Keep Christ in CHRISTMAS

23 December 2018
### St. Barnabas the Apostle

**Monday, December 24**  
- **Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
  - Fr. Michael: 6:30 AM  
  - Fr. Kevin: 9:00 AM

**Monday, December 24**  
- **Christmas Eve**  
  - Fr. Adrian: 4:00 PM Church  
  - Fr. Michael: 4:00 PM HFC  
  - Fr. Kevin: 6:00 PM  
  - Fr. Adrian: 10:00 PM  
  - Fr. Michael: 12:00 AM

**Tuesday, December 25**  
- **Christmas Day**  
  - Fr. Kevin: 7:00 AM  
  - Fr. Adrian: 9:00 AM  
  - Fr. Michael: 10:30 AM  
  - Fr. Adrian: 12:00 PM

**Wednesday, December 26**  
- **Saint Stephen**  
  - Fr. Adrian: 6:30 AM  
  - Fr. Michael: 9:00 AM  
  - Fr. Michael: 10:00 AM  
  - Fr. Adrian: 12:00 PM

**Thursday, December 27**  
- **Saint John**  
  - Fr. Kevin: 6:30 AM  
  - Fr. Michael: 9:00 AM  
  - Fr. Michael: 10:30 AM  
  - Fr. Adrian: 12:00 PM

**Friday, December 28**  
- **The Holy Innocents**  
  - Fr. Adrian: 6:30 AM  
  - Fr. Kevin: 9:00 AM  
  - Fr. Michael: 10:30 AM  
  - Fr. Adrian: 12:00 PM

**Saturday, December 29**  
- **Fifth Day Within the Octave**  
  - Fr. Michael: 8:00 AM  
  - Fr. Adrian: 4:30 PM  
  - Fr. Michael: 7:00 PM  
  - Fr. Michael: 5:00 PM

**Sunday, December 30**  
- **The Holy Family**  
  - Fr. Adrian: 7:00 AM  
  - Fr. Kevin: 9:00 AM  
  - Fr. Adrian: 10:15 AM  
  - Fr. Michael: 10:30 AM  
  - Fr. Kevin: 12:00 PM  
  - Fr. Michael: 1:30 PM  
  - Fr. Michael: 5:00 PM

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**Contact the Rectory for information on the Sacrament of Matrimony**

- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School  
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  516-785-5709

- St. Barnabas Christian Formation  
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  **Mr. William R. Dione**

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

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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  
  - Confessions Saturday 12:30 PM  

- Baptisms are celebrated on Saturday at 11:30 AM and Sunday at 1:30 PM when the Church is available

- The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is celebrated on the fourth Saturday after 8:00 AM Mass

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**Other Information**

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**Office Hours**

- Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
  (Closed Weekdays: 12:30-1:30 PM)  
  Saturday & Sunday: 9 AM to 1 PM

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**Rectory Address**

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On July 14, 1789, Jean Lenoir, a cobbler living in an obscure street of Paris wrote in his diary:

"Nothing of importance happened today." Just a short distance away was the Bastille. On that very day a mob had stormed it, killed troops, freed prisoners, destroyed the building, and started the French Revolution. That event changed the whole life of France, but Jean Lenoir missed it.

Too often this is the way it is with us at Christmas. Christmas comes and we are busy with the details of preparing for a holiday. The festivities are nice, but they pass into New Year's Day without our ever getting around to considering the revolutionary impact Christmas has had on the world. But a definite person, Jesus, was born in a definite place, Bethlehem, at a definite time in the past, when Herod was King in Jerusalem. That coming was so inconspicuous that had Jean Lenoir been living in that area, he would no doubt have written, "Nothing of importance happened today."

But something was happening: God was reaching down into our world and offering hope. In the coming of Christ, to which we look back every Christmas, God was attempting to capture our attention. Christmas is God's own doing, and we do well to look back to it. God has caused the light of divine love to shine upon the world through the birth of a child in a stable. Thereafter, through all the centuries of time, people have stood in humility and awe at the remembrance of that event, as we do today.

