Masses
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 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.

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Rev. Charles Omotu
Rev. Francis Agyeman
Deacon Bernard F. Sherlock
Deacon Richard E. Iandoli

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St. Barnabas the Apostle
Second Week of Advent December 6th - 12th

Monday, December 7  St. Ambrose
6:30 AM  Luigi Spanarelli
9:00 AM  Michael McGuire
          Pauline Jennings  Antoinette Diana
          Doug Hennessey  Bryan Berardelli
Intentions of Maria & Gilbert Dias
          (40th Wedding Anniversary)

Tuesday, December 8  The Immaculate Conception
6:30 AM  Vincent Giandelli
9:00 AM  Nancy Stabile
5:00 PM  Victor & Elizabeth Cutrone
7:30 PM  Maria Oyarzun San Martin

Wednesday, December 9
6:30 AM  Intentions of Andrew Till
9:00 AM  Dorothy Healy & Family

Thursday, December 10
6:30 AM  Doreen Minerva
9:00 AM  Vera Carlson, John & Bridie Cronin

Friday, December 11
6:30 AM  Charlie & Ann Klika
9:00 AM  For the Intentions of the
          St. Vincent de Paul Society Members

Saturday, December 12  Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:00 AM  Evelyn Rein
5:00 PM  For the People of Our Parish
          Vito Anthony Santarsiero
          Frank Tocco  Raymond Vogts
          Thomas Burke  Mary Filippone
7:30 PM  Edward Johnson

Sunday, December 13 Third Sunday of Advent
7:00 AM  Lorraine Burns
9:00 AM  Margaret Racanelli
10:15 AM  Stella Morra
10:30 AM  Stephen Andrew Clifford
12:00 PM  Margaret McBride
5:00 PM  James Clare

We pray for our recently deceased
Douglas Peter Gerbosi
  Frank Seminara
  Salvatore Fili
  Annmary Hoare
  Charles J. Rampanelli

Bread & Wine
The Eucharistic Bread & Wine is offered in loving memory of Margaret McBride from her Family.

Sanctuary Lamp
The Sanctuary Lamp Candle will be lit this week in loving memory of Edward Johnson from Sister Rose Annina.

Advent Candles
The Advent Candle for the second week will be lit in loving memory of Donald Williams.

Christmas Candles
The red candles on the sanctuary at Christmas may be memorialized to honor your loved ones. The offering of $50 may be made at the rectory.

Celebrant Schedule
Saturday, December 12th
5:00 PM  Fr. Francis
7:30 PM  Fr. Charles

Sunday, December 13th
7:00 AM  Fr. Francis
9:00 AM  Fr. Charles
10:15 AM  Fr. Francis
10:30 AM  Fr. Adrian
12:00 PM  Fr. Charles
5:00 PM  Fr. Adrian
The members of the Sisters of Charity, Halifax and their Associates will be attending the noon Mass on Sunday, December 6th. At this liturgy, they will be renewing their vows and commitment and will invite all at the liturgy to make a commitment to live our Gospel commitment. Let us welcome them joyfully!

In 1924, four valiant women traveled from Halifax, Nova Scotia to New York. The Sisters came to Brooklyn – to Our Lady of Angels parish to open a school and to continue the good works that had begun in Canada. In September 1924 six Sisters welcomed 350 children in eight classes. Already the Sisters were collaborating with the laity, with four teachers joining them at OLA School. The Sisters also taught religion classes and prepared children to receive communion and confirmation. Because the convent was not ready for the Sisters, they created a “convent space” in the school and slept in this area until the convent was completed in 1927!

The school at OLA continued to grow, and the ministry of education by the Sisters of Charity expanded to other parishes including St. Barnabas in Bellmore (1931), Our Lady Help of Christians in Brooklyn, St. Aidan in Williston Park, St. Nicholas of Tolentine in Jamaica, Resurrection-Ascension in Rego Park, and Our Lady of Good Counsel on Staten Island, to name a few.

The first high school founded by the Sisters of Charity in New York was opened in 1937 as Patchogue Catholic High School, which was renamed Seton Hall High School in 1940. Staffed by four Sisters, the school opened with an enrollment of seven boys and ten girls and within just a few years, the number of students had grown to 100!

