St. Barnabas the Apostle

Monday, December 31
Fr. Michael 6:30 AM
Fr. Kevin 9:00 AM

Seventh Day within the Octave
Natalie Sorvillo
Victor Cioffi
Joseph T. DePuy
Meghan Alice Roach
Frank E. Valvert
Luisa Verzosa

Tuesday, January 1
Fr. Kevin 6:30 AM
Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM
Fr. Kevin 10:30 AM
Fr. Adrian 12:00 PM

Solemnity of the Mother of God
Santina Passero
James Gillen, Sr.
Meghan Alice Roach
Joseph Bishop

Wednesday, January 2
Fr. Adrian 6:30 AM
Fr. Michael 9:00 AM

Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory
Richard Rollando
Ricky Laun

Thursday, January 3
Fr. Kevin 6:30 AM
Fr. Michael 9:00 AM

Christmas Weekday
Rosemarie Pietroforte
In Thanksgiving and Intentions of John Balestriere and Family

Friday, January 4
Fr. Michael 6:30 AM
Visitor 9:00 AM

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
Frances Baio
Sisters of Charity St. Barnabas
School Mass

Saturday, January 5
Fr. Adrian 8:00 AM
Fr. Michael 4:30 PM

Saint John Neumann
Edward Patrick Nallan
Rose A. Sisalli
David Broussard
Gerard Roldan
Anthony Yannello
Nina Sardo
Constance M. Franzone
Meghan Alice Roach

Fr. Kevin 7:00 PM

Sunday, January 6
Fr. Michael 7:00 AM
Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM
Fr. Michael 10:15 AM
Fr. Kevin 10:30 AM
Fr. Adrian 12:00 PM
Fr. Kevin 5:00 PM

The Epiphany of the Lord
Giuseppe Cipriano
For the People of Our Parish
Eugene, Mary and Lynda Sternkopf
Peter and Adeline and Villella, Jr.
Edna Maniscalco
Anthony Argila
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From vocabulary to habits - children pick up everything from their parents. Think about the huge influence your parents had on your life. This is true for Jesus, too. For all his Godly attributes Jesus was born, like any other baby, crying and fussing. In his humanity Jesus discovered first-hand the force of gravity, the heat of a fire, the dryness of the summer. He experienced the pain of teething, thirst, hunger, growing pains, cuts and scrapes, etc.

Today’s gospel features one of the rare accounts of Jesus’ childhood years. Joseph and Mary lose their twelve-year-old son Jesus - they actually leave him behind - and finally find Him after three days of searching for Him. He spent all this time in the temple. Not in the local arcade, or the mall - he hung out at the temple flipping through Scripture scrolls. His mother said to him, “Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.” And He said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” But they did not understand what He said to them. Now, doesn't that sound exactly like a slice out of real life?

Was Jesus disobedient to his parents? Or did He follow a higher calling? Did His parents neglect their supervision duties? Whatever else may be in this gospel, we certainly see Jesus on the verge of something new. He has a spiritual awakening. Perhaps for the first time ever, Jesus becomes aware of the predominance of the Heavenly Father over His earthly father; the fact that there is a higher purpose in His life that is above and beyond His family life, His social class, and His human existence. Isn’t that something all parents want for their children? To become aware of a higher purpose and calling on their life? Isn’t that something we want for ourselves? To believe that God has called us to something higher. We want life to matter. May this New Year help us to resolve to live everyday as God’s gift to us. Happy New Year.
We Pray for Our Deceased
George O’Kane

Bread and Wine
Is offered in memory of Sean O’Connor from Tom Reilly.

Sanctuary Lamp
Is lit in memory of Sean O’Connor from Tom Reilly.

We Pray for Our Sick

Sisters of St. Barnabas
Intention
Let us come to this New Year with prayers of gratitude. We thank the Lord for His goodness to us, for His presence and help in our lives, our Church, and community. We give thanks for those who serve us spiritually here at St. Barnabas.

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.

The Week Ahead

Sunday:
7:30 PM   Al-Anon, South Cafeteria

Tuesday:
Rectory Closed;
New Year’s Day

Wednesday:
7:00 PM   CHOSEN L8, HFC
7:00 PM   Al-Anon, Rectory
7:00 PM   RCIA, Convent Room
7:30 PM   Choir, Church

Thursday:
7:00 PM   CHOSEN L8 HFC
7:00 PM   Bible Study, Rectory

Friday:
1:30 PM   Lectio Divina, Rectory
8:00 PM   Nocturnal Adoration, Church

Saturday:
11:30 AM  Baptisms, Church
12:30 PM  Confessions, Church
Dear Parishioners,

We are always looking for new ways to help people stay connected to St. Barnabas. Recently we launched our new Parish App. The app is available free of charge. To sign on simply text ‘APP’ to 88202. The weekly bulletin is found on the app, as well as the daily scripture readings, reflections, prayers and of course information about events and liturgies in our parish. Please share the St. Barnabas App with your family and friends.

