Adrian  10:15 AM
Fr. Kevin  10:30 AM
Fr. Charles  12:00 PM
Fr. Adrian  5:00 PM
Irma Henao
For the People of Our Parish
Joseph and Donna D’Andrea
Charlotte Torchia
Bernardine Chmurzynski
Dennis and Bernice Newman
Pick up your copy of Sacred Reading
Today at St. Barnabas

Advent and Christmas are the seasons of expectant waiting and the joyful arrival of the Christ Child, but the days are often filled with hectic preparation for the holidays. The Apostleship of Prayer can lead you in an accessible, six-step process that will help create moments of peace during your busy day so you can listen to God’s Word, prayerfully respond, and explore ways the gospel reading can be applied to your daily life.

Sacred Reading for Advent and Christmas 2017–2018 is inspired by Ignatian spirituality and guides you through the Church's daily gospel readings as well as readings for solemnities and feast days, asking you to

- know that God is present;
- read the gospel;
- notice what you think and feel;
- pray for yourself and others;
- listen to Jesus; and
- ask God to show you how to live today.
What's Pastor Thinking

Here we are, the first week of the month of December and our Church calendar tells us that this is the beginning of the season of Advent. It is the time of waiting for Christmas. But why do we need to spend four weeks waiting for one day? Why start waiting now when Christmas decorations have been up in stores and carols have been playing at the mall for weeks now?

Our two scripture readings today are addressed to people who, unlike us, were accustomed to waiting. The Isaiah passage most likely was written during or immediately after the time of the Babylonian exile. The people of Israel had been utterly defeated. So the people waited. They waited for God to act. The prophecy of Isaiah opens with a cry for help: ‘Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,’

Jesus builds on this theme of hoping and expecting that God will act, that the heavens will indeed be torn open. In our text from Mark, he promises his followers that God will indeed intervene at some point to rescue God's people from tyranny and oppression. Someday, perhaps a day very soon, God will bring about an end suffering and turmoil with which the chosen ones have become so familiar.

So what are we waiting for? After all, the people of Israel returned to their land and restored their nation thousands of years ago and again within the past century. We are now into the third millennium since the Messiah has come and gone. So what do the words of Isaiah and Jesus have to say to us today?

While the prophecies of Isaiah and Jesus have been fulfilled to some extent, their final fulfillment is yet to come. The Kingdom of God has not yet been established in all its fullness. The Prince of Peace does not yet reign on earth as in heaven. And that is what we are waiting for.

As we go about our preparations for Christmas this year, we are waiting for many things. We wait in line and online to make our purchases. We wait to open presents. We wait to see our family members from distant places. But in this time of Advent we are reminded that we are waiting for something much, much bigger than all that. Even as we prepare to celebrate the fact that the Messiah did come 2000 years ago, we recall that we also wait now for His return when the mission that He began will be completed. We, too, are waiting for God to act.
Advent Wreath Candles
The First Candle on the Advent Wreath
Is lit in loving memory of William O’Malley

Bread and Wine
Is presented as a 20th Anniversary remembrance of
Joseph Mundy, from his wife Bernadette,
his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren

We Pray for Our Sick
Denise Carnabucci, Sharon Wick, Christopher Minix,
Charles Young, Don Davis, Patrick Hoyne, Meghan
Alice Roach, Stephen Rich, Eugene Ryan, Kristin
O’Halloran, Patricia Merget, John Nalick, Jacob
Daniel Haubeil, Kevin Keegan, Christina Sumerpl,
Terrie Manderson, Dorothy Giannmona, Faith Leahy,
Dr. Lawton Manderson, Linda Nalick, Dolores
Trimboli, Daniel Stryker, John Vasaturo, Elizabeth
Maiorana, Marc Berenson, John Errico, Margaret
Meenan, Ed Messemer, Dotty Sostack, Gail Carey,
Nicolette Natale, Mike Guzman, Stephen Lawlor,
Kevin O’Keefe, Aaron Mooney, Shannon Fay, James
Gillen, Sr., Phyllis Ignieri, Joseph DeFrancisi, James
Lodato, Albertina Hughes, Rosemarie Forte, Bridget
Reicherter, Sophia Buzzio, Joanne Santarsiero, John
Fontana, Diana Menendez, Barry Green, Frank
O’Regan, Dr. Michael Tamburo, Baby Lucas Spina,
Baby Allison Grzan, Babies Grayson & Gavin Pierre,
William Galluccio, Millie Torchia, Diane Buscemi,
Adele Dzienius, Vivian Hiel, Dawn Aliberti, Frank
Meenan, Michael Pulitano, Michael Paraninfo, Babies
Mickey and Neil Murray.

