GREETINGS & PEACE FROM THE PRIESTS AND STAFF OF ST. BARNABAS PARISH. THANK YOU FOR BEING WITH US TODAY AS WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR. WHETHER YOU ARE A LONG-TIME MEMBER OF OUR CONGREGATION, A SEASONAL VISITOR OR A NEWCOMER TO OUR CHURCH, WE APPRECIATE THAT YOU HAVE INCORPORATED THIS MASS INTO YOUR CHRISTMAS TRADITION.
Rev. Adrian McHugh, Pastor
Rev. Charles Omotu
Rev. Kevin Gruber

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2320 Bedford Avenue,
Bellmore, NY 11710

516-785-0054
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Fax: 516-221-7789

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9:00 AM to 7:00 PM;
(Closed Weekdays: 12:30 - 1:30 PM)
Saturday & Sunday: 9 AM to 1 PM

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
Contact the Rectory for information on the Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony & Anointing.

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St. Barnabas the Apostle

The Octave of Christmas

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

GRAND PRIZE OF $5,000

TEN - $500 PRIZES  TWO - $1,000 PRIZES

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

All proceeds will support renovations to St. Barnabas Convent Building

Saturday, April 21, 2018 8:00pm
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School cafeteria  Doors open at 7:30
Drawing starts at 8:00pm  Beer, wine, soda and hors d’oeuvres
Winner need not be present to win

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

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

REVERSE RAFFLE TICKET REQUEST

Name: __________________________ Telephone #: __________________ Number of tickets: _____
Address: ____________________________________________________________________________

Number of adults attending the party on Saturday, April 21st _____0 _____1 _____2
Welcome to St. Barnabas. We have spent a great deal of time preparing our Church for you today. Today we gaze with Mary and Joseph at the mystery of the Word made flesh. Shepherds also came to gaze. They actually left their flocks behind! That’s highly unusual for shepherds to leave their flocks unattended. So, what was it about this king in diapers that caused them to go to the manger?

Well, we could ask the same question of ourselves: what drew us into Church today? What caused us to leave our family time, interrupt our busy lives, and come to Mass? Is it because it’s a tradition? Because that’s what we do at Christmas? Hardly. We sense that what draws us to Church at Christmas is bigger than tradition. It’s the belief that if the Word of God can take on flesh in the form of a babe, then everything is possible.

When you think about it, God could have chosen to arrive in royal robes. At the very least, God could have arranged for Joseph and Mary to find a room in a Bethlehem Inn. But God chose to come to us in an utterly ordinary way. In the very humanness of the babe in the manger we find the mystery of God with us. Emmanuel. For Mary and Joseph got no Hallmark baby, but a belching, squalling infant who kept them up nights for weeks. In choosing to make His entrance in such an ordinary way, God showed us that flesh and blood, dirt and sky, life and death were good enough for Him. This is the true message of Christmas — that God loves us so much that he became like one of us, even like the least among us.

Once again during this Christmas season of 2017, the ordinary becomes holy and the holy ordinary in the Word made flesh. God, through Jesus, reaches out to the core of our very soul, saying: “I came to save you, no matter how lowly you may be; and don’t you even think that you have to reach up to me, I already came down to you. Just accept my gift of love and salvation.” Let us embrace once again God’s great gift of Jesus, in which He proves His love for us once and for all. Merry Christmas!
We Pray for Our Sick


We Pray for our Deceased

Anna Marie Donato
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The Week at a Glance

Sunday: Rectory Closed
Monday: Rectory Closed
Tuesday: Rectory Closed
Wednesday: 7:30 PM Al-Anon, Rectory
7:30 PM RCIA, Convent
8:00 PM Choir, Church
Thursday: 7:00 PM Bible Study, Rectory
Friday: 1:30 PM Lectio Divina, Rectory
7:00 PM Lectio Divina, Rectory
Saturday: 12:30 PM Confessions, Church

Our Finances

Many thanks to all of our parishioners who have supported St. Barnabas throughout 2017.
12/18/16: $17,470  12/17/17: $16,245
Parish Families Registered: 4,997
Envelopes Mailed: 1,218
Used 12/18/16: 599  12/17/17: 605

Catholic Ministries Appeal

Goal: $106,400 Donors: 534
Pledged: $122,882 Received: $120,422

Special Collections

January 1st Solemnity of Mary
Christmas Decorations
Many thanks to our staff and to the Bellmore Knights of Columbus for decorating both inside and outside St. Barnabas Church.

Eucharistic Ministers
The sign up sheets for the New Year’s Day Masses are available in the sacristy.

