The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the second, third and fourth Sundays of the month. The Pre-Baptism Class is held in the Church on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00PM. Please contact the rectory for an appointment with a priest.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturday from 12:30 to 1:30 PM or by appointment with a priest.

For the Sacrament of Matrimony contact the rectory for an appointment with a priest.

The Sacrament of the Sick is celebrated on the fourth Saturday of every month following the 8:00 AM Mass. To arrange a visit to a sick person by a priest, contact the rectory.
## St. Barnabas the Apostle

### First Week of Lent

**Monday, February 15**
- 6:30 AM  Maximilian Mueller
- 9:00 AM  Teri Akson
  Pete Carrucciu
  Gerard Curley, Sr.

**Tuesday, February 16**
- 6:30 AM  James Gilmore
- 9:00 AM  Brian Dione

**Wednesday, February 17**
- 6:30 AM  Guy L. Maniet
- 9:00 AM  Mary Drennan

**Thursday, February 18**
- 6:30 AM  Charlie & Ann Klika
- 9:00 AM  Andreana DeFino

**Friday, February 19**
- 6:30 AM  Edward Ritter
- 9:00 AM  Stephen Andrew Clifford

**Saturday, February 20**
- 8:00 AM  Gerard Curley, Sr.
- Fr. Adrian  4:30 PM  Special Intentions of
  Theresa & Walter Andersen
  Margaret Quinn
  Raymond Vogts
  Josephine DeFina
  Frank Valenti
  For the Intentions of Joe Ferrick

- Fr. Charles  7:00 PM  Arthur Licata, Sr.

**Sunday, February 21  Second Sunday of Lent**
- Fr. Adrian  7:00 AM  Victor Victoria
- Fr. Francis  9:00 AM  For the People of Our Parish
- Fr. Adrian  10:15 AM  Domingo Cormace
- Fr. Charles  10:30 AM  Adeline & Peter Villella, Jr.
- Fr. Francis  12:00 PM  Anne Buonocore
- Fr. Charles  5:00 PM  Frank Walczyk

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**We pray for our recently deceased**
Dominic J. Bjelobrk
Massimino R. Minieri
Frank Signoriello
Marie D’Avanzo
Walter Ruger
Blanche Luft
Francis J. Garrett

and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

**Bread & Wine**
The Eucharistic Bread & Wine is offered in loving memory of
**Rosalie Galatiolo** from Ray & Anne Benfante.
Check out the range of CDs, books, booklets, and DVDs available in St. Barnabas for a modest donation.

Books $4
Booklets $2
DVD’s $5
CD’s $3
Pamphlets 50c
The Bible is our basic Christian handbook. It's not a book of rules - though it has some. It's not a book of religious techniques - though it has lots of practical ideas. It's not a codebook for the initiated - though it has plenty of puzzles for theologians. It's essentially a book about a relationship - a relationship between God and his wayward people - and what God has done to restore and develop that relationship. As such, it's bound to be of huge value in prayer, because prayer is a relationship too, between us and God, an arena of love and loyalty, struggle and failure, discovery and delight.

The Bible is a kind of companion to prayer, a friend who we love and trust, even if we don't always understand or even agree. But all the time we’re learning about ourselves and about the divine Author. We come to the Bible not just to study but to pray.

One of the most tried and tested methods of praying with the Bible rejoices in the name 'lectio divina', or ‘sacred reading.’ It's as old as the fourth century, having been developed in the earliest communities of monks in the deserts of North Africa, and later finding classic expression in the communities of St Benedict.

I hope you picked up your copy of ‘Sacred Reading for Lent 2016’ at St Barnabas. This book teaches us how to use this form of prayer every day.

‘Sacred Reading’ or 'Lectio Divina' can best be described under these key words:

1. **Read.** Take a passage. You may be working your way through a letter of St Paul, or taking some of the psalms, or revisiting the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5 - 7. You begin reading slowly and attentively, until a phrase, or a word, or a whole verse arrests you. It won't take long! A phrase will soon pop up and ask to be taken more seriously.

2. **Reflect.** Now is the time of meditation, or chewing on this particular morsel. Repeat it, roll it around the mind, look at it from this way and that, repeat it again, gently suck all the goodness out of it. It's the process of reflection, trying to let the meaning of the phrase sink slowly from your head to your heart. Don't force it; just let the significance of those words emerge naturally within you. Taste the goodness.