The Week at a Glance

Sunday:
9:00 AM  L 1 & 2 attending Mass
10:30 AM  RCIA Rite of Welcome
1:30 PM  Baptisms, Church
7:30 PM  Al-Anon, School

Monday:
9:00 AM  Grade 1 attending Mass
7:30 PM  Charismatic Prayer Group, HFC

Tuesday:
9:00 AM  Grade 5 attending Mass
9:30 AM  Prayer Shawl, Rectory
12:45 PM  SEAS Reconciliation
1:00 PM  Friendly Seniors, HFC

Wednesday:
9:00 AM  Grade 8 attending Mass
5:30 PM  Pageant Rehearsal, Church
7:00 PM  CHOSEN L7, HFC
7:30 PM  Al-Anon, Rectory
7:30 PM  RCIA, Convent
8:00 PM  Choir

Thursday:
9:00 AM  SEAS Mass & Retreat
7:00 PM  Bible Study, Rectory
7:00 PM  CHOSEN L7, HFC

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

Saturday:
11:30 AM  Reconciliation L2, Church
12:30 PM  Confessions, Church
1:30 PM  Reconciliation L2, Church

Our Finances

11/20/16: $16,989  11/19/17: $16,017
11/27/16: $18,377  11/26/17: $16,492

Parish Families Registered: 4,997
Envelopes Mailed: 1,218

Used 11/20/16: 650  11/27/16: 610
Used 11/19/17: 587  11/26/17: 569

Catholic Ministries Appeal

Goal: $106,400  Donors: 530
Pledged: $122,237
Received: $118,459

Special Collections

This Weekend
December 8  Maintenance & Repair
December 10  Immaculate Conception

December 8
Retirement Fund for Religious
The Parish of St. Barnabas the Apostle presents....

“The Story of the First Christmas”

Sunday, December 10th, 2017 at 3:00pm

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 age 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
Saint Barnabas the Apostle

**REVERSE RAFFLE**

Only 300 tickets to be Sold
*Great odds>>> 1 in 300 chance to win the big prize!*
*Last ticket pulled is the BIG WINNER*

**GRAND PRIZE OF $5,000**

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Each ticket costs $100 and entitles you to admission for two to the Drawing/Cocktail Party (must be 18 or older to purchase and/or attend)

*All proceeds will support renovations to St. Barnabas Convent Building*

**Saturday, April 21, 2018 8:00pm**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School cafeteria  
Drawing starts at 8:00pm  
Beer, wine, soda and hors d’oeuvres  
Winner need not be present to win

*In the event that less than 300 tickets are sold, the prizes will be prorated accordingly (the prize amounts will be decreased relative to the total dollars collected).*

Tickets will be available for purchase at the rectory beginning the week of December 11, 2017.  
Cash or checks made payable to “Saint Barnabas” will be accepted.

**REVERSE RAFFLE TICKET REQUEST**

Name: __________________________ Telephone #: _____________________ Number of tickets: ____
Address: ________________________________________________________________

Number of adults attending the party on Saturday, April 21st ______0 _____1 _____2
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 (Dec 24th) -
Toothpaste, bar soap, shampoo/conditioner

Be an Angel
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 the time that Mary and Joseph wandered homeless into Bethlehem, providing for the needy has always been a Christmas tradition. So, again this year, our parish will make available baskets filled with Angel Tags; each angel carrying the name of a gift needed by someone in our community. You are invited to take home an angel or two during the next couple of weekends, and bring your gifts to the church lobby. A special collection box will be placed there for gift cards or you may bring them to the rectory. Please securely attach your Angel Tags, but do not wrap the gifts, as we will have wrap and ribbon available to go with them. The gifts will be distributed the week of December 11th, so please try to deliver them before then. God bless your generosity...and through it may Jesus be born once more in all of our hearts this Christmas.