Advent & Christmas Masses
This year the Fourth Sunday of Advent falls on December 24th. All Catholics are required to attend Mass, as usual, for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Masses are held for the Fourth Sunday of Advent on Saturday, December 23rd at 4:30 PM & 7:00 PM, and Sunday, December 24th at 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 12:00 noon. There will be no 10:15 AM Mass.

Our Christmas Eve schedule of Masses begins at 4:00 PM with Masses in the Upper Church and in the Holy Family Chapel. The other times of Mass for Christmas Eve are: 6:00 PM, 10:00 PM and Midnight. On Monday, December 25th, Christmas Day, Masses are celebrated at 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 12:00 noon.

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.

Mary, Mother of God: New Year’s Day
Because this Solemnity falls on January 1st, a Monday, it is not a holy day of obligation this year. Nevertheless, Catholics should be encouraged to attend Mass. Mass will be celebrated on January 1st at 6:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 12 noon. This day concludes the Christmas octave.

Epiphany: Sunday, January 7, 2018
Homes may be blessed and doors of homes “chalked” with the inscription 20+C+M+B+18 (“Christus mansionem bendicat”). The ritual will be published in our bulletin.

Baptism of the Lord: Monday, January 8, 2018
The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on Monday, January 8, 2018. It is not a holy day of obligation, but simply marks the end of the Christmas season. Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 AM and 9:00 AM. Ordinary time begins the next day.

Social Ministry Advent Giving
As we journey together this Advent Season, Social Ministry invites you to participate in our weekly Advent Giving Program. By donating just ONE item each Sunday of Advent, it would help fill our pantry shelves and provide for our needy families. Many thanks and blessings during this holy season.

4th Sunday of Advent (Dec 24th) –
Toothpaste, bar soap, shampoo/conditioner
St. Vincent de Paul
Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus - excited, awed, frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. Imagine how Joseph felt as the birth of his mysterious son approached - puzzled, excited, awed. Deep faith was his light in the darkness. We believed that God walked with him, that God is alive not only in light but also in darkness. The mystery of Christmas is that God is incarnate. Tomorrow we will see not a baby in the manger, but a saving God working through and among us. Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought light into the darkness surrounding the heart of those living in need bringing them the deep joy of Christmas. Merry Christmas and thank you.

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

Longest Married Couple in the US
The 8th Annual search for the Longest Married Couple began on October 10th. The Search ends on January 10, 2018. The Search is conducted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. In addition to the overall winning couple, there is a couple recognized from each of the fifty states. For the past several years the winners in New York State have come from the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Nominating is easy! Just send the names, wedding date, where the couple your are nominating lives, and your contact information to Bryan and Karen Berland. Email - bkberland@gmail.com or 530 S. Academy, Guthrie, OK 73044.

Charismatic Prayer Group
Our meetings are held every Monday evening in the Holy Family Chapel from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM. Coffee and cake are served after every meeting. Please join us. For more information, call Ellen O’Malley at 221-0574.

Prayer Shawl Ministry
The St. Barnabas Prayer Shawl Ministry knits and crochets shawls and lap blankets for parishioners who are in the hospital or nursing home, or suffering in some way, and might draw comfort from receiving the prayer shawl. If you know of anyone who would benefit from a shawl or blanket please contact the rectory at 785-0054 and we will gladly provide you with one.

Catholic Divorced & Separated Prayer Service & Information
Designed to provide knowledge and support for individuals who have or are experiencing divorce or separation. January 12th, and 26th, 2018 from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM at St. Barnabas Parish (Holy Family Chapel) Bellmore.

Baptism Preparation Facilitator
The Meaning and the grace of the sacrament of Baptism are clearly seen in the rites of its celebration. Tuesday, January 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, 2018 from 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM. St. Peter of Alcantara, Port Washington
Thursday, January 18th, 25th & February 1st, 2018 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM at St. James Parish (Pastoral Center, Room 104) Setauket

Encourage Evangelize Educate
School of Missionary Disciples
Information Sessions
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 W Neck Rd, Huntington, NY 11743 on Sunday, February 4th at 2:00 PM
St. Rosalie Parish, 31 E Montauk Hwy, Hampton Bays, NY 11946, on Sunday, February 4th at 2:00 PM
Mercy Hospital, 1000 N Village Ave. Rockville Centre, NY 11570, on Tuesday, February 6th at 7:30 PM
Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish, 495 N Ocean Ave, Patchogue, NY 11772, on Wednesday, February 7th at 7:30 PM

March for Life 2018
Save the Date! March for Life 2018 - January 19, 2018. This year’s theme is “Love Saves Lives.” Join us on our bus trip to Washington, DC as we join hundreds of thousands of Americans in a peace pilgrimage on behalf of the unborn. It’s an experience that you’ll never forget! Details to follow in the coming weeks. For more information please contact Vin Murray at 781-7846.

