EXPERIENCING GOD
TRANSFORMED BY HIS LOVE
February 10, 2019
Sunday Readings Hymnal #867

St. Barnabas the Apostle
Ordinary Time Fifth Week

Monday, February 11
Fr. Michael 6:30 AM Richard Mistretta
Fr. Kevin 9:00 AM Michelle Bouchard
Susan Lupinacci

Tuesday, February 12
Fr. Kevin 6:30 AM Rev. Edward Muhs - 8th Pastor
Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM Gladys Slavin

Wednesday, February 13
Fr. Adrian 6:30 AM Rev. Msgr. William Murray - 5th Pastor
Fr. Michael 9:00 AM Nick Pettinato
Grade 5 attending Mass

Thursday, February 14
Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius
Fr. Kevin 6:30 AM Rosemarie Pietroforte
Fr. Michael 9:00 AM Christopher C. Moger

Friday, February 15
Fr. Adrian 6:30 AM Agostino Marsico
Fr. Michael 9:00 AM Mike Byrnes
Grade 4 attending Mass

Saturday, February 16
Fr. Adrian 8:00 AM Marianne Rolston
Fr. Michael 4:30 PM Kellie Lescoe
John Marraro
Barbara Breslin
Tom Kiley
Carl DePasquale
Kenneth Price

Fr. Kevin 7:00 PM Stella Gambaro

Sunday, February 17
Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time
Fr. Michael 7:00 AM James Gleeson and Vera Gleeson Smyth
Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM Lucy Schiavone
Fr. Michael 10:15 AM Lauren Whalen
Fr. Kevin 10:30 AM Peter and Adeline Villella, Jr.
Fr. Adrian 12:00 PM For the People of Our Parish
Fr. Kevin 5:00 PM Frank Walczyk

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Father, help us not to just go to Church on Sunday, but to recognize that your presence goes with us wherever we go. May we know a deep communion with you every day. May our marriage be a place where we grow together and lean on You in every situation. Help us to grow to be more like You every day, having a unity in Spirit, being patient, humble and gentle with each other, and bearing each other’s burdens with Your love and strength. Fill our marriage with Your peace. When a struggle or strife arises, may our first response be to come to You together for help. Help us make talking about You and Your Word a priority. We ask your Spirit to help us understand Your Word and grow together in our love and service to You.
Isaiah lived in the 8th century BC, in the capital of Judah, Jerusalem. He had gone to the Temple as he often did, to worship the unseen God, but there to his amazement, he saw the Temple as it were opened to Heaven, and his spirit could soar up to the eternal.

How different for Peter! He had no intention of encountering or worshipping God that morning. He and his workmates were simply returning home after a fruitless night. All he saw was the wandering preacher, the Nazarean, who had been around the village lately, standing on the shore watching him. The rest, as they say, is history.

Different again for Paul. His vision of the risen Christ is a privilege and led to his dramatic conversion.

None of these three people were on a spiritual trip. They were going about their different kinds of business, that’s all. For Isaiah and Paul it was, admittedly, religious business, but for Peter it was simply his everyday routine. None of them revel in the privilege: they are literally overwhelmed, partly by the greatness of God, but mainly by their own unworthiness and sinfulness in the presence of that greatness.

But that is not the end of the matter. It turns out that God has not appeared to them to prove His own existence, or to allow them to feel superior to ordinary religious folk, or even to satisfy their deep spiritual hunger. He appears to them because He has something to say, and something for them to do. And so the first thing He does is to deal with their sense of unworthiness and guilt; graciously and not impatiently, but firmly and without wasting undue time. And then He gets on with the business of the meeting, as it were: He gives them a job.

How was it for you? When did you last see God? What might God be calling you to do?
We Pray for Our Deceased
Constantino “Gus” Aquilone
Catherine O’Connell Fisher

Sisters of St. Barnabas Intention
We pray to grow in devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes, who is ever ready to heal the suffering of each day.