Thank You from Social Ministry
A big, heartfelt thank you to all of our parishioners who made such generous donations to the food pantry for Thanksgiving. Your contributions helped us provide baskets for 56 families in our area who are struggling and needed the help to make Thanksgiving a special day for them. We received turkeys, food, cash, checks and gift cards which went to these families providing them with foods from breakfast to dinner and many extras. A very special thank you to all of the volunteers who gave so generously of their time and helped in the sorting, assembling and distribution of food. We are also grateful to our regional school, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, our Religious Education Program, Catholic Daughters of America, Boy Scouts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Stew Leonard’s, King Kullen and Runyon’s Restaurant in Seaford. With sincere thanks and many blessings to all, Alice Witt.

Family Liturgy 10:15 AM Mass
Father Charles asked the children if they have any talents given to them by God. They answered: being kind, dancing, sharing toys. Father Charles instructed us all to share our talents with others as the gospel parable teaches us about the worthy and unworthy servants who multiplied talents or buried talents. We are called to share our talents with our Church in order to spread the Faith.

EMs, Lectors, & Altar Servers
Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers have been sent via e-mail the ministry schedule for December. For those who do not have e-mail or have not provided their e-mail address, please pick up a copy of the schedule in the Altar Server’s Sacristy following Mass.

A Catholic Parish in Bellmore, New York, Since 1912
Extraordinary Ministers
EM’s are still needed for the Immaculate Conception, Friday, December 8th. Please sign up in the sacristy after Mass or call the rectory.

Pre Cana Schedule - Winter 2018
Opening: 6:00 PM Sunday, January 28th
Holy Family Chapel
FOCCUS Online: January 29th - February 2nd
FOCCUS Review: February 5th - February 9th
In Home Sessions: February 11th - March 16th
Closing: 5:00 PM Mass - Sunday, March 18th followed by refreshments.

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.

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.
Friendly Seniors
The next meeting for Friendly Seniors will be a Christmas luncheon at Piccolo’s Restaurant on Tuesday, December 5th at 12:00 PM. For information call Margaret Ferris at 221-4974.

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.

Catholic Daughters of Americas
The next meeting of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Mother Seton #2423, will be held on Tuesday, December 5th at 7:00 PM in the school cafeteria. After a short meeting we will have our annual Christmas Party and Yankee Swap. For further information call Jackie at 781-7846.

St. Vincent de Paul
God gives us free will and allows us to make our own choices, even if the choice is to keep Him at arm’s length. Today as we begin our Advent journey, we have a chance to start over, to reflect on the ways we have pushed God away. “Be watchful! Be alert!” the Gospel of Mark reminds us, making clear that we need to get our spiritual house in order. Now is the time. This is the season. Today, as we take the first step on our path through Advent, let us recommit ourselves to being alert to the Lord moving through our days even when we are going in the wrong direction. Please continue to support the St. Vincent de Paul Society so that the poor and needy in the parish can anticipate a joyful and blessed Christmas.

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.

Talbot House
Are you or someone you know having family or interpersonal problems due to drinking alcohol or using drugs? Catholic Charities, Talbot House, a Chemical Dependence Crisis Center located in Bohemia provides withdrawal and stabilization services on a voluntary basis to males and females over the age of 18, who are seeking to stop and/or withdraw from alcohol and/or other drug use. The medical and clinical staff at Talbot House will assess the kind of care the person needs, to begin his/her journey in recovery. For more information, please call (631) 589-4144. Talbot House staff is available 24/7. Each call is confidential. Talbot House is a NO fee for service program.
Retirement Fund for Religious

Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help. Many served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes—often for little to no pay. Now there is a shortage in retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides funding for medications, nursing care, and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime. During the weekend of December 9th and 10th, the Diocese of Rockville Centre will participate in the National Religious Retirement Annual Collection for senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests. Our parishioners have always been most generous to the retired religious collection that we conducted for many years; our hope is that they will continue to support this worthy collection of behalf of the religious men and women who have devoted their lives to serving us.

