MASS TIMES: Monday to Friday: 6:30 and 9:00 AM  
Saturday: 8:00 AM See the Bulletin for the Holy Day Schedule  
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 and 7:30 PM  
Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon and 5:00 PM  
10:15 AM in the Holy Family Chapel

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the second, third and fourth Sundays of the month. The Pre-Baptism Class is held in the Church on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00PM. Please contact the rectory for an appointment with a priest. 
The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturday from 12:30 to 1:30 PM or by appointment with a priest. 
For the Sacrament of Matrimony contact the rectory for an appointment with a priest. 
The Sacrament of the Sick is celebrated on the fourth Saturday of every month following the 8:00 AM Mass. To arrange a visit to a sick person by a priest, contact the rectory.
Monday, December 28  The Holy Innocents
6:30 AM  Donald Croker
9:00 AM  Frank Tocco  Michelle DiGangi
          Pauline Jennings  Lynn Moore
          Winnie Eschmann
          Intentions of Frank DeVito

Tuesday, December 29
6:30 AM  Charlie & Ann Klika
9:00 AM  Mary & James Butler

Wednesday, December 30
6:30 AM  Toni Rabbito
9:00 AM  Eudosia Salvemini

Thursday, December 31
6:30 AM  Roger Maxwell Migne
9:00 AM  Living & Deceased Members of the Robinson & Wupper Families
5:00 PM  John Skarulis

Friday, January 1  Mary, The Holy Mother of God
6:30 AM  Eileen Massmann
9:00 AM  Eileen Balke
10:30 AM  Anthony Joseph Fucci
12:00 PM  John Luksch

Saturday, January 2  St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory
8:00 AM  Arcangelo Bollella
3:00 PM  Wedding:  
          Kevin Blondel & Melissa Marcello
5:00 PM  Jean Gibney  Jackie Nacin
          Hilda Retureta  Pauline Jennings
          Vincent Greco
          Intentions of Eileen Murray
7:30 PM  Bryan Berardelli

Sunday, January 3  The Epiphany of the Lord
7:00 AM  For the People of Our Parish
9:00 AM  Ann Smith
10:15 AM  Carol Rebentisch
10:30 AM  Michael Granquist
12:00 PM  John Mascitelli
5:00 PM  Edward Patrick Nallan

We pray for our recently deceased
Patricia Dolson
Charles Liggio

and for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Bread & Wine
The Eucharistic Bread & Wine is offered in memory of
Stephen Andrew Clifford & the Deceased Members of
the Clifford and Sugihara Families.

Sanctuary Lamp
The Sanctuary Lamp Candle will be lit this week in memory of John Zloklikovits from the Kobulnick Family.

Celebrant Schedule
Saturday, January 2nd
5:00 PM  Fr. Francis
7:30 PM  Fr. Adrian

Sunday, January 3rd
7:00 AM  Fr. Francis
9:00 AM  Fr. Francis
10:15 AM  Fr. Adrian
10:30 AM  Fr. Gus
12:00 PM  Fr. Gus
5:00 PM  Fr. Adrian
O LORD,
as we celebrate
the feast of your
Holy Family
gather us together
around the table
of your Eucharist
as your family
united in love.

Photos: Pete Gilbride
It feels like we are moving way too fast on the Church calendar from Jesus’ birth to his Bar Mitzvah and, before you know it, in a few months, we will be returning to Jerusalem for the brutality of a crucifixion! Most of us would prefer to spend more time with the baby. We want to hold the baby. We want to watch him recognize faces and smile and laugh. We want to see him learn to crawl and play games. We want to keep Jesus in the manger, and while we may have good excuses for it, I wonder if it’s because we don’t want him to grow up—for we know what’s in store for him.

But grow up he did. Today’s Gospel tells of his journey to Jerusalem as a twelve year old. Any of us who have been twelve years old recognize our own story in his. And those who have been parents of twelve year olds also recognize their stories in the story of Mary and Joseph. Like any pre-teen, Jesus is pushing the limits. We all know he should have told Mary and Joseph where he was. The fact that his parents thought he was with someone else in the group of families traveling together, suggests that this is not the first time he has left their sides. All the more reason he should have let them know. But he doesn’t. He is expressing his own independence.

Put simply, Jesus grows. It was in the home of Mary and Joseph that he was reared with a love for God and God’s teachings, raised as a devout Jewish youth. As today’s gospel began, we were reminded that they had gone to the Temple for Passover as usual. It was their custom.