3. **Respond.** When the reflection comes to a natural end, move into praying about the thoughts and understandings which have welled up inside you. This may mean you want to give thanks, or say sorry, or make a resolution before God, or hammer something out with him, or simply carry a burden silently to him. Stay with this time, too, until you've finished. And then you may go back to the passage and move on, seeing which phrase pops its head up next. You can go on doing this, depending on how much time you have, but my experience is that it's quite an intense way of praying and you may not be able to repeat the process too many times. It can take quite a long time to get through the Bible this way - at least a lifetime! But if you decide not to repeat the process then you could move into a fourth and final phase:

4. **Rest.** This is the stage of stillness that flows out of prayer, as the words run out, and silence and rest take over.

The Bible is the book we can rely on to lead us into prayer.
Financial Reports

Weekend Collections
2/08/15: $15,381.00
2/07/16: $18,896.50

Parish Families Registered 5,005
# Envelopes Mailed 1,463
# Envelopes Used 661
# Envelopes 2/08/15 573

2015 Catholic Ministries Appeal
Goal Amount: $109,100.00
Total Pledged: $127,940.00
Total Received: $127,510.00
  Total # of Donors: 711

Year End Contribution
Call the Rectory to receive a contribution statement for 2015. Statements are sent in February.

Second Collection This Weekend
The Church in Need
Monies will be shared among three areas of the world: the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, the Church in Latin America, and the Church in Africa. Thank you for your generosity.

Second Collection Next Weekend
Maintenance & Repair
Thank you for your continued support of the Maintenance & Repair Collection. The collection this month will be applied to the $5,500 bill for snow removal from the blizzard during the weekend of February 6th & 7th. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The rectory office will be closed on Monday, February 15th in observance of President’s Day.

On February 27th & 28th we will present the CMA video at all the Masses in St. Barnabas. This video will give you an opportunity to learn exactly what the annual Appeal supports. You will get a great sense of the many people the CMA serves throughout our Long Island Community. You will see and hear their stories, and learn what CMA means to: the family served in an outreach program, the newly ordained priest, students in campus ministry, sacramental preparation for our children and the funding for Catholic Charities’ outstanding programs.

You may soon receive a letter from Fr. Adrian asking for your gift/pledge to support the ministries of the Diocese through the Catholic Ministries Appeal. This mailing gives all registered parishioners an opportunity to contribute to the Appeal. Please give prayerful consideration to your level of support to help fund the essential ministries and services supported by this Appeal which serves more than 600,000 people in our community each year.

Last year our Parish received a share of more than $35,000 to use for our own local parish needs.

We are counting on you, members of our parish family, to participate in this important campaign for the ministries and programs of our church and for all who depend on them.
Lent 2016 at St. Barnabas

**GIVE UP**
Put this Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl and Lenten calendar in a prominent place to use daily. Your gift of giving will help many.

**TAKE UP**
Take up prayer. This book will help you discover a powerful ancient form of prayer known as sacred reading. Our gift to you.

**LOOK UP**
Check the Bulletin for all other Parish & Diocesan Lenten events.

- Times for Confession
- Friday Stations of Cross at 1:30PM
- Three Tuesday Evenings of Reflection with guest speakers. Benediction to follow.
- Daily Mass at 6:30AM or 9:00 AM for Lent.

**LIFT UP**

It's time for a faith lift!

Parish Mission February 21-24
**Operation Rice Bowl**
Working together as a faith community, our parish will again participate in Operation Rice Bowl this Lent. “Rice Bowl” is a special Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services which gives the parish a unique opportunity to pray, fast, learn and share, as we are called to do during Lent. Our Lenten offering to Operation Rice Bowl supports Catholic Relief Services as it works to alleviate human suffering in more than 87 countries. The Rice Bowls and a Lenten Calendar with a daily reflection for Lent will be distributed on Ash Wednesday. If you would like to participate, please take a Rice Bowl and Calendar. When Lent ends, the contributions you have saved in your own rice bowl should be returned in check form, made payable to St. Barnabas Church. Please put your donation in a envelope marked RICE BOWL and place in the collection basket by March 20th. Our total donation as a parish will then be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services. Thanks for anything you might do to help.

**Friendly Seniors Meeting**
Tuesday, February 16th at 1:00 PM, in the Holy Family Chapel.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**
Serving the needy of the Parish is the main purpose of SVDP. We strive to help individuals and families meet their basic needs. This can include limited financial support for rent and financial monthly expenses as well as food. We provide resources to help make you self-sufficient and furnish a list of agencies and programs for assistance.