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@icseminary.edu.

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 date is December 20th at 7:00 PM in the school cafeteria. Please note, we will not be meeting every Wednesday as previously scheduled.

Good Shepherd Hospice

Good Shepherd Hospice is proud to share that a new hospice inpatient unit will open at Mercy Medical Center in Rockville Centre in the Summer of 2018. We are excited to continue our mission to provide compassionate, comprehensive and family-focused care to patients and families and offer this special service in Nassau County. Call 631-465-6350 or visit goodshepherdhospice.chsli.org/ to learn more.

Job Opportunity

The Long Island Coalition for the Homeless is looking for a Housing Locator/Housing Resource Coordinator. This position will report to the Associate Director. Candidate must possess a Bachelor’s Degree in Human Services, Education, Communications or related field. Experience with providing service to the homeless population preferred. If interested, please contact LICH at (631) 464-4314.

Widows and Widowers

Our Christmas Party/Meeting will be on Sunday, December 10th at 12:30 PM at the Wantagh Inn. Price is $28. Checks should be sent to Terry Hoffmann, 66 Whalers Cove, Babylon 11702, no later than December 5th. Reservations must be received by the due date. No payments will be accepted at the door! Since this is a party, you are welcome to bring a guest. Please remember, we must know by the due date. Annual fees of $10 are due in
December. If you have any questions, please contact either Bernadette Mundy at 221-4516 or Terry Hoffmann at (631) 669-0198. We look forward to seeing you on December 10th!

**Girl Scout Religious Awards**

The next meeting for Brownies, Juniors, and 6th Grade Cadets working on their Girl Scout religious awards will be Saturday, December 9th 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. Cadets working on the *Marian Award* (Mary, the First Disciple) will meet from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM and Seniors and Ambassadors working on *Spirit Alive* will meet from 2:30 PM to 3:00 PM.

**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.

**Holiday Bake Sale**

St. Andrew the Apostle Byzantine Church is having a Christmas Bake Sale and Holiday Boutique on Saturday, December 9th from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Slavic foods, ethnic baked goods, basket raffles and boutique items will be featured. Event is taking place at 275 Ellison Avenue, Westbury. Call 404-1162 for more information.

**Catholics for Freedom of Religion**

U.S. Supreme Court to Hear Pro-Life Speech Case: The Supreme Court agreed to hear a critical First Amendment challenge to a California law that forces life-affirming pregnancy centers to advertise/promote abortions. Under threat of ruinous fines, the CA law requires pro-life pregnancy centers to post signs notifying patients where and how they can receive state taxpayer-funded abortions. “If you can’t force the American Lung Association to promote cigarettes and tell people to buy them, you certainly can’t force pro-life organizations to direct people to taxpayer–subsidized abortions,” wrote Melanie Israel in the Daily Signal.

**Benefit Concert**

Through the generosity of the Church of St. Joseph, the renowned St. Joseph’s Choir will present a free concert at St. Joseph’s Church in Babylon Village on Sunday, December 10th at 7:00 PM. They will perform selections from Handel’s *Messiah* and Bach’s *Magnificat* directed by Dr. Marie Drohan and accompanied by soloists, trumpeters, harpsichord and the Sophisticated Strings. The concert will include other beautiful choral selections and will be preceded by a moving candlelight procession. Free-will offerings of cash or checks made payable to St. Joseph Church will be most appreciated. Suggested
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, Rev. Major Timothy Hirten, Nicholas P. Wright,

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

**US COAST GUARD:**

**US PEACE CORPS:**
Patrick Coons
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.

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 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.
Come Join Us For a Joyful Start To Your Christmas Season

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, Dec. 17, 2017 7:00pm

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!
When Solanus Casey was ordained a priest by Archbishop Sebastian Messmer in Milwaukee’s St. Francis of Assisi Church on July 24, 1904, no one could have imagined that this humble man from Oak Grove, Wisconsin, would one day be recognized as a model of holiness by the Catholic Church. And yet, that is exactly what happened when Cardinal Angelo Amato, Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, read the decree from Pope Francis that declares him to be “Blessed” in a solemn liturgy held on Saturday, November 18, at Detroit’s Ford Field.

