Prepare The Way

Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.
Rev. Adrian McHugh, Pastor
Rev. Kevin Gruber
Rev. Michael Ngoka, CM

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After Hours Cell : 516-808-5491
Fax: 516-221-7789

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9:00 AM to 5:00 PM;
(Closed Weekdays:12:30-1:30 PM)
Saturday & Sunday: 9 AM to 1 PM

MASS TIMES
Monday to Friday: 6:30 and 9 AM
Saturday: 8:00 AM
Vigil: 4:30 & 7 PM
Sunday: 7, 9, 10:15, 10:30 AM;
12 & 5PM.
Confessions Saturday 12:30 PM

Baptisms are celebrated on Saturday
at 11:30 AM and Sunday at 1:30 PM
when the Church is available

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
is celebrated on the fourth Saturday
after 8:00 AM Mass

Contact the Rectory for information on
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St. Barnabas the Apostle
Second Week of Advent

Monday, December 10
Fr. Michael 6:30 AM  Rose Marie Pietroforte
Fr. Kevin 9:00 AM  James Valentino
          Vera Carlson and John & Bridie Cronin
          Msgr. William Jablonski

Tuesday, December 11
Fr. Kevin 6:30 AM  Msgr. William Jablonski
Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM  Ersilia Reich

Wednesday, December 12
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Fr. Adrian 6:30 AM  Sean O’Connor
Fr. Michael 9:00 AM  Daniel Maffettone

Thursday, December 13
Saint Lucy
Fr. Michael 6:30 AM  Irene Carey
Visitor 9:00 AM  School Mass Grade 7 hosting Mass
          Ersilia Reich

Friday, December 14
Saint John of the Cross
Fr. Adrian 6:30 AM  Elizabeth DeLuca
Fr. Michael 9:00 AM  John Vasaturo

Saturday, December 15
Fr. Michael 8:00 AM  Clorinda Facinelli
Fr. Michael 4:30 PM  Dylan Murphy
Robert Murawski
James Gillen, Sr.
Michael Piersack
Mildred Scalesi
Intentions of Meaghan Metz and
John McGuire
Fr. Kevin 7:00 PM  Christine Aluotto

Sunday, December 16
Third Sunday of Advent
Fr. Michael 7:00 AM  Donato Grazia and Nicola Lamberti
Fr. Kevin 9:00 AM  For the People of Our Parish
Fr. Michael 10:15 AM  Giuseppe and Donata D’Andrea
Fr. Kevin 10:30 AM  John V. Luksch
Fr. Adrian 12:00 PM  Luigi and Maria Balestriere
Fr. Adrian 5:00 PM  James Clare
The Parish of St. Barnabas the Apostle presents....

“The Story of the First Christmas”

Sunday, December 16th, 2018 at 3:00pm

Calling all angels, stars, townspeople, and shepherds, why not take some time this holiday season to let the joy of Christmas fill your heart! Come experience the true meaning of the very first Christmas. Children ages 3 and up are invited to participate in this memorable Advent presentation. We are fortunate to have children of all ages participate in this performance from middle and high school ages to little ones who are first time angels and shepherds. Why not join us? Everyone is welcome! Let us join together as a faith filled community to celebrate the joy of the very First Christmas. Practices will be held: on Friday, December 14th from 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM, HFC. Email Lyn Politi at stbarnabasfamilyliturgy@gmail.com
Prepare The Way

What’s Pastor Thinking

Do you have a favorite saint? While lots of people like St. Anthony, St. Francis, and St. Theresa, the Little Flower, nobody picks John the Baptist as a favorite. Yet Jesus said that among those born of a woman there was no greater prophet than John the Baptist. John’s mission was to prepare the way of the Lord. We all are supposed to become a prophet like John the Baptist. The priest who baptized you anointed you as priest, prophet and king. Each of us is supposed to be a prophet who speaks God’s word to others in our lives.

