St. Barnabas the Apostle

**Sixth Week of Ordinary Time**

**Monday, February 13**
- 6:30 AM  Lauren Bilyeu
- 9:00 AM  Msgr., William P. Murray (5th Pastor)
- Fielder J. Jones, Sr.
- Joseph Schmitt
- Loretta Neary
- Peter Meenan
  *SEAS 1st Grade Attending*

**Tuesday, February 14  Sts. Cyril & Methodius**
- 6:30 AM  Joan Gallagher
- 9:00 AM  Clarence Anspake

**Wednesday, February 15**
- 6:30 AM  John Pfalzer, Jr.
- 9:00 AM  Carl & Dolly Nobile

**Thursday, February 16**
- 6:30 AM  Dennis Fabrizzi
- 9:00 AM  Lucy Schiavone
  *SEAS Kindergarten & 7th Grade Attending*

**Friday, February 17**
- 6:30 AM  Joan Gallagher
- 9:00 AM  Nancy Stabile

**Saturday, February 18**
- 8:00 AM  Charlie & Ann Klika
- Fr. Charles  4:30 PM  Dominick Carillo
-  William Joseph
- Deceased Members of the
- Andersen Family
- Frank Napoli
- Louise Votino
- Bridget Carey
- Fr. Kevin  7:00 PM  Catalina Tokarski

**Sunday, February 19  Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time**
- Fr. Charles  7:00 AM  For the People of Our Parish
- Fr. Kevin  9:00 AM  Frank Walczyk
  *Level 3 & 4 Attending*
- Fr. Charles  10:15 AM  John “Jack” Palumbo
- Fr. Gus  10:30 AM  Anne Buonocore
- Fr. Gus  12:00 PM  Stephen Agostini
- Fr. Kevin  5:00 PM  William Quinn, Sr.
Presentation of Candidates

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 the following:

- 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.

Affirmation by the Assembly

My dear friends, these candidates, already one with us through their Baptism in Christ, have asked to complete their initiation into the Church through Confirmation.

Those who know them have judged them to be sincere in their desire. During the period of their catechetical formation, they have listened to the word of Christ and endeavored to follow his commands more perfectly. They have shared the company of their Christian brothers and sisters in this community and joined them in prayer.

So I announce to all of you here that our community ratifies their desire to complete their initiation through Confirmation.

To the parish community, I invite you to respond, “We are,” to the following question:

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.

Letters of Support

Dear candidates, your families, sponsors and this parish community have spoken in your favor. The Church, in the name of Christ, accepts their testimony. As a community of faith, we promise to continue to support you - through our prayers and encouragement - as you complete your Christian initiation.
Tuesday is Valentine’s Day. A day to remember not just spouses or boyfriends and girlfriends, but all the people we cherish in our lives. True love can be between good friends, brothers and sisters, parents and children. And of course, love is more than paper hearts, flowers and candy.

St. Valentine lived in Rome during the third century. Christianity was illegal at that time. Rome was ruled by an emperor named Claudius. Claudius wanted to have a big army, and go out and conquer lots of people so that Rome would grow bigger and bigger. He expected men to volunteer to join, but many men just did not want to fight in wars. They did not want to leave their wives and children. This made Claudius furious. So what happened? He had a crazy idea. He thought that if men were not married, they would not mind joining the army. Claudius decided not to allow any more marriages. Young people thought his new law was cruel. They were sort of into commitment in those days.

Valentine was a Catholic priest and he performed marriages. After Emperor Claudius passed his law, he performed secret marriage ceremonies. 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. One of these young people was the daughter of the prison guard, and the prison guard allowed her to sit and visit with Valentine. This is not a fairy tale, and things did not end happily ever after. On the day Valentine died, February 14, he left a note for the young woman, and he signed it, "Love from your Valentine."

They were not, as far as we know, a couple in love in a romantic sort of way. Rather, Valentine loved the young woman for her friendship. She loved him for his commitment to his faith. Legend has it that she and her family became Christians.

The first Valentine was from a man who died for his love. But not his love of a woman, rather his love of Christ.

How many of us have had a powerful experience of human love, or of God’s love that overwhelmed us? And we wanted to hold onto it forever? Sometimes this is true for people in love. They want that experience to last. So they get married, but marriage is work. Or parents with a new baby. There is almost nothing like that new baby. But you have to leave the hospital. You have to get on your feet. And you love that baby, but that baby is work.