In point of fact, there were probably many who were surprised that this quiet and unassuming son of Irish immigrants had been ordained at all. Earlier in his life, Father Solanus (whose baptismal name was Bernard Francis) had been a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Unable to master the German and Latin languages in which the classes were taught, he was dismissed from the seminary and told to think about joining a religious order if he wanted to be a priest. He eventually made his way to the Capuchin years.

After completing his novitiate, the young friar returned to Milwaukee and studied at the Capuchin’s St. Francis Monastery, located at St. Francis of Assisi parish. Following his ordination, Father Solanus was assigned to parishes in New York and to the Capuchin monastery in Huntington, Indiana, before being sent to St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit.

Those language difficulties that had haunted Father Solanus during his days as a seminarian led to his being ordained as a “simplex” priest, meaning that while he could celebrate Mass, he was not granted the faculties to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation, or to preach in public. And so, he spent the remainder of his life at St. Bonaventure’s, serving as a porter for his religious community, welcoming guests and the poor, and praying for those who came seeking prayers and support. This was a remarkably humble position for a priest to fill — his immediate superior was often a lay brother, which would have been considered highly unusual in those days.

Father Solanus died in Detroit’s St. John’s Hospital on
July 31, 1957. The cause for his beatification was opened in 1976 after numerous favors were attributed to the friar’s intercession. On May 4, Pope Francis officially approved a miracle attributed to Father Solanus, clearing the way for his beatification.

While dozens of members of Father Solanus’ Capuchin Franciscan Order have been canonized and beatified, including Lawrence of Brindisi, a Doctor of the Church, and the celebrated “Padre Pio” of Pietrelcina, there are only 19 men and women of the United States honored as saints. Solanus Casey joins Blessed Stanley Rother as being the only men born in the United States to be beatified, bringing the number of American beati to six. Blessed Stanley, who was born in Oklahoma in 1935 and martyred in Guatemala in 1981, was beatified on September 23.

The beatification liturgy was not only a celebration of the life and legacy of Fr. Solanus Casey—who is now known as Blessed Solanus—but was an official recognition by the Church of what countless faith-filled Christians have known for decades: Solanus Casey was a holy man. “People recognized him as holy. They recognized it before ecclesiastical authorities did,” reflects Father Edward Foley, a member of Solanus’ own Capuchin Order. In fact, there were more than 10,000 people at his funeral. “We ordinarily bury Capuchins in a pine box,” Father Foley continued, “he was buried in a steel coffin because they knew something was going to happen.” That remains of Father Solanus were transferred to the Solanus Casey Center in 1987 to accommodate the tens of thousands of pilgrims who visited his tomb each year.

“He had a very simple approach to holiness. He was the most unpretentious person. When he went back to Detroit during the Depression, he would give away his lunch. He was a slight guy and they would say to him, ‘Father Solanus, you can’t give your food away,’ but that was how he and another Capuchin began the Capuchin Soup Kitchen,” Father Foley observed. Today the soup kitchen ranks as the largest private charity in the state of Michigan.

During the beatification liturgy an image of the new beati was solemnly unveiled, and a relic of then-Blessed Solanus was presented to Cardinal Amato by the Panamanian woman whose healing through the intercession of Father Solanus was recognized as miraculous by Pope Francis. Accompanying her were representatives of the Capuchin Franciscans as well as other women and men who believe that they have also received special favors through the intercession of Father Solanus.

“It strikes me that it’s a wonderful model of holiness that you don’t have to be educated or an ecclesiastic,” Father Foley observed. “He was a very, very simple guy. I think for the Capuchins he underscores that the Capuchin vocation is to be fratres minores—‘little brothers.’ And he was a little brother.” Father Foley concluded, “To have this kind of touchstone of holiness in a community, in an urban center, in a multi-ethnic community, and in a city that has really struggled with its urban identity, this beatification is a wonderful gift to simple folks, to people of all kinds.”
Religious Education

We still in need of adults to work one on one or in a small group environment. We a few students that need either a one-on-one learning environment or a small group environment that needs someone to work with them. Please call the Office of Christian Formation (516) 785-0130 to volunteer or to receive more information. 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 to get more information.