Over 90 years since arriving at Our Lady of Angels, Sisters of Charity, Halifax continue to have a significant impact on so many people in New York. The ministry of the Sisters is still evident in the field of education. Many new ministries have been added to the list of places where Sisters of Charity minister – places of need for women and children, parish ministry and a wide variety of social service ministry settings. These new responses to new needs are but a new expression of the same mission of the four Sisters who arrived in Brooklyn, New York in 1924. The Sisters of Charity, with respect for the past and with enthusiasm for the future, continue to respond to needs as they "give joyful witness to Love: the love of God, of one another, and of all persons."

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Abigail Jaclyn Johnson
Tyler Stephen Cermak
Anthony Bernard Guzzardo
Cameron Elijah Santana
Ryan James Smith
Thomas Joseph Marone
Liam Kenneth McWilliams
Avery June Adams
Emily Gabrielle Fiore
Abigail Nevin

Rowan Donald Tammany
Liam Warner
Isabella Lin Addeo
Bella Maddison Corsaw
Daniel Michael DeMarco
Rocco Francis DiDomenico
Aubrey Harper Eddings
Gena Frances Hoffman
Aiden Thomas McNulty
Juliana Marie Medina

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Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 8th.
Holy Day of Obligation

Masses at
6:30 AM,
9:00 AM,
5:00 PM and
7:30 PM.
If you were asked who your favorite Saint is - you might pick someone like Anthony, Francis or Theresa. Probably nobody would choose John the Baptist. Yet Jesus said that among those born of a woman there was no greater prophet than John the Baptist.

A lot of Advent belongs to John the Baptist. He'll turn up next Sunday in the Gospel. He'll turn up again the Sunday after that. He's a booming presence in the Gospel of today. Is he making too much of himself? No, he's not! On our part, we may be making too little of him. John the Baptist is a major figure in human history for at least three reasons.

The first is that the story of Jesus in the Gospel begins with him. He was the one chosen by God to prepare the way for his Son. He didn't just happen to be there. He was meant to be there. God was very particular in the Immaculate Conception about choosing a mother for his Son. He was also very particular about the prophet who would be his precursor. John the Baptist was handpicked.

Secondly, John is a major figure in that he not only prepared an audience for Jesus, he also prepared a group of disciples who would be key people in Christ's kingdom. One was Peter; another was Andrew; a third was John the Evangelist. John the Baptist gathered them around himself and then let them go - encouraged them to go! Some of our Lord's best disciples were John's disciples first.

The third reason John the Baptist deserves our attention is that his words carry weight today. 'Prepare a way for the Lord. Make his paths straight' (Mt 3:3). At this time of year we find ourselves preparing for a feast. He wants us to prepare for a person. That's his message for us. John's challenge is the challenge to conversion. He gives a few examples in next Sunday's Gospel of what he has in mind. The person with 'two tunics must share with the man who has none and the one with something to eat must do the same' (Lk 3:11). Tax collectors must exact no more than their rate while soldiers must no longer intimidate (Lk 3:14). He talks about 'making paths straight', 'filling valleys in', 'making rough ways smooth', he's talking about a spiritual revolution.

Either we change for Christ's coming or we don't. Either we'll open our hearts to him or we won't. Minds have to be made up, John is saying. Choices have to be made. He's a pretty insistent prophet, this John the Baptist.
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- 7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting, School Cafeteria

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

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It is time for the Catholic church to remain strong in its traditional values of marriage, anti-abortion and Christian values, NOT a time to fold due to pressure against conservatism.

I believe Fr. Adrian is doing his very best to be present to parishioners and making them feel welcome at mass. Fr. Adrian is very much needed and parishioners are very pleased that he has been sent to us. It is a difficult time in the church and lay people have to help the priest make parishioners feel welcome. It can't be all left up to the priests. Have a night of reflection for EM's and Lectors once or twice a year. Offer Lenten Retreats that give us thoughts to take home. Thank people for coming. Don't lecture us...Teach us. The atmosphere at church is cold & unwelcoming for some. Parishioners might smile a little. It appears we are a closed clique. Encourage parishioners to smile at a stranger!! Encourage parishioners to maybe say a kind word. Have the priest talk about how important children are to Jesus & our church. Thank parents for bringing their children.

Interesting Homilies - pertaining to people's lives. Our experience with St. Barnabas is a welcoming one. We feel welcome & loved at church. Thank you for trying so hard.

I would like a mission during lent. I miss having a weekly Lenten Mass at night. We used to have a Mass on Tuesday Nights with a guest speaker during lent.