**Knights of Columbus**
Columbus Hall is now available for rental. The Bellmore Knights of Columbus moved to a new location at 101 Frederick Ave. off Bedford Ave. in town. This new facility is now ready and available for rental. This is a state-of-the-art facility perfect for parties up to 80 guests. Please think of the Bellmore K of C for your celebration events such as Birthdays, Anniversaries, Wedding Rehearsals, Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, Business Meetings, etc. For details on hall rental please call 785-9407.

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**Next Training for Our New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Those new Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion who have completed the Parish Introduction Evening are now required to go for Diocesan training. 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”. Please Call The Rectory to Register For Extraordinary Minister Training. (The pastor must send a letter to Bishop Murphy at least 10 days in advance requesting the training for each person attending).

**Times and Places for Ministry Training:**
In Nassau:
EM “A” Session and Lectors (English and Spanish)  
April 2nd, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
in Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale  
“B” Session Extraordinary Ministers  
May 14th, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
in Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale

In Suffolk:
EM “A” Session and Lectors (English and Spanish)  
March 12th, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
in McGann Mercy High School, Riverhead  
“B” Session Extraordinary Ministers  
April 23rd, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
in McGann Mercy High School, Riverhead

Evening Sessions for Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors at St. Elizabeth, Melville  
Session “A” - Wednesday, April 13th, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
Session “B” - Wednesday, April 27th, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
We Pray for the Sick

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

The Week at a Glance

Sunday:
1:30 PM Baptisms, Church
7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting, School Cafeteria

Monday:
President’s Day - Rectory Office Closed
No Religious Education Classes
8:00 PM Charismatic Prayer Group, Holy Family Chapel

Tuesday:
No Religious Education Classes
1:00 PM Friendly Seniors, Holy Family Chapel
7:00 PM Family Music Practice, Holy Family Chapel

Wednesday:
No Religious Education Classes
7:00 PM RCIA Meeting, Convent Meeting Room
7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting, Rectory Meeting Room
8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Church

Thursday:
No Religious Education Classes
7:00 PM Bible Study, Rectory Meeting Room

Friday:
1:30 PM Stations of the Cross, Church

Saturday:
12:30 PM Reconciliation, Church

Pre-Cana 2016 Winter Schedule
Opening Sunday, February 21st at 6:00 PM, closing April 17th at 6:00 PM. Contact the rectory.

In marriage, 
celebrate together in good times, 
lean on each other in hard times, and stay 
committed to each other in all times.

Banns of Marriage
Sean Smith & Stacey Miller
MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS
POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2016

The following in an excerpt from the Message of His Holiness Pope Francis

I asked that “the season of Lent in this Jubilee Year be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God’s mercy”. The mercy of God is a proclamation made to the world, a proclamation which each Christian is called to experience at first hand. God’s mercy transforms human hearts; it enables us, through the experience of a faithful love, to become merciful in turn.

From the Vatican, 4 October 2015

Family Liturgy

Holy Thursday Service for Children, Thursday, March, 24th 3:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel.
Please join us for this moving service where children will reenact the Last Supper. Children ages 3 and up are invited to participate as followers of Jesus. Practice will be held on Tuesday, March 22nd 6:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel. If you are interested in participating please contact stbarnabasfamilyliturgy@gmail.com or sign up after the 10:15 Family Mass.

Easter Egg Hunt – Will take place outdoors in a grassy area immediately following the 10:15 Family Mass on Sunday, March 13th – weather permitting

Palm Sunday, March 29th – Children will participate in the entrance procession at the 10:15 Family Mass. Palms will be blessed and distributed after Mass.

Easter Sunday, April 5th – Following the 10:15 Family Mass small bottles of holy water will be available to take home.

Paper hearts will be available for children to color and complete, filling in how they will open their heart to Jesus during Lent. Each Sunday at the 10:15 AM Family Mass, children can present their completed hearts in the Offertory Procession. These hearts will then be placed on the cross with hopes of being transformed for Easter.

