St. Barnabas the Apostle
2320 Bedford Avenue, Bellmore, NY 11710

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THE SALVATION OF SOULS IS THE SUPREME LAW

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.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School
Principal - Ms. Leeann Graziose
(516) 785-5709

Christian Formation
Mrs. Marjorie Lampert
(516) 785-0130

Youth Ministry & Confirmation Preparation
Mr. John Isnardi

Social Ministry
Mrs. Alice Witt
(516) 785-6243

Music Ministry
Mr. William R. Dione

Business & Personnel
Mr. John G. Nappi

December 29, 2019
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LET US PRAY TO LOVE GOD EVEN MORE!

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas. I thank those especially who helped with making the Church a beautiful garden for Almighty God. Special thanks to the parishioners who donated food for those who are in need of it. And Special Thanks for your generosity to the mission to the parish and the wonderful love you have for Jesus.

As we approach the New Year during the beautiful season of Christmas, let us consider what everyone is thinking. What will be my New Year’s resolution? Why don’t we change the wording of that? Instead of a New Year’s resolution let us make it a little more Catholic. Let us make a private promise to the Blessed Mother. January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, which is a holy day of obligation. Perhaps your promise could be an intention for you to love God even more.

It was my prayer during these weeks of advent leading up to Christmas that many souls would be converted on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Given that so many people came to Mass during those two days, it was my great prayer that their hearts would be filled with God’s love and they would return to Jesus in the Eucharist Sunday after Sunday.

I have actually read a wonderful book during Advent titled *Conversion* by Father Donald Haggerty. It is a book that fosters deep conversion, a deep yearning and hunger for God. I have ordered several copies of it to give to people.

In this book he speaks of how a conversion is “the spark that allows a soul to catch fire with God (22).” He then also speaks of a second conversion that happens often in the lives of the saints. A second conversion is when someone who already is sincere in his practice of the faith begins to have an even greater love for God that is all encompassing.

We can always love God all the more. The great mystery of a life of a Christian is that a soul’s love for God can always grow. There is no limit when it comes to charity. Mother Teresa says love till it hurts.

In his book, Father Haggerty tells the wonderful conversion of Blessed Charles de Foucauld. In his youth, Charles was living a life of immorality as an unbeliever, and a part of him was resisting this. Charles says to God in a prayer: “My God, if you exist make me know you (page 226)”. His cousin told him to go to a holy priest in the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Parish (226).

One morning he goes, and sees the priest in the confessional:

> He (Charles) said he had not come to make a confession and that he did not believe, that he wished only to talk. The priest’s reply was immediate: “Make your confession and you will believe.”

He poured out his sins to the priest and received absolution. In those days there was a long fast before receiving communion. He had not eaten anything that day yet so within that hour he received Jesus in Holy Communion and his life was changed forever (226).

> “And that single hour in the Cathedral of Notre Dame transformed everything in his life, placing him from that hour forward on the path of an extraordinary passion for our Lord, enduring with his martyrdom in Algeria in 1916. (226)”

Let us pray for those who are in the threshold of having a conversion, that they embrace the Lord’s deep personal love for them. Let us pray also for each other that we may love God all the more!

In Jesus and Mary,

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Father Jeff Yildirim
We Pray for Our Deceased
James Sternkopf
Lilly Giannelli
Joseph E. Bonventre

Bread & Wine
Is offered in loving memory of Kenneth Wood.

Sanctuary Lamp
Is lit for the Deceased and Living Members of Peter Kiewicz’s family from Tom and Mary Lou Till.

We Pray for Our Sick

The Week Ahead

Monday:
7:30 PM  Charismatic Prayer Group, HFC

Tuesday:
3:00 PM- 7:00 PM  Adoration, Church
6:30 PM- 7:00 PM  Confessions, Church

Wednesday:  Closed - New Year's Day

Thursday:
7:00 PM  Bible Study, Rectory

Friday:
8:00 PM  Nocturnal Adoration, Church

Saturday:
12:30 PM  Confessions

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

Our Finances
12/15/19:  $17,623  12/16/18:  $17,825
Parish Families Registered:  5,087
Envelopes Mailed: 1,350
Used: 12/15/19:  565  12/16/18:  597

Catholic Ministries Appeal
Goal: $108,900  Donors: 430
Pledged: $99,151  Received: $97,476

Christmas Flowers
Thank you for supporting and giving generously toward our Flower Offering. All names will be placed on the Blessed Mother’s Altar.
- Fr. Jeff
Our Lady of Guadalupe Intercessor of the Unborn

To help stop the anti-life push in the world, the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen encouraged the spiritual adoption of an unborn child. This is done by praying that one particular but unknown child’s life be spared abortion and be allowed to continue to live.