Or that experience can be finding that God has moved us in a powerful, life-affirming way. So wonderful we can almost taste it. And we have a powerful sense for God’s love in the world. God’s love for us. That we are special in God’s eyes. And we are. But we too have to get to work. There is a world created by God that awaits us. A world filled with paper hearts and flowers, but also with hurting people, caught in lives without covenants, without God.

There is a pre-school song that goes something like this, “Love is something if you give it away, you end up having more.” Faith is like that. Faith is something if you give it away, you end up having more.
We Pray for Our Sick

We Pray For Our Deceased
Lawrence Abbatangelo
John Scott Delsignore

Sanctuary Lamp
The Sanctuary Lamp Candle will be lit this week in loving memory of the Finnen & DelCampe Families from Mary Lou & and Tom Finnen.

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Financial Reports

Catholic Ministries Appeal
Goal: $107,900 Donors: 559
Pledged: $125,397 Received: $124,402

Second Collection Next Week
Maintenance & Repair

Advertise
To place an advertisement on our cover call ‘The Church Bulletin’ at (631)249-4994.
Meet Bishop Barres
Bishop Barres is intending to visit each deanery to celebrate Mass with the faithful and spend some time with the priests, staff, parish councils, finance committees, trustees and representatives from school and faith formation. This meeting will take place in the Church of St. William the Abbot. The Mass will take place Thursday, February 23rd at 12:00 Noon.

Palm for Burning
Please place your palm in the basket at the doors of the church.

St. Barnabas Parish Dinner
Please mark your calendar for Saturday, March 18th following the 4:30 Mass for an evening honoring Saints Patrick and Joseph. We will be enjoying both Irish and Italian Cuisine with entertainment in the school auditorium/gym. There will be child care and activities, so please bring your family! The price will be about $50 per person (family pricing will also be announced) for food, drink and entertainment. Additional details will be announced as the date gets closer. For reservations please call Austin at 826-2357 or 221-7186.

What To Do When Disaster Strikes
Prepare, Respond, Recover. The Bellmore Knights of Columbus invite you to a comprehensive overview on how to prepare for natural and man-made disasters and how to respond to and recover from them on Thursday, March 23rd at 8:00 PM. The session will provide information on the types of common disasters, ways to prepare as an individual, family and community member and what to do when disaster strikes. Enjoy coffee and refreshments and receive a free disaster guidebook to help you plan for future disasters. (One copy per household.) There is no fee for this seminar that will take place at the Council Hall, 101 Frederick Ave., please call Kenneth Yager at 554-7575 or Alice Witt of St. Barnabas Parish Social Ministry at 785-6243 for more information.

The Men of the Way of Light
A quote of St. Jerome, also a part of our Catholic Catechism (paragraph 134) is, “Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.” In 2015, Pope Francis stated, “To be able to proclaim the word of truth, we ourselves must have had the experience of the Word: we must have listened, contemplated, almost touched it with our own hands.” Please join our St. Barnabas Men's Prayer Group in exploring Scripture and its effect on our lives. Our group is open to all men. We meet every third Saturday in the Holy Family Chapel (lower church) immediately after the 8:00 AM Mass. Our next meeting will be Saturday, February 18th. Please join us for Christian fellowship and spiritual renewal (and a bagel breakfast!) If you can't attend the meeting, please pray for our group to reach our spiritual goals. For more information contact Fred Kreuder: 987-5350; email: stbampg@aol.com Visit our facebook page: "The Way of Light - The St. Barnabas the Apostle Men's Prayer Group"

St. Vincent de Paul Society
In the Gospel Jesus says: “Whoever fulfills and teaches these commands shall be great in the kingdom of God.” Do not allow the dust and grime of sin and selfishness to settle on your window so that the light of Christ cannot reach into our community as it should, or touch the poor as it might. Every Christian, at every moment, is called to holiness. Holiness can be summed up in the words of Micah: “God has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and walk humbly with your God, Thank you all for your support of the poor and needy in the parish. May the
light of God shine upon you and may the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with us forever.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul Gives Back**
When a parishioner donates a car, the Society gives a donation to the parish they belong to. For each car, truck, or van, running or not, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will give back to our church $50/$100 per vehicle. Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at (718)491-2525 for more information.

