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.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School
Principal - Ms. Leeann Graziose
(516) 785-5709

Christian Formation
Mrs. Marjorie Lampert
(516) 785-0130

Youth Ministry & Confirmation Preparation
Mr. John Isnardi

Social Ministry
Mrs. Alice Witt
(516) 785-6243

Music Ministry
Mr. William R. Dione

Business & Personnel
Mr. John G. Nappi

Mass Times
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

Church Hours
Open daily until 8:00 PM
Sundays until 6:00 PM

Office Hours
Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Priest Emergency
(516) 590-9981

Maintenance & Security Cell:
(516) 808-5491

December 15, 2019
Third Week of Advent
Sunday Readings Hymnal # 789

To place a notice in our Bulletin email stbapostle@gmail.com.
To place an advertisement on our cover call The Church Bulletin at (631) 249-4994.

Monday, December 16
Fr. Michael 6:30 AM Martin & Regina Ngoka
Fr. Shaju 9:00 AM Ted Schimoler, Intentions of the Ladies of the Rectory,
Concetta Arena, Tom Nyberg, Pedro Madamba

Tuesday, December 17
Fr. Sean 6:30 AM Charlie & Ann Klika
Fr. Jeff 9:00 AM Rev. Theodore J. King
2nd Grade attending

Wednesday, December 18
Fr. Jeff 6:30 AM Deceased Members of the Silveira & Duarte Families
Fr. Michael 9:00 AM Giuseppe & Donata D’Andrea
6th Grade attending

Thursday, December 19
Fr. Shaju 6:30 AM James Clare
Fr. Michael 9:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of the Robinson & Wupper Families
4th Grade attending

Friday, December 20
Fr. Michael 6:30 AM Intentions of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist
Fr. Shaju 9:00 AM Charles Yarris

Saturday, December 21
Fr. Shaju 8:00 AM Mary Agostinacchio
Fr. Jeff 4:30 PM Thomas DeFrancisci, Raymond Vogts,
Mario Tesoriero, Nicholas Paris, Benedito Nuzzo,
Maryetta Garrone
Fr. Michael 7:00 PM Richard Tencza

Sunday, December 22
Fr. Jeff 7:00 AM Stephen A. Clifford
Fr. Shaju 9:00 AM John Victor, Nancy & John Richard Luksch
Fr. Jeff 10:15 AM Domenico Urso
Fr. Michael 10:30 AM Charlie & Ann Klika
Fr. Shaju 12:00 PM William Nehrkorn
Fr. Michael 5:00 PM For the People of Our Parish

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“I AM A FRIEND OF THE BLESSED MOTHER”

It is no surprise that confessing one’s sins to a priest is not easy. Many people are reluctant.

A person can be nervous or afraid to go to confession especially if they have not gone in many years. Yet there is a way to make it much easier. Simply tell the priest that you are friend of the Blessed Mother.

My former pastor and dear mentor Msgr. James McDonald told me that these people are friends of the Blessed Mother. Our Blessed Mother has a special tender love for those who haven’t gone to confession in a long time but want to go.

If you haven’t gone to confession in years, or you are nervous in going to confession or both, simply tell the priest of St. Barnabas you are a friend of the Blessed Mother, and he will take care of it and make it as easy as possible for you.

As you begin your confession simply tell the priest you are friend of the Blessed Mother and the priest will help you and treat you with the utmost kindness.

Confessions will be available from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM on Friday the 20th, and Monday the 23rd and on Saturday, the 21st from 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM.

Lastly, before the great gift of Christmas, confessions will be available on Christmas Eve from 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM. I pray that many people will come.

Remember, if you are afraid; simply tell the priest you are friend of the Blessed Mother.

In Jesus and Mary,

[Signature]
**Tuesday, December 24th**  
**Christmas Eve**  
4:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 10:00 PM & Midnight Mass  
*There will be a Mass in both the Church and the Holy Family Chapel at 4:00 PM.*

**Wednesday, December 25th**  
**Christmas Day**  
7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM & 12 Noon  
*There will be NO Mass at 10:15 AM or 5:00 PM on Christmas Day.*

**The Feast of Mary the Mother of God**  
**Tuesday, December 31st**  
Vigil Mass: 4:30 PM

**Wednesday, January 1st**  
6:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM & 12 Noon  
*This is a Holy Day of Obligation.*

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Confessions are held on the following dates and times in the Church:  
- Friday, December 20th - 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
- Saturday, December 21st - 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM  
- Monday, December 23rd - 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
- Tuesday, December 24th - **12:00 PM to 4:00 PM**
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!
We Pray for Our Deceased
Lorraine C. Schurmann
Victoria D’Aquaro

Flowers on the Blessed Mother’s Altar
For the week of December 8th, were offered in loving memory of our Mom, Mary Cruz, from her daughters Linda, Anita and Patty. Forever in our hearts.

