She will bear a son
and you are to name him Jesus

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 12/18/16

Rev. Adrian McHugh, Pastor
Rev. Charles Omotu
Rev. Kevin Gruber
Deacon Bernard F. Sherlock

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

- Therese A. Martucci
- Louise Votino
- Julie M. Pineiro
- James Valentino
- Frank P. Napoli
- Francis P. Brennan
- Jacqueline Carboy
- Clifford Bunting

**Reconciliation**
Confessions available every Saturday at 12:30PM or by calling the rectory to make an appointment with the priest on duty.

**Advent Candles**
The Advent Candle for the fourth week of Advent will be lit in memory of Arthur Licata.

**Bread & Wine**
The Eucharistic Bread & Wine will be offered this week in loving memory of Ann Moran from the Perno family.

**The Rectory Office**
The rectory office will be closed on Sunday, December 25th and Monday, December 26th in observance of Christmas.

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

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

**Confirmation Date**
Monday, May 22nd @ 10:00 AM & 2:00 PM.
Pope Francis appointed Most Reverend John O. Barres, S.T.D., J.C.L., D.D., 56, to serve as the fifth Bishop of Rockville Centre. Until now, he was serving as Bishop of the Diocese of Allentown, PA. He succeeds Bishop William Murphy, 76, who has led the Diocese of Rockville Centre since 2001.

The appointment was made public in Washington, December 9, 2016 by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

Bishop-designate Barres will assume leadership of the Diocese during a Mass of Installation at the Cathedral of Saint Agnes on January 31, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Until that time, Bishop Murphy will serve as Apostolic Administrator.

“It is my deep conviction that he will be a Bishop for all of us without exception,” said Bishop William Murphy in a statement today. “He has shared with me his love of youth and his care for the elderly. He has a keen sense of parish life and has a special expertise in education. He has a deep love for the poor and will support Catholic Charities, parish outreach as well as Catholic Hospitals on Long Island. He will be a good neighbor to our brothers and sisters of the Christian Churches, our Jewish and Muslim friends and the many civic and political leaders with whom he will work in building up Long Island for future generations. Above all he is a man of prayer, both the prayer of the Church through Eucharist and the sacraments as well as the many devotions of our Catholic tradition, especially the Blessed Virgin and St. Agnes,” said Bishop Murphy.

Bishop Barres has been shepherd of the Diocese of Allentown since July 2009. In a statement on his new appointment, Bishop Barres said, “I must thank the priests and the entire people of God of the Diocese of Allentown, where I have had the great blessing of serving as bishop for the last seven-and-a-half years. You will all always be in my heart, my memories, my prayers and my Masses as I remember our days of ‘holiness and mission’ together.”

Bishop Barres was ordained a Bishop and installed as the fourth Bishop of Allentown on July 30, 2009. He was the first priest ordained a bishop within the Diocese of Allentown. Recognizing that vibrant parishes make a vibrant diocese, Bishop Barres has initiated a pastoral planning process for parishes across the Diocese of Allentown and has called on every parish to establish a Parish Pastoral Council. As shepherd of the Diocese, Bishop Barres has supported efforts of pastors, teachers and parents to strengthen our Catholic schools.

Bishop Barres has guided the Diocese of Allentown in its ongoing pastoral and strategic planning which has resulted in cutting edge efforts to enhance evangelization and pastoral ministries and helped to strengthen the financial condition of the Diocese. The Bishop sees the value of social media in spreading the Gospel message and the New Evangelization. Nationally, Bishop serves on the USCCB Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis and is the USCCB’s Episcopal Liaison to the Pontifical Mission Societies.
A man confided in his pastor that, in the earlier years of his marriage, he hadn’t been too concerned about his commitment and his devotion to his wife. He was much more concerned about what seemed to be the main purpose of his life: making money to survive and getting on in a job which took him on the road for long periods of time. ‘But one night,’ the man reported, ‘I got turned around. It was the night in the hospital when I held my little baby in my arms for the first time. I realized that she was part of me, even if she was better than I deserved. At that moment, I vowed to myself, ‘You’re going to have to stop your foolishness and start living like somebody, because she is somebody!’