And when he did grow up, Jesus did amazing things! He hung out with the outcasts of society, proclaiming and modeling the love of God for all. He healed, and he taught with amazing insight into God and God’s ways. He even raised the dead! He came to serve, he came to save. And save he did through an agonizing death and astounding resurrection to eternal glory and power! He really WAS about his Father’s business - fulfilling the work of God the Father on earth!

And so we find ourselves here in this holy place, two days after Christmas. Here we keep on growing as God’s children! As we hear God’s Word, we grow. As we gather at the Lord’s table to receive His body and blood we grow!

On the threshold of a new year, let us be determined, like Jesus, to ‘be about our Father’s business’. Serving and loving others. Forgiving sins. Mending creation. Knowing and telling and living the story of God’s love. That’s our Father’s business!

So that we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and in the observance of His Holy Commandments and His saving ordinances, I have appointed the following services:

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God,**
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**Thursday, December 31st**
**New Year’s Eve**
5:00 PM

**Friday, January 1st Mass**
**New Year’s Day**
6:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12 Noon.

*(This is a Holy Day of Obligation)*
**Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors**
Sign up sheets for New Year’s Day Masses are now available in the sacristy.

**Nocturnal Adoration**
Nocturnal Adoration normally scheduled for the First Friday of the month will take place on Friday, January 8th at 8:00 PM due to the New Year’s Holiday.

**Small Christian Communities**
Small Christian Communities are groups of people who gather to read the scripture for the coming Sunday, reflect and share their thoughts. Each group decides where to meet (someone’s house), when to meet (time, day, how often) and receives a monthly guide for each person with suggested reflections for the readings. Bibles will be provided as needed. If you would like more information, please call the rectory and leave a message for Terri Lyons.

**Respect Life Group**
We have formed a Respect Life Group in the parish. If you are interested please contact Vin Murray at 382-7200. The Right to Life March in Washington is on January 22nd, Contact Vin Murray if interested.

**Defensive Driving Course**
Saturday, January 23rd, 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM, School Cafeteria. This course is DMV approved for insurance and point reduction. This cost for the course is $45.00. Please call (631)360-9720 for additional information and to register.

**Cub Scout Fun & Faith Day**
St. Paul the Apostle Church, Brookville. Saturday, January 16th; 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. A day of prayer, handicrafts, games. Contact the Catholic Scouting Office at 678-5800 ext. 245 or e-mail scouting@drvc.org.

**Weekly Meetings**
*Al-Anon* meets every Wednesday at 7:30 PM in the Rectory Meeting Room and every Sunday at 7:30 PM in the school cafeteria.

**Social Ministry**
Food Pantry Weekend
January 2nd & 3rd

There was no question this week that the people of St. Barnabas truly understand the meaning of Christmas. The enormous response to our Angel Tags provided gifts beyond belief to the many families we serve. Their gratitude was expressed with tears, smiles, thank you’s and overall joy in their hearts. God bless you for your kindness and generosity at this special time of the year.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**
 HEAP, a low-income, federally-funded energy assistance program, is open and should close by March. For eligibility guidelines visit [http://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/](http://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/). Applications can be made online at [https://www.mybenefits.ny.gov/](https://www.mybenefits.ny.gov/) or senior citizens can call the Office of the Aging at 227-7386. All others call EAC in Nassau at 565-4327. SNAP/TA recipients should be automatically enrolled. For more information call Parish Social Ministry at 785-6243.
St. Barnabas Youth Ministry

Let’s start the new year off together!! Friday January 8th, 2016 we’ll be having a gym hang out night! We’ll have games going on in the gym, more games in the cafeteria and end up with pizza! This is open to everyone in grades 6th, 7th and 8th! We also need high school aged kids to help run this night. This is a great opportunity for service.

Time: 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM for middle school kids
6:30 PM for high school kids and adult core to have time to set up. Bring friends or come by yourself and make friends! This is open to all teens!

Email Peggy Harnish with any questions. St. BarnabasYouthMinistry@gmail.com. We hope to see you here!!

Important Dates
Monday, December 21st through December 31st – NO CLASSES
Have a Safe, Happy & Healthy New Year!

Classes resume Monday, January 4th.

Tuesday, January 5th: Level 2 Parent Meeting – 10:00 AM OR 7:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel – theme of this meeting is your child’s First Reconciliation.