I think we need more programs for Teens and Young adults especially. A crying room would be helpful. Social media may be a way to increase Mass attendance. My extended family does not attend Mass. They have their reasons for not practicing mostly they don't feel the church is relevant in their life. They have a "personal relationship with God". Plenty of Catholic's are not practicing the Catholic faith. But these people consider themselves Catholic. I am sure church going Catholics suggest to non-churchgoing.

Try and get Catholic's back to church. Interfaith ministries/clergy to come and participate with us. Eliminate fear to return to church. Reconcile with God through our priests. Let them know they will be forgiven.

St. Vincent de Paul and Knight of Columbus helping other parishioners, also the food pantry is a major contributor to the community. More social functions like the parish had in the 70's, 80's and 90's. These affairs brought the parish together. Both St. Frances and Maria Regina have 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday. They are very well attended. Consider this for St. Barnabas. Make the mass more meaningful. Whatever happened to the ten minute homily. People have to get to know them. The Staff is always helpful. 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday.

Build and work with the CYO to engage the younger population. Some fun low cost opportunities for families. Maybe a bazaar, trips to sporting events, amusement parks. It would have to be something social to engage more people.
Evening of Lessons & Carols
Featuring the St. Barnabas Choir
Sunday, December 13th,
7:00 PM in the Church

A celebration of scripture, hymns and choral anthems from the Advent Season.

Through beautiful music from past and present, we shall contemplate God’s love for humanity in the incarnation of His son, Jesus.

Join us through Scripture and song as we prepare for the coming of our Savior.

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The Story of the First Christmas

Directed by Lyn Politi

Sunday, December 13th
3:00 PM
St. Barnabas Church

Join the children of our parish as they present

Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24th, Christmas Eve
4:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 10:00 PM & Midnight
The 4:00 PM Mass will be celebrated in both the Church and the Holy Family Chapel. As these Masses are crowded, please do not reserve seats for others.

Friday, December 25th, Christmas Day
7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM & 12 Noon

Remember your loved ones by having Poinsettias placed on the sanctuary at Christmas. The offering is $15.00

Flower Offering

In Memory Of __________________________

Name __________________________________ (Please Print)
Address ______________________________________________________
City and State __________________________________________________
Env. No. ____________________________

Amount $ ______________
Gift-giving and gift-receiving are meant to remind us of the real meaning behind our celebration of Christmas - God’s priceless gift of his Son, Jesus. And since the time that Mary and Joseph wandered homeless into Bethlehem providing for the needy has also been a Christmas tradition. So, again this year our parish will make available baskets filled with Angel Tags, each angel carrying the name of a gift needed by someone in our community. You are invited to take home an angel or two during the next couple of weekends and bring your gifts to the church lobby. A special collection box will be placed in the church lobby for gift cards and certificates, or you may bring them directly to the rectory office. Please securely attach your Angel Tags, but do not wrap the gifts, as we will have wrap and ribbon available to go with them. Please return your gifts and Angel Tags to St. Barnabas by December 14th. God bless your generosity...and through it may Jesus be born once more in all of our hearts this Christmas.

Social Ministry Thanks You
A big heartfelt thank you to all the generous parishioners who donated turkeys, food, checks and food cards to almost 60 needy families this Thanksgiving. Because of your generosity, the baskets included many foods from breakfast to dinner with many extras. A special thanks to: Catholic Daughters, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Bellmore Fire Department, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School and their National Junior Honor Society, St. Barnabas Religious Education Program, our local scouts, Kennedy High School, Mid Island Collision & Executive Auto Collision. Your generosity and continued support of our parishioners during the holiday season and throughout the year is so very much appreciated.

Please keep in mind the pantry will continue to serve the everyday needs of our many families in need. The pantry is in current need of toothpaste, shampoo, bar soap, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, paper towels, napkins, toilet paper, tissues, peanut butter, jelly, jarred sauce, cereal, and coffee. Donations may be left on the bench in the back of the church or brought to rectory.

Year of Mercy Ornaments
To mark the beginning of the Year of Mercy next weekend, December 12th & 13th

The members of the Charismatic Prayer Group will be at the Church Door with these Christmas tree ornaments of the Nativity & Pope Francis,

Donation: 1 for $3 or 2 for $5
Charismatic Prayer Meeting
A Charismatic Prayer Meeting is a gathering of people who have come together primarily to Praise God. We come open to the Holy Spirit’s leadings, giving our full attention to Jesus. A meeting consists of praise and worship, led by our Music Ministry, singing, all the gifts of the Spirit; scripture readings with reflection, sharing and personal testimony. 1 Cor. 12:1-11 lists all the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The end of our meeting is a time to ask for prayers for family, friends or those who have asked us to pray for a special intention. Personal prayer is also available after the meeting with our Prayer Ministry Team.

