Create in Me a pure heart.

Psalm 51:10
**St. Barnabas the Apostle**

**Sixth Week in Ordinary Time**

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Confirmation 2018
Rite of Enrollment

These candidates are beginning their final period of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. They have found strength in God’s grace and support in our community’s prayers and example. Now they ask that they be recognized for the progress they have made in their spiritual formation and receive the assurance of our blessings and prayers as they begin their final preparation for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Candidates, as we enroll your names to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please recall the promises you made at the beginning of your journey that you renew today as you begin the final stages of your preparation.

You promised:

- To approach the Confirmation journey with an open mind and an open heart.
- To attend and fully participate in all Chosen or Catholic School lessons and activities.
- To be respectful of your teachers and show appreciation for their time and effort.
- To show respect to others in class who are on the same journey.
- To attend Mass on Sunday.
- To receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- To accept more responsibility in your family, parish, and community by putting your talents and gifts at the service of others.
- To commit to daily prayer, praying especially for growth in faith, hope, and love.

Letters of Support & Affirmation by the Assembly

Are you willing to affirm the testimony expressed about these candidates and support them in faith, prayer, and example as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? All: We are. Continue to support these candidates with your guidance and concern. May they see in you a love for the Church and a sincere desire for doing good.
Ashes &
Valentines

**What's Pastor Thinking**

Both St. Valentine’s Day and Ash Wednesday fall on the same day this week. One calls us to give chocolates, and the other calls us to give them up! One proclaims love with flowers, the other with palm ashes.

Did you know that St. Valentine, the patron Saint of lovers, was a priest who performed secret marriage ceremonies in Rome when Christian marriages were unlawful? One night Valentine was caught, thrown in jail and sentenced to die. But many young people came to the jail to visit him. They threw flowers and notes up to his window. After his execution, a note was found in his cell addressed to a friend which he had signed with ‘Love from your Valentine.’ This is a Christian legend, but as we know, every legend has roots in some historic truth. Valentine’s Day is a great opportunity to show love to everyone.

Ash Wednesday is the first day of the penitent season of Lent. In Christian theology, one of the defining characteristics of God’s love is that God forgives us our sins, which then frees us to be able to forgive others and to improve our relationship with them. Love always gives and always forgives! So on Ash Wednesday, we place ashes on the forehead in the shape of the cross as a sign of penitence. Pope Gregory I, who was Bishop of Rome 7th century A.D., introduced this custom. Gardeners know that ashes can be used to help grow plants - but basically ashes are worthless. In fact, they are often less than worthless - they are a hindrance and a liability. You can't make ashes pretty by painting them, and you can't make ashes smell good by spraying perfume on them. Ashes are just ashes.

And so it is with us - people are just people. When all is said and done, no matter how much righteous paint we cover ourselves with, no matter how much virtuous perfume we spray on ourselves, we are left with our thoughts and feelings and actions that aren’t always our best.

So why do we bother smearing ashes on our foreheads? Why do we gather and remember what we are on Ash Wednesday? The answer is that while we gather to remember who we are, more importantly, we also gather to remember who God is - and what God has done for us in and through Jesus Christ.

Ashes are a symbol of repentance. Ashes are also a symbol of our mortality. We use them as a reminder of the cleansing power of Jesus Christ, especially when that symbol is placed upon our bodies in the form of a cross.

The question you might ask yourselves on that day of Ashes and Valentine’s is this: "When people see us and know us, do they believe God is love?"
We Pray for Our Deceased
Betty Sgro
Robert Luecke
Theresa J. Lopez

Bread and Wine This Week
Presented in memory of the living and deceased members of the Meenan family from the Spillane family

We Pray for Our Sick

Our Finances
2/4/18: $17,502
2/5/17: $18,051
Parish Families Registered: 4,997
Envelopes Mailed: 1,303
Used 2/4/18: 606
2/5/17: 597

The Week at a Glance
Sunday:
All Mases 8th Grade Rite of
Enrollment
9:00 AM Levels 3 & 4 attending Mass
10:15 AM Baptism class and Agape
1:30 PM Baptisms
7:30 PM Al-Anon, Cafeteria