**Volunteer Drivers for Veterans Needed**
Nassau County provides vehicles to transport residents to/from the Northport VA, East Meadow & Valley Stream Clinics and Hicksville Vet Center. The volunteers are needed from 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Please donate any time you have to give. (Valid NYS driver’s license required). For information call the Veterans Service Agency at 572-6526.

**Catholic Charities Friendly Visitors**
Catholic Charities has volunteer opportunities for the Friendly Visitor Program to offer bi-monthly companionship to homebound seniors citizens in our Meals on Wheels program in North Bellmore and East Meadow. A friendly companion would offer socialization and conversation for seniors and would not include cooking, housekeeping or transportation. If you are available, please contact Mary Ellen Kwiecinski, Volunteer Coordinator at 733-7044. Your gift of time is greatly appreciated.

**Catholic Charities Employment**
ON CALL CDL DRIVERS – SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTERS – (Franklin Square, Oceanside & Massapequa Park) (typical shifts: 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM or 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM) Transport senior citizens to/from their homes and community centers on an On Call/As Needed basis that may lead to regularly scheduled part-time. $15.78/hr. Must have HSD/GED, at least 2 yrs. driving experience, a current NYS Commercial Driver’s License (CDL), and a desire to provide compassionate service to seniors. Requirements also include an ability to drive van in all types of weather conditions and to assist wheelchair-bound clients in boarding/exiting van. To apply, send resume & cover letter via email or fax. Please reference “On Call CDL Driver” in the subject line. Fax:733-7038. Email: jobs@catholiccharities.cc For full listing of jobs & descriptions, go to: www.catholiccharities.cc — click on the “jobs” tab.

**Girl Scout Sunday**
Our Annual Girl Scout Sunday Mass will be held on Sunday, March 12th at 9:00 AM. Brownies who have earned the *Ave Maria* and *Family of God* awards will receive their medals at the Mass. Immediately following the Mass will be a Communion Breakfast in the school cafeteria. Tickets are $6 ($3 for children four and under), and must be purchased no later than March 2nd. For reservations please call Judy Hughes at 781-8040 or Joan Monastero 783-8567.

Many thanks to all who participated in the March For Life in Washington.
Retrouvaille Weekend
Retrouvaille helps couple through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on Friday, February 17th call 1(800)470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/ Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

Handicapped Encounter Christ
Volunteers are needed! Are you looking to get involved with an amazing Ministry?
Handicapped Encounter Christ (H.E.C.) needs volunteers for our 33rd Annual Retreat. The Retreat is held on Thursday, April 27th through Sunday, April 30th at Camp Alvernia in Centerport. H.E.C. Retreats provide an environment where persons (18+) with disabilities/handicaps along with you (volunteers) step away from their usual routines to enjoy a prayerful gathering of songs, talks, meditations, fellowship, Eucharist, meals and a greater and closer encounter with Jesus. This shared experience creates lasting friendships and a new outlook. Many roles need to be filled. Please come to our first meeting on Monday, February 13, to find out what H.E.C. is all about and learn how you can help! Meetings are held at 7:00 PM at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 29 Clay Pitts Road in Greenlawn. Meetings are Monday, February 13th, Tuesday, March 14th and Tuesday, April 11th. Please send email to longislandhec@gmail.com or call Chris Greiner at 551-6044 for information, to volunteer or to request an application for someone who is disabled and might be interested in attending.

Rosary Making Group
The Rosary Making Group welcomes new members. We meet every Wednesday, from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM in the school cafeteria. Please call Melissa at 221-9821 if you are interested in joining.

Marian Healing Ministry
Healing Mass at St. Anastasia’s Church, 45-14 245th Street, Douglaston on Tuesday, February 14th at 7:00 PM. There will be Rosary, Mass and Healing Service. The celebrant will be Fr. Augustine Fernando, assisted by Deacons Joseph Mercolino and Michel Vicinanza. Come and experience the outpouring of Holy Spirit, the presence and healing touch and power of our Lord Jesus Christ and the intercession of Mary the Mother of God and our Mother. For information call (718)631-4454.

2017 SAT Exam Prep Course
For May 6th SAT Exam. The course will be held at St. Dominic’s High School on the following Saturdays, March 11, 18, & 25 and April 1, 8, & 29 from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM in Marian Hall. Course fee is $250 (includes textbooks). Contact Mrs. Stutzmann at 922-4888 ext. 5241.