Birthright
Pregnant? Need Help? Birthright has a 24 - hour hotline for anyone needing assistance and loving support during pregnancy. Call (800) 550-4900. The following locations have direct numbers: Wantagh 785-4070; Islip (631) 277-3888; Hampton Bays (631) 728-8900; Southold (631) 876-5138; and Rocky Point (631) 821-9727.

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

Holy Trinity Driver’s Ed
Spring Driver Education beings February 1, 2018. There are still openings available in classes before and after school and on Saturdays. The application and schedule are available at holytrinityhs.org. If you have questions, please call 433-2900 or email drivered@holytrinityhs.org.

Cub Scout Fun and Faith Day
Saturday, January 20th from 8:30 AM - 12:00 Noon at Sacred Heart Church in Merrick. A special day of prayer, handicrafts, and games. For information please call the Catholic Scouting Office at 678-5800, ext. 245 or email scouting@drvc.org.

Camps Bernadette and Fatima
Camp Fatima for boys and Camp Bernadette for girls are currently accepting registrations for the 2018 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 up quickly.
The Men of the Way of Light
If you are interested in joining a men’s prayer group, but this time is not good for you, please contact us and let us know, as we are interested in putting together other prayer “cells” on different days. For more information contact Fred Kreuder at 987-5350 or email stbampg@aol.com and visit our FaceBook page - “The Way of Light - The St. Barnabas the Apostle Men’s Prayer Group.”

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. Each week this amount will be credited to your account. This eliminates using weekly envelopes and guarantees that your donation will be received.

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.

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.
Have you considered serving as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist?

Those who aspire to be Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion should be people of mature and demonstrated faith. They must be 18 years of age, or a senior in high school to be commissioned in our diocese. They should be effective Christian witnesses and active in the sacramental life of the Church. They must have received the Sacraments of Initiation.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion must be humble, (this is a great office,) hospitable, (we are honored guests, but also appointed servants). We must have gratitude, (receive the great gift of the Lord’s presence with grateful hearts and share that gift generously and joyfully with others!) We must be reverent!

As a minister at Mass, be it lector or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, you will be expected to dress accordingly. ‘Sunday best’ is the rule of thumb. How we dress conveys how we feel about our ministry.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are commissioned. Once you have completed the course of training, your names will be submitted to the Diocesan Office of Worship. You are then granted permission to distribute communion, in this parish.

For those who wish to continue in this ministry in St. Barnabas, we ask that you attend a meeting in January to renew your commitment. This meeting will be held in January …… (Fr. Kevin).

Many Ministers of the Eucharist take communion to the homebound, to the hospitalized, or to nursing home residents. Some of our EMHCs, at their request, are commissioned for this ministry only.

It is the Holy Spirit that calls us to this important ministry. Due to the nature of this ministry, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion should receive ongoing support and formation. It is your obligation to learn as much as you can about the Eucharist.

Please read any and all current information you find on the Eucharist. The more you know, the more you will want to know. Thank you for your service to the Christian community in St. Barnabas.

Liturgical Ministry Training

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE OF WORSHIP 516-678-5800 x504

1. TRAINING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: required for all those who are beginning as Ministers. Session “A” is required of ALL Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who minister in hospitals, nursing homes, and to homebound persons are required to attend Session “B” in addition to Session “A”. SESSION “A” MUST BE ATTENDED PRIOR TO SESSION “B”.

CONTACT FR. ADRIAN IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER OR LECTOR

TIMES AND PLACES FOR MINISTRY TRAINING:

In Nassau: EM “A” Session and Lectors
April 15, 2018; 9 AM—1 PM
St. Agnes Parish Center, Rockville Centre

“B” session for Extraordinary Ministers
April 21, 2018; 9 AM—1 PM
St. Agnes Parish Center, Rockville Centre

EVENING SESSIONS for Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors at St. Elizabeth, Melville
Session “A” - Wednesday, May 16, 2018, 7:40—10 PM
Session “B” - Wednesday, May 23, 2018, 7:40—10 PM

In Suffolk: EM “A” Session and Lectors
May 12, 2018; 9 AM—1 PM
St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays

“B” Session for Extraordinary Ministers
May 19, 2018; 9 AM—1 PM
St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays
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.