We Pray for Our Sick
Periodically “We Pray for Our Sick” list is amended. At this time, we are asking that you contact the rectory at 785-0054 to advise us whether or not a name should remain or be deleted from the list. Thank you for your assistance.


The Week Ahead

Sunday:
All Masses
10:15 AM
Baptism Class and Agape
1:30 PM
Baptisms
6:00 PM
Youth Group, HFC

Monday:
7:00 PM
Liturgy Committee, Rectory
7:30 PM
Charismatic Prayer Group, HFC

Tuesday:
7:00 PM
CHosen Level 8, HFC
7:00 PM
Al-Anon, Rectory
7:00 PM
RCIA, Convent Room
7:30 PM
Choir, Church

Wednesday:
7:00 PM
CHosen Level 8, HFC
7:00 PM
Al-Anon, Rectory
7:00 PM
RCIA, Convent Room
7:30 PM
Choir, Church

Thursday:
7:00 PM
CHosen Level 8, HFC
7:00 PM
Bible Study, Rectory

Friday:
1:30 PM
Lectio Divina, Rectory

Saturday:
11:30 AM
Baptisms
12:30 PM
Confession

Our Finances
2/3/19: $18,464  2/4/18: $17,003
Parish Families Registered: 5,083
Envelopes Mailed: 1,451
Used: 2/2/19: 551  2/4/18: 606

Catholic Ministries Appeal
Goal: $108,900  Donors: 636
Pledged: $118,531  Received: $117,266

Special Collections
This Weekend - Maintenance & Repair
We have currently reached 77% of our goal to replace the boiler in the Convent! Many thanks.

March 3rd - St. Vincent de Paul
POPE NAMES BISHOP ROBERT BRENNAN AS BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS (OHIO)

The Vatican announced that Pope Francis has appointed an auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan, as the 12th Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus (Ohio).

“Bishop-designate Robert Brennan has a blend of holiness, missionary fire, humility, intelligence and pastoral experience that will serve the mission of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Columbus in an extraordinary way,” said Bishop John Barres, Bishop, Diocese of Rockville Centre.

“The Church of the Diocese of Rockville Centre expresses its solidarity and prayers with Bishop Brennan and the Diocese of Columbus as we rejoice together and give thanks to the Holy Spirit and to Pope Francis for this historic appointment.”

Annual Telethon

The Catholic Faith Network Telethon is the weekend of Saturday, February 9th from 2PM - 10PM and Sunday, February 10th from 12PM to 10PM. Please tune in on Cablevision channel 29/137, Time Warner Channel 471 or Verizon FiOS channel 296 to support our Diocesan Television Station. It will be 18 hours filled with many guest “stars” including many of the clergy, religious and dedicated lay people of our Diocese. Additionally, visits from celebrity chefs and musical groups will help fuel the enjoyment. Join Msgr. Jim Vlaun for the Catholic Faith Network Telethon and consider making a donation by phone or a secure donation over the internet at www.cfntv.org.

EMs, Lectors & Altar Servers

Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers have been sent via email the ministry schedule for February. For those who do not have email or have not provided their email address, please pick up a copy of the schedule in the Altar Server’s Sacristy.
Liturgical Ministry Training
Please contact Fr. Adrian if you are interested in serving as a Lector or a Minister of the Eucharist at St. Barnabas. These are the dates for training.

**Nassau County**
- Saturday, February 23rd at St. Christopher’s in Baldwin from 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
- Wednesday, April 3rd at St. Christopher’s in Baldwin from 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

**Suffolk County**
- Saturday, March 9th at St. Rosalie in Hampton Bays from 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM (English in Community Hall; Spanish in Parish Center)
- Thursday, May 23rd at St. Elizabeth in Melville from 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM in Msgr. Kane Hall

One may attend either training but not both for a given day. Please contact the rectory for information and/or to register.

