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

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

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

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

**Sacrament of Matrimony:**
Contact the Rectory for Information.

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(516) 785-5709

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Mrs. Marjorie Lampert
(516) 785-0130

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Mrs. Alice Witt
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**Music Ministry**
Mr. William R. Dione

**Business & Personnel**
Mr. John G. Nappi

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**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
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Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Priest Emergency**
(516) 590-9981

**Maintenance & Security Cell:**
(516) 808-5491

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**December 22, 2019**
# Fourth Week of Advent

## Sunday Readings

**Hymnal # 792**

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.

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THE ST. BARNABAS CHRISTMAS EVE DEAL

Advent is the time of great anticipation. I have to say among the seasons of year in terms of beauty and radiance, Christmas comes first. Although the Easter Vigil is the solemn day of the entire year, the beauty of Christmas radiates from Churches to our homes.

We are now so near to the great joy of Christmas. I remember years with Fr. Sean and our classmates from the seminary when we went to the Holy Land. We visited so many sacred sites including Bethlehem. I will never forget singing Adeste Fideles at the spot where the Blessed Virgin Mary gave birth to Jesus Christ.

What is amazing is that Bethlehem comes to us at the altar of God. We are truly with Jesus in the Eucharist. As Christ was born completely vulnerable as an infant, in the Mass Jesus comes to us vulnerable in the appearance of bread and allows Himself to come into our souls.

Yet what can stop a soul from coming to Him is if the person is not in the state of grace. In this parish I never want this to be the case. I urge you with all my heart if you are in need of going to confession or you have not gone in quite a while, please go during these next few days. I myself will go to confession before Christmas approaches. The greatest thing you can offer Jesus is your sins and He in return gives you His mercy through the sacrament of confession.

As it very understandable one can be afraid or reluctant to go to confession and it’s been years since they have last gone. My pastor told me that these people are friends of the Blessed Mother. Our Blessed Mother has a tender love for these people. If you haven’t gone to confession in years, and you are nervous or afraid in doing so, 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.

There will be confessions available on Monday at 7:00 PM and then plenty of time on Tuesday. On Tuesday, Christmas Eve, Confessions are from 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Make this your Christmas Eve gift to Jesus.

On Christmas Eve, Father Sean and I will be in the confessionals. If you come to either of us, we will only give one Hail Mary for your penance. Father Sean calls it the St. Barnabas Deal! How good of a deal it is!

On behalf of the priests and staff of the parish, I wish you all a blessed Christmas to you and your loved ones. May the Infant Jesus fill your hearts with joy and peace.

In Jesus and Mary,
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

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.
We Pray for Our Deceased
Viola Young

**Bread & Wine**
Is offered in memory of Stephen A. Clifford from the Clifford and McGuire Families.

**Sanctuary Lamp**
Is lit in loving memory of Kenneth Wood.

**Advent Wreath Candles**
The Fourth Candle on the Advent Wreath is lit in loving memory of Donald Williams.

**Christmas Candles**
Are lit in memory of:
Brian Dione,
Deceased Members of the Clifford and McGuire Families,
Donald Williams,
Rita and Frank Mistretta.

We Pray for Our Sick
Babies Grayson & Gavin Pierre, Baby James Masiar.

**The Week Ahead**

**Monday:**
7:30 PM  Charismatic Prayer Group, HFC

**Tuesday:**
Rectory Closed - Christmas Eve
3:00 PM- 7:00 PM  Adoration, Church
6:30 PM- 7:00 PM  Confessions, Church

**Wednesday:**
Rectory Closed - Christmas Day

**Thursday:**
Rectory Closed
7:00 PM  Young Adult Social, HFC

**Saturday:**
8:00 AM  Anointing, Church

**Sunday:**
7:30 PM  Al Anon, School

**Catholic Ministries Appeal**
Goal: $108,900  Donors: 427
Pledged: $97,741
Received: $95,059
Holy Hour
For college students ages 18-21

At St. Barnabas the Apostle
2320 Bedford Ave. Bellmore, NY

On Dec. 26, 2019
The feast of St. Stephen
At 7:00pm
Social to follow in the lower church
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!

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.

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.
- 4th Sunday of Advent (December 22nd) - bar soap, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant
Donations can be left in the Church Lobby near the Tree of Life or brought to the Rectory Office. Thank you!

Christmas Gift Giving
Gift giving and gift receiving are meant to remind us of the real meaning behind our celebration of Christmas - God’s priceless gift of His Son, Jesus. And, since that time that Mary and Joseph wandered homeless in Bethlehem, providing for the needy has been a tradition. So, again this year, our parish will make available Christmas Gift Tags, each carrying the name of a gift needed by someone in our community. You are invited to take home a tag or two during this weekend. Please

The Parish of St. Barnabas the Apostle presents....

“The Story of the First Christmas”

Sunday, December 22nd, 2019 at 3:00 PM
Our Mission is to Encourage Evangelize & Educate

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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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. 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.

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 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.

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 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
Give your spouse a special gift this Christmas 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 wwwmenyli.org.
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.
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.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The gospel for this Fourth Sunday of Advent helps us to reflect on the relationship between Jesus’ conception by the Holy Spirit and His birth, as both are clothed in the mystery of God’s revelation and presence to us. Two names are given the One incarnated in Mary’s womb: JESUS meaning “God saves the people from sins” and EMMANUEL, meaning “God is with us.” The names reveal that the presence of God among us is experienced most profoundly in the forgiveness of our sins. This is the deepest mystery that we celebrate as we see how the joy of Christmas connects and points to the triumph of Easter. The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a
mystery of love. The language of God at Christmas is one of love, of humility and of simplicity. As we prepare for Christmas let us pray for the poor and lonely, that God’s light may shine on them and grant them a better life. The members of St. Vincent de Paul would like to wish you all a Holy and a Merry Christmas. Thank you for all your help.