Kellenberg Alumni Communion Breakfast
All Kellenberg Memorial High School alumni and their families are invited to celebrate Mass on Sunday, March 12th at 9:00 AM with breakfast immediately following. The speaker at the communion breakfast will be Fr. Philip Eichner. The alumni Communion Breakfast is the perfect way to catch up with former teachers, reconnect with fellow alums and see the beautiful changes that have taken place on campus. Registration is $12. Contact Alumni Director Thomas Huggard at 292-0200 ext. 375.

Small Groups Growing Together in Christ
For Young Adults ages 21 - 28. What’s a small group? It’s an opportunity to connect with God and form great friendships with like-minded young adults. It’s a chance to explore your spiritual side and learn more about the positive difference Jesus Christ can make in your life. Jesus’ way or life cannot be learned alone, so Small Groups help give you the support, insight and encouragement you need to grow in your faith - they take Church beyond Sunday. If you want to grow as a person and are intrigues by the idea of forming deeper relationships that grow from a shared love of Christ, then joining a Small Group might be just what you're looking for. Small Groups will begin to meet on February 23rd, March 2nd, 9th, 23rd, and 30th in the Pastoral Center, 50 North Park Ave., Rockville Centre at 7:30 PM. If you are interested in joining this Small Group, please contact Marianne Sheridan at msheridan@drvc.org or call 678-5800 ext. 615. The Small Group will be limited to 10 participants, so please register no later than February 19th.
Diocese of Rockville Centre Youth
All children grades 8th through 12th are invited to our Diocesan Youth Rally on Saturday, March 4th from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Join other youth from around the diocese for a day of faith, community and fun! Our guest speaker is Paul J. Kim. Paul is a dynamic speaker and musician with a powerful message of faith, hope and love. The way he presents is a rare gift to witness and has impacted people of all ages throughout the country – moving audiences from laughter in one moment, to deep reflection and prayer in another. Paul utilizes his many talents to communicate the Gospel to young people in a way that is engaging, entertaining and inspiring.

Faith on Tap
Are you a young adult - married, single - looking for a faith community - a place where you can learn more about your faith? If so, please join us for our next Faith on Tap on February 28th at Lily Flanagan’s Pub, 345 Deer Park Avenue in Babylon. We are honored to have Tom Upshur, the co-founder of the Pro-Bikers for Life talk to us about his journey “Riding for the Unborn”. Hear about how these men of faith protect the rights of the unborn throughout the country. The talk begins at 7:30 PM in the upstairs room at Lily Flanagan’s. Come early, grab something to eat and drink - make new friends and reconnect with old friends! If you have any questions contact Marianne Sheridan at msheridan@drvc.org or 678-5800, ext. 615.

Christian Music Ministry of America
The first meeting will be held on Monday, February 27th at the Sound of Heaven Church, 1800 Walt Whitman Road, Melville. Doors open at 7:30 PM, the meeting begins at 8:00 PM. Topics will include: Rise Up - Christian music and fundraiser at the Space in Westbury, on Wednesday, March 29th. LI Awakening - A prayer meeting bringing all churches together on Friday, March 31st. Samantha’s Lil bit of Heaven - CMMA artists concert on Saturday, April 29th. Hope Day NY/NJ - CMMA artists will appear at New Life Assembly of God Church in Farmingdale on Saturday, June 3rd.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School Honorees
Father Gregory Cappuccino, Lyn Ryan, Laurie & John Murray Jr., Laurie & Jim Graham
The purpose of this lesson is to help us appreciate the significance and importance of Baptism. Through washing and regeneration, the waters of Baptism make us children of God and mark the first step in our journey toward our home in the kingdom of God. By understanding the symbolism and significance of this rite in their lives, we are encouraged to think of the salvation story more definitively as our story.

**Conversation After Class**
- What happens when someone is baptized? (There are two primary effects: (1) washing/cleansing and (2) regeneration/rising to new life.) (See CCC 1262.)
- What would you say to someone who had a baby but was going to wait until the child was older so he or she could decide for himself or herself whether to be baptized? How does Baptism benefit even infants?
- Being part of a family involves both benefits and responsibilities. What are some of the benefits and responsibilities we have as part of God’s family?