So, thank you for being here in St. Barnabas today. Let us not be content with a remembrance of what God has done; but let us see it as an evidence of what God is doing now in our lives; let us receive it as a pledge of what God has in mind for the future that is unfolding before us every day. Wishing you, and all those you love, a very Merry Christmas. Fr. Adrian.
We Pray for Our Deceased
Elizabeth Maiorana
Susan Margaret Giugliano
Jennifer Lynn Bonavita
Argeo DeRossi
John Plattner

Advent Wreath Candles
The Fourth Candle on the Advent Wreath is lit in loving memory of Brian Dione.

Christmas Candles
Are lit in memory of:
Dorothy C. Camilleri,
Donald Williams,
Brian Dione
The Carney, Gerbosi & Mistretta Families.

We Pray for Our Sick

Sisters of St. Barnabas
Intention
We pray, to AWAKEN to the divine plan that, “Christ not only comes down, but also emerges from deep within us” to give us Christmas.

Bread and Wine
Is offered in memory of Elizabeth Mavellia from Angela Curro.

Sanctuary Lamp
Is lit in memory of Thomas F. Delaney from the Delaney Family.

Our Finances
12/16/18: $17,815
12/17/17: $16,245
Families Registered: 5,083
Envelopes Mailed: 1,451
Used: 12/16/18: 597
12/17/17: 605

Catholic Ministries Appeal
Goal: $108,900
Donors: 635
Pledged: $118,031
Received: $116,209

Special Collections
January 13th
Maintenance & Repair.
We have currently reached 65% of our goal to replace the boiler in the Convent! Many thanks to all our parishioners.
Altar Servers
If you are available to serve at the Christmas Masses, please contact the Rectory Office at 785-0054. The Mass times are Monday, 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. Thank you.

Christmas Eve - 4:00 PM Mass
At the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass in the Church children are invited to come dressed as angels and shepherds and are welcome to participate in the Entrance Procession. Children will remain seated with their families until the start of the Mass when an announcement will be made to have children line up in the back of the church. Please arrive early, as this Mass tends to fill up quickly.

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 weekend of Advent it would be helpful to fill our pantry shelves and provide for our needy families. Many thanks and blessings.

4th Sunday of Advent (December 23rd) -
toothpaste, bar soap, shampoo/conditioner
Donations can be left in the church lobby near the Tree of Life. Thank you.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
The gospel for this Fourth Sunday of Advent presents us with the meeting of two pregnant women, one older but no wiser about such things than the other quite young mother - to - be for this was the first child for both. Such a meeting! As we remember these two mothers who shouldn’t be mothers, their two impossible children, and above all, their faith in their inexplicable God - who is also ours - lets us ask them to share that faith with us. Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. The Savior of the world comes for the people in dark places. The real, lasting and deep joy is that the Light shines there. Through your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, “Light” has shown, bringing real, lasting and deep joy to the hearts of the poor who live in dark places in our streets and neighborhood.

Date of Confirmation
The Diocese have informed us that Bishop Andrzej will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Barnabas on Monday, May 20th, 2019 at 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Please keep all our Confirmation
Our Mission is to Encourage Evangelize & Educate

candidates in your prayers.
Candidates are asked to return their forms on January 2nd and 3rd, when the Chosen class resumes for Level 8.
The Confirmation Retreat will be held on Saturday, January 26th.
All candidates are invited to attend the Rite of Enrollment at any Mass in St. Barnabas on the weekend of February 2nd & 3rd.
Reconciliation will be held on the evenings of Wednesday March 13th and Thursday March 14th.

St. Barnabas Pre-Cana
OPENING: JAN. 27th Sunday, 6PM Holy Family Chapel. FOCUS ON LINE: JAN. 28th THRU FEB. 1st. FOCUS REVIE W: FEB. 4th THRU FEB. 8th.
PRE CANA IN HOME: FEB. 10th THRU MAR. 24th.
CLOSING: APR. 7th SUNDAY, 5PM MASS followed by refreshments in the Holy Family Chapel.