**Basic Training** - For all those who would like to minister at parishes as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC).

**Specialized Training** - For those EMHC’s intending to work with the sick (e.g., hospitals, nursing homes, homebound) - You must attend the basic training before attending the specialized training.

**Lector Training** - For those who wish to proclaim the Word of God at their parishes. All men, women, and young adults who wish to become a lector at their parish should attend a diocesan training session.

**St. Barnabas Pre-Cana**
- In Home Sessions: February 10th - March 24th
- Closing: April 7th - Sunday, 5:00 PM MASS followed by refreshments.

Divorced or Separated Catholics
A social organization for single persons, including widows and widowers, is having a New Member Orientation Meeting on Wednesday, February 27th at 7:30 PM at St. Frances de Chantal School, 1309 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh. All are welcome. Bring proof of single status to join. Refreshments following the meeting. For further information, call Carol at 794-4933 or Fran at 889-5790.

Widow and Widowers St. Patrick’s Day Lunch
St. Patrick’s Day lunch at the Wantagh Inn on Thursday, March 14th at 12:30 PM. This event is being run by Eileen Keeley (826-5476) and Mary Higbee (826-3019). The cost is $24. Checks should be sent to Eileen Keeley, 1880 Village Lane South, Wantagh 11793, no later than March 12th.
Palm for Burning
Please place your palm in the basket at the doors of the church.

Run for Tomorrow’s Hope
Join Tomorrow’s Hope Foundation and Long Island Catholic Elementary schools for the 4th Annual 5K & Fun Run for Tomorrow’s Hope Foundation. Saturday, March 30th at 450 Franklin Avenue and Fourth Street, Garden City. Fun Run starts at 8:30 AM, 5K starts at 9:00 AM. The mission of the Tomorrow’s Hope Foundation is to ensure the excellence as well as the continuance of Catholic Schools on Long Island by increasing awareness and by providing scholarship and program funding for the needs of students and schools. The Tomorrow’s Hope Foundation gives hundreds of children each year the opportunity to attend Catholic elementary school.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
In the Gospel today, the disciples decide to leave everything to follow Jesus. We are also called to follow Jesus, who tells us that “whatever you do to the least of Mine, you do for Me.” The gospel invites us to look to the simple manifestations of holiness that indicate the presence of God, for example, in the generosity of so many volunteers, in the faithfulness of husbands and wives, in the unselfishness of parish workers, in the uncomplaining suffering of the sick, in the gracious wisdom of the elderly. The “yes” response to our call is to imitate these good behaviors and by so doing we extend God’s reign. Please continue to support the St. Vincent de Paul Society so that we may help those in the parish that need help.

Sheen Center
At the back of the church, you will find new brochures for the Winter/Spring 2019 season of The Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Center for Thought & Culture, a new performing arts space, a project of the Archdiocese of New York. Located in lower Manhattan, The Sheen Center offers wonderful events in theater, music, talk and film! For more information, please visit SheenCenter.org. Use the special discount code ARCH and get 20% off selected tickets!

Regional Prayer Meeting
The Diocese of Rockville Centre Charismatic Renewal Office is having a Regional Prayer Meeting. Please join us as we come together to worship our Lord and King on Monday, February 25th, at 7:30 PM, St. Martin of Tours, 220 Central Avenue, Bethpage. Our speaker will be Pat Murray. “Winds of Flame” Music Ministry.

Marian Healing Mass
There will be a Healing Mass at the church of St. Anastasia, 45-14 245th Street, Douglaston, on Tuesday February 12th. Rosary, Mass and Healing Service, celebrated by Fr. Augustine Fernando at 7:00 PM. For information, call (718) 631-4454.