During this Lenten Season we lift up, take up, and give up our hearts to Jesus. How will you open your heart to Jesus this Lenten season? What special sacrifices will you make or what special deeds will you do?
Congratulations to our National Junior Honor Society

New Inductees
Christopher Antimisiaris  Luciano LaGattuta
Matthew Blanchard        Jessica Politi
Alexandra Bossie         Gabriella Quinones
Mason Cain               John Paul Rincon
Michael Cawley           Karenarose Rizzo
Samuel Day               Kellie Sandas
Bryce Ettrick            John Terry
Sabrina Fahmy            Brian Venneri
Connor Harrison          Sean Wilcox

NJHS Officers/Members
Sophia Mazza  ~  President
Lola Lechleider ~  Vice President
Kurtis Weber  ~  Secretary
Rebecca Acosta ~  Ice Cream Coordinator
Alexandra Lee  ~  Ice Cream Coordinator
Timothy Barrett, Sean Laughlin & Noelle Messick
Monday, February 15th - Friday, February 19th
No Classes – Winter Recess

Wednesday, February 24th – all level 5, 6, 7 and 8 classes are cancelled for the night to give our students and their families, catechists and volunteers the opportunity to attend the last night of the Parish Mission. NOTE we will be holding classes at the 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM session for levels 1 through 4.

Tuesday, March 8th – Level 2 Parent Meeting 10:00 AM in the Holy Family Chapel OR 7:00 PM in the Church – the theme is :The Importance of the Sabbath” and we will discuss First Holy Communion details.

Wednesday, March 9th – Level 7 Parent Meeting 7:00 PM in the North Cafeteria – the theme is “Respect Life.”

Confirmation will be held on Monday, May 23rd

Please remember to check the Religious Education grade level calendars as well as the website to keep informed of dates of classes, as well as when classes are not in session, homework assignments, and requirements.

We have several First Holy Communion Dresses that were donated; many of them are brand new with the tags still on. We also have a few boys’ suits that were worn once that have been donated. If you are interested in looking at the dresses or suits please contact the Office of Christian Formation at 785-0130. We will be donating all remaining dresses and suits to our neighbors in need after March 11th!

Hi Everyone,

How is your Lent going? Today’s Gospel tells us about Jesus being tempted by the devil in the desert. This Gospel tells us so much! We see Jesus in the desert for 40 days, which gives us the 40 days of Lent. We see Him being tempted but staying strong. It reminds us so much to resist temptations in our life. I often feel that the devil is at work during Lent in my life! Here are some ideas if you need some Lenten ideas.

1.) Is there someone in your life that gives you a hard time? Someone that you’re tempted not to be kind to? How about praying for them each day this week.

2.) Take 10 minutes of your technology time, video games or social media, and read your Bible. Turn everything off and give all attention to what you’re reading. Read a few verses and then think about it. Start with the Gospel of Luke, where our Lent Gospels come from this year.

3.) Give a little bit of your spending money to the poor. Somehow the act of giving can make us spiritually stronger.

Most of the schools will be off next week so it’s a great chance to start!

Next week we’ll look at a few more ways to make this a good Lent!

Have a blessed week!

Peggy
Defenders of Life

Despite the fact that many Long Islanders were not able to attend the March for Life as planned, due to the unprecedented snow storm, tens of thousands still attended the March, according to March for Life organizers. "We were extremely pleased with what appeared to be tens of thousands of Americans who came together to celebrate life today despite the weather conditions," said Jeanne Mancini, President of the March for Life Education and Defense Fund. Fortunately, students from Long Island Catholic High Schools were able to experience the events in Washington D.C. the night before the March.

Amanda Miller, a junior at St. John the Baptist, said "Having the opportunity to stand up for life is something I believe everyone should experience. This year I got to attend the annual youth rally for life before the actual March took place. It felt really special to stand among so many others who share the value that believes all life is sacred and worth living. What made it such an amazing experience was that everyone was coming together for such a positive cause. I hope that in the near future all of our efforts and prayers will make a difference to the lives of the unborn."

Saturday, Feb. 21, 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM "Harmony for Hope" Concert, Mulcahy's Pub & Music Hall, 3232 Railroad Ave., Wantagh. AMT Children of Hope Foundation, Baby Safe Haven - open bar and buffet dinner. $45/per person. Call 781-3511 or buy tickets online at www.amtchildrenofhope.com.