The birth of that baby called forth the man’s best, whereas, in the past, he had simply been sliding through life. Those of you who are parents can understand that idea of a child changing you for the rest of your days on earth. So, perhaps, we can appreciate what it was like for Joseph.

His life was going just the way he expected. He was living a quiet life in the quiet little town of Nazareth, working in his carpenter shop, living as a faithful and obedient Jew. He was betrothed to Mary. They were legally bound to one another, and their relationship could only be broken by divorce, but they had not yet finalized their marriage. They were not yet living together as husband and wife.

So we can imagine how shocked, angry, and embarrassed Joseph must have been when he got the news that Mary was pregnant. He knew that he wasn’t the child’s father! Could Mary have been unfaithful? Joseph was a kind and fair man, who didn’t want Mary to be publicly shamed either. He could have made a big fuss, and Mary would have been subject to the death penalty under Jewish law, but, instead, as Matthew tells us Joseph, ‘decided to divorce her quietly.’

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This is the bottom line: God desires to be with us. God desires to save us. As much reason as we have given God to write us off, to wash the divine hands of us, God has, nevertheless, remained intensely and passionately committed to dwelling among us! That’s why Jesus is known as Emmanuel, ‘God is with us!’

But it didn’t happen only then! The same one who came into the lives and home of Joseph of Nazareth and his betrothed, Mary, keeps on coming to us! God keeps working! And, as a result, we, too, should not be surprised to experience holy disruptions in our lives!

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The Week at a Glance

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

Monday:
7:30 PM  Charismatic Prayer Group, HFC

Tuesday:
1:00 PM  Friendly Seniors, HFC
7:00 PM  Family Music, HFC

Wednesday:
7:00 PM  Rosary Making Group, School
7:30 PM  Al-Anon, Rectory
7:00 PM  RCIA, Convent
8:00 PM  Choir Rehearsal, Church

Thursday:
1:30 PM  Contemplative Prayer, Convent Meeting Room
7:00 PM  Family Music, HFC
7:00 PM  Bible Study, Rectory
7:30 PM  Contemplative Prayer, Convent Meeting Room

Friday:
1:30 PM  Lectio Divina, Convent Meeting Room
7:30 PM  Lectio Divina, Convent Meeting Room

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

Financial Reports

Parish Families Registered: 5,029
Envelopes Mailed: 1,284  Used: 635
Envelopes Used 12/13/15: 631

2016 Catholic Ministries Appeal
Goal: $107,900  Donors: 556
Pledged: $121,902  Received: $119,162

Second Collection This Week
The Church Bell System
Our original physical bells have been refurbished which included installing new hardware and replacing the clappers. The programming board will be updated to current standards.

We Pray for the Sick
Nicoletta Russo, Meghan Alice Roach, Stephen Rich, Patrick Hoyne, Don Davis, John Scalia, Rosemary Grandwilliams, Louis Romano, Eugene Ryan, Kristin O’Halloran, Patricia Merget, Theresa Anselmo, Jason Todhunter, Jacob Daniel Haubeil, John Nalick, Kevin Keegan, Joyce Caggiano, Joan Gallagher, Robert Volpe, Christina Sumperl, George Stockerl, Angelo Giglio, Donna Polemini, Terrie Manderson, Charlie Riiska, Evelyn LaMont, Dr. Lawton Manderson, Maggie Schmidtt, Sophie Buzzeo, Mario G. Cacace, Dolores Trimboli, Robert Wright, Cynthia Simpson, Jillian K. Yonker, Ed Messemer, Charles Young, Iype Kuriakose, Mary Beth Novello, Robert Pisano, Anthony Cammaratta, Andrzej Okolski, Angela Ferrara, Peter & Margaret Meenan, Shane Sammartino, Michelle Hilliwiz, Baby Lucas Spina and Babies Grayson & Gavin Pierre.
Expect the Unexpected

THEN THE ANGEL SAID TO THEM, “DO NOT BE AFRAID, FOR BEHOLD, I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY

LUKE 2:10-11
Thank you to the students, staff and families of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School for a Holy Night of Scripture, Carols and Nativity Presentation.
Parent & Child Program

For children ages 2-3 years old. Our Time is a class where a child with a parent can become familiar with the classroom environment while singing songs, doing crafts, reading books, and celebrating God’s love together.