Saturday, January 9th: Level 2 First Reconciliation – you should have received a letter with information on your child’s reconciliation.

Please remember to check the Religious Education grade level calendars as well as the website to keep informed of dates of classes, as well as when classes are not in session, homework assignments, and requirements.
Rectory Office

The rectory office will close at 12:30 PM on New Years Eve and be closed on New Years Day in observance of the New Year. The office will open at 9:00 AM Saturday, January 2nd.

The Week at a Glance

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

Monday:
8:00 PM  Charismatic Prayer Group,
Holy Family Chapel

Tuesday:
7:00 PM  Family Music Practice,
Holy Family Chapel

Wednesday:
7:00 PM  RCIA Meeting,
Convent Meeting Room
7:30 PM  Al-Anon Meeting,
Rectory Meeting Room
8:00 PM  Choir Rehearsal, Church

Saturday:
12:30 PM  Reconciliation, Church

In Your Prayers Remember the Sick

Nicoletta Russo, Meghan Alice Roach,
Debbie Cain, Stephen Rich, Patrick Hoyne,
Rosemary Grandwilliams, Barbara Cannon,
George Donohue, Lillian Rocco, Jerry Hefner,
Ann DeChiaro, Louis Romano, Don Davis,
Kristin O’ Halloran, Patricia Merget, Mildred Scalesi,
Jacob Daniel Haubeil, Damon Capobianco,
Mary Grimes, Rita Lemma, Eugene Ryan,
Carol Chiasera, Pat Simone, Francis G. Noonan,
Terri-Ann Clarke, Charlie Riiska, Natalie Martin,
Patrick Clarke, Kevin Keegan, Jason Todhunter,
John Nalick, Dolores Young, Donald Grimes,
Dr. Lawton Manderson, Terrie Manderson,
Diane LaBianca, John C. Hannan Sr.,
George Stockerl, Corinne Capozzi,
Barbara O’Neil, James P. Corliss, Jr, Vic Caliguiri,
Walter Eisenhardt, Theresa Anselmo,
Lottie Smakowski, Nicole & Baby Ella McKernan
And all the sick of the parish.
Congratulations to all our Honor Roll Recipients:

**1st Honors**

**2nd Honors**
Charlotte Arnold, Erin Bergin, Alexandra Danielowich, Aaron Darzano, Lauren Eremitaggio, Bryce Ettrick, Alyssa Fernandez, Stephen Garvey, Gabriel Granados, Alexis Kotanidis, Karena Rizzo, Briana Sayoc, Alexander Williams & Brianne Zaremba
Dear Parishioner

May the Good Lord bless you for all you are doing to keep the doors of St. Barnabas open. This great, historic and spirit filled Catholic Community has been in Bellmore since 1912, and I am proud to celebrate Christmas for the first time as your Pastor.

Christmas is that time when we look back to the day when heaven came down to earth in the person of Jesus so that all of us could go back to heaven with Him. Please join your Church family this Christmas Eve at 4:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 10:00 PM or Midnight, and on Christmas Day at 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM or 12 noon. There is always room for YOU.

Christmas is that time when we also look forward to that day when the promise of Christmas will be fulfilled - when peace, joy and love will replace hate, fear and war. How we long for that day! In the meantime, inspired by the Spirit, we reach out to others in imitation of Jesus. Thank you for your participation in the Christmas Food Drive, the Angel Tags and the many other ways you have reached out to needy families in our community. It is what St. Nicholas and many other saints have done throughout the ages, and what we at St. Barnabas try to do every year.

I also want to use this opportunity to also thank you for responding to our recent parish survey. Your concern for the parish is encouraging and the points expressed have helped the Parish Planning Committee to focus on five areas for 2016.

1. To invite greater participation from all families, beginning with those with children preparing to receive sacraments.
2. To reflect on how we can make an outreach to the wider community. To study the process called ‘REBUILT’ as a model for evangelization.
3. To develop parish structures - Pastoral Council, Fundraising Group and Liturgy Group. To support our parish ministry volunteers.
4. To build community among members through social events.
5. To deepen the spiritual life of the parish through retreats, missions and days of reflection.

We thank God for all the blessings He sent us throughout 2015. Let us pray for God’s peace, blessings, health and happiness throughout 2016.

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year,
Rev. Adrian McHugh, Pastor

Pope Francis Prayer for the Jubilee of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.