SAT Exam Prep Course
St. Dominic High School in Oyster Bay is holding SAT Exam Prep Courses on the following Saturdays: March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, April 6th, and 13th. 9:00 - 11:30 AM in Marian Hall. Course fee is $250 and includes textbook. Contact Mrs. Stutzmann at 922-4888, ext. 5241.
2019 Summer Camp
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
Homeschooling Targeted: Viriginia - Loudoun County Public Schools school board is seeking State legislation to alter the religious exemption of thousands of homeschooled children by requiring families to find, “an alternative public, private, parochial and/or approved home instruction setting.” The district - not the parent - would determine the definition of a “satisfactory education.” “This action is very disturbing because it means that the school district wants new ways to control religious-exempt families,” said Senior Counsel to Home School Legal Defense Foundation. Religious Schools Targeted: New York - Leaders of religious schools in N.Y. state are alarmed by the new guidelines from the state’s Dept. of Education that give local public school boards broad power to inspect, oversee and intrude upon the independence of private religious schools. “There is no protection against government officials who are hostile to religious schools or who just want to eliminate the competition.” wrote the N.Y. Archdiocese. “As those first responsible for the education of their children, parents have the right to choose a school for them which corresponds to their own convictions. This right is fundamental.” - Catechism of the Catholic Church, Par. 2229.

Good Shepherd Hospice is proud to announce that our new hospice inpatient center at Mercy Medical in Rockville Centre is officially open. We are excited to continue our mission to provide compassionate, comprehensive and family-focused care to patients and families in Nassau County. Our dedicated inpatient center will allow us to provide specialized care for patients whose symptoms and medical needs can not be managed in a home setting.

For more information about this project, please call 631-465-6350.
To refer a patient to Good Shepherd Hospice, please call 516-586-1420.
Visit our website goodshepherdhospice.chsli.org/ to learn more.
Bowlers Needed
Mercy League Bowling Team is looking for bowlers for Fridays at 9:45 AM at Syosset Lanes. $12.25 per week for 3 games. Also includes end of season luncheon. For details, please call Dolores Sartor at 931-4106. Come on out and have some fun. We look forward to meeting you!

The Men of the Way of Light
In each of today’s readings, God reaches out to three ordinary men to proclaim His message. Each was imperfect, unworthy and sinful. God cleansed their sins, made each worthy, and endowed each with His own perfection! Another man who answered God’s call was Fulton J. Sheen. In 1952, the Dumont Television Network was looking to fill the slot that would go against the most popular show on TV, The Milton Berle Show, which garnered almost 80% of all viewers. Acknowledging what a great opportunity it would be to bring the Gospel to so many, Archbishop Sheen agreed to work without any salary! So the show, Life is Worth Living, was born! God truly worked through Fulton Sheen! His hypnotic gaze, disarming smile, and dramatic delivery captivated his audience! Within months, the show’s popularity rivaled that of Mr. Television, Milton Berle! The requests for tickets were four times the theatre’s capacity for every show. Archbishop Sheen won the Emmy in 1952, and in his acceptance speech he thanked his writers, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John! Not many of us are able to accomplish all that Bishop Sheen did in his life. But he was the first to admit that he accomplished everything! He answered the call, God did the rest! Are you open enough to let God work in your life? When God asks, as He did with Isaiah, “Whom shall I send?” will we answer, “Here I am, Lord?” Want to take steps to allow God to work in your life? Please join our Faith Discussion Group at our next meeting on Saturday, February 16th, 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.

Bishop Molloy Retreat House
The Bishop Molloy Retreat House is a spiritual center that provides a variety of programs and services. We are also able to accommodate groups who wish to gather for spiritual or educational purposes in our facility. Located in Jamaica, NY, we serve our local community and the greater tri-state area. National and even international organizations have chosen to meet in our facility as well. Our retreat house is a destination for people seeking a peaceful place in which to hold a special event and an urban Oasis for those looking to escape the busyness of everyday life. Along with our programs, we include meals, amenities and more. Address: 86-45 Edgerton Blvd. Jamaica Estates, NY 11432. Phone: (718) 739-1229.