The purpose of this lesson is to lead us to understand the beauty and richness of the Mass and to see it as our “front row seat” in the most important event in human history. As Catholics, we are also morally obligated to attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation. The Catechism tells us that the liturgical celebration has remained substantially the same since the second century (see CCC 1345), and that together the Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist form a “single act of worship.” This is the first of five precepts (or "positive laws") of the Church. Confessing sins and receiving the Eucharist at least once a year, at Easter, are the second and third precepts (see CCC 2042). In a most special way, it is through this sacrament that Jesus fulfilled his promise: “I am with you always...” (Mt 28:20).

**Conversation After Class**
- If someone at school asked you why you go to church on Sunday, what would you say?
- Do you think it is important to go to church every Sunday and on holy days of obligation? Why or why not?
- At times in Church history—and even today in some parts of the world—people have been killed for practicing the Catholic Faith. If practicing your Catholic Faith were illegal, would there be enough evidence to convict you of being Catholic?
- What are some important ways you can prepare to encounter Jesus at Mass?
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7PM Holy Family Chapel
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Congratulations to February’s
Ambassadors of Christ!
Keep your light shining bright!
K-1 Shannon Donohue
K-2 Julianna Flumano
1-1 Jaclyn Creegan
1-2 Jason Creegan
2-1 Nicholas Guerriero
2-2 Morgan Garvey
3-1 Kylie McCaffrey
3-2 Alyssa Acosta
4-1 Brooklyn Scavo
4-2 Giavannah Posner
5-1 Gabriella Cirillo
5-2 Jenna Marcianete
6-1 Michael McGoldrick
6-2 Katherine Keegan

Catholic School’s Week was full of activities! We enjoyed the Fire & Ice Assembly that amazed us all! Kid’s day was all about having fun! And we concluded our week with a school mass hosted by the 8th Grade.

The SEAS Gala was a great Success! Thank you to everyone who donated and attended!

This Gala’s Honorees: Father Gregory Cappuccino *
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception

The Year in Review

2016 was a unique and very active year in the life of the Seminary. In December 2015 Pope Francis declared an Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy: twelve months to focus on and deepen our gratitude for the loving mercy of God. With the Seminary designated by Bishop William Murphy as one of four pilgrimage sites in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, pilgrims from around the Diocese and beyond visited our Holy Doors to participate in our weekly program of Rosary, Mass, Adoration, opportunity for Reconciliation and Benediction. Visits to the Doors by individuals and parish groups continued each Wednesday throughout the year until the formal closing of the Holy Doors by Bishop Nelson Perez on November 10th.

First Friday Devotions were initiated, beginning on Friday, December 1st, 2016. In 2017 Mass will be celebrated in the Main Chapel on the First Friday of each month - January 6th, February 3rd, March 3rd, April 7th, May 5th, June 2nd, July 7th, August 4th, September 1st, October 6th, November 3rd, and December 1st. Exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and opportunity for Reconciliation will precede Mass beginning at 9 AM. Please call [631] 423-0483 x 177 for information.

A singular noteworthy event was the St. Agnes Lecture in Pastoral Theology, held on Sunday, October 30th. Established in 2003, prominent Church leaders from all over the world have responded to Bishop Murphy’s invitation to address clergy and laity on issues relating to Pastoral Theology. In 2016 it was our privilege to welcome His Excellency Archbishop Christophe Pierre, newly appointed Apostolic Nuncio to the United States.

The Seminary continues to be blessed by the presence of the Missionaries of the Most Holy Eucharist. Fathers Sean Davidson and Barry Braun conduct one-day open retreats monthly, and offer the opportunity for individual private retreats. We look forward to welcoming back to the Seminary newly ordained Fr. Declan Gibson. To schedule a private retreat or for monthly retreat schedules, please call [631]

Throughout this past year the Seminary halls were filled with seminarians from St. Joseph Seminary and Douglaston, Holy Door pilgrims, Masters Degree and Diaconate candidates, retreatants, conference attendees, Confirmation groups, high school retreat groups, etc. We welcomed many groups from various Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island parishes, in addition to those from entities outside the two Dioceses.

An integral part of the Seminary community, the Friends of the Seminary hosted several events during 2016:
In February, Fr. Patrick Griffin, CM, dedicated the Friends Annual Lenten Day of Prayer to the theme “Mercy of God,” appropriately titled for 2016. More than 100 men and women joined us for Fr. Griffin’s presentations, lunch, confession and Mass. The 2017 Lenten Day of Prayer is scheduled for Sunday, March 19. Fr. Griffin will again facilitate the day, focusing on the theme: “A Quiet Lent: Listening to St. Joseph.” Please contact the Development Office, 631-423-0483 x 102, or, bmalone@icseminary.edu for further information and registration.