Upcoming Dates:
Saturday, December 9 – Level 2 Reconciliation 11:30am and 1:30pm students were assigned a session.
Sunday, December 10 – Level 3 and 4 – 9am Mass
Tuesday, December 12 – Parent Session “Parenthood” by Tony Bellizi 7-8pm Holy Family Chapel
Wednesday, December 13 – NO CLASSES
Sunday, December 17 – Level 5 and 6 – 9am Mass
Tuesday, December 19 – NO CLASSES
Thursday, December 21 – NO CLASSES

NO CLASSES MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 THROUGH TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018
CLASSES RESUME ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2018!

Catechetical Awards 2017

Bishop John R McGann
Audrey Accardi, Roseann Corliss, Toni D’Alto, Theresa Hubert, Mary Lou Till, Anthony Zullo, Kathleen Zullo

St. John XXIII
Theresa Lyons, Phyllis Pace, Thomas Waters

St. Pius X
Paul Camillery, Therese Donnelly, Jacqueline Anne Ferriso, Brenda Kelly, Martin Kelly, Deborah Kinzer, Edward Kinzer, Therese Pinto, Carol Schmitt, Jennifer Scialo, Vincent Scialo, Theresa Staehr

Pope Paul VI
Angela Benevento, Christine Cairo, Doreen Caminiti, Sister Carol Downing, Noreen Farrell-O’Reilly, Valerie Ford, Carol Gibilterra, Edith Hellermann, Valerie Kasper, Nancy Praino, Michael Quinn, Kerri Rinaldi, Melissa Senra
Who Is Jesus (Chapter 5)
The Person and Mission of Jesus

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

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

- This week you talked about how Jesus could not have been just a “good man” because he claimed to be God. That leaves three options: (1) he knew he was lying, (2) he fooled himself into believing a lie (that is, he was crazy)... or (3) he really was God. Which do you think is most likely, and why?
- If Jesus were coming over for dinner, what would you ask him?
- Why do you think Jesus came to earth? Why didn’t God just drop the Bible from the sky?
2018 Multi-Parish Teen Retreat

March 16, 17, & 18

Huntington Seminary

Contact:
Kieran Maelia
St. Barnabas LifeTeen
(516) 785-0130
stbyouth17@gmail.com

Daily Rate: $50.00
2-Night Stay: $125
(Meals Included)
Many thanks to all our Regional Parish Parishioners!

With your donations Operation Christmas Child reached new heights!

It was a great night for a great cause! The SEAS community came together to pack 1000 boxes for under privileged children around the world! Thank you to the SEAS students, parents, staff and especially the Faith Formation committee for their hard work and dedication to this great cause!

Thank you NJHS delivering the food drive donations. All five parishes received 4 boxes of food. Thank you to all who donated!

Christmas Card Raffle~ Give the gift of chance! Only $10 to play the WHOLE month of January! Winners are re-entered!

Contact the school office: 516-785-5709
A Thanksgiving Prayer

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Kindergarten
Jesus told Peter, James, John and Andrew about the end of the age.

Circle 9 differences in the 2nd picture.

Jesus said, “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away.” No one but God knows the day or hour when Jesus will come. What does He tell us to do?

Trace and match the letters below.

Watch

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See if you can find the Advent words in the puzzle below!

advent  christmas  gifts  calendar
decorate  cards  shopping  cooking
cookies  friends  snowman  santa
tree  lights  bells  carols

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s b c v c a d v e n t g
h n a c a r o l s z z u
o n r b a x g i f t s r
p i d u e l s q v b c d
p s s d d l e a u m v e
i c t k l u l n n y e c
n c o o k i e s d t h o
g c o o k i n g m a r
x y l i g h t s s m v r a
f r i e n d s y q l x t
s n o w m a n t r e e e
h i c h r i s t m a s h

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The Son of Man will come with great glory.

Shade in the spaces with ▲'s.

Jesus said that new leaves on a fig tree mean that summer is near. In the same way, there will be signs to tell us when the end of the age is near.

Connect the dots.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20
“Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back …”

… whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’

The day will come when people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.

No one but God knows when Jesus will come.

Jesus said, “____ ____ ________. ”