Charismatic Prayer Group
Our meetings are held every Monday in the Holy Family Chapel from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM. Coffee and cake are served after every meeting. For more information, call Ellen O’Malley at 221-0574. No meeting on Monday, December 24th.

Camp Registration
Camp Fatima for boys and Camp Bernadette for girls are now accepting registrations for the 2019 summer season. The camps, located in the Lakes Region of NH, offer 2-week overnight sessions for children ages 6 - 15. Round trip bus transportation is available out of Long Island. For more information or to request a brochure, contact Brendan Stackhouse at (603) 364-5851 or email Brendan@bfcamp.com, or visit and register online at www.bfcamp.com. Please don’t wait as sessions fill quickly. The gift of a summer camp experience could be the ideal Christmas present for your child or grandchild.

Focus on Religious Freedom
“Oh come let us adore Him” in a manger, come to save us Christ the King. God’s gift to each man...life, liberty, and the freedom to choose to follow Him. America’s promise to each citizen...the freedom to follow one’s conscience and practice one’s faith in service to God. Merry Christmas!

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.

Bereavement Support Groups
Good Shepherd Hospice Bereavement Services are open to anyone in the community who has experienced a loss through death, at no charge.

Upcoming Bereavement Support Groups, led by a Bereavement Specialist, include:
· Spousal/Partner Loss Support Group (Afternoons) - January 15, 2019 - March 5, 2019 at 12 Noon.
· Spousal/Partner Loss Support Group (Evenings) -
January 16, 2019 - March 6, 2019 from 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM.
· Adult Loss of a Parent or Sibling Loss Support Group - January 16, 2019 - March 6, 2019 from 6:45 PM - 8:15 PM.
Groups are held at Mercy Medical Center, 1000 North Village Ave., Rockville Center. Registration required. Please call (631) 828-7631.

March for Life 2019
Save the Date! March for Life 2019 - January 18, 2019. 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.

Regular Sacrificial Giving
You can 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 your weekly collection donation indicated. Include your Name, Address & Envelope Number.

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.
Christmas 2018

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

Merry Christmas to you and your families! Christmas is a powerful time of unity and communion for our families, and every Christmas is a time for our families to open even more deeply to the healing and transforming power of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of the Holy Family.

The Holy Family not only transformed but revolutionized the world and history through humility, poverty, adoration, and trust in the plan of God, and a complete dedication to the Glory of God.

Mary’s silent adoration and awe teaches us to see through everyday human events and appearances to the presence of Christ in every situation. Joseph teaches us rock solid trust and bold docility in the shifting terrain and unexpected events of daily life. The shepherds teach us simplicity, humility and reverent adoration. The Infant Prince of Peace teaches us that God’s Mercy is the beating heart of the Gospel and the beating heart of the Crèche scene. Mercy is the Foundation of the Church’s mission to the world.

We approach the Prince of Peace this Christmas for special gifts of peace in our families, special gifts of peace for our Church and special gifts of peace for the World.

In the Mystery of the Nativity, we marvel and give Glory to God with the Shepherds and the Wise Men. We realize in the image of a poor, homeless family and the image of a poor, vulnerable baby that God’s logic in the Incarnation overturns and confounds the narrow logic of human power and calculation. “Families transform the world and history.”

The Holy Family continues to transform our marriages and our families – right in our daily experiences of the joys, crosses, crises and the unresolved issues of every marriage and every family in a fallen world. In the midst of the weaknesses and failures of daily family life, we remember the Glory of God that radiates from the manger lifting our families, despite their daily imperfections, to transform the world and history through faith, holiness and a missionary spirit.

When we pray and meditate on the Crèche at Christmas, we experience a spiritual rebirth and fresh insights into our daily family routine and our daily family spiritual, emotional and relational patterns. We allow the rubs of sin and selfishness in our families to be purified with daily patterns of prayer, grace and conversion. We remember that personal conversion sends ripple effects throughout a family.