At the threshold of this New Year we give thanks to all those who made our Christmas so beautiful and prayerful. Let’s give thanks and praise to our rectory office staff who assisted people with enquiries and helped schedule our liturgies and events. Many thanks to all those who donated items to our social ministry appeals and who volunteered their time to help in the pantry.

The Church looks beautiful. Thanks to our maintenance staff who did a tremendous job of decorating the Church and grounds. A special work of gratitude to the Knights of Columbus for their assistance. Many thanks to Mr. Bill Dione along with our cantors Vicki & Al, the adult choir, the musicians, Ms. Sabina Lamb and the children’s choir who gave us the great gift of wonderful music. Thanks to our family liturgy group who helped coordinate the children’s liturgies and to our sacristans, altar servers, ushers and all who work behind the scenes.

Our lectors proclaimed the readings with great joy and faith and our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion helped many people receive the Body of Christ with reverence and respect.

We are blessed to have St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School as our neighbor and we thank them for their joyful Advent and Christmas Services.

We also thank the Bartholomew Funeral Home for donating the 2019 Calendars to our parish.

With Fr. Michael and Fr. Kevin, I wish to thank the many parishioners who were so kind to us at Christmas. The cards, best wishes and personal gifts are appreciated and we are grateful for your thoughtfulness. Your support and encouragement of our priestly ministry is truly appreciated. We wish you and your families a continued Merry Christmas and many blessings for the New Year.

Fr. Adrian

Year End Contribution

Call the rectory if you wish to receive a contribution statement for 2018. 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 January 1st at 6:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 12 noon.

Baptism of the Lord: Sunday, January 13

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on Sunday, January 13, 2019. Because it falls on a Sunday, it is a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated 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.

St. Barnabas Pre-Cana

OPENING: JAN. 27th Sunday, 6PM Holy Family Chapel. FOCCUS ON LINE: JAN. 28th THRU FEB.
Our Mission is to Encourage Evangelize & Educate

1st. FOCUS REVIEW: 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.

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 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.

The Men of the Way of Light
This week, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Who is your family? What is your role in that family? Is it the same as the role God wants for you? If you had one thing to give your children, what would it be? Many times our priorities are shaped by the secular world. Interested in discerning what God really wants from you? Then please join us at our faith discussion group at our next meeting on Saturday, January 12th, immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass. We meet

Saint of the Week

Elizabeth Ann Seton
1774–1821
Feast Day—January 4

Raised Episcopalian in colonial New York City, Elizabeth married William Magee Seton, a merchant. The couple had five children. William died in 1803 in Italy, where Elizabeth learned about Catholicism from the family who gave her hospitality. Wars had bankrupted the family’s shipping business. After becoming a Catholic in New York in 1805, the now-poor Elizabeth was abandoned by old friends, but accepted the offer of a Baltimore priest to open a school for girls there. In 1808 she founded the U.S. Sisters of Charity, whose schools and orphanages grew in number. She became the first native-born U.S. saint in 1975 and is the patron of converts.

Saint Elizabeth Seton, you knew the beauty of all human life when you carried a child in your womb and when, as a young widow, a teacher, and founder of the Sisters of Charity, you sought to live the Gospel of Life. Inspire us, intercede for us, and be with us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

You know the love of a good spouse; Intercede for all newly married couples.

You know the stirring of the child in your womb; Intercede for every unborn child.

You know the miracle of giving birth; Pray for mothers tempted by abortion.

You know the sacrament of Holy Matrimony; Teach us to support all families with faith and truth.
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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 or pick up one of our business cards displayed at the rear of the church.

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.

Focus on Religious Freedom
Newaygo, Michigan - In this small Michigan town, the School Board unanimously decided to keep a display of the Three Wise Men, erected each Holiday Season for over 40 years at a public elementary school despite complaints that it violates the separation of church and state. “Please leave our Wise Men alone,” said a parent. “Look away if it offends you.” “This community has said loud and clear (over 3,400 people signed a petition) that they want the display to stay,” said Superintendent Peggy Mathis. “Newaygo Public Schools has a legitimate secular purpose for the display. We are both upholding the communities’ tradition of celebrating a public holiday and attempting to point towards the importance of wisdom, knowledge, and open-mindedness. They’ve been described as the scientists of their time...To my knowledge, there is no case law that prohibits the depiction of 3 non-Christian middle eastern men on camels seeking wisdom.” Honey Grove, Texas - “Y’all don’t do that again,” Middle School Principal, Lee Frost, told a group of 8th grade students who decided to pray for an injured classmate during lunch. They could only pray on the stage behind the curtain, outside the school building, or in the gym while no one was present and they couldn’t be seen. Attorneys for First Liberty informed the school district of the students’ rights and school officials corrected their policy. “The right to pray is a Constitutionally protected activity...By mandating that the students hide when they pray, Principal Ford sends a message to students that school prayer is illegitimate, disfavored, and should not occur in public...Even Establishment Clause concerns cannot justify such treatment...Students are free to pray together at school as long as it’s not disruptive. Our client is very pleased that she and her friends can continue to pray together for each other, their fellow classmates, and their teachers.” “When our Founding Fathers passed the First Amendment...They never intended to construct a wall of hostility between government and the concept of religious belief itself.” - Ronald Reagan

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

- Spousal/Partner Loss Support Group (Afternoons)
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:
Rev. Major Timothy Hirten, Nicholas P. Wright.