We gather every Monday evening at 8:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel, and end with fellowship and coffee. Please remember if you can’t join us, there is a prayer request box at the rear of the Church for prayer petitions which are prayed for during our meeting. Come join the Charismatic Prayer Group for praise, song, and worship on Monday, December 14th at 8:00 PM. We will have a short prayer meeting followed by fellowship with coffee, cake and a few snacks. All are welcome!

Respect Life Group
We would like to form a Respect Life Group in the parish. If you are interested please contact Mr. Vin Murray at 382-7200.

Communion Suits & Dresses
We have several First Holy Communion Dresses that were donated; many of them are brand new with the tags still on. We also have a few boys’ suits that were worn once that have been donated. If you are interested in looking at the dresses or suits please contact the Office of Christian Formation at 785-0130.

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.

Parish Donation
Anyone who has a gently used car that they are willing to donate to the parish, please contact the rectory at 785-0054.

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 information and to register.

Christmas Wafers
In some traditions a blessed wafer is shared among family members at the beginning of the evening meal at Christmas to recall the real “Bread of Life” who came among us over 2,000 years ago. The blessed wafers are available at the rectory, your free will offering will be donated to parish outreach.

Investiture as a Monsignor
The Parishioners of Saint Philip Neri cordially invite the Parishioners of Saint Barnabas the Apostle to the Mass of Thanksgiving on the Occasion of the Investiture as a Monsignor Of Father Peter C. Dooley on Sunday the 13th of December At 11:30AM in the Morning. A Parish Reception will follow the Mass.

Entering Canaan
Day of Prayer & Healing for Women. The Sisters of Life will host a Day of Prayer at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception on December 12th. For additional information contact the Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075 or e-mail hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org or Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina@postabortionhelp.org.

Marian Mission
This Advent the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington will hold a series of events during the second week of December - A Marian Mission. In partnership with St. Joseph’s Seminary and the Missionaries of the Most Holy Eucharist, there will be opportunities for prayer, retreat, study and fellowship. Please see the website, www.marianmission.org, for information.

Morning for Seniors
Thursday, December 10th 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM, Cenacle Retreat House, 310 Cenacle Rd., Ronkonkoma, (631)588-8366. Come meet others, as we grow older together in wisdom and grace. Offering is $25. Lunch is included.
December 8, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters:
Disciples of Christ,

Pope Francis has called for a Jubilee Year of Mercy to begin Wednesday, December 8, 2015 and to continue until November 22, 2016. In his Bull of Indiction he tells us, *Jesus Christ is the face of the Father’s mercy* and then goes on *We want to live this Jubilee Year in light of the Lord’s words: MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER.*

With gratitude to the Holy Father for this initiative, I write to all of you, the members of the Church of Rockville Centre, to invite us all to set out on a pilgrimage of mercy here in our Diocese beginning on December 12th. Inspired by the Pope’s letter, *Misericordiae Vultus*, we as a Church will have many opportunities to live mercy and to let the Father’s mercy flood our hearts and make our hearts like that of His Son. I urge all of you to read prayerfully the Holy Father’s letter which can be found on the Vatican website, [www.im.va](http://www.im.va) under Pope Francis and the rubric “Bulls”. He gives us all a moving explanation of divine mercy, the mercy that forgives, embraces and renews, and transforms every human heart open to receive God’s grace.

In our Diocese I have designated four pilgrimage places. Each place, Saint Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre, The Basilica of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary in Southampton, The Shrine of Our Lady of the Isle in Eastport, and The Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, will have a specific day every week during the Jubilee Year when priests and others will be available to receive pilgrims who come to enter through the Holy Door to confess their sins, pray before the Blessed Sacrament, join in devotions and receive the Lord’s blessing in Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

There will be a pilgrimage as well to the Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington on September 24, 2016. Parishes and deaneries will be organizing events. During Lent the priests will preach on the themes of mercy during this special season. The Jubilee Year will be officially opened in our Diocese on Saturday December 12th at the 5:00PM Mass in Saint Agnes Cathedral which will also be televised by Telecare. These and many other moments to “encounter the Father’s mercy” can be found on our website [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org).