Support Groups
• National Alliance on Mental Illness Family-to-Family: Free for family members and friends of persons with major depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, panic or obsessive compulsive disorder, etc. Series of 12 weekly classes on Thursdays, to help caregivers understand and support individuals with serious mental illness and maintain their own well-being. Starts
Our Mission is to Encourage Evangelize & Educate

Thursday, March 7th from 7:00 PM - 9:30PM at Walk in Love for Jesus Church, 906 Newbridge Road, No. Bellmore.

- Ongoing Support Group for Families of Loved ones Struggling with Mental Health: Meetings are held in St. Raphael Convent, 600 Newbridge Road, East Meadow. Third Tuesday of the month, starting February 19th. For information please call Carol Ann at 221-6168.

Catholic Charities Employment

Bi-lingual Program Supervisor needed for Immigration Services in Amityville. Full time position. Master’s in Business Administration or Human Services required. 3 - 5 years project or program management experience including staff supervision. Prior work experience with immigrant families or children a plus. Clean, valid NYS Driver’s License to travel to Nassau/Suffolk. Ability to work flexible hours when needed. Email resume and cover letter to - jobs@catholiccharities.cc or fax to 733-7038. Reference “NYSARY Program Supervisor”.

Pilgrimage To Poland

Join Fr. Stan Wadowski of St. Anne’s Roman Catholic Church in Brentwood, on a pilgrimage to Poland from August 11th - 22nd. Price is $3,299. For information please call Marge Baum at (631) 273-8113.
SEVEN TUESDAYS FROM MARCH 5 TO APRIL 23, 2019

Holy Family Chapel
7:00pm-9:00pm

Day Retreat: Saturday April 13, 2019

Each session includes four components:
(1) Welcome and Prayer (2) Video Teaching (3) Fellowship (4) Small Group Discussion

Session Topics
1. Daily Personal Prayer
2. Hearing God in Scripture
3. The Power of the Sacraments
4. Forgiving One Another
5. The Spirit-Empowered Life
6. Retreat
   The World
   The Flesh
   The Devil
7. Advancing the Mission
   of the Church
7. Celebration Session

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Say “Yes” to Forever
A QUICK MARRIAGE RETREAT

“We must not allow ourselves to be conquered by a ‘throwaway culture’. This fear of ‘forever’ is cured by entrusting oneself day by day to the Lord Jesus in a life that becomes a daily spiritual path of mutual growth, step by step.” (Pope Francis, Valentine’s Day Address to Engaged Couples, February 14, 2014)

Breaking open the theme:

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Reflection:

Juan and Louisa had been married for about fifteen years when Louisa decided that she just didn’t feel that “spark of love” any longer. She convinced herself that their marriage was doomed, and it was about time to call it quits. As she came home from work that day and went to approach her husband about her decision, she found him praying by their bedside. He prayed, “Lord, I feel as if my wife doesn’t love me anymore. I just don’t know where to go from here…please take control of our marriage and help us to love each other as we once did.” Immediately, her heart was moved as she realized that a “spark” would not save their marriage, but Christ could.

Put it into practice:

1. Pray: Pray a rosary together – or just a decade – and focus on how Mary relied not on her own strength but on God’s.

2. Reflect: How can you rely on Christ in your love for your spouse?

3. Do: Write your spouse a note about how your feelings for him or her have deepened over time.

Prayer for Married Couples

Almighty and eternal God,
You blessed the union of husband and wife
So that we might reflect the union of Christ with his Church:
look with kindness on us.
Renew our marriage covenant.
Increase your love in us,
and strengthen our bond of peace
so that, [with our children],
we may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.
Beloved
Episode 1: Christ at the Center
See Your Vows in a Whole New Light
Learn how to put faith at the center of your marriage! The mix of the theoretical and practical in Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage will help you and your spouse thrive in marriage.