If you wish to hold a private baptism you must bring a visiting priest to perform the baptism service. Private baptisms may be held on Saturday at 1:30 PM and 3:00 PM and on Sunday at 3:00 PM, if these times are available.

First time parents are required to attend a Baptism Class. Classes are held in the Holy Family Chapel on Agape Sunday, the second Sunday of the month. Crying babies and noisy children are welcome. We begin with Mass at 10:15 AM, when your baby will be welcomed to St. Barnabas, followed by refreshments and the class.

The dates for class are January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, (10:30 Mass for July 8, August 12 and September 9).

May the Lord preserve the members of our Army, National Guard, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Merchant Marine, Coast Guard and Peace Corps from all harm.

**US ARMY:**


**NATIONAL GUARD:**


**US NAVY:**


**US MARINES:**


**US AIR FORCE:**

Capt. McLean G. Bethea, Rev. Major Timothy Hirten, Nicholas P. Wright,

**US MERCHANT MARINE:**

Lt. J.G. Eric Stumpel.

**US COAST GUARD:**


**US PEACE CORPS:**

Patrick Coons
In Memory of Louis Cioffi from Rita Cioffi; Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tomitz, Daniel, Steve, Helen, Joseph Nekulak and Eve Abrams from Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tomitz; Olsen and Ringman Families from Mr. & Mrs. Rolf Olsen; Baby Christopher Murphy from Dorthy & Pete Griesback; James & Ann Healey from Eileen Healey; Barbara Cannon from Austin Cannon; Margaret & Harold Kelton from Mr. & Mrs. G Hanebury; William O’Malley from Mrs. Ellen O’Malley; Donald E. Wallace from Ms. Jean A. Wallace; Carol Burkart from Mr. & Mrs. John C. Burkart; Mary & Joseph McNulty from Mr. & Mrs. Kevin W. Perno; Gioranello and Lennon Families from Mr. & Mrs. Edward P. Lennon; Schettino & Dzienius Families; Richard, Anthony and Lillian Sturniolo and Lillian & Natale Salerno from Mrs. Annmarie Stuniolo; Alice Floyd, Kevin Corodtzke, Inspar Mazzella and Charlie Schwiebert from Mr. & Mrs. Phil D. Mazzella; John P. Savage from Mrs. Barbara C. Savage; Melissa Giorgio from Mrs. & Mrs. Joseph A. Giorgio; Pekoff & Cronin Families from Mr. & Mrs. Christopher I. Pekoff; Stefan Banas & Inez Raehse from Mr. & Mrs. Charles M. Raehse; Harriet E. & James Mackin; Anna Haydan & Robert Coons from Mr. & Mrs. Kevin R. Coons; Clavin & Murray Families from Mr. & Mrs. Michael Murray; Raymond & Frank Collins, Ann Collins Gribbon, Andrew & Elizabeth Yager from Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth A. Yager; Anne & Kurt Priester from Thomas W. Rose; Salvetti, Scheir & Vhieg Families; Eleanore & Victor J. Rydberg from Ms. Linda Rydberg; Michael Grassi, Cary Scira and Vento Families; John & Catherine Till and Vincent & Mary Di Canio from Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Till; Pacitto & Sproule Families; Emma & Antonio Cebello and Herman & Elizabeth Luccke; Joseph & Marie Wilde and Anthony & Helen Marich from Mr. & Mrs. John Marich; Howe & Torriero Families Mr. & Mrs. Joseph T. Howe; Skinner & Hanrahan Families from Mr. & Mrs. Francis J. Skinner; Giovannello & Cassese Families from Mr. & Mrs. Michael Giovannello; Joel Landon from Mrs. Anita Langdon; Lena & Joseph Romano from Mr. Savatore Romano; Emily Smith & Barbara A. Gibson from Mr. & Mrs. Robert McNiff; Josephine, Edwin & Robert
Rezny; RoseAnn Tetro from Mr. & Mrs. Christopher A Cardona; Timmy & Brian Hickey from Mrs. Susan Hickey; Doud, McHugh, Zihal & Vislocky Families; Giovanni Sicillano from Mr. & Mrs. Frank A. Melaccio; Ferrante & Novak Families from Mr. & Mrs. John J. Ferrante; Clarence G. Jr. & Lisa G. Anspake from Mrs. Grace R. Anspake; Mr. & Mrs. George Lussier, Mr. & Mrs. Jeremiah Scully Sr. & Mr. & Mrs. Jeremiah Scully Jr. from Mrs. Christine L. Sass; William & Isabel Kapps from Rosemary Noce; Mary Monahan, Margaret & John J. Julian, FDNY Vincent M. & Vincent F. Gianmonna; Grace & Tommy O’Toole from Mr. & Mrs. Ronald King; Antonio Tulino from Anna Tulino; Corrine McCann from Mr. & Mrs. John Minogue; Eugenio Gasparro Family from Antoinette Gasparro; James & Josephine Donnelly, George & Rose Stauber, Virginia & James Lewis and Jesse Moreno from Mr. & Mrs. James Donnelly Jr.; William Fitzgerald from Loretta Fitzgerald; Toni Totino from Dominick Totino; Donald Williams from Eileen Williams; Kenneth Carney, Douglas Gerbosi and the Mistretta Family from Mr. & Mrs. Raymond F. Carney; Dominic & Margaret Starsia from Mr. & Mrs. Alan Nevelik; Edward P. Nallan, Mary, Anthony & Tommy Nallan, Filomena & Giovanni Battista Carillo from Brigida Nallan; Edward & Catherine Iannielli, Jr., Gregory Vaughan from Mr. & Mrs. Michael Bonacasa; Ann McKenna from Erin McDonough; Mrs. Marge Scollo from Mr. & Mrs. John Caliendo; Alan Schwall from Mrs. Therese Schwall; James & Mary Butler from The Butler Family; Paul Maffeo from Mr. & Mrs. Michael Valenzano; Michael Pierce, Donald Irwin & Letty Evans from Mr. & Mrs. James Pierce; The Deceased Members of the Maier and Curran Families from Mr. & Mrs. Walter Maier; Barbara Greene from Mr. & Mrs. John Greene; Richard & Raffaela Falcone from Mr. & Mrs. Pasquale Rocco; The Deceased Members of the Beatty & Cramsie Families from Mr. & Mrs. Edward Cramsie; Vito Orlando from Mr. & Mrs. Vito Orlando; Bob & Rita Hayes from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hayes; Mr. & Mrs. C.J. Carboy & Mr. & Mrs. L. Howard from Mr. & Mrs. Cornelius Carboy; Deceased Members of the Romanelli & Christiansen Families from Mr.