- Class sessions are offered on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM from September through June at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School.
- Our Time is an affordable way to introduce your child to the classroom environment without the worry of being separated.
- It allows for the child to be comforted with a parent’s presence and prepare for entering Pre-K.
- Our Time is taught by Mrs. Sabina Lamb. Mrs. Lamb is also the leader of the Family Liturgy Music Ministry. Contact Sabina Lamb 781-9834

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School
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www.steas.com Call us at 785-5709
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.

Children 3 and up are invited to join us on Christmas Eve for the 4:00 PM Mass in the Church dressed as shepherds and angels. Arrive by 3:40 PM and gather downstairs in the Holy Family Chapel to line up. We will walk in the entrance procession to the altar then return to be seated with parents. St. Barnabas has many costumes that children can borrow for this Mass. Costumes can be returned to the Rectory the week after Christmas. A picture of a star will be given to parents to put on the pew next to them to reserve a seat for their child.

**Christmas Wafers**

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Saturday, December 24th, Christmas Eve**
4:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 10:00 PM & Midnight

*The 4:00 PM Mass will be celebrated in both the Church and the Holy Family Chapel.*

**Sunday, December 25th, Christmas Day**
7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM & 12 Noon

Remember your loved ones by having Poinsettias placed on the sanctuary this Christmas.

The offering is $15
Anointing of the Sick
The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will take place on Saturday, December 24th following the 8:00 AM Mass.

Thank You Angels
Thank you for your generous support of the St. Barnabas Angel Tag program. Please be sure to return your unwrapped gift to the rectory this week.

St. Vincent de Paul Society
In today’s Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.” The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like him: more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God. Jesus Christ being rich, became poor for our sake. We fully see Christ in the poor when we have seen God in Christ. The language of God at Christmas is one of love. We must continue learning the language of love, not only at Christmas, but throughout our lives. The language of the love draws us near to the poor. Please pray that God’s light will shine on the poor and needy this Christmas.

Friendly Seniors
The next meeting of the St. Barnabas Friendly Seniors will take place on Tuesday, December 20th at 1:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel.

Rosary Making Group
The Rosary Making Group welcomes new members. We meet every Wednesday, from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM in the school cafeteria. Please call Melissa at 221-9821 if you are interested in joining.

Blue Mass
Save the date. All police officers, firefighters and EMS personnel are cordially invited to attend our Blue Mass on Sunday, January 15th at 9:30 AM at St. Rose of Lima Church, Massapequa. Those who wish to attend in uniform are invited to participate in the opening procession, (please come 10 minutes early if you plan to do so.) A blessing of all emergency vehicles will take place. A reception with light refreshments will be held in the auditorium following the Mass. Please join us.

Respect Life
Something to think about - “I wish to restate as firmly as I can that abortion is a grave sin, since it puts an end to innocent life. In the same way, however, I can and must state that there is no sin that God’s mercy cannot reach and wipe away when it finds a repentant heart seeking to be reconciled with the Father.” Pope Francis, “Mercy and Misery”, Apostolic Letter, November 20, 2016.

March for Life Mission Statement - “The mission of the March for Life is to provide all Americans with a place to testify to the beauty of life and the dignity of each human person.” Please consider joining us on our bus trip to Washington, DC on Friday, January 27th to participate in this powerful, life-changing event. For details contact Vin Murray at 781-7846.