For the moment I write to urge you to begin NOW to prepare your hearts and those of your families, parishioners and friends truly to live mercy so that *the balm of the Father’s mercy may heal everyone* and we all become merciful as the Father is merciful, *the Father whose mercy is greater than any sin and more fulfilling than any other promise of life.*

May the Merciful Father enter our hearts and transform our lives so that we might be His instruments of mercy to one another and the entire world.

Yours devotedly in Christ,

Bishop of Rockville Centre
In Your Prayers Remember the Sick

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

US Army:
General Paul Hurley, PFC David Calame, Jr., PFC Justin Oney, Chaplain Spec Kevin A. Bauer, Major Eric Reid, SPFC Sean Luhman, SPC Andrew Crowley III, Lt. Richard Joseph Holahan, Major Benjamin H. Klimkowski, Staff Sgt. Eric S. Loughran, Staff Sgt. Christopher Price, SPC Kieran Riordan, First Lt Marlene Dwyer.

National Guard:

US Navy:

US Marines:

US Air Force:
Col. George E. Loughran, Capt. McLean G. Bethea, Nicholas P. Wright, Rev. Major Timothy Hirten

US Merchant Marine:
Lt. J.G. Eric Stumpel.

US Coast Guard:
Ensign Robert M. Scaduto, Jr.
Breakfast With Santa
Sunday, December 13th
2 Sessions available
9:00 am & 11:30 am
Contact Carla Fernandes at carlafernandes12@aol.com
or Jeanne Naclerio at jmnac311@gmail.com
for more details

Please Join us
Monday, December 14th
at 8:00 PM
St. Barnabas
The Apostle Church
For our
Band Concert &
Advent Nativity Chorus

The Students,
Teachers & Staff of
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School
Wish Father Adrian McHugh
A warm welcome to the parish of
St. Barnabas the Apostle &
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School

Miss Mary Donohue &
Mrs. Ceil Yanelli
for 25 years of service
Christ has no body now but yours.
No hands, no feet, on earth
but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which he
looks compassion on the world.
Yours are the feet with which
he walks to do good.
Yours are the hands with which
he blesses the world.
Yours are the hands.
Yours are the feet.
Yours are the eyes.
You are his Body.
(St. Teresa of Avila)

The Religious Education Program is in need of Adult volunteers to assist as Hall Monitors and Substitute Catechists. We have been having difficulty finding adults to substitute when a catechist cannot come in. Please consider helping!

Please find us on Facebook at St. Barnabas Religious Education.

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There are a few sweatshirts, jackets and miscellaneous items that are in our lost and found in the Religious Education Room in the school building. Please check when you bring your child to religious education class.

**Important Dates**

Tuesday, December 8th -  **NO CLASSES** – Feast of the Immaculate Conception - please take your children to Church.

Thursday, December 17th -  **NO CLASSES**

Monday, December 21st through December 31st –  **NO CLASSES**

**CLASSES RESUME – MONDAY, JANUARY 4TH**

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.
Hi everyone!
This is the page for St Barnabas Life Teen.
I’m Peggy Harnisch your youth minister!!

Hi Everyone,

Advent is all about preparation. We talk in Youth Ministry about how we can prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of our savior, Jesus. In today’s Gospel we hear how John the Baptist went out baptizing people in preparation for the ministry of Jesus.

How are you preparing for Jesus? It’s not easy in our Christmas culture! By now, tree lightings have all taken place and as much as we love this, we need to focus on the fact that we are in the second week of Advent.

I’m suggesting to our teens that we prepare with more prayer. We can pray for so many things. We can pray for our peace in our society, one that seems so focused on destroying each other. Nothing else has worked so let’s try prayer. We can pray for peace in our schools. Every day some of our teens struggle just to get through the day. How much nicer would everything be if our schools were safe and peaceful places.

We can pray for peace in our homes and community. This season can be difficult in families that are having a hard time due to money or health issues.

Prayer is a great way to help us prepare for Advent. Maybe we pray every day already—that’s great. How about a little more. Maybe we are too busy to pray - pray anyway. We can make the time!

Have a blessed second week of Advent!

Peggy

Need info? Contact Peggy at: StBarnabasYouthMinistry@gmail.com

St Barnabas
Youth Ministry

December 6, 2015

Dates to Remember
Friday, December 11th -
Middle School Night
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Friday, December 18th -
Christmas Party
Middle and High School Invited -
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
School Cafeteria

If you are an adult who might enjoy working with teens, maybe you would like to be a part of our Core team!
Email Peggy for information!!
We need you!
stbarnabasyouthministry@gmail.com