Mrs. John M. Christiansen; Carole A. Henderson from Mr. Robert Henderson; Assunta Falcone from Mr. & Mrs. Alfonso Sorrentino; Ernest & Elinor Lorfantant & Ben, Richard, & Harry Klimkowski from Mr. & Mrs. Richard Klimkowski; Brian Dione & The Deceased Members of the Dione & Fontaine Families from Mr. & Mrs. William Dione; Donald & Peter Storer from Mrs. Lucille M. Storer; Ruth Palazzolo from Mr. & Mrs. Vincent A. Palazzolo; Dennis & Emma Rich, Sr. from Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Rich, Jr.; Jerome Agnello and Mary Madonia from Margarita Agnello; Richard Heinz from Dianne Erb; Frederick & Julia V. Burns and Margaret Foster from Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Foster; Gladys Slavin from Dennis Slavin; Antonnetto Mauro & Tommaso Buonincontri from Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Esposito; Angela Perrotto & Robert J. Gableman Sr. from Kathleen Gabelman; Robinson & Wupper Families from Doris Robinson; Edmund Albert Higbee and Mr. & Mrs. Albert Pantesco from Evelyn Pantesco - Higbee; Eleanor Geddard and Janet Brown from Mr. & Mrs. John Mancini; Luhrs, Siegler, Mulqueen & Fish Families from Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Siegler; Kenneth Ourmet, Dorothy Camilleri and Camilleri Family from Donna Camilleri; Brady and Bahnken Families from Anne Bahnken; Michael & Helen Preputnik from Mr. & Mrs. Dave Preputnik; Guilfoyle & Prior Families from Mr. & Mrs. Gerard Guilfoyle; Antonio Marsico from Catherine Brooks; Antonio Marsico from Lidia Marsico; Joseph & Leona Daley from Patricia Daley-Jimenez; Vera Carlson & Blanche Lippert from Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Keller; William Cook Sr. from Christine Cook; Olimpia Gabora from Mr. & Mrs. Herman Gabora; Al Wildeman and Joan Petito from Rosemary Wildeman; John & Margaret Forgione and Edward J. Dombrowski from Mr. & Mrs. Edward Dombrowski; Adeline & Peter Villella Jr. from Peter Villella; James Rosemarie & Veronica Corliss from Roseann Corliss; Sucharski and Brodley Families from Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Brodley; Vincent & Anne Buonocore and Joseph & Julia Ferriso from Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Ferriso; Stephen Andrew Clifford from Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Clifford; Reich and Facinelli Families from Mr. & Mrs. Peter Facinelli; Baby Deirdre, Antoinette & Gus Carrino, and Madelyn & Walter
Robinson from Mr. & Mrs. Garrett Carrino; Michael F. Miglino from Margaret Miglino; Papa George Palusko from Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Argila; Maureen Ann Gambino from Mr. & Mrs. John D. Campbell; Santi Giordano from Frances Mangiaracina; Aquila, Sposato and Tortora Families from Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Sposato; Raymond Vogts from Patricia Vogts; Gillen & Creame Families from Mr. & Mrs. James Gillen; Camillery & Abdula Family from Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Camillery; Glynn & Zullo Families from Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Zullo; Emilia Dandola from Camille Dandola - Fleissig; Johanna Fels from Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Mueller; Grace & Harry McCloy from Daniel McCloy; Jane Webber and Salvatore Accurso from Patricia Accurso; Thomas Ferris from Mr. & Mrs. Peter Ferris; Christine & Frank Sutera from Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Cordova; Thomas Brian Ferris, Pedro & Margo Rivera, Rosalinde Riley & Richard Arabia from Margaret Ferris; Kirinlech & Breslin Families from Mr. & Mrs. Walter Breslin; Joseph Capobianco from Christine Capobianco; Theresa Anselmo from Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Matheny; Antonio & Frances Vieira, Onofre Escardar and Anthony Vasaturo from Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Vieira; Stanley & Gloria Fabisiak from William Fabisiak; Raffaela Rossonomo from Carol Ann Rossonomo; Mary & Joseph Agostinacchio and Gladys Robert Hirten from Mr. & Mrs. Steve Agostinacchio; Mary O'Neill from Mr. & Mrs. William Baldenko; Joseph & Gilda Nunes from Mr. & Mrs. John Malone; Dennis Glackon from Mr. & Mrs. Louis Marando; Henry & Margaret Corichi from Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Corichi; Noll and Andersen Families from Mr. & Mrs. Walter Andersen; Carol Henderson and Dennis Hartmann from Mr. & Mrs. Edward Henderson; Tom & Grace Giaquinto and Meriem & Doug Robinson Sr. from Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Robinson; Stephen Agostini and the Marich Family from Mr. & Mrs. Fabio Agostini; M & Beatrice Felicetti from Filomena Felicetti; Berry & Moursseau Family from Mr. & Mrs. John Berry; Geraldine P. & Debra Coweny from Mr. & Mrs. Eric Barat; Anthony, Charles and Carolyn Cardona, James & Josephine Genova and Marietta Maccaroni from Maryann Cardonna; Lucille Constable and Barbara Smith from Mr. & Mrs. John Contable
Christmas 2017