The Crèche leads us to a deep experience of Mercy and Forgiveness in our families. And we remember that the confessional in our churches are “Doors of Mercy” and forgiveness for our families. I invite you to take advantage of the gift of reconciliation by participating in the confessions offered at your parish during this holy season.

During this Christmas season, I want to thank you and your families for transforming the world and history with Christ’s love.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ John O. Barres
Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

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The Christmas Crib
Manger, Nativity Scene or Crèche

What is it?
A depiction of the scene of the birth of Jesus in a manger in Bethlehem.

DID YOU KNOW?
St. Francis of Assisi made the Christmas crib popular and turned it into a familiar part of Christian homes around the world. He presented a Bethlehem scene with live animals on Christmas Eve in 1223 in Greccio, Italy.

“I wish to recall to memory the little child who was born in Bethlehem. I want to set before our bodily eyes the hardship of his infant needs, how he lay in the manger, how with an ox and ass standing by, he lay upon the hay.”
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

The preparation of the Nativity scene at home is a wonderful opportunity for family prayer!

TIP #1: Include a reading from St. Luke’s account of the birth of Christ
Our Saviour is coming
Luke 1:28-33
Bethlehem
Luke 2:1-5
Birth of Jesus
Luke 2:6-7
The Shepherds & Angels
Luke 2:8-20

TIP #2: Sing an Advent hymn or a Christmas carol
O Come All Ye Faithful Joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem. Come and behold Him, Born the King of Angels; O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

TIP #3: Say prayers of petition and praise
Let us praise our Lord Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world, who was born for our salvation.
Glory to God in the highest!

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How to create a "holy family" without killing each other in the process

St. Barnabas Parents Talk

January 15th @ 7 PM
Holy Family Chapel with Deacon Kevin McCormack

Deacon Kevin is the Principal of Xaverian and for the last 16 years, a deacon assigned to Our Lady of Peace in Lynbrook. Kevin was a adjunct Professor at Molloy College for over 30 years and was the co-host of WABC's Religion on the Line for over 12 years. He continues to give parish retreats, days of reflection, and study days throughout the metropolitan area. He and his wife Gina have 4 adult children and live in Lynbrook.
New Hymnals
TO BE MEMORIALIZED

Thank you for sponsoring our new hymnals. Your dedication will be placed inside the cover and names will continue to be published in the bulletin. We still have some hymnals that need to be memorialized.

Contact the rectory office.

Phone 516 785 0054

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The new hardcover books contain all the hymns we regularly use at Mass as well as readings for the three year cycle. Having permanent hymnals is a cost saver as the paperbacks had to be replaced every year. Thank you for your generous support.
The First Noel

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Odie & Jude Netto
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Odie & Jude Netto
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Mary & Bill Galluccio
Mary & Bill Galluccio
Mary & Bill Galluccio
Mary & Bill Galluccio
Mary & Bill Galluccio
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James & Colleen Mesmer
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Coleen Resnick
MariPat Cook & Family
Dan Campbell & Family
John Campbell & Family
Ann Marie Mahon

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Upcoming Workshops

Bereavement Ministry
Facilitator Training Level II
Saints Peter & Paul Parish, Manville
Starting January 5, 2019
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Serie de Enriquecimiento para Catequistas
Basílica de los Sagrados Corazones de Jesús y María, Southamptom
A partir del 17 de enero de 2019
6:30 p.m. a 8:30 p.m.

RCIA Nivel I
Basílica de los Sagrados Corazones de Jesús y María, Southamptom
Starting January 13, 2019
2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Catechist Enrichment Series
Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Southamptom
Starting January 17, 2019
6:30 p.m. a 8:30 p.m.