Monday:
9:00 AM Grade 1 attending Mass
7:30 PM Charismatics, HFC

Tuesday:
9:00 AM Grade 3 attending Mass
7:00 PM Levels 1 & 2 Parent Lent Workshop, HFC

Wednesday:
7:30 PM RCIA
7:30 PM Al-Anon, Rectory

Thursday:
7:00 PM Discovering Christ, Planning Meeting, HFC
7:00 PM Bible Study, Rectory

Friday:
1:30 PM Lectio Divina, Rectory
1:30 PM Stations of the Cross, Church
7:00 PM Lectio Divina, Rectory

Saturday:
8:30 AM Men’s Group, HFC
11:30 AM Baptisms
12:30 PM Confession
4:30 PM RCIA, Rite of Sending

Catholic Ministries Appeal
Goal: $106,400 Donors: 539
Pledged: $129,089 Received: $127,811

Special Collections
February 11th Maintenance and Repair
February 14th Ash Wednesday
February 18th Church in Need
FORTY DAYS OF LENT

Lent is a 40-day journey of encounter with ourselves, our neighbors and our God. Through prayer, we encounter God. Through fasting, we encounter those things about ourselves that prevent us from loving God and neighbor. Through almsgiving, we encounter our brothers and sisters in need.

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SPIRITUAL READING

‘When we pray we speak to God; but when we read, God speaks to us.’ - St. Jerome. Many love reading the daily reflection in ‘Sacred Reading.’ You will also love ‘Rediscover Christ’ by Matthew Kelly and ‘Everybody Needs to Forgive Somebody’ by Allen Hunt.

RICE BOWLS

Through the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl we hear stories from our brothers and sisters in need worldwide, and devote our Lenten prayers, fasting and almsgiving to change the lives of the poor. Take a rice bowl and put it in a prominent place at home.
PARISH MISSION
Monday, February 26th, Tuesday, 27th and Wednesday, 28th. The speaker is Mr. Jim Ryan. Mass at 9:00 AM and Evening Talk at 7:00 PM. Bring a friend.

ST. BARNABAS PARENTS
Tuesday March 6th, Holy Family Chapel at 7:00 PM. The speakers are Bryan Finn & James O’Brien. The theme is ‘Family and the New Evangelization.’ All are welcome.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
On Monday, March 5th at 7:00 PM in the Church, Fr. Sean Davidson of the Missionaries of the Most Holy Eucharist will lead us in an evening of prayer with Exposition, Procession, Benediction and Confession.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Every Friday at 1:30 PM in the Church.
Wednesday, March 21st at 8:00 PM, Creative Ministries present ‘JOURNEY, CROSS & CRUCIFIXION’
Good Friday, March 30th Outdoor Stations at 12 noon.

CONFESSION
Every Saturday at 12:30 PM.
Wednesday, March 7th from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM.
Thursday, March 8th from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM.
Monday, March 26th from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

GIVING NOT GIVING UP
During the five weeks of Lent every household is encouraged to bring donations of food to the rectory or Church to help our Social Ministry outreach to the needy in our community.
“Be at your best every day” and “Happiness is just a thought away” describe Jim’s core message. Jim’s unique ability to take profound, life changing concepts and relate them in a way that they are easily understood is what reaches the heart of people. A visionary, a leading edge thinker, his own sense of self and his happiness quotient serve to open up the minds and hearts of his listeners. Jim is an accomplished guitarist and singer. His musical interludes serve to solidify the concepts presented.

SEE YOU AT ST. BARNABAS !!
Ash Wednesday, February 14th
Ashes will be distributed after the homily at parish Masses at 6:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 12 Noon and 8:00 PM. Ashes will also be distributed at Prayer Services at 4:15 PM in both the Church and the Holy Family Chapel and at 6:00 PM in the Church.

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors
Sign up sheets for Ash Wednesday, February 14th Masses and Services are available in the Sacristy. Please sign up after Mass or call the rectory during the week.