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

Merry Christmas to you and your families! As we celebrate the Prince of Peace’s entrance into world history, we give thanks to Father, Son and Holy Spirit for the Mission of Mercy of our Holy Catholic Church.

We give thanks for our families, our domestic churches, which transform the world and history with Christ’s Love and the Church’s missionary spirit.

This past month we dedicated the Gianna Center of Long Island for Women’s Health and Fertility, which in its mission unites the Splendor of Truth of Catholic Moral Teaching on Marriage and the Family with ethical reproductive science through the use of NaPro Technology and the Creighton Model Fertility Care System.

This was an important moment for the Catholic Church and Catholic Health Services in its service to the common good of Long Island.

The dedication of the Gianna Center gives a living expression of celebration to some important 2018 Church anniversaries.

On July 28, 2018, we will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Blessed Pope Paul VI’s 1968 encyclical Humanae Vitae. Blessed Paul VI was prophetic as he courageously taught that all marital intimacy celebrates both the love-giving and life-giving dimensions of married love that cannot be separated.

The Holy Father predicted accurately the dire consequences for society of separating the love-giving and life-giving dimensions of married love. He was widely criticized, even ridiculed at the time, but as we know from the Old Testament that is exactly what happens to prophets who stand up for liberating truths.

Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman once said: “The Catholic Church is not behind the times. It is beyond the times.” And as the renowned particle physicist Professor Stephen Barr emphasizes, in the history of the world, the Catholic Church is the greatest friend and supporter of ethical scientific development. The Gianna Center is an expression of this friendship, support and partnership in history.
On August 4, 2018, we will also celebrate the 25th Anniversary of St. John Paul II’s great encyclical *The Splendor of Truth*, which shows that moral choices and decisions that are grounded in objective truth transform and illumine the lives of individuals and society.

The Gianna Center is a powerful part of that dedication to truth, charity and mercy and during this Christmas 2017, we ask the Christ Child to lead all those involved in the mission of the Gianna Center and all who are served by that mission.