The Friends Annual Garden Tour, held on June 15th attracted a record number of 215 guests, who visited two gardens in Oyster Bay Cove and the gardens at Cold Spring Harbor Labs. The day concluded with a visit to our Rose Garden and a festive lunch in the Refectory.

On the Second Sunday of Advent, the Friends successfully planned and executed “A Marian Symposium”. We were graced by the presence of Bishop James Massa as presider at Mass and keynote speaker. His spiritually enriching and moving presentation was followed by lunch and additional presentations by Fr. Hugh Gillespie, SMM, and Angela DeLessio Morrison. The Seminary Schola from Douglaston inspired us with a beautiful program of Advent selections prior to closing Vespers.

In addition to our many ‘friend raising’ programs, the Seminary hosts two major ‘fund raising’ events:

The 13th Annual Seminary Golf Classic was held on Monday, July 11th at the North Hempstead Country Club. Honored at the event were Mary and Gus Nuzzolese and Msgr. James M. McDonald, pastor of St. Aidan, Williston Park. Not only was it the most beautiful day weather-wise, the number of guests far exceeded past golf outings. Beginning at 7:30 am, forty-two foursomes hit the links and were joined later by an additional one hundred and fifty guests for dinner. Comments by Bishop Murphy, the Nuzzoleses, and Msgr. McDonald reinforced the goal of the outing - the support of our seminarians currently studying for the Diocese of Rockville Centre, and the support of our priests who labor in the vineyard. This outing proved to be the most successful to date.

On Sunday, November 6th, two hundred fifty guests joined us in honoring Msgr. James M. McNamara, Episcopal Vicar and pastor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Point Lookout, and welcoming our three new priests, Fathers Jiha Lim, Steve Maddaloni and Daniel Rivera, at the Te Deum Dinner. At the conclusion of Vespers in the Seminary Chapel, Bishop Murphy presented Msgr. McNamara with the Immaculate Conception Medal (in recognition of the special qualities of fidelity and commitment to a lifetime of dedicated priestly service). Our guests then proceeded to the Refectory for cocktails and dinner. During dinner, our newly ordained priests were given individual prié dieu kneelers to encourage and enhance their prayer lives. The 2016 Te Deum Dinner established this special event as one to which we will enthusiastically look forward each Fall.
Among the many hidden treasures of our Seminary is the Rose Garden. Meticulously maintained by volunteers under the supervision of the Friends of the Seminary, the garden provides a spectacular oasis for visitors all summer. We urge you to take time out of your busy schedule to pay a visit to this extraordinary place of peace and beauty. Even in the dead of winter, one can experience the stark beauty and an aura of serenity among the sleeping rose bushes.

During the coming year, we encourage you to visit our beautiful Seminary, pray in our magnificent chapels, tour our extensive library, and enjoy our lovely Rose Garden and grounds.

We are indebted to the dedicated ‘friends’ and Friends of the Seminary, who actively support the many programs offered during the course of the year – our goal always to support the education and formation of our seminarians, our future priests! Rest assured, the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception is alive and well, and thriving as a center for spiritual enrichment and formation. With prayerful gratitude for the past year and in joyful anticipation of 2017, we look forward to God’s blessings on our ever-expanding mission.

For event information and/or Friends membership information, please contact our Development Office, 631-423-0483 x. 102, or, imalone@icseminary.edu.

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Closing with 5PM Sunday Mass 4/23 at St. Barnabas

Loving God Gladly
Franciscan Parish Mission @ St. Barnabas
Fr. Kevin Cronin, OFM
What else are the servants of God, but his minstrels, whose work is to lift up people’s hearts to spiritual joy...that they might love God gladly! ~St. Francis of Assisi.

Day 1 - Monday, March 6th -
God’s Love in Jesus brings true joy!

Day 2 - Tuesday, March 7th -
God’s Mercy restores the joy of our youth!

Day 3 - Wednesday, March 8th -
God’s Healing brings new hope!
What it means to have a home that reflects one’s Catholic faith varies from family to family and culture to culture, but there are some sure-fire ways to let people know you’re a Catholic family from the very first moment they enter your home.