Giving, Not Giving Up
Lent is often thought of as a time of sacrifice...a time to “give up” things such as candy, bad habits and maybe even the internet. Although these challenges help us prepare for larger sacrifices in life, Lent does not have to be a time of “giving up.” Rather, we can make it a time to “give” alms and add something positive to our daily lives and the lives of others. When it comes to almsgiving or helping the poor, the Church makes it easy for us through our Lenten program, ‘Giving, Not Giving Up.’ During the five Sundays of Lent, every household is encouraged to bring their alms to Mass each weekend or leave at the rectory during the week. This act of generosity is a tangible sign of our Lenten efforts to feed the hungry.

Feb 18th - coffee, powdered or boxed milk (non-dairy), sugar (1 lb boxes are fine), cleaning products
Feb 25th - spaghetti sauce (jars), canned pasta (ravioli, spaghetti), canned fruit, shampoo/conditioner
Mar 4th - flour, oil, mayonnaise (small jars), deodorant, toothpaste
Mar 11th - pudding, jello, crackers, pancake mix/syrup, soap
Mar 18th - toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid

Rice Bowls
Lent is our time to cultivate a spirit of global solidarity. The Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl is a vehicle through which the stories of communities around the world can be shared. It is an invitation to change lives through our prayers and Lenten sacrifices. Through the CRS Rice Bowl we hear stories from our brothers and sisters in need worldwide, and devote our Lenten prayers, fasting and gifts to change the lives of the poor. Each day of Lent, individuals are invited to use the Lenten Calendar - included with every CRS Rice Bowl - to guide their Lenten almsgiving. These daily almsgiving activities - for example, give 25 cents for every faucet found in your home - help families reflect on the realities of our brothers and sisters around the world and how they can be in solidarity during the Lenten season.
RCIA

As we begin Lent, our Candidates and Catechumens enter the Period of Purification and Enlightenment. On Saturday, February 17th, at the 4:30 PM Mass, the parish will participate in the Rite of Sending these men and women to the Bishop for Diocesan recognition. Our Catechumens, Christopher Ambruster, Franchesca Basso and Jenna Pasquariello will sign their names in the book of Enrollment for the Elect at the Rite of Election on Saturday, February 17th at 7:00 PM at St. Christopher in Baldwin. On Sunday, February 25th at 12:00 PM, Dana DiGirolamo, June Rogers, Kevin Rogers and Samantha Schwartz will participate in the Call to Continuing Conversion here at St. Barnabas. Please keep these people in your prayers as they continue their journey toward the Easter reception of the sacraments.

Divorced or Separated Catholics

Divorced or Separated Catholics of Long Island including Widows, Widowers and Singles are invited to a New Member Orientation meeting on Wednesday, February 28th at 7:30 PM at St. Frances de Chantal school, 1309 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh. This is a non-denominational meeting and all are welcome. Bring proof of single status to join. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. For further information, please call Carol at 794-4933 or Barbara at 798-2858.

Church in Need Collection

On February 18, 2018 a collection will be taken for “The Church in Need.” The monies collected at this time will be shared among three areas of the world where there is particular need for help:

Church in Central and Eastern Europe - the Collection provides support for basic pastoral programs and makes scholarships available for students studying to serve their local church. These students become vital participants in the renewal of the Church in the region.

The Church in Latin America faces many difficult challenges. Natural disasters in many areas caused lasting damage to the Church, while a significant loss of parishioners to migration and to other faiths, the inability to support itself financially, and a lack of priests and religious to help effectively minister to the large number of Catholics continue to trouble the region.
The Church in Africa – the funds will go to assisting African countries where poverty, sickness and political strife prevent people from living in dignity. Thank you for your generosity.

Pre Cana Schedule - Winter 2018
In Home Sessions: February 11th - March 16th
Closing: 5:00 PM Mass - Sunday, March 18th followed by refreshments.