Mother Teresa was a prophet. She left a comfortable convent with the Sisters of Loreto to live among the poor and care for them. At the beginning she had no place to live. After living on the street in tents and having the dying turned away from hospitals because of their poverty she began to look for her own place for them. She wandered through the streets of her city for days without finding any place. At the end of each of those days she ached all over and felt like giving up. The tempter kept whispering to her that all she had to do was go back to Loreto and she could have all the comforts she was longing for right now. She called this homeless time the darkest night of her soul. She had no young women willing to join her yet. She was all alone and it felt like she would never find a place for her ministry. When she approached some people, even priests, they treated her like she was crazy and walked away from her. She was constantly hungry and had to beg for food for herself to eat. She said that she was a terrible beggar but she’d eventually learn. She said it was a useful lesson on how the poor must feel when they try to find a place to stay. She made up her mind to trust God and not to surrender to self-pity. She said in her deepest discouragement that she wouldn’t allow herself to shed a single tear.

Being a prophet will always come with a cost in our comfort. But if we are willing to depend on God, God will give us everything we need. And then our success will be in God’s hands.
We Pray For Our Deceased
Frank Fradella
Richard Joseph Rollando
Thomas Philip Hughes

Advent Wreath Candles
The Second Candle on the Advent Wreath is lit in loving memory of Louis Scheibler.

Bread and Wine
Is offered in loving memory of Msgr. William Jablonski from “The Litniks”.

Sisters of St. Barnabas Intention
We pray for our Church and our Parish, that Our Lady, Mother of Jesus and Patron of this Nation direct us to her Son, who promised to be with us always.

We Pray for Our Sick

The Week Ahead

Sunday:
1:30 PM  Baptisms
7:00 PM  Lessons and Carols, Church
7:30 PM  Al-Anon, South Cafeteria

Monday:
7:00 PM  Liturgy Committee, Rectory
7:30 PM  Charismatic Prayer Group, HFC
7:45 PM  SEAS Concert/Nativity, Church

Tuesday:
7:30 PM  Respect Life, Rectory

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

Thursday:
7:00 PM  Bible Study, Rectory

Friday:
1:30 PM  Lectio Divina, Rectory

Saturday:
All Masses  Cub Scout Bake Sale
8:00 AM  Anointing, after Mass
8:30 AM  Men’s Group, HFC
11:00 AM  L5 & L6 Reconciliation

Our Finances
12/2/18: $16,852  12/3/17: $17,565
Parish Families Registered: 5,083
Envelopes Mailed: 1,451
Used: 12/2/18: 519  12/3/17: 606

Catholic Ministries Appeal
Goal: $108,900  Donors: 485
Pledged: $112,742  Received: $110,274

Special Collections
This Weekend
Retirement Fund for Religious
Altar Servers
The altar server schedule for December was sent by email. Thank you to all our altar servers for all your help during the year.
If you are available to serve for Christmas and the New Year, please contact the Rectory Office at 516-785-0054.
The following Masses require servers to sign up:
Monday, December 24th - Christmas Eve at 4:00 PM (Holy Family Chapel), 6:00 PM, 10:00 PM and 12 Midnight.
Christmas Day Masses at 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 12 Noon.
New Year’s Day at 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 12 noon.
The follow-up training class for our new altar servers will be held on Thursday, December 13th at 5:30 PM. We hope our new altar servers can attend one class. Thank you.
Our Mission is to Encourage Evangelize & Educate

Today’s Second Collection

Keeping St. Barnabas Safe
Hundreds of people pass through our buildings every day, including many children and young people. In order to ensure that our environment continues to be a safe and secure place, we have installed a new security system. Notice the cameras located both inside and outside our buildings. The project will be complete next week.

Convent Boiler Collection
We have currently reached 55% of our goal! Many thanks for your generosity.

Christmas Wafers
In some traditions a blessed wafer is shared among family members at the beginning of the 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.

Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors & Ushers
Sign-up sheets for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day & New Year’s Day Masses are available in the Church. Thank you for your service during the year.

Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound
Please pick up your poinsettias for your home visits at the rectory December 13th and 14th between the hours of 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM and the 15th from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. The rectory is closed for lunch from 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM.

RCIA News
Last Sunday, we celebrated the Rite of Welcome for those adults in our parish who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. Assembling publicly for the first time, the candidates declared their intention to prepare for the Sacraments. The gathered community accepted them as persons who intend to become full members of the Church. Please welcome and pray for our catechumens Miranda Awe, Bonnie Connors, Rich Jacobsen, Molly Maroney, Karl Seman, Suzanne Villani and our candidate for full communion, Deborah Savours.
Mass for the Anointing of the Sick
Today, Sunday, December 9th, we will celebrate the Anointing of the Sick at the Noon Mass. The Church does have regulations regarding who may be anointed. First, the person seeking to be anointed must have a serious illness. The illness may be physical, spiritual or emotional but it must be of a serious nature. Secondly, the Church specifies that you have never been anointed for this condition previously. Once you are anointed for an illness, you may not be anointed again unless the condition worsens. Because one may not perceive the grace of God in one’s life does not mean that it has not been granted. One may be anointed because of age. Anyone who is 65 or older may be anointed once a year because of one’s age without a serious illness. This is a beautiful communal celebration.

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

2nd Sunday of Advent (December 9th) - dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent
3rd Sunday of Advent (December 16th) - paper towels, tissues, napkins
4th Sunday of Advent (December 23rd) - toothpaste, bar soap, shampoo/conditioner

Donations can be left in the church lobby near the Tree of Life or brought to the rectory. Thank you.

Christmas Gift Giving
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 that time Mary and Joseph wandered homeless in Bethlehem, providing for the needy has been a Christmas tradition. So, again this year, our parish will make available Christmas tags, each carrying the name of a gift needed by someone in our community. You are invited to take home a tag or two during the next few weekends. A special collection box will be placed in the church for gift cards or you may bring them to the Rectory Office. Please securely attach your tag to the gift and leave unwrapped in the church lobby or Rectory Office. We ask that gifts be brought in by Friday, December 14th so we can distribute in time to our families. God bless you for your generosity...and through it may Jesus be born once more in all of our hearts this Christmas.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
John the Baptist urges us to “Prepare the way of the Lord,” and this is what Advent is all about. We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need. It is far easier to prepare for a Jesus who is a sweet, innocent Baby. The gospel challenges us to take the real events of our everyday lives - all the suffering and pain, all the anxiety and hopelessness, all the joy and peace - and see them as means to recognize the presence of Christ to us. This is what Advent is all about - recognizing the presence of Christ in our lives as salvation already come. Please support St. Vincent de Paul so that we may bring the peace of Christmas to the poor.
Ushers Needed

Liturgical Ministers enhance the celebration of the Liturgy. This is true of all Liturgical Ministers, and is very true of the Ministry of Usher. Ushers not only collect the offerings of the community and present them at the time of the offertory, but they also welcome those who are gathering for the celebration and oversee the orderly celebration. They are indispensable for the orderly celebration of the Liturgy. If you are interested in serving St. Barnabas Parish in this capacity, please complete the following and return it to the rectory.

Name _____________________________________________
I attend ___________________________ Mass
Phone# ________________________________
Address _______________________________________
Email _______________________________________

Girl Scout Religious Award Workshops

The next meeting for Brownies, Juniors and 6th Grade Cadettes working on their Girl Scout religious awards will be Saturday, December 15th in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School Cafeteria. Brownies working on the Ave Maria award will meet at 2:00 PM. Those working on the Family of God award will meet at 3:15 PM. Juniors working on the Regina Coeli award will meet at 2:30 PM and the girls working on I Live My Faith will meet at 3:00 PM.