Mardi Gras
Prayer Service & Brunch
St. Frances de Chantal Parish, Wantagh
February 2, 2019
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Ministry Of Consolation: Part 1
Maria Regina, Seaford
Starting March 5, 2019
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

RCIA
Enrichment Day
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington
March 19, 2019
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

For more information or to register online, please visit www.drvc-faith.org

FOLLOWING WEEKS

FOCUS Facilitator Training
Two Day Session
Saint Kilian, Farmingdale
Starting January 7, 2019
6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
One Day Session
Saint Kilian, Farmingdale
January 12, 2019
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Bible How To
St. Patrick, Huntington
January 10, 2019
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
OR
St. Francis Cabrini, Coram
February 2, 2019
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
OR
Our Lady of Grace, Babylon
March 28, 2019
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Divorce & Beyond Support Group
St. Patrick Parish, Smithtown
Starting January 23, 2019
7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Preparación para el Bautismo
Entrainamiento para Facilitadores Nivel I
Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Deer Park
A partir del 5 de marzo de 2019
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Baptism Preparation
Facilitator Training Level I
Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Deer Park
Starting March 5, 2019
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Un Dia de Retiro para los Electos
Seminario de la Inmaculada Concepción, Huntington
31 de marzo, 2019
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

SOLEMNITIES AND OTHER DAYS OF NOTE 2019

February 2, Presentation of the Lord (Feast)
March 6, Ash Wednesday
March 19, St. Joseph (Solemnity)
March 25, Annunciation (Solemnity)
April 21, Easter Sunday (Solemnity)
June 9, Pentecost (Solemnity)
June 23, Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord (Solemnity)
Since the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated on June 28, 2019, the Memorial of Saint Ireneus, Bishop and Martyr, is omitted this year.
June 16, Most Holy Trinity (Solemnity)
June 24, Nativity of John the Baptist (Solemnity)
June 28, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Solemnity)
June 29, Saints Peter and Paul (Solemnity)
Since the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles, is celebrated on June 29, 2019, the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary is omitted this year.
August 15, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity, Obligation)
November 1, All Saints’ Day (Solemnity, Holy Day of Obligation)
November 2, All Souls’ Day
Masses of the Day are celebrated for All Souls; Saturday evening Masses remain vigils for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time.
November 24, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Solemnity)

December 9th, Immaculate Conception (Solemnity, NOT a Holy Day of Obligation)
Since December 8, 2019, is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9, 2019. The obligation to attend Mass, however, does not transfer. The Optional Memorial of Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, December 9, is omitted this year. Evening Masses on Sunday, December 8th, are for the Second Sunday of Advent to allow the faithful to fulfill their Sunday obligation.

FORMED PICK

The Story of the Nativity

Explore the Birth of Christ
This fast-paced look at the true story of the Nativity clears away misunderstandings about Jesus’s origin and is invaluable for learning more about the truth of Christmas. Explore the true story of Mary and Joseph, Jesus’s miraculous conception, the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, the Star of Bethlehem, and more.

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“I LOVE the biblical referencing tying the Old and New Testaments together.”
—Sandy S., Eustis, FL
The purpose of this lesson is to instill a hunger in the heart of your teen to get to know God (and not simply about God) through prayer. As St. Therese of Lisieux observed in her Autobiography, “For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy” (CCC 2558).

Our Catholic tradition has many different ways to approach God in prayer, including verbal prayer (both spontaneous and drawn from the treasury of the saints), meditation, and contemplation (see CCC 2700-2719). Through prayers of blessing and adoration, petition (also called supplication), intercession, thanksgiving, and praise, we experience God both through personal prayer and as a people of God, especially in the liturgy (see CCC 2626-2643).

Conversation Starters
Do you pray regularly? How and when?
Why is it important to pray every day and not just when you have a problem?

The purpose of this lesson is to convey the truth about what happens after death, sometimes called the “four last things”: death, judgment, heaven, and hell (see CCC 1021-1041). We will consider the destiny of not only the individual, but of the whole human race, which will be revealed at the Second Coming of Christ—the resurrection of the dead, the Last Judgment, and the triumph of the kingdom of God in a new heaven and a new earth. While the subject of life after death makes some people uncomfortable, God in his great mercy reveals these truths to us for two reasons: first, to give us a chance to prepare ourselves for that final journey, and second, so that each day we will “remember death” (memento mori)—full of the hope that each day brings us closer to attaining the end for which we were created: lifelong union with God. We also focus on this because, much like the end of a physical journey dictates the direction we should drive, the glory to which every person on earth is called reveals how we should live our lives here and now.
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).