Spiritual Prayer Gift to the Infant Jesus

Infertility & Miscarriage
The Gianna Center for Women’s Health & Fertility at Good Samaritan Hospital provides general gynecological care, Fertility Care education, and infertility services - all with a deep commitment to honoring a woman’s dignity and the sanctity of human life. Comprehensive gynecologic primary care and specialized fertility and family planning techniques are used to unmask the causes of infertility for all women, regardless of faith. We are pleased to be the first medical practice in the community to feature two new women’s health services: Fertility Care Services and NaPro Technology. These two unique services allow us to provide you with a natural, restorative, scientifically
based approach to monitoring your health and managing your fertility. Call today (631)376-3232.

**St. Barnabas Choir**

The St. Barnabas Choir is seeking new members. Altos especially needed, but all voices are welcome. No audition required, just the desire to share your talents with our congregation. Rehearsals are Wednesday nights at 8:00 PM in the Church, and we sing at the 10:30 AM Sunday Masses in addition to some special events during the year. Call the rectory and ask for Bill Dione.

**Jesus Loves Me Medal**

First grade Daisies may earn the Jesus Loves Me Award, introducing them to the connection between scouting and their spiritual lives. Girls work with their families over a period of two to four months and receive their medals at Mass on Girl Scout Sunday. To register please contact Joan Monastero at monasteroj@verizon.net. Or call 783-8567.

**Cub Scout Fun & Faith Day**

Saturday, January 21st at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Brookville, 8:30 AM - 12 Noon. A special morning of prayer, handicrafts, games and a patch. For information contact the Catholic Scouting Office at 678-5800 ext. 245.

**Alzheimer’s & Dementia Assistance**

Caring for a loved with Alzheimer’s disease or another dementia can be very challenging and stressful. You don’t have to do it alone. Willing Hearts, Helpful Hands provides free in-home consultations, support groups, education and training programs, respite scholarships for in-home assistance, adult day services or overnight stays, access to volunteer caregiver companions and memory cafes. This initiative is supported, (in part) by a grant from the New York State Department of Health and by Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care and Rehabilitation. Services are free and available to anyone caring for a loved one with Alzheimer’s disease or other dementias living in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. For information call 586-1507.

**Help Wanted**

A Sacrament Program Administrator is needed at St. Raphael’s Parish in East Meadow. This is a full-time position, applicants should be pleasant and welcoming, a team player, and possess the ability to be self-motivated and flexible. Knowledge of the Catholic faith and its tenets is a plus. Computer skills are required - Microsoft Programs, and Internet. Send resume to KAL714@aol.com.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Attention married couples, looking for the perfect Christmas present? Give the gift of a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Give your spouse a gift like no other - time for each other, rediscover your love and enhance your hopes and dreams. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter is right in time for Valentine’s Day, February 10th - 12th at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington. Space is limited, for more information about the weekend or for reservations please call 1-877-697-9963 or visit www.wwme.org.
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Upcoming Dates

Monday, December 19
Last Monday Class before Christmas Break.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
December 20, 21 & 22 – NO CLASSES.

Monday, December 26
through Monday, January 2, 2017 – NO CLASSES

Tuesday, January 3 – Classes Resume

Tuesday, January 10 – Parents Night (7 – 8PM)
Nolan Reynolds, Campus Ministry at Holy Trinity
Diocesan High School is our guest speaker.

Monday, January 16 – NO CLASSES –
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

With the winter weather approaching we are looking for volunteers to help with the Religious Education Program.

We need Hall Monitors and Substitute Catechists to cover when someone calls in sick. Please contact the Office of Christian Formation (516) 785-0130 for more information.

Check the Religious Education website to keep up to date on what’s happening.

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

Tuesday, January 10th
7 to 8PM Holy Family Chapel

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

Presenter: Nolan Reynolds of the Campus Ministry at Holy Trinity Diocesan High School
Call 785-0130 to confirm
A Letter to the Parents and Guardians of the Confirmation Class of 2017

What an exciting year this is for you and your family! On Monday, May 22, 2017 your child will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Barnabas. The staff in the Office of Christian Formation, the leaders of "CHOSEN" and I, as your Pastor, look forward to sharing the day with you. Bishop Nelson Perez will be the Presider. Here are a few important things to consider:

1. Confirmation Retreat
The Confirmation retreat will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2017 in the Holy Family Chapel (Lower Church). Students are required to attend the entire retreat. At the retreat, your child will be measured for their Confirmation gown.