Marian Healing Mass

Church of St. Anastasia, 45-14 245th Street, Douglaston on Tuesday, December 11th at 7:00 PM. For information, call (718) 631-4454.

Focus on Religious Freedom

The Twelve Rules of Christmas - Part 1: Compiled by the Rutherford Institute Attorneys.
1. Public school students’ written or spoken personal expressions about Christmas (e.g. “Jesus is the Reason for the Season” t-shirts) may not be censored by school officials.
2. Teachers are permitted to wear Christmas-related clothing or jewelry so long as they are generally permitted to wear clothing or jewelry about other holidays.
3. Public schools may teach students about the Christmas holiday, including its religious significance, so long as it is taught objectively for secular purposes such as its historical or cultural importance.
4. Teachers may send Christmas cards to the families of their students so long as they do so on their own time, outside of school hours.
5. Public schools may include Christmas music, including those with religious themes, in their choral programs if the songs are included for a secular purpose such as their musical quality or...
cultural value or if the songs are part of an overall performance including other holiday songs.

6. Public schools may not require students to sing Christmas songs whose messages conflict with the students’ own religious or non-religious views. “Mankind is great, an immense family...This is proved by what we feel in our hearts at Christmas.” - Pope John Paul XXIII

St. Joseph Renewal Center
St. Joseph Renewal Center now in Bay Shore at Montfort Retreat Center sponsors a three-year program in the training of Spiritual Directors. The program involves a thirty-week retreat experience of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. This takes place during the first year, on a one-to-one with an experienced spiritual director. During year two, the participant attends a formal class once-a-week from September to May, in the year of study. Presentations are given on the topics of mystery, grace, religious experience, images of God, prayer, the psychology of spiritual development, the stages of spiritual development, the spirituality and life of St. Ignatius, feelings and emotions in prayer, the art of Christian listening, and discernment. Involved in year three, in the fall, the students participate in formal classes developing their knowledge and skills as a spiritual director, as well as being introduced to the essential presence of supervision in spiritual direction. In the spring semester, each new intern is expected to participate in a ten-week internship. During the internship, the intern directs two people, visits with them weekly and meets with their supervisor once a week.

Contact St. Joseph’s Retreat Center if you would like to be part of this individual and unique experience of one-on-one spiritual direction, with a man or woman who is in the final stages of formation in the Art of Spiritual Direction. There is no cost attached to your participation, only your faithful commitment to the ten-week experience. The internship is from February through April. Please call Sister Josephine Daspro, CSJ, D.Min. at (631) 647-8683, if you are interested.

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.

March for Life 2019
Save the Date! March for Life 2018 - 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.

Catholic Charities Employment
Direct Support Professionals needed. FT and PT evening, awake overnight and weekend shifts available. Many On Call opportunities as well. Seeking individuals who have a sincere desire to use their skills to help Developmentally Disabled Adults enhance their ability to lead self-determining lives and participate in the community. Essential functions include personal care, household maintenance, transporting/safeguarding residents on community outings, coaching for skills
development and administering meds. Experienced and non-experienced welcome to apply. Training provided. HS diploma/GED and a clean, valid NYS Driver’s License are needed to apply. To apply, send resume and cover letter via email or fax. Reference “DSP-parish bulletin” in the subject line. Fax to 733-7038 or email jobs@catholiccharities.cc.

St. Rose of Lima Position
St. Rose of Lima Office of Faith Formation seeks a part-time Office Assistant. This position is Monday - Wednesday from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM with additional hours on a rotating schedule (weekday evening/Saturday morning). Please email resume and salary requirements or submit inquiries about this position to gracer@srolchurch.org.

Regular Sacrificial Giving
You can contribute to St. Barnabas with online banking and bill paying services. Call the rectory to request the service. Send a check to St. Barnabas with your weekly collection donation indicated. Include your Name, Address & Envelope Number.

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
New Hymnals
TO BE MEMORIALIZED

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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Come Join Us For a Joyful Start To Your Christmas Season

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018    7:00 p.m.