Watch on formed.org

National Marriage Week
“Do not let the sun set on your anger.” (Eph 4:26)

Great biblical advice! Even if an issue is not completely resolved, make it a point to say “I’m sorry” and “I love you” after an argument and before bed.

Check out www.foryourmarriage.org for more tips, prayers and blogs that promote healthy Catholic marriages. #MarriageWeek

St. Valentine and Valentine’s Day
How February 14 came to be celebrated as the feast for lovers is somewhat a mystery. What little is known of the feast’s namesake can be attributed to the lives of two martyrs: one a priest, the other a bishop. Their lives bear little resemblance to the contemporary holiday. The priest Valentine reportedly was beheaded in 269 by Emperor Claudius II. The bishop, known for healing, was martyred earlier. It’s probable that a medieval custom of sending messages of love on this day merged later with the feast.

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Take Action: Write your spouse a note about how your feelings for him or her have deepened over time.

“So do not forget that true love sets no conditions; it does not calculate or complain but simply loves.”
—St. John Paul II, August 2000
REMINDERS:
We cannot allow anyone into the building during class time that is not a volunteer - doors will open at 5:30 PM for dismissal. If you have not come in to sign for and pick up your “Parent Safety Guide” please call the office to make arrangements to do so as soon as possible.

Calendar Dates at a Glance
Monday - Thursday, February 18th - 21st: No Classes, Winter Recess
Tuesday, February 26th: First and second graders and families - Journey to Easter, Our Lenten Journey Workshop, 7:00 - 8:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel. RSVP by February 15th - (785-0130).

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. Please call the Religious Ed. Office at 785-0130 for more information.

Join us for our next Middle School Youth Group! We will be putting together sandwiches and packages for a local soup kitchen. This will be our service project for February. Join us on Sunday, February 10th from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM in the Youth Room in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School. Come by for a fun evening of service and bring a friend! Please email stbyouth17@gmail.com with any questions. Thanks! Kieran Maelia, Youth Minister
In the last lesson, we examined the Beatitudes as God's path to help us discover goodness, beauty, truth, and freedom. In this lesson, we will focus on the spiritual “muscles” we need to exercise in order to have the strength we need for this journey. This exercise is called “growing in virtue.”

The purpose of this lesson is to recognize that virtue is not just a high ideal, but a lifelong pursuit of holiness and good habits. Just as we gradually build up our physical strength and endurance through exercise, so the exercise of spiritual virtues makes us strong enough to withstand temptation and avoid the development of sinful habits (also called “vices”).

Every vice has a corresponding virtue. It is not enough simply to “weed out” the bad habits—we must replace them with spiritually healthy ones.

Conversation Starters
We build physical muscles so we can do more and better things. ... Why do we need to build “spiritual muscle”?

The purpose of this lesson is to convey the reality of sin and its consequences, to instill an aversion to personal sin, and to cultivate a desire to seek the healing power of Christ in Confession in order to achieve deeper conversion and a more intimate walk with God (see CCC 1428). The Catechism teaches us that Catholics who have reached the “age of discretion” (CCC 1457) must go to Confession at least once a year or whenever they have committed mortal sin. Confessing venial sin on a regular basis is also recommended by the Church (see CCC 1458). A regular examination of conscience and sacramental Confession are important to personal conversion. It is important to recall that reconciliation is not primarily about punishment, but about re-establishing the unity and intimacy that sin disrupts in our relationships with God and other people.

Conversation Starters
What are some ways we can see God’s “rules” (for example, the Ten Commandments) as ways to make us more free, rather than less free?