2. Rite of Enrollment
On the weekend of February 11 and February 12, all candidates are asked to attend any Mass at St. Barnabas and present a letter outlining their intention to receive the sacrament. Information about this letter will be distributed at the next Chosen class in January (Level 8 Wednesday, January 11 and Level 8 Thursday, January 5).

3. A Letter from the Candidate's Family and their Sponsor
This year we ask parents or family members and the sponsor to write a letter to the candidate to offer encouragement to them in their decision to follow Christ. The letter should outline the candidate's Christian qualities and offer them a word of hope.
for their future. Please make every effort to enclose ALL letters to the candidate when you return this Confirmation packet. Your letters will be distributed to them at their RITE OF ENROLLMENT at St. Barnabas on February 11 and 12. Please let the contents of these love letters be a delightful surprise for them.

4. Choose a Sponsor
Please ask your child's Confirmation sponsor to read and complete the enclosed form: Testimony of Designated Sponsor from the Diocese of Rockville Centre. The Confirmation sponsor should have this form signed by his or her own pastor in their own parish. Without this form, the Confirmation sponsor cannot serve as the candidate's sponsor. Even if the sponsor is a St. Barnabas parishioner, a Testimony of Designated Sponsor Form is needed.

5. Choose a Saint's Name
Please write the complete name of the saint that your child has selected as their Confirmation name. For example, if your child has selected St. Francis, please indicate St. Francis of Assisi or St. Francis de Sales. Later we will ask your child to write a report on that saint's life.

6. Confirmation Rehearsal
Confirmation candidates and their sponsor or parent are required to attend a brief mandatory rehearsal of the Confirmation. The Confirmation gowns and guest tickets will be distributed at the rehearsal.

7. St. Barnabas Parents Night
Thank you for assisting and supporting your child. The two most important ways you can help form your child in the Faith are to practice your faith and to pray. Regardless of your faith practice up to this point, God is calling you now to a deeper relationship with Him and His Church. Our faith-building nights for parents are meant to help you as parents grow in your faith.

8. Submission of the Confirmation Packet
Please do not submit the Confirmation packet to the Religious Education Office unless the forms and letters requested are completed and enclosed in this packet. Completed Confirmation packets will be gladly accepted prior to January 13.

May God Bless You and All Those You Love,

Rev. Adrian McHugh, Pastor

Important Dates

January 10, 2017
Parent’s Night

January 13, 2017
Confirmation Packet Due

Saturday, January 21, 2017
Confirmation Retreat

February 11 and 12
Attend Weekend Masses for the Rite of Enrollment

Monday, May 22, 2017
Sacrament of Confirmation
Dear Parishioners.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School is proud to honor the following exceptional people at the 2017 SEASon to Believe Gala.

Father Gregory Cappuccino – Pastor of St. Frances de Chantal
Laurie & Jim Graham – Faith Formation Committee
Laurie & John Murray Jr. – Faith Formation Committee
Lyn Ryan – Administrative Assistant to Ms. Graziose

As a permanent remembrance of each Gala, a 16 x 20 Scroll of Honor is professionally printed, framed and prominently displayed in the School’s lobby. The success of the Gala depends upon the generosity of our donors. Please consider purchasing a donation for the Scroll of Honor. The donation levels for the Scroll of Honor are:

**Grand Marquis** - $1,500
**Marquis** - $1,000 * **Diamond** - $500 * **Platinum** - $300
**Gold** - $200 * **Silver** - $125 * **Bronze** - $75

Please return the bottom half of this form with your level of donation.
If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Romanelli at 457-0558 or seasgalafeb@gmail.com. All Scroll donations need to be in by January 20, 2017.

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**SEASon to Believe Gala**

Attn: Stacy Romanelli

I would like to support the SEASon to Believe Gala. Please include the following business, family and/or group name on the Scroll of Honor. Enclosed is my check payable to SEAS in the amount of $____________________.