US MERCHANT MARINE:
Lt. J.G. Eric Stumpel.

US COAST GUARD:
Lt. Robert M. Scaduto, Jr., SA Kieran Baisley.

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
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.

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.
**THE LEGEND OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS TREE**
An evergreen sprang from the centre of an oak cut down by **St. Boniface**. The oak symbolized paganism, and its death brought an end to the old ways. The new tree was **“the sign of endless life, for its leaves are evergreen.”** St. Boniface took this as a sign of the Christian faith.

**HISTORY**

**11TH CENTURY**
During Advent, religious plays were performed around Europe. There was always a tree on stage, decorated with red apples, to symbolize the Tree of Paradise.

**15TH CENTURY**
The faithful began displaying paradise trees in their homes on December 24, the feast of Adam and Eve.

**16TH CENTURY**
Decorated standing trees became popular in Germany and France. Immigrants brought the tradition to America, but the custom was not popular until the 19th century.

**18TH CENTURY**
The Christmas tree tradition started in Canada.

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**Oh, Christmas Tree!**
The decorating of the Christmas tree offers an opportunity for family prayer.

**PRAYER:**
We praise you for the beauty of this tree: may its evergreen branches remind us of your unending care for all people; may its lights illumine the darkness of the winter nights; may its presence bring cheer and hope for all people. Amen.

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**Parish App Feature-of-the-Week**
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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.
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

$25 Donation

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.
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**Upcoming Workshops**

**Bereavement Ministry**
Facilitator Training Level II
Saints Peter & Paul Parish, Manorville
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, Southampton
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, Southampton
Starting January 13, 2019
2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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

**Mardi Gras**
Seminario de la Inmaculada Concepción, Huntington
March 19, 2019
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**RCIA Enrichment Day**
Seminario de la Inmaculada Concepción, Huntington
March 19, 2019
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Preparación para el Bautismo**
Entrenamiento para Facilitadores Nivel I
Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Deer Park
A partir del 5 de marzo de 2019.
7:00 p.m. to 9:30 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.

**God Made Man**
By Fr. Shannon Collins
Rediscover the True Meaning of Christmas
Fr. Shannon Collins sheds new light on the biblical narratives of the birth of Jesus Christ, as well as the beautiful traditions of the Church during Christmas. Listen before the Christmas season ends!

*Listen on formed.org*

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**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)

**June 26,** Nativity of John the Baptist (Solemnity)

**July 8,** Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Solemnity)

**July 22,** Saints Peter and Paul (Solemnity)

**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 St. 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.

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**FORMED PICK**

"An enlightening talk about how and why our very Creator came down to a lowly place to save the world!"

—Julie L., Sterling, VA
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.

Confirmation will be celebrated at St. Barnabas on Monday, May 20th, 2019 at 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM with Bishop Andrzej. Candidates, please return all forms on January 2nd and 3rd, when class resumes for Chosen.
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.

In 2019 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 AM Mass on July 14, August 11 and September 8, 2019).* We return to the 10:15 AM Mass for October 13, November 11, December 8, 2019.

### Available Dates

**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

**August**
- Saturday 3, 11
- Sunday 17, 25
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.

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.
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.

Band Concert

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Jesus in the Temple

When Jesus was a boy, He traveled with His family to Jerusalem.

Help the family get to Jerusalem. Follow the numbers. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

The boy Jesus went back to Nazareth and was obedient to His parents.

Match the letters.

O B E D I E N T

D O E N

E T I B

As they started home, Jesus wasn’t with them. They found Him in the temple courts. Jesus told His parents, “Didn’t you know I would be in My Father’s house?”

How many people are in the picture? 4 7 9 12

Then circle these things in the picture.

4 3 1
We're Searching for Jesus
ACROSS
1. People related by kinship, common origin, or marriage.
6. A place where a person or family lives; a residence
7. A father and mother
8. Someone you know, like, and trust

DOWN
2. A building used for religious ceremonies or worship
3. To look carefully in order to find something
4. The ability to judge what is true or right
5. A large meal; A periodic religious festival

PARENTS | RELATIVES | TEMPLE | WISDOM
FRIEND | FEAST | HOME | SEARCH
Jesus in the Temple

Every year Jesus’ parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of … what?

In the squares, write the name of each picture. The darker squares spell the answer.

Jesus was a child … like you! What does the Bible say about Him?

Copy the squares onto the grid.

1
2
3
4
5 6 7

1,7
3,6
And the child
1,5
favor with God & all.

2,7 1,6 4,6 4,7

4,5

and stature and in
3,5 3,7 2,6

grew in wisdom
2,5

“Peace, which the angels proclaimed to the shepherds on Christmas night, is a profound aspiration for everyone.”

—Pope Francis, World Day of Peace, 2018