Bread & Wine
Is offered in loving memory of Debra Berger from her friends at Mandalay Elementary School.

Sanctuary Lamp
Is lit this week for Ann and the late Antonio Villanueva.

Advent Wreath Candles
The Third Candle on the Advent Wreath is lit in loving memory of Irene Carey.

We Pray for Our Sick

The Week Ahead

Monday:
7:30 PM Charismatic Prayer Group, HFC
Tuesday:
12:30 PM Friendly Seniors, HFC
3:00 PM- 7:00 PM Adoration, Church
6:30 PM- 7:00 PM Confessions, Church
Wednesday:
7:00 PM CHOSEN Level 7, HFC
7:00 PM RCIA, Convent Room
7:30 PM Al-Anon, Rectory
7:30 PM Choir Practice, Church
Thursday:
7:00 PM Bible Study, Rectory
7:00 PM CHOSEN Level 7, HFC
Friday:
6:30 PM Pageant Practice, HFC
Saturday:
8:30 AM Men’s Group, HFC
Sunday:
3:00 PM The Story of the First Christmas, Church
7:30 PM Al Anon, School

Our Finances
12/8/19: $15,617 12/9/18: $16,308
Parish Families Registered: 5,087
Envelopes Mailed: 1,350
Used:
12/8/19: 504 12/9/18: 603

Catholic Ministries Appeal
Goal: $108,900 Donors: 427
Pledged: $97,741 Received: $95,059
The Parish of St. Barnabas the Apostle presents....

“The Story of the First Christmas”

Sunday, December 22nd, 2019 at 3:00 PM

Calling all angels, stars, townspeople, and shepherds, why not take some time this holiday season to let the joy of Christmas fill your heart! Come experience the true meaning of the very first Christmas. Children ages 3 and up are invited to participate in this memorable Advent presentation. We are fortunate to have children of all ages participate in this performance from middle and high school ages to little ones who are first time angels and shepherds. Why not join us? Everyone is welcome! Let us join together as a faith filled community to celebrate the joy of the very First Christmas.

Practice will be held on Friday, December 20th from 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (meet in Holy Family Chapel). If you are interested in participating, simply join us on Friday or email Lyn Politi at stbarnabasfamilyliturgy@gmail.com.
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.

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. Come 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.

- 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!

Ushers
Sign-up sheets for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year’s Eve & New Year’s Day Masses are available in the back of Church. Thank you for your service during the year.

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 this weekend. 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. God bless you for your continued kindness and generosity. May Jesus be born once more in all of our hearts this Christmas.

Extraordinary Ministers, Altar Servers & Lectors
Sign-up sheets for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year’s Eve & New Year’s Day Masses are available in the Church or in the Rectory during the week. The Mass times are Tuesday, December 24th, Christmas Eve at 4:00 PM (Church), 4:00 PM (Holy Family Chapel), 6:00 PM, 10:00 PM and 12 Midnight. On Christmas Day, Mass is at 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 12 Noon.

Christmas Wafers
In some traditions a blessed wafer is shared among family members at the beginning of the meal at Christmas to recall the real “Bread of Life” who came among us over 2,000 years ago. The blessed wafers are available at the rectory. Your free will offering will be donated to Parish Outreach.
Our Mission is to Encourage Evangelize & Educate

Christmas Flowers

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

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

Young Adult Holy Hour
Please join us on Thursday, December 26th at 7:00 PM for a Young Adult Holy Hour for ages 18 - 21. Food and beverages will be served.