Ministers of Consolation Needed
Lent is not only about giving things up. It is sometimes about taking things on, especially when there is a great need to be filled. Currently, there is a great need for ministers of consolation at St. Barnabas. The ministers sit with families, listen to them, guide them through the selections of the funeral liturgy, and be there for them at the funeral Mass. It is such a beautiful and rewarding ministry, not morbid or depressing. To the contrary, we are often told by the bereaved that they couldn't have gotten through the process without our help. They love the kindness and consolation we offer. Are you being called to offer God’s healing love through emotional and spiritual comfort to those who are experiencing grief through the loss of a loved one? For more information about this ministry, please call the rectory at 785-0054.

St. Vincent de Paul
In the Gospel today, Jesus, moved with pity, touches the leper and heals him. Jesus was ‘moved with pity’, and so He chose to heal the leper. Perhaps Jesus healed the leper because He recognized one who would be a disciple and spread the good news. But more important, his heart was filled with mercy. Jesus commissions us to tell everyone the good news - do we tell no one? Let us pray today for the grace to be generous to help those who are needy and suffering. Is there is a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or illness? Please call St. Vincent de Paul.

Prayer Shawl Ministry
The St. Barnabas Prayer Shawl Ministry knits and crochets shawls and lap blankets for parishioners who are in the hospital or nursing home, or suffering in some way, and might draw comfort from receiving the prayer shawl. If you know of anyone who would benefit from a shawl or blanket please contact the rectory at 785-0054 and we will gladly provide you with one.

Liturgical Ministry Training
ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE OF WORSHIP 516-678-5800 x504
1. TRAINING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: required for all those who are beginning as Ministers. Session “A” is required of ALL Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to homebound persons are required to attend. Session “B” in addition to Session “A”. SESSION “A” MUST BE ATTENDED PRIOR TO SESSION “B”.

CONTACT FR. ADRIAN
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER OR LECTOR

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Evening Sessions for Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors at St. Elizabeth, Melville
Session “A” - Wednesday, May 16, 2018; 7:00 — 10 PM
Session “B” - Wednesday, May 23, 2018; 7:00 — 10 PM

Our Mission is to Encourage Evangelize & Educate

Widows and Widowers
Join us for a luncheon on Wednesday, February 21st at 12:30 PM at the Oak Chalet. This event is being chaired by Kathy Lowe - 785-3981 and the cost is $25. Checks should be sent to Kathy, 945 Leeds Dr., N. Bellmore, no later than February 14th.
Marian Healing Ministry
There will be a healing Mass at St. Anastasia’s Church, 45-14 245th Street, Douglaston on Tuesday, February 13th. 7:00 PM - Rosary, Mass and Healing Service. Come and experience the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the presence, healing touch and power of our Lord Jesus Christ and the intercession of Mary the Mother of God and our mother.

Talbot House
Are you or someone you know having family or interpersonal problems due to drinking alcohol or using drugs? Catholic Charities, Talbot House, a Chemical Dependence Crisis Center located in Bohemia provides withdrawal and stabilization services on a voluntary basis to males and females over the age of 18, who are seeking to stop and/or withdraw from alcohol and/or other drug use. The medical and clinical staff at Talbot House will assess the kind of care the person needs, to begin his/her journey in recovery. For more information, please call (631) 589-4144. Talbot House staff is available 24/7. Each call is confidential. Talbot House is a NO fee for service program.

Camps Bernadette and Fatima
Camp Fatima for boys and Camp Bernadette for girls are currently accepting registrations for the 2018 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 up quickly.

St. Rose of Lima Adult Faith Formation

We are a Catholic Parish in Bellmore, New York, Since 1912
Charismatic Prayer Group
Our meetings are held every Monday evening 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.