The Center’s patroness, St. Gianna Beretta Molla (1922-1962) was a wife, a mother and a physician dedicated to the progress of medical science. Her image is prominent at the main altar of St. Agnes Cathedral where I will celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass.

I will pray that her intercession and her courageous and holy example may inspire each one of us and our family members this Christmas season and be yet another catalyst of *dramatic missionary growth* on Long Island.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre
Rockville Centre
Diocesan Pilgrimage
to
IRELAND

Spiritual Director:
His Excellency, Bishop John Barres
and Auxiliary Bishop Robert Brennan

August 20 - 27, 2018
$3,999 from New York

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Dublin, Ireland
World Meeting of Families
21-26 August 2018
What does it mean to say ’I do’ (Chapter 16)

Marriage, a Sign of God’s Love

The purpose of this lesson is to communicate the holiness and beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony (marriage) and to help teens understand the importance of preparing for this sacrament, not as the world does, but according to God’s design.

The prevalence of social media and the tendency to “hangout” has produced a generation that to a great extent has been deprived of authentic friendships with those of the opposite sex. And yet, these friendships are an important part of discerning whether one has been called to marriage (and to whom)—always with an emphasis on self-respect and refusing to “use” others for physical or emotional gratification.

Level 7, January 10 or 11

Level 8, January 17 or 18

The 4 Confirmation Forms are due

Wishing you all a Happy New Year Christmas
Today’s new technologies are excellent, because they improve people’s lives. The problem arises from a harmful use of the internet—a negative use, to which the youngest people are most vulnerable, since they are in the midst of the process of forming their adult personality, and because for today’s adolescents, the virtual world is as real as physically face-to-face relationships.

The World Health Organization (WHO) says that one out of every four people suffers from behavior disorders tied to these new technologies. Today’s communication technologies offer adolescents the possibility of losing themselves in a fantasy world to flee from the monotony of daily life. This creates a paradox: through social networks and the internet in general, adolescents don’t present themselves as they truly are; rather, they project an artificial image of themselves, which reflects low self-esteem.

The physical and psychological changes that adolescents experience make them more emotionally insecure. Consequently, at times adolescents may seek in technology the security that they can’t find in themselves.

The family environment also influences the habits that a child acquires and which manifest themselves during adolescence. In some cases, an addiction to technology may be caused by a pre-existing problem, which needs to be identified. For example, solitude and a lack of friends could lead a young person to take refuge in technology.

Towards the end of the 1980s and during the 1990s, a phenomenon appeared in Japan which became called “hikikomori.” This refers to the more than two million reported cases of adolescents who closed themselves up in their rooms and—among other things—only interacted through the internet. “Hikikomori” literally means “pulling inward, being confined.” It refers to a form of social isolation characterized by rejection of every initiative the purpose of which is to leave one’s room or residence.

**Some symptoms of addiction**

Many parents ask themselves if their children are addicted to the internet, and if this could lead to problems of various kinds. Here are the symptoms or warning signs that can help you to identify a possible internet addiction.

- The person ends up isolated from the family, closing in on himself because he constantly thinks about connecting to the internet whenever he has
free time.

- The young person’s daily routine changes in such a way that everything takes second place with regards to his interest for the internet, which becomes the center of his life.

- The person’s character changes, becoming irritable and subject to abrupt mood swings. He shows less interest in social relationships, and acts absent and distant during group activities.

- He suffers from anxiety if he can’t connect to the internet, and he acts as if this were a tragedy. Also, someone with an internet addiction usually exhibits poor academic performance.

Some suggestions for what to do if your adolescent son or daughter is addicted to the internet:

- Put the computer in a shared area of the house, such as the living room. Many parents make the mistake of putting it in their child’s room, in which case it is more difficult for them to know what their children are doing on the net and to help them manage the time they spend on the internet.

- Teach your children about how to use the internet constructively. Inform them about how important it is to protect their private lives and to avoid publishing personal photographs on social networks.

- Talk to your adolescent children about this situation so you can help them realize that something is wrong. Communication improves family relationships and the emotional health of family members.

- Initially, impose a schedule so that your children can learn to use the computer and the internet as a tool, in a balanced and rational way. The most effective way to do this is by stimulating your children with other kinds of activities so that they focus their minds on other interests. When you detect internet addiction, it’s important to act swiftly and effectively.

In the area of education, the best remedy is always prevention. It is highly recommended that you stay close to your children right from the start so you can give them tips about how to use these new technologies properly.