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

Please support the Parish of St. Barnabas by making a donation to support the decorating of the Church with flowers for Christmas

Name: ___________________________ Amount $ ____

In memory of: __________________________________________

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In thanksgiving for: __________________________

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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.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

This Sunday is also called Gaudete Sunday; also known as “Rose Sunday”. This Sunday emphasized the joyous anticipation of the coming of the Lord. It is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent. In December one of the most popular phrases is “Put Christ back in Christmas”, a maxim that seems to presume that we have the ability to put Christ wherever we wish. This brings us back to John the Baptist, the prophet whom Jesus called the greatest person every born of a woman. We hear of him today as he languishes in prison and hears about Jesus. Wondering what he’s risked his life for, he sends disciples to scrutinize Jesus and His mission. John sends his disciples to ask the most important question of his life: “Are you the One to come or should we look for another?” Jesus didn’t give a straight answer. He responded: “Go tell John what you hear. Tell him what you’ve seen in the healing of people who were blind, lame, deaf and leprous. Tell John that the poor are rejoicing, Tell him. Blessed are those who see the hand of God.” What more could Jesus have said to support someone imprisoned by Herod? If John could talk to us as we prepare to celebrate Christmas, he would probably encourage us to join with him in asking questions. John the Baptist calls us to prepare the way of the Lord by eliminating from our lives whatever impedes His coming. Please keep the poor and needy in your prayers.
Pray for Vocations

This week please keep our Bishops, Priests and Seminarians in your prayers. 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.

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TO BE ADDED TO THE MONTHLY PRAYER CALENDAR EMAIL, PLEASE SEND YOUR REQUEST TO VOCATIONS@DRVC.ORG
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. 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.

Knights Korner

It is now much easier to join us using the online application. Go to [www.kofc.org](http://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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.” Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament 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](http://wwmenyli.org).

Save the Date - March for Life

The annual *March for Life* in Washington, D.C. is fast approaching! Save the Date - **January 24th, 2020**! 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! Contact Vin Murray at 781-7846 for information.

St. Andrew Prayer Card

We apologize for those that did not receive the beautiful St. Andrew Prayer Card with our Christmas mailing. These cards can be found at the doors of the church. Please take one with you as you leave Mass today.
Focus on Religious Freedom

The December Dilemma: Celebrating Religious Holidays in Public Schools & the Public Square

Every December, public schools, towns and businesses, face the difficult task of acknowledging the various religious and secular holiday traditions celebrated during this time of year without crossing the line of promoting a particular belief. The First Amendment guarantees freedom of religion to all Americans - including young school children - by prohibiting the government from endorsing any particular religious point of view while still respecting and protecting all religious beliefs.

Holiday Myths & Facts

- **Myth:** Public schools cannot display religious Christmas and Hanukkah symbols.
  **Fact:** A public school is free to display a Nativity scene, Menorah, and other forms of religious and secular seasonal expression with the purpose of depicting the origins of the holiday.

- **Myth:** Public school students aren’t allowed to sing or play Christmas carols.
  **Fact:** Students can sing and perform religious carols along with secular ones. The purpose is to teach about our society’s cultural and religious heritage and allow students to perform a full range of music, poetry and drama.

- **Myth:** Students cannot talk about their faith and the religious origins of their holiday in class assignments.
  **Fact:** Schools cannot refuse to allow, punish, or give a lower grade to a student who includes a religious viewpoint in a class assignment. Far from “establishing religion,” that would be displaying an anti-religious bias which is unconstitutional and infringing on the free speech of students.

- **Myth:** Christmas trees, Nativity scenes, and Hanukkah Menorahs cannot be displayed on public land.
  **Fact:** The Supreme Court has held that these have become both a secular and religious symbol and their display by a public entity does not violate the Establishment Clause.

“To the American people: Christmas is not a time or a season but a state of mind. To cherish peace and good will, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas. If we think on these things, there will be born in us a Savior and over us will shine a star sending its gleam of hope to the world.” - President Calvin Coolidge

The Men of the Way of Light

Advent is the season of joy. Joyous songs and celebrations increasingly fill our time as we approach Christmas and the year’s end. But is the nature of our joy simply the release of tension as we participate in a month long shopping spree and a “party-on” mentality or is our source of joy something deeper and more substantial? The joy of which Isaiah speaks in our first reading will result in “joy” and “singing” - and “sorrow and sighing” will pass away. What a wonderful two-fold joy! The inner pain that causes our sighing and sorrow will be removed and replaced with joy.