The Men of the Way of Light
In the first reading today, we see how those with leprosy were made to “dwell apart” isolating themselves from everyone else. In the Gospel, Jesus heals a leper, telling him to “show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed.” The leper, now clean, was able to dwell among people, and more importantly, to worship in the temple. In many ways, sin is the leprosy of the soul. Sin destroys our relationships with those we love and with God. Sin further isolates us from God’s grace. But Jesus, through His passion on the cross, cleanses us of our sins. He has given us the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As did the leper in today’s Gospel, we must also go to the priest in this sacrament and offer our repentance. It is then, that our relationship with God is renewed and we are able to receive the full graces that the Sacraments bestow! During Lent, please take advantage of Jesus’ healing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation! I promise that any fears and burdens you have will be relieved by God’s great mercy and forgiveness! The Men of the Way of Light are seeking “Real Men” who are not afraid to admit that they are sinners that require God’s mercy and forgiveness to heal their souls. Please join our discussion of faith and scripture at our next meeting on Saturday, February 17th. We meet bi-monthly on Saturdays in the Family Chapel (lower church) immediately after the 8:00 AM Mass. Meetings typically go from 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM. Bagels and coffee provided. If you cannot attend, please pray for our group and for our parish. For more information, contact Fred Kreuder at 987-5350 or email stbampg@aol.com. Visit our FaceBook page “The Way of Light - The St. Barnabas the Apostle Men’s Prayer Group.”

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.
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 3:00 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. The dates for class are February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, (10:30 Mass for July 8, August 12 and September 9), October 14, November 11, December 9.
Catholics for Freedom of Religion

Love - Life - Liberty. St. Valentine’s Day - February 14th. “Nothing is more practical than finding God, that is, than falling in love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide...what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.” (Pedro Arrupe, S.J., Jesuit Superior General)

“Love Saves Lives” - theme for 2018 March for Life:
Looking out at the sea of young people, March for Life President Jeanne Mancini said, “They are the pro-life generation and they know this is the human rights issue, the social justice issue of today. We’re passing the work onto them and they’re ready.” “Where there is love, there is life.” Ghandi

Catholic Charities Employment
Catholic Charities is 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 fully in the community. FT and PT evening, awake overnight and weekend shifts are available, as well as many flexible on call opportunities. Essential functions include personal care, household maintenance, transporting/safeguarding residents on community outings, coaching for skills development and administering medications. Experienced and non-experienced welcome to apply. Training provided. HS diploma/GED and a clean, NYS Driver’s License are needed. Send resume and cover letter via email or fax. Please reference ‘DSP - Parish bulletin’ in the subject line. Fax - (516) 733-7038, email - jobs@catholiccharities.cc.

Training of Volunteers in the Ministry to the Sick
Saturday, February 10th at 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
St. Joseph Parish, Kings Park
School of Religion, Centennial Room
Saturday, February 17th at 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
St. Joseph Parish Center, Kings Park – Travis Hall
Saturday, March 3rd at 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saint Catherine of Siena Medical Center, Smithtown
Visit our website www.drvc-faith.org

We are a Catholic Parish in Bellmore, New York, Since 1912
A Retreat Day for the Elect
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Visit our website www.drvc-faith.org

Bereavement Ministry Facilitator Training
St James Parish, Pastoral Center, Room 104, Saturday, March 3 and 17, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Visit our website www.drvc-faith.org

Bereavement Ministry Facilitator Training, Level II
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Tuesday, February 6, March 20, April 10, and Jun 5, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Visit our website www.drvc-faith.org

Parish Revenue Sharing
St. Barnabas the Apostle participates in Ocean Financial FCU’s Parish Revenue Sharing program where we have received a total of $3,539 since the program began. We receive funds based on your usage of the Ocean Financial Visa Credit/Debit cards. We would like to thank each of you that are already using an Ocean Financial Visa card and encourage those who are not, to become cardholders today. To become a member, visit www.oceanfinancial.org or call 620-8100.

Regular Sacrificial Giving
You can 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 your weekly collection donation indicated. Include your Name, Address & Envelope Number.

Estate Planning
When preparing your estate plan, please consider a bequest to The Parish of St. Barnabas, Bellmore. You can make a contribution to support ongoing operations of the Church or contribute to a particular project. Your legal counsel can help you refine the bequest language to suit your specific wishes for The Parish of St. Barnabas. Thank you.