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 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 10:15 Mass & Class are held on January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12 and June 9. (Class will be held after the 10:30 Mass on July 14, August 11 and September 8, 2019). We return to the 10:15 Mass for October 13, November 11, December 8, 2019.

Available Dates

December 2018:
Saturday 29

January 2019:
Saturday 5, 19
Sunday 6, 27

February 2019:
Saturday 2, 16
Sunday 10, 24

March 2019:
Saturday 2, 23
Sunday 10, 31

April 2019:
Saturday 6, 13
Sunday 7, 28

May 2019:
Sunday only 5, 19

June
Saturday 8, 22
Sunday 16, 23

July
Saturday 6, 13
Sunday 21, 28
Confirmation will be celebrated on May 20th.

If you have not come in to sign for and pick up your “Parent Safety Guide” you can do so when you drop off or pick up your child OR come to the Religious Education Office.

With the cold weather upon us, we are in need of Adult Volunteers to sub when the catechist cannot come in as well as Hall Monitors to help maintain the safety in the building.

Days and times of classes: Monday - Thursday from 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 2, 2019!

Reminder: We cannot allow anyone into the building during class time that is not a volunteer - doors will open at 5:30 PM for dismissal.

This Christmas we rejoice in the birth of our Lord and Savior as we welcome Him into our hearts, families, and homes. As we celebrate His birth and as we enter this new year, I encourage you to think about joining our youth group. With Cure of Ars in Merrick, we have a vibrant group as we grow closer to Jesus and learn to know Him more. Our Middle School meets on the second Sunday every month here at St. Barnabas and our High School students meet every third Sunday at Cure of Ars in Merrick. Our next Middle School Youth Group meeting will be Sunday, January 13th. I encourage those in 6th-8th grade to join us and bring a friend or two! If you have any questions, please email me at stbyouth17@gmail.com.

Wishing you all a Blessed and Happy Christmas,
Kieran Maelia, Youth Minister
Be Still and Know

Unto Us a Child is Born

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2019
January 27 - February 2
#CSW19

We are a Regional Catholic School serving our five parishes: St. Barnabas, Cure of Ars, St. Raphael, St. Frances de Chantal, and Sacred Heart.

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Mary Visits Elizabeth

Mary went to visit her cousin, Elizabeth.

Help Mary get to Elizabeth's house.

Later, Elizabeth gave birth to John and Mary gave birth to Jesus.

Trace the babies’ names.

Mary and Jesus

Elizabeth and John

When Elizabeth saw Mary, Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Follow the lines. Print the letters in the shapes.

Elizabeth told Mary, “You are blessed.”

Connect the dots.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
Thank you, God, for Jesus.
ACROSS
2. To accept as true
3. The mother of John the Baptist
6. The mother of Jesus
7. To agree to do something for someone in the future

DOWN
1. Highly favored by God
2. An infant; a young child
4. The place where a person lives
5. The feeling of great happiness

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ELIZABETH  FULFILL  FILLED  GREETING  BELIEVE
BLESSED     CHILD    PROMISE  LEAPED   JUDEA
ZECHARIAH  JOY      BABY    HOME    MARY
Mary Visits Elizabeth

Mary went to visit Elizabeth. What happened when Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting?

Solve the puzzle below to fill in the blanks.

1.  - OT +  - O = ________
   - (Image)

2.  - WHA +  - GRS + D = ________
   - (Image)

3.  - GUTAR +  - MOO = ________
   - (Image)

4.  - OUS +  - CA = ________
   - (Image)

The 1)_______  2)_______  3)_______  4)_______
5)_______ and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

What did Elizabeth ask?

Solve the sudoku puzzle. All numbers must be used only once in each row, column and box. Then use the letter code to fill in the blanks.

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Elizabeth asked: “But why am I so favored, that the ________ of ________

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c______ to me?”