Visit us on Social Media -

**FaceBook:** .com/St-Barnabas  **Website:** www.stbarnabasny.org  **Parish App:** myparishapp.com
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with inner “joy and gladness.” Of course we will burst out in song, for a heart and mind free from concern and filled with gladness cannot long remain silent.

As Isaiah looked ahead to the coming Savior he saw several reasons for unrestrained joy. First and foremost was that the land and the people would experience the presence of God’s majesty and glory. The Lord’s presence would bring deliverance from enslavement, healing and a renewed spirit. We see in the Gospel reading these things coming to pass as Jesus conducted His ministry: the blind received their sight, the deaf had their hearing restored and lepers were healed. We can only imagine how the heart of John the Baptist leapt as he recalled Isaiah’s prophecy and compared it with the accounts of Jesus’ ministry. How he must have received solace, comfort and strength through the joy of knowing that the presence of the Lord was among them.

So, too should our hearts leap with joy. So, too should we find solace, comfort and strength remembering that God is present among us. As F.W. Faber explains in Christian Spirituality in the Catholic Tradition, “What would the world be without Jesus? ... An earth without hope or happiness, without love or peace, the past a burden, the present a weariness, the future a shapeless terror - such would the earth be, if by impossibility there were no Jesus....Jesus is bound up with our innermost lives. He is more to us than the blood in our veins. We know that he is indispensable to us; but we do not dream how indispensable He is. There is not a circumstance of life in which we could do without Jesus......But, if He is thus indispensable in life, how much more will He be indispensable
in death?” *(Condensed from the Emmaus Journey Reflections)*

Searching for the true meaning of Christmas? Join the *Men of the Way of Light* as we journey to NYC to bring new clothing to the homeless! We will meet in the Nazareth Room of the Holy Family Chapel on Saturday, December 21st, immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass. We will begin our trip shortly thereafter! All are welcome to join us! See our FaceBook page (Men of the Way of Light) for more details!

**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.

**Hymnals**

There are still hymnals available to memorialize a loved one. The dedication is placed on the inside cover. The donation is $25. Please stop by or call the rectory at 785-0054 if you would like to dedicate a hymnal.
Upcoming Important Dates

- No classes December 12th through January 2nd
  (Exception: CHOSEN - see calendar)

Classes resume for the New Year 2020:

- Monday, January 6th
- Tuesday, January 7th
- Wednesday, January 8th
- Thursday, January 9th

Important date change for 2nd Grade Students:
The date for Reconciliation has been changed to Saturday, February 1, 2020. You should have received a letter with updated information.

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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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 in 2020 will be held on -
January 12th, February 9th, and March 8th.

Available Dates

2020:

January:
Saturday
11th
Sunday
5th & 19th

February:
Saturday
8th
Sunday
2nd & 16th

March:
Saturday
14th
Sunday
1st & 15th
MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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.
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Consider the prophets who suffered. They showed patience.

Find and circle these prophets.
- Daniel
- Hiram
- Elijah
- Jonah
- Joseph
- Moses

“Be patient ... until the Lord’s coming.”

Write the first letter of each item on the line above it.

Be patient like the farmer who waits for his crops to grow.

Add these items to the picture:
- more apples
- more lettuce
- more wheat

Don’t grumble or judge one another.

Circle 5 things that are wrong in the picture.
Who are examples of patience to us?

Unscramble the names of green vegetables. Then place the circled letters in the blank to complete the sentence.

**SLAFYER**
**YEELCR**
**CRBLICO**
**PREEPP**
**CINHAPS**
**GABBACE**
**CULTEET**
**AGRASSPUA**

“The _______ who spoke in the name of the Lord.”

We, like the farmer, must be patient and diligent because the Lord’s coming is near.

Solve the puzzle to find 3 rules believers should follow.

There is a reason we should be careful to do these things.

Write the one letter that completes both the name of the individual item and a collection of the items. (Example: one CRUMB is part of a loaf of BREAD.) Use the letters to complete each sentence.

**Individual** | **Collection**
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BO__E | SKELETO__
PLAY__R | T__AM
D__Y | YE__R
T__EE | FO__EST

The Lord’s coming is ________

**Individual** | **Collection**
--- | ---
__EER | HER__
VI__N | ORCHESTRA
R__OM | MANSI__N
SOLDIE__ | A__MY

The judge is standing at the ____________

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