### Religious Education

We still have a few students that need either a one-on-one learning environment or a small group environment that need someone to work with them. Please call the Office of Christian Formation at 785-0130 to volunteer or to receive more information. We are also in need of Adult Volunteers to be Substitutes, Hall Monitors and Attendance/Lobby Aides for our Religious Education program. Please call the office to get more information.

#### Upcoming Dates:

NO CLASSES MONDAY, DECEMBER 25th THROUGH TUESDAY, JANUARY 2nd, 2018

CLASSES RESUME ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3rd, 2018!

Join us for the 10:15 Children's Mass every Sunday in the Holy Family Chapel
Merry Christmas!

Give the child you love the life long gift of a Catholic Education!

Open House
Sunday January 28th 11-1pm

Come see the school decorated as the Creation Story.
Participate in our “SEAS Turf War” and vote for your favorite floor via our Instagram game!

Come let us
Adore Him

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March 16, 17, & 18
Huntington Seminary

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Parent & Child Program

Our Time is the perfect way for you and your child to 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, or Wednesday from 10am to 11am from September thru June at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School.

For more information or to enroll contact:
Sabina Lamb (516) 781-9834
THE STORY OF MARY AND JOSEPH

Discover the hidden words.

Word Bank

EGYPT  HEROD  ABRAHAM
MARY  STAR  STABLE
JOSEPH  DREAM  MESSIAH
JESUS  DAVID  PREGNANT
Luke 2:7
And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.
THE STORY OF MARY AND JOSEPH

Help Mary and Joseph escape to Egypt.
What came through Jesus?

To find the missing word, shade in the ___.

Some people welcomed Jesus.

Help the people get to Jesus.

Across
3. Mary, Joseph, and Jesus fled to _____ until King Herod died.
4. Jesus’ _____ included King David and Abraham.
7. On the night that Jesus was born, a _____ appeared over the stable.
8. God warned them in a _____ that King Herod planned to kill Jesus.

Down
1. The Magi gave Jesus expensive gifts fit for a _____.
2. There was no room at the inn, so Mary and Joseph stayed in a _____.
5. Mary was going to give birth to the ______
6. Joseph was _____ when he found out Mary was pregnant.
ANSWER KEY

Across
3. Mary, Joseph, and Jesus fled to (Egypt) until King Herod died.
4. Jesus’ (Family) included King David and Abraham.
7. On the night that Jesus was born, a (Star) appeared over the stable.
8. God warned them in a (Dream) that King Herod planned to kill Jesus.

Down
1. The Magi gave Jesus expensive gifts fit for a (King).
2. There was no room at the inn, so Mary and Joseph stayed in a (Stable).
5. Mary was going to give birth to the (Messiah).
6. Joseph was (Hurt) when he found out Mary was pregnant.

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.
The Word Became Flesh

How does the book of John begin?

Use this code to fill in the blanks.

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In the ___________ was the ___________________________.

The ___________ and the ___________ was with ___________________________.

and the ___________ was ___________. He was with ___________ in the ___________.

John said he was not the light but came as a witness to the light. What else did he say about the light?

Use the shape code to find the missing letters.

Th____ tr____ lght

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What else does John tell us about Jesus Christ?

Fill in the missing letters from the pattern. Then fill in the blanks in the passage below.

NJQSMTRLFXDHOPOCRGAEYNCURIN

1. CRA = G
2. TRFX = L
3. DHPO = O
4. MTFL = __
5. AENC = __
6. DNRG = __
7. GEYN = __
8. JQST = __
9. GAYN = __
10. RLXD = ___
11. CRGE = ___
12. SMRL = ___
13. DOPD = ___
14. RGAY = ___
15. NCGA = ___
16. CREA = ___
17. TLFX = ___
18. CRGE = ___

We have seen His ___________.

__ l o ___________,

...who ____________, full of ___________.

from the ___________ and ___________.

This passage tells more about John. What does it say?

Write the words listed below in alphabetical order, working first down the left column of blanks and then down the right column. Then use the numbered letters to complete the passage.

gospel  hope  mercy  teacher
Bible  redeem  risen  faith
wisdom  Savior  heaven

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came a

16  7  2  12  14  6

who was ___________ from ___________.

his ___________ was John.  ___________.

as a

11  14  2  17  15  6  2  13  13
to testify

11  8  6  11  2  10  6  15  6  4

the ___________, so that through Him all

5  15  4  7  16

might ___________.
THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATION; OLD THINGS HAVE PASSED AWAY; BEHOLD, ALL THINGS HAVE BECOME NEW.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

START THE YEAR OFF RIGHT

Return to Church in 2018