The Men of the Way of Light

“Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which He blesses the entire world.” - St. Teresa of Avila

Several weeks ago, I drove away with my cell phone atop my car. It was only when I accelerated entering the parkway a few miles away that it finally fell off! Thanks to the “Find My” app on my wife’s phone, I found it a few hours later up on the grass along Wantagh Parkway with not a scratch on it! Definitely a minor miracle! I thanked God for my good fortune! “Thank You, God, for all I have!” Kidding around, I added, “Let me know if there is something I can do for you!”

The next day, my son and I attended the Met game at Citi Field where we were treated to a Met win and an Alonso homerun! Our train was delayed and we missed our connection at Jamaica, so we headed to the waiting room. As I sat down, I noticed a cell phone on my seat! It was NOT a coincidence that I found this phone! I returned it to the last caller. It turned out to be the sister of the owner. I learned that the owner was a teenager, an unwed mother who had given birth only a few weeks before. They were so happy that the phone was found! I got their address and offered to return it to them the next day.

“OK, God, there is a reason you led me to this phone, isn’t there?” The next day, I contacted the sister to let her know I was on my way. The sister, a single parent, was also caring for her grandparents and special needs son! She told me that even though they had little room, she took in her sister and baby when the boyfriend had thrown them out. Apparently, he had dropped her off at the abortion clinic three separate times and told her not to come home with the baby. She had the baby anyway.

I arrived at the address, a very poor area of Section 8 housing in Far Rockaway. The young mother, “Vanny” met me outside. I gave her the phone and she was very thankful! It was a kindness that was contradictory to her life experiences. I began to walk away, but something made me turn and ask, “Can I see the baby?” She smiled and brought out this beautiful baby boy, Jayden! My heart melted! I asked her why she chose not to have the abortion that her boyfriend had been telling her to get. She said that something inside her just knew it was wrong. With tears in my eyes, I told her that she was precious in God’s eyes and that she was made in His image and given the knowledge of right and wrong in her heart. I told her that she was listening to God inside her. We
prayed right there, on the stoop of a dilapidated building in Queens. I told her that I put my number in her phone and that she could contact me if she needed anything.

As a Catholic, we are pro-life. And we are also called to help those in need! Two days later, I received a text that there was not enough food. I brought the problem to the Men of the Way of Light, the men’s faith group here at St. Barnabas and they quickly raised money for food. I went shopping and the next day, two of us delivered the food and diapers. With the approaching winter, they were also desperately in need of warm baby clothes. I brought this problem to our parish’s chapter of Catholic Daughters. In a few weeks they gathered several bins, bags and boxes of new clothes, diapers and wipes! They also donated several gift cards! Their generosity has been overwhelming!

I communicate with the new mother every day. She has never had Jesus in her life before, and it is very hard for her to comprehend the concept of charity given her street life experiences. She wants to become Catholic and she wants the baby to be baptized! I know she has done the hard thing, the brave thing and the right thing. We will continue to support her in any way we can.

The whole experience has changed me. I am much more aware of just how much I’ve been blessed! And I am even more aware of those so close around us who have very little. I share this story for many reasons. One, is to bring attention to the good and generous people of St. Barnabas Parish and the incredible faith-in-action groups that are available here. Get involved! Join one! But I also challenge everyone to find that goodness that God placed lovingly in each of us, and to use it to go beyond your norms to spread that goodness, to be Jesus’ hands and feet! Wishing you all a Blessed Christmas! – The Men of the Way of Light

Typewriter Needed

We are looking for a donation of a working electric typewriter with correction ribbon. Please contact the Rectory.

Religion and Rock

Tune into “Religion and Rock” with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 FM on Long Island’s East End. Listen on Saturdays at 11:00 PM on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11:00 PM on XM Satellite, Channel 117. To listen online or receive more information regarding Religion and Rock go to www.ReligionandRock.com or at “Religion & Rock” on iTunes. Don’t forget to tune into CATHOLIC FAITH NETWORK, Cablevision Channel 29/137 or Verizon Fios 296 or visit www.cfntv.org!
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.

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.

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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

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Thank you to all of Santa’s Little Helpers who worked so hard to make this year’s Breakfast with Santa the best year yet! Students, families, parishioners, and community members enjoyed this annual SEAS tradition together! It started with breakfast shared together, followed by crafts, and a photo with Santa! Missed it this year? Don’t worry, watch your bulletin next December for Breakfast with Santa 2020!
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.
We belong to Jesus Christ.

Finish the picture of yourself.

I belong to Jesus Christ!

Jesus Christ Our Lord

Jesus was promised through the prophets in the Holy Scriptures.

Trace the names of some of the prophets.

Isaiah, Jeremiah, Micah

Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus Christ is our Lord.

Match the words to the shapes. Then write the letters inside the matching shapes.

Jesus  Lord

Son of  God

Lord

We are called to be obedient and to have faith.

Find these hidden objects.
Finally, it was time for the important event to take place!

Fit one of the following letters in each of the blanks to finish the words. (Hint: The letters are NOT listed in order.)

A K A A A A A E E E E E E E E H H H H N N N N S S S S S

Mary gave birth
to __ s o__ A d

Joseph gave __ v__ e

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But an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. What did the angel say?

"Joseph son of David,
do not be ___ to her, for she is pregnant by the Holy Spirit. She needs your help.
The ___ inside her is from the Holy Spirit. She ___ and you are ___ and ___ the ___ Jesus, because
He will ___ His people from their ___ ."

What happened next?

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This is how the birth of Jesus, the Messiah, came about. His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.

Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

Connect the dots from 1 to 40.