Reconciliation for Level 8 at 7:30PM Wednesday, March 13 & Thursday, March 14.
Confirmation with Bishop Andrzej Monday, May 20
Congratulations to the NJHS Officers, Members, and New Inductees! The SEAS National Junior Honor Society was established to recognize outstanding middle level students. More than just an honor roll, NJHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

**NJHS Officers:** Thomas O’Kane, President ~ Matthew Baller, Vice President ~ Angelina Scalice, Secretary ~ Michael McGoldrick, Treasurer ~ Michelle Baller, Ice Cream Coordinator ~ Matteo Rincon, Ice Cream Coordinator

**NJHS Members:** Christian Aron ~ Jazara Jones-Campbell ~ Matthew Dunphy ~ Fred Joseph ~ Madison Gerstein ~ Samantha Peck ~ Madeleine Graham ~ Tyler Rodriguez

**New Inductees:** Devin Aron ~ Ryan Barrett ~ Brianna Blanco ~ Peter Bouzi ~ Matthew Buono ~ Julianna Cantelmo ~ Gabriella Cirillo ~ Emily Connelly ~ Benicio Cruz ~ Josephine DiFranco ~ Patrick Garvey ~ Hunter Harrison ~ Grace Iannotta ~ Charlotte Johannesen ~ Natalia Kadowcka ~ Jenna Marciaente ~ Lena Martorana ~ Kaelin McCaffrey ~ Kevin McGrory ~ Michael Murphy ~ Austin Rincon ~ Damien Sileo ~ Marguerite Sparacio ~ Pasquale Tondi ~ Joseph Wyrozenski

**Faculty Advisors:** Mrs. Jean Carlson ~ Mrs. Christine McNamara

Congratulations to the Mentors for Christ and the New Mentors! The objective of the Mentors for Christ Program is to enable students to answer Pope Francis’ call to be Missionary Disciples, also known as agents of evangelization. Mentors lead their fellow students by being role models of good behavior and exhibiting respect, responsibility, and reverence at all times. Mentors also examine their own faith journey through group studies and assignments, allowing them to develop their personal missionary goals.

**Mentor for Christ Members:** Julianna Cantelmo ~ Grace Iannotta ~ Natalia Kadowcka ~ Vanessa Romanelli ~ Austin Rincon ~ Damien Sileo ~ Brianna Blanco ~ Kristen Grasso ~ Charlotte Johannesen ~ Jenna Marciaente ~ Kaelin McCaffrey ~ Madeleine Graham ~ Thomas O’Kane ~ Matteo Rincon ~ Ryan Lopano ~ Angelina Scalice

**New Mentors:** Elena Quinones ~ Tiffany Williams ~ Jorja Johannesen ~ Julia Murray ~ Sienna Singh ~ Roisin O’Brien ~ Gabriella Cirillo ~ Fred Joseph
Jesus Calls His First Disciples

Jesus said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.”

Write the 1st letter of each item on the blank above it.

So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed Him.

Connect the dots.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all

and haven’t

anything. But because You

so, I will let down the nets.”

When Simon brought up his net, it was so full it was breaking!

Find a path through the net.

Match and trace the words.

Fish

for

people

Fish

for

people
Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.
1. To get behind someone and go where they go
2. The land along the edge of an ocean, sea, lake, or river
3. A large area of salty water, smaller than an ocean
4. To go down below the surface of the water
5. A small vehicle for travelling on water
6. An openwork fabric of cords used to catch fish
7. An animal which lives in water and is covered with scales
8. The Son of God
9. An openwork fabric of cords used to catch fish
10. To go down below the surface of the water
Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. There was a crowd around Him listening to the word of God. At the water’s edge He saw two ________________.

Connect the dots to discover what Jesus saw. Fill in the blank above.

Jesus got into the boat belonging to Simon and asked him to put out a little from shore. He taught the people from the boat. Then He said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.”

Simon answered, “Master, we’ve

14___________ 6___________ 11___________

3___________ and have 7___________ 19___________

15___________ . But 17___________ You

say so, I will let down the nets.” When 8___________ had 21___________ so, 8___________ 19___________ 23___________ a

10___________ 16___________ of 1___________ that 18___________ 5___________ 9___________ to 22A___________ .

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