Business, family and/or group name as it is to appear on the Scroll:

____________________________________________ Please Print

Thank you,
SEAS Gala Committee
This Christmas season the Student Council organized a toy drive for The Maura Clarke - Ida Ford Center. The SEAS community donated hundreds of gifts to be distributed to impoverished children in our local communities. Thank you to the Student Council for helping us remember the reason for the season!

Thank you to everyone who came out to support SEAS at Barnes & Noble! Our students did a fantastic job showcasing their beautiful voices and recorder skills! Many thanks to Ms. Fogarty & Mrs. Cappiello for organizing the event which resulted in over $2,000 in sales!

**Christmas Card Raffle**

Give the gift of chance to your family, friends, teachers, etc. during this Christmas Season!

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Thank you Ms. Wilken’s class for hosting our second Advent Prayer Service!
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Lord, I pray that Christmas would not sneak up on me this year. I don't want to arrive on Christmas morning with only my gifts wrapped and tasks accomplished. I want a heart that is full and prepared for Your coming. Help me this season to be active in waiting for You. Give me eyes to see, ears to hear, and a heart to understand the signs, beauty, and wonder of the One I am waiting for. This season, give me an awareness of the carols, the cards, and the people around me. Remind me of the truths of Christmas: with You all things are possible, even when I am like Zechariah and Mary with hearts that don't understand. When Your promises seem impossible. God, remind me once again "with God all things are possible." This Christmas, fill my heart with the Christmas message. Don't let fear, pain, sadness steal Your promises. I want to celebrate You as a promise-making and promise-keeping God.
Joseph and Mary were to be married. Mary was going to have a baby, through the Holy Spirit. Joseph did not understand.

The angel said, “Do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife. She will give birth to a son.”

Use the code to fill in the missing letters.

\[ \text{Heart} = A \quad \text{Star} = E \quad \text{Cross} = I \quad \text{Cup} = O \]
What did Joseph do when he woke up from his dream?

Find your way through the maze. Read the words along the correct path.

BEGIN from to them exclaiming
He came God who
off to loves all
the took Jesus became
a Mary lamb
Jerusalem taught made
back and while
forgive sinners to traveled gave nights
for until She sought
long wife. slept
home
day
his
him. stopped
God came him. And this day
just ends all
through teaching
voice without
name for
he the
truth
will
Jesus, gave
Jesus.”

Find out what the angel said. Begin at the START. Read every other letter, starting with D. Write the letters on the lines.

- grl + -ouse+
- tch + -dot
+ -purs +
- umbrela = *

This word means “God with us.”
*In some Bible versions, this name is spelled starting with an “E”.

What else did the angel say?

Use this code to find out.

- star
- dow
- star
- ah
- hom
- e
- lo
- j
- v
- g
- e
- l
- s
- b
- a
- c
- w
- i
- t
- f
- y
- d
- n
- p
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1. Faith  
   Father God, it is by Your grace we have been saved, and through our faith - this is not from ourselves, but a gift from you - not by our works. Ephesians 2:8-9

2. Hope  
   May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in Hope. Romans 15:4

3. Love  
   Help us to love because You first loved us. 1 John 4:19

4. Forgiveness  
   Thank you for being faithful and just in forgiving us our sins and thus purifying us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

5. Mercy  
   Let us be merciful, just as our Father is merciful. Luke 6:36

6. Kindness  
   Let us be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as through Jesus, You forgave us. Ephesians 4:32

7. Generosity  
   Let us be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, and to give the glory and thanks to you Lord! 2 Corinthians 9:11

8. Compassion  
   Let us live in harmony with one another, be sympathetic and compassionate, love as brothers, and be humble. 1 Peter 3:8

9. Joy  
   Let us be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12

10. Salvation  
    Thank you for providing Jesus who is the way, the truth, the life and the only way to You. John 14:6

11. Obedience  
    Help us to not merely listen to Your Word, and so deceive ourselves. Help us do what it says. James 1:22-25

12. Life  
    Thank you for coming that we may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10