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.
Saint Barnabas the Apostle

REVERSE RAFFLE

Only 300 tickets to be Sold
Great odds>>> 1 in 300 chance to win the big prize!
Last ticket pulled is the BIG WINNER

GRAND PRIZE OF $5,000
TEN - $500 PRIZES   TWO - $1,000 PRIZES
Each ticket costs $100 and entitles you to admission for two to the Drawing/Cocktail Party
(must be 18 or older to purchase and/or attend)

All proceeds will support renovations to St. Barnabas Convent Building

Saturday, April 21st  8:00pm
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School cafeteria   Doors open at 7:30
Drawing starts at 8:00pm   Beer, wine, soda and hors d’oeuvres
Winner need not be present to win

In the event that less than 300 tickets are sold, the prizes will be prorated accordingly
(the prize amounts will be decreased relative to the total dollars collected).

Tickets will be available for purchase at the rectory beginning the week of December 11, 2017.
Cash or checks made payable to “Saint Barnabas” will be accepted.

REVERSE RAFFLE TICKET REQUEST

Name:______________________________ Telephone #:_____________________ Number of tickets: ____
Address:_________________________________________________________________________

Number of adults attending the party on Saturday, April 21st ______0 _____1 _____2
Celebrate National Marriage Week 
February 7–14, 2018

Celebrate the beauty and sanctity of marriage with *Humanae Vitae* (1968–2018):

- Married love particularly reveals its true nature and nobility when we realize that it takes its origin from God, who “is love” (no. 8).
- “Marriage . . . [is] ordained toward the procreation and education of children. Children are really the supreme gift of marriage and contribute in the highest degree to their parents’ welfare” (no. 9; GS, no. 50).
- “The fundamental nature of the marriage act; . . . renders [husband and wife] capable of generating new life—and this is a result of laws written into the actual nature of man and of woman” (no. 12).

Marriage Benefits Everyone . . .

- **Economically**: Married men and women have more wealth and financial stability.
- **Personally**: Men and women in a stable marriage live longer lives and have better health and greater personal happiness.
- **For Children**: Children who are raised by a married mother and father perform better in school and have less trouble with the law, teen pregnancy, and addiction.

For resources to prepare for marriage or strengthen your marriage and family, visit:  
www.foryoumarriage.org  
www.portamatrimonio.org

For videos, study guides and catechesis on why marriage is unique, visit:  
www.marriageuniqueforareason.org

For national studies and statistics as well as resources for your marriage, visit:  
www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org

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MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

You may have experienced the gift of our Ministry of Consolation. These are volunteers who assist families in preparation for a funeral of a loved one. We meet with the family to help choose readings, hymns and gather other information for the funeral Mass. At the funeral Mass we welcome, help with seating and are there with the boxes of tissues where needed. We are in great need of new volunteers. If you are interested, phone the Rectory Office, 785-0054. Thank you.
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:

US PEACE CORPS:
Patrick Coons

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
Congratulations to our new National Junior Honor Society Inductees! Seen here are previous members as well as new members. The National Junior Honor Society is the nation's premier organization 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.

Congratulations to our new Mentors for Christ This year at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional Catholic School, middle school students were invited to live their faith in a new way by becoming Mentors for Christ. This program allows students to foster a relationship with Christ beyond the classroom and church building into their school and local community. 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. Students meet this challenge through a variety of activities that enhance the school community and beyond. These mentors lead their fellow students by being role models of good behavior and exhibiting Respect, Responsibility, and Reverence. Mentors also examine their own faith journey through group studies and assignments, allowing them to develop their personal missionary goals.

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

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
2341 Washington Ave.
Bellmore, NY 11710
Who Is Mary? (Chapter 19)
Meeting the Mother of God and your Heavenly Family

The purpose of this lesson is to inspire a deeper appreciation of Mary as Jesus’ mother as well as the Queen of Heaven ... and of our hearts. We will also take a closer look at the “communion of saints” in order to understand why Catholics are so devoted to our heavenly brothers and sisters and why that is an important part of being a member of the family of God.

As Catholics, we are in constant contact with the whole Church, visible and invisible, those in heaven and those on earth—including those in purgatory. In good times and bad, we are never truly alone in our joy or our grief, for we have an invisible “cloud of witnesses” interceding on our behalf (Hebrews 12:1). The one who is closest to Jesus, constantly praying for us, is the Blessed Mother, Mary.