To help accomplish this, it was recommended, an individual say the following daily prayer for a period of one year.

“Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.”

During your earthly life this spiritually adopted child of yours will be known only to God but in the world to come it is hoped that you will meet the child whose life was spared by your prayers and spend eternal happiness with them.

Prayerful Witness as a Parish:

January 18, 2020

Prayerful presence at Planned Parenthood, Massapequa - Saturday from 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM, 35 Carmens Road, Massapequa (across from the mall parking lot).

First Saturday of the month:

Join us at 9:00 AM at the Garden of Our Lady or in the Church, depending on weather.
Year End Contribution

Call the rectory if you wish to receive a contribution statement for 2019. Statements will be sent out in February.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God: New Year’s Day

January 1st is a holy day of obligation this year. Mass will be celebrated on December 31st at 4:30 PM (Vigil), January 1st at 6:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 12 noon.

Baptism of the Lord: Sunday, January 12

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on Sunday, January 12th. Because it falls on a Sunday, it is a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated on Saturday at 7:00 PM (Vigil) and Sunday at 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM, 10:15 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon and 5:00 PM. Ordinary time begins the next day.

Date of Confirmation

The Diocese have informed us that Bishop Andrzej will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Barnabas on Monday, May 28th, 2020. Please keep all our Confirmation candidates in your prayers.

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.
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.
Pre Cana Winter Schedule
Opening: February 9th
Online Focus: February 10th - 14th
Focus Review: February 17th - 21st
In Home Sessions: February 23rd - March 27th
Closing: March 29th

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
“Put on, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another.” Work to live in your marriage as God desires 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.

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! Please contact Vin Murray at 781-7846 for information.

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.

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Widows and Widowers
We will be having a luncheon on Thursday, January 16th at 12:30 PM at Jani’s Restaurant in Wantagh. The cost is $24 per person. Please make check payable to Ann Sarrantonio at 2412 Knob Hill Road, Bellmore. Or call for information, 785-2760.

Visit us on Social Media -

FaceBook: .com/St-Barnabas  Website: www.stbarnabasny.org  Parish App: myparishapp.com
Focus on Religious Freedom

Reducing Anti-Semitism on College Campuses:

During a Hanukkah reception on December 12, 2019, the president signed an executive order aimed to reduce incidents of anti-Semitism on college campuses. The executive order classified the Jewish people as a nationality in the U.S., rather than just a religious group. Under this new classification, universities must respond to anti-Semitic discrimination or risk losing federal funding under Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. “No person in the U.S. shall, on the basis of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.”

Anti-Semitism on campus has been a problem throughout U.S. history, prompting groups such as the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) to produce guidelines for what Jewish students should do when they are mistreated.

Only 2% of the population is Jewish with the ADL recording close to 2,000 anti-Semitic incidents in the U.S. in 2018 and they are rising. “We’ve worked hard to push back against anti-Semitism, and succeeded in improving hate crime laws, and yet we continue to experience an alarmingly high number of anti-Semitic acts,” said Jonathan Greenblatt, ADL’s CEO and national director. The executive order comes at a time of strong anti-Israel sentiments on many college campuses and

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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS
January 2020 through March 2020
Register Online WWW.DRVC-FAITH.ORG

Basic Religious Studies Course Series
St. Mary’s Elementary School Building, Manhasset
Old Testament
Mondays, January 6, 13, 27, February 3, and 10, 2020
New Testament
Mondays, February 24, March 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2020
Christology
Mondays, March 30, April 6, 20, 27, and May 4, 2020
Church
Mondays, May 11, 18, June 1, 8, and 15, 2020
3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

RCIA Level I
Our Lady of Grace, West Babylon
Wednesdays, January 15 22, 29 and February 19, 2020
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Or
St Martin of Tours, Bethpage
Thursdays, January 16, 23, 30, February 6, and 13, 2020
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Ministry of Consolation Level I
St. Aidan, Williston Park
Wednesdays, January 22, 29; February 5, and 12, 2020
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Building Intercultural Competences in Ministry
St. Frances Cabrini, Coram
Thursdays, February 6, 13, 27; March 12, and 19, 2020
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Or
Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Roosevelt
Mondays, February 10, 24; March 2, 9, and 16, 2020
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Catechist Training Level II
St. James, Setauket
Tuesdays, March 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2020
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Bereavement Conference
St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh
Saturday, March 21, 2020
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Bereavement Ministry Facilitator Training Level I & II
St. Mary’s, East Islip
amid the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel, the only democracy in the Middle East.