Crucifixes, holy water, and beautiful images of the Blessed Virgin Mary are givens, but for those of us who can’t seem to get it together enough to coordinate our decorating plans with our apostolic faith, there are still plenty of ways our home reflects what the Church means to us.

1. Ten month-old palms
Whether cleverly tucked behind the crucifix above your front door, or somehow still on the floor of your mini-van even though we just wrapped up Advent, dead palms are a dead giveaway that your home is a Catholic one. They can be a great conversation starter (when expertly tied and connected in the shape of a cross), or a source of disapproving stares (for instance, when children run into the room engaged in an epic palm sword fight). Either way, if you’ve got palms lying around, you’re probably a Catholic.

2. Tangled rosaries
If there’s one thing Catholic homes are good for, it’s having a rosary within arm’s reach at all times. Often most of those rosaries are either missing the crucifix, lacking more than a few beads, or are simply tangled up worse that a set of iPhone ear buds. It’s no wonder, what with children having an almost innate understanding of how to utilize the rosary like a whip on their siblings during family prayer. If there are a dozen rosaries in your home (including three broken, glow-in-the-dark ones), you’re most definitely Catholic.

3. Stacks of parish bulletins
Although we get the bulletin on the parish website and catch parish updates on Facebook, we still have a hard time saying no to a good old fashioned paper bulletin. Maybe it’s all the great ads for lawyers, dentists, and mortuaries you simply can’t find collected together anywhere else. But it isn’t just our reluctance to decline bulletins that can define a Catholic household, it’s our odd hanging on to them. What if we forget Mass times for the upcoming holy day? What if we miss out on the parish dinner? What time is confession again? Bulletins stacked on the kitchen counter and spread out all over your van? You’re probably Catholic.
4. Our Lady candles from the local grocery store
Thankfully, every grocery store, even in the most secular of towns, has an aisle stocked with candled images of the Blessed Virgin, a handful of beloved saints, and sometimes even Jesus himself. If you walk into a home and see four candles blackened from perpetual burning, you know for sure you’re in the presence of Catholics. Catholics can easily build up quite a collection at the same time they’re picking up their gallon of milk, and Double Stuff Oreos.

5. Free calendar hanging on the wall
One of the cool things about being Catholic is you never have to purchase a wall calendar. They just keep on giving them out free every single year! Walk into any Catholic house, and you’re bound to see the free parish calendar, featuring religious art related to a holy day celebrated that month, or just photo after photo of Pope Francis kissing babies. And how about that wave of panic that strikes when you realize you were away for the holidays and you return only to see all the calendars have already been snatched up? How in the world are you going to know when to celebrate the feast of St. Eusebius?!

While it would be nice to make sure our home decorations reflect our Catholic faith, it can be hard to get it together enough to pull it off. Luckily, these ways of proclaiming the good news about the Church founded by Christ are easily within reach without putting in any effort at all! What are some other dead giveaways that your home is a Catholic one?
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton School Mass on the Feast of St. Blaise. The Celebrant was Msgr. Frank Caldwell, Cure of Ars Parish
Jesus said to simply speak the truth. When you answer, say “Yes” or “No.”

God wants us to be at peace with other people.

Jesus taught that we should not be angry at another person. When we are angry we can make a problem become bigger.

Circle the picture that is different.

Circle the word in the boxes where the action pleases God.

- Yes
- No

- pray
- steal
- fight
- help
- study
- tease

Jesus said we should stay away from the things that tempt us to sin. We should use our hands and eyes to do the things that please God.
Jesus taught that we should not be angry at another person. We should resolve our problem with that person before we try to please God in other ways.

Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks.

1. YNAOE
2. RETIG
3. MBR THOT
4. GRAYNN
5. UJDNE

Jesus said, “________ who is ________
with a ________ or ________
will be subject to ________.”

Jesus said we should stay away from the things that tempt us to sin, and do the things that please God.

Shade in the boxes listed for each line.
Row 1 - A B C E F G H I K N P Q S T V W X Y AA EE FF GG
Row 2 - A G K N P R T V Y AA EE
Row 3 - A B C G K N P R T V W X AA EE FF GG
Row 4 - C G K N P T V Y AA EE
Row 5 - A B C G K L M N P T V W X Y AA BB CC EE FF GG

The sinful things we choose to do will cause us to