Conversation After Class

- Why do Catholics pray to Mary? How is the devotion we give her different from the worship or adoration we give to God?
- Why does the Church encourage us to ask the saints to pray for us? Why not just ask a friend?
- Do you have a favorite saint you like to pray to?
Reminder: With the winter weather upon us we want to remind you that if the Bellmore Schools are closed we will not have religion classes. Please check Cablevision, FIOS as well as the radio stations listed in the Parent Handbook for Religion Classes Closings.

We are still in need of adults to work one on one or in a small group environment. We have a few students that need either a one-on-one learning environment or a small group environment that need someone to work with them. Please call the Office of Christian Formation (516) 785-0130 to volunteer or to receive more information. We are also in need of Adult Volunteers to be Substitutes, Hall Monitors and Attendance/Lobby Aides for our Religious Education program. Please call the office to get more information.

Tuesday, February 13 - Level 1 and 2 Lent Workshop for Parents – 7pm-8pm Holy Family Chapel. A flyer with more information was sent home with students.

Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday – NO CLASSES
A man sick with leprosy came to Jesus.

But the man was so excited, he told everyone he met about who had healed him.

Count the people the man told.

Trace the correct answer.

7 8 9 10

N F I G T X F X A R J H F X N
J V C L E A N S S S L U A D F Y
U B T R T W E P S B E N T H
P Y B N Y E S H G E D D D O G U
S N S U N L D N U G E Q W O M
L C P K E M I Y B G Q S N V J
C C P N G L A Y I E G T H U O
D U O E L A N L D E O E K M
A R C I O F H Q E W N S I B A
O E W I W P P K P L S R U V K
H D D B F V L P R T A L K N E
M I M B V S I E O W J F Q S S
V P R I E S T T F S P Z P E W H
P Z R B O R D D Y D R H E Q F
C T O U C H E D F M W N P P C

PEOPLE
CLEAN
TALK
LEPROSY
TOUCHED
MAN
NEWS
HAND
BEGGED
CURED
PRIEST
TOWN
KNEES
MAKE
WILLING
A Wish For You
May God grant you always
A sunbeam to warm you,
A moonbeam to charm you,
A sheltering angel so
nothing can harm you,
Laughter to cheer you,
Faithful friends near you,
and whenever you pray,
Heaven to hear you.

People came from everywhere
to see Jesus.
Find Jesus hidden in the crowd.

JESUS HEALS

"I do will it. Be made clean."
Mark 1:40-45
http://www.nccbuscc.org/naty/bible/mark/mark1.htm

Across
1. Jesus ______ the leper to heal him.
4. A leper has this illness.
5. The healed leper ___________ what had happened.
9. After healing the leper, Jesus remained in places.
10. Jesus wanted the leper to go see him.

Down
2. Sent him away.
3. When did the leprosy leave the leper after Jesus spoke to him?
6. Pleading
7. Jesus was moved with ___________
8. He kneeled down before Jesus.
A Man With Leprosy Comes to Jesus

A man with leprosy came to Jesus and begged to be healed. The man said, "If You are willing, You can make me clean!"

Jesus told the man not to tell anyone what had happened. What did the man do?

Find each of the underlined letters hidden below.

Here's the next part of the story:

To find the missing words, use the clues to solve the crossword puzzle. Then transfer the words to the numbered lines.

(5)________ (2)________ out (8)____ (6)____
and (7)________ the (1)_____. Jesus (9)______
"I (3)____ willing. Be (4)______!"

1. Opposite of “woman”
2. If you extended your hand toward something, you ________ for it.
3. Sounds like “M”
4. After your shirt has been washed, it is ________
5. Another name for Christ
6. Your fingers are attached to this
7. Past tense of “touch”
8. Opposite of “hers”
9. Past tense of “say”

What happened next?

Find the letters in the circles to fill the blanks.

Find each of the underlined letters hidden below.

Jesus told the man not to tell anyone what had happened. What did the man do?