“We are grateful...for this important action that not only recognizes but also provides a course of legal action against the scourge of anti-Semitism that has for far too long been festering on our nation’s college campuses,” said Orthodox Union President Mark Bane. “Those who seek to use our academic institutions as places to stoke anti-Jewish sentiment are now on notice: There will be consequences for their racism.”

“I thought the memory of the Holocaust would shame those boasting anti-Semitic opinions. I was wrong.” - Elie Wiesel, Holocaust Survivor & Writer

The Men of the Way of Light
The Feast of Holy Family Sunday provides an opportunity for us to reconsider where we are in the journey of becoming a holy family.

Saint Pope John Paul II in his Letter to Families expresses thanks to Saint Joseph for manifesting the “fairest love,” the love which is “a gift of one person to another” the love which originates in God’s love. It was through Joseph that “the mystery of the Incarnation and the mystery of the Holy Family, come to be profoundly inscribed in the spousal love of husband and wife and, in an indirect way, in the genealogy of every human family.”

Joseph faced several real dilemmas in his marriage to Mary. First, Joseph had to decide what to do about his spousal covenant with Mary who became pregnant of the Holy Spirit. Then, after Jesus was born, news came of Herod’s desire to murder Jesus. Later, Joseph led his family to return to Nazareth from Egypt. Joseph sought the Lord’s guidance. In each case, the Lord used an angel to communicate to Joseph in a dream. Joseph trusted and obeyed. First, he remained with Mary. Secondly, he heeded God’s warning to flee to Egypt and finally trusted God to return to Nazareth. We see in Joseph three very strong traits; he was a man of integrity, he was a man of sacrificial love, and he was a man who was responsive to God’s will in his life. This is why he models so well the mystery of the Holy Family.

The family that is holy possesses integrity, sacrificial love, and responsiveness to God’s will, all of which are a harbinger of salvation. As Paul VI in Evangelli Nuntiandi explains, the family is the basic unit of the Church, it is the “domestic Church.” As such, it should reflect the characteristics of the larger Church. He points out, “the family as domestic Church ought to be a place where the Gospel is transmitted and from which the Gospel radiates.” This task begins with the thorough and continual evangelization of the children and of one another as members of the family. Additionally, there should also be a turning outward to our friends and relatives with the Gospel of God’s love. “And such a family becomes the evangelizer of many other families, and of the neighborhood of which it forms part.”

Holy Family Sunday is a time when we can ask God to help us become a holy family, practicing integrity, sacrificial love, responsiveness to God’s will, and participating in the task of evangelization. The world, our world, is looking for evidence through us that THE Holy Family really exists, and is inviting them to become a part. (Condensed from the Emmaus Journey Reflections)

Looking for ways to lead your family to holiness?
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Join us at our next meeting on Saturday, January 11th, immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass. We meet in the Nazareth Room of the Holy Family Chapel. Bagels and coffee served. Our meetings run until 10:30 AM. For more information, visit our FaceBook page.

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

**2020:**

**JANUARY:**
Saturday
11th
Sunday
5th & 19th

**FEBRUARY:**
Saturday
8th
Sunday
2nd & 16th

**MARCH:**
Saturday
14th
Sunday
1st & 15th
Let Your Light Shine

Unto Us a Child is Born

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

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
Regional School
2341 Washington Ave.
Bellmore, NY 11710
516-785-5709
www.steas.com
NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.

CURRICULUM SUNDAY
OPEN HOUSE

JANUARY 26
11-1PM

Catholic Schools
Remember God’s mercy and give thanks.

(Circle) the hidden words in the puzzle.

LOVE PEACE JOY MERCY

Remembering God’s Kindness

Isaiah said, “I will tell of the kindnesses of the Lord.”

Connect the dots: A B C D E F G H I J

The Lord has compassion and He cares for His people.

Find the hidden objects in the picture.

In His love and mercy, God has helped them.

Match the pictures.
Joseph took his family to safety. Where did they go?

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What was the warning that Joseph heard?

Begin at the red arrow. Continue from letter to letter by following the direction of the arrows.

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the Child and His mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the Child’s life are dead.”

Help Joseph, Mary and Jesus find their way back to Israel.