Presented At
St. Barnabas R.C. Church
2320 Bedford Ave., Bellmore NY 11710

Featuring
The St. Barnabas Choir
William Dione, Music Director

Admission is Free

If you would like to bring a nonperishable food item for our pantry’s Christmas baskets, please leave it in the church lobby with our thanks!
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.
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?
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.

**Calendar dates at a Glance:**
- **Tuesday, December 11th** - Last Tuesday class before Christmas
- **Wednesday, December 12th** - Last Wednesday class before Christmas
- **Thursday, December 13th** - Last Thursday class before Christmas - (ALL CLASSES on Thursday will meet in the Holy Family Chapel)
- **Saturday, December 15th** - Level 5 & 6 Reconciliation at 11:30 AM

Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 2, 2019!
Remainder: We cannot allow anyone into the building during class time that is not a volunteer - doors will open at 5:30 PM for dismissal.

We turn our focus towards the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas. This penitential time of waiting and anticipation allows us to open our hearts and minds more fully to the ways of the Lord. Let this season be a time where we turn towards the truth and devote ourselves more fully to Christ. This Advent poses a unique opportunity for us to dive more deeply into the mysteries of Christ and of the Church.

**Next Middle School Youth Meeting** -
Today, Sunday, December 9th from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel. Please join us and bring a friend!
We will be discussing Mary the Mother of God.
If you have any questions, email stbyouth17@gmail.com.

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**Parent & Child Program**
For children ages 2-3 years old.

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Our Time is the perfect way for you and your child to become familiar with the classroom environment while singing songs, doing crafts, reading books, and celebrating God’s love together.

Class sessions are offered on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday from 10am to 11am from September thru June at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School.

For more information or to enroll contact:
Sabina Lamb (516) 781-9834
Or the School Office.
This past Sunday, SEAS celebrated our annual tradition of Breakfast with Santa! This well attended event is a great opportunity to gather our community together, eat, play and be merry! Thank you to all the volunteers who made this event so much fun, especially Mrs. Schwan and Mrs. Rugen!

Give the gift of CASH! Join in on this fun SEAS tradition by purchasing Christmas Card Raffles. They are the perfect for teacher gifts! Contact the main office to purchase.
The Preaching of John the Baptist

The word of God came to John in the wilderness.

Connect the dots. A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P

John taught the people about forgiveness of sins.

Help John get to the river. Follow the numbers. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

John worked to prepare the way for Jesus.

What does the Bible say all people will see?

Trace the letters.

God's Salvation

HOLY BIBLE

Circle these pictures.

Chicken, fish, donkey, camel, jug.
JOHN THE BAPTIST

Matthew 3:3, Mark 1:3, Luke 3:4
ACROSS
4. Having bends, curves, or angles.
6. Having a surface free from roughness
7. To grant a pardon for sin.
8. Having no bends or curves.

DOWN
1. To make things ore oneself ready.
2. What we use to speak.
3. To turn away from one’s sins.
5. Having an irregular, course, or shaggy surface

STRAIGHT VOICE FORGIVE PREPARE REPENT ROUGH SMOOTH CROOKED
The Preaching of John the Baptist

John, the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, was in the wilderness. Something came to him there! What was it?

Follow the line from box to box, writing the letters you find along the way in order on the blanks below.

John went into all the country around the Jordan. What did he do?

Begin at the arrow. Go around clockwise, writing every other letter on the lines. Go around the circle twice.

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Word list
in low hill God's ways roads rough smooth filled valley
crooked straight mountain salvation humankind

Every (11)_______ shall be (8)______
(7)______, every (4)_______ and (15)_______ made (12)______. The (1)______
(5)_______ shall become (3)_______, the (9)_______ (13)_______ (2)_______. And all (6)_______ will see (14)_______ (10)_______.

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Find more words from Isaiah. Fit the words from the list into the puzzle. Then write the words from the puzzle on the lines.