The Long Island Coalition for Life general meeting welcomes all interested in pro-life activity, education, legislation or volunteering. Meetings begin at 7:45 PM. For further info, call 631-243-1435. The speaker for Mon., Feb. 22, will be Clare Hinshaw. Topic: "Advancing the Culture of Life as a Young Professional." Clare is Development Relations Coordinator for Young America's Foundation, a non-profit which assists high school and college students in advancing ideas on campus. Meeting at Joseph Barry Council K of C Hall, 45 Heitz Pl., Hicksville.
“I am a sinner. This is the most accurate definition. It is not a figure of speech, a literary genre. I am a sinner.” Those words of Pope Francis from a 2013 interview get right to the heart of the mystery of sin in our life. The simple fact is that sin is a reality. We can’t rationalize it away, and we can’t find excuses; we sin. As much as we try to blame others and try to find all sorts of reasons to say it’s not our fault, the unvarnished truth is we sin.

Ironically, though, it’s only by admitting the truth of our sinfulness that we can truly discover and experience the inconceivable depth and richness of God’s mercy. As Pope Francis remarked in 2010, “Only we big sinners have this grace of knowing what salvation really means.” That’s because to understand what sin is, we first have to start with God’s love.

We are profoundly loved by God with a love that is unconditional and life-giving. God has given us the gift of life. Through baptism, God has given us the gift of union with Christ and with each other in the Church. In the face of God’s free gift, the only proper response on our part is a response of love that is given back to God, a love that makes our life a gift to Him and that leads to living in the way He asks us to.

Sin sets itself against God’s love for us and turns our hearts away from that love. Like the sin of Adam and Eve, it is disobedience, a revolt against whereby we desire to have a mastery over our life that in truth belongs to God. Sin is an inordinate love of self, even to the point of putting oneself before God. It is a proud exaltation of self, in contrast to the obedience of Jesus, whose observance of the Father’s will brought about our salvation.

Sin can be likened to a disorder or sickness. Take the example of our physical health: sometimes we are seriously ill, and sometimes we just have a cold. So, too, with spiritual health: sin can be serious (mortal) or less serious (venial).

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that “sin is an offense against reason, truth, and right conscience; it is failure in genuine love for God and neighbor caused by a perverse attachment to certain goods. It wounds the nature of man and injures human solidarity.” (1849)

Sin is a personal act, but our sins can sometimes lead others to commit sin. Our participation in collective wrong-doing can lead to “social sin,” sin that gives rise to social situations and institutions that are contrary to the very nature of God.

The awareness of sin in our life should lead us to immediately trust in God’s mercy. We have the great gift of being able to seek God’s forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance. The Sacrament of Penance brings us the experience of God’s love and mercy, proving to us His desire to keep us always close to Him.
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Holy Father has sent us all a Message for this Lent of the Jubilee of Mercy. I want to call your attention to it and urge you to read it. It is beautiful, concrete and opens up to us rich and inspiring ways to make this Lent a deep and wonderful journey of faith as we seek God’s merciful love and receive it during the forty days that we travel together to celebrate the Sacred Triduum of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior.

In his letter, Pope Francis says: *Let’s not waste the season of Lent!* He goes on to call Mary, the perfect icon of the Church which evangelizes and is evangelized by the Holy Spirit. We too, who make up the Church, must imitate Mary and open ourselves to the Spirit as she did at the Annunciation. Led by the Spirit this Lent we can become ourselves evangelizers of God’s mercy by our words and our actions.

Pope Francis commends to us the time honored Corporal and Spiritual “Works of Mercy”. He says, *God’s mercy transforms our hearts to become merciful, inspiring us to love of neighbor.* Take one a day or use them to do an act of kindness. Corporal: feed the hungry; give drink to the thirsty; clothe the naked; welcome the stranger; care for the sick; visit the prisoners; bury the dead. The Spiritual: convert the sinner; instruct the ignorant; counsel the doubtful; comfort the sorrowful; bear wrongs patiently; forgive injuries; pray for the living and the dead.

For me the most beautiful part of his message is when he speaks of God’s merciful love for His Chosen People and the faithfulness of His love as a covenant that, despite all the sins of God’s people, He will always be faithful, always forgives, and will never cease to love us. The Pope takes that and invites us to see God’s compassion for us His people as a model and an inspiration of marriage between a man and a woman and the love that brings children into the world as part of a family. God’s unceasing, faithful love (Hebrew: *hesed*) culminates in the Incarnation of His Son as the bridegroom who does everything to win over His bride, the Church. He even dies for her!

And He does that for us now and always. Make this Lent a time when you open yourselves up to that love, experience that love through the reconciling and healing sacrament of Penance; let this love heal your hearts and renew your faith and your commitment to your spouse, your children, your parents, all the members of your family, your neighbors, your friends, all from whom you may be alienated. God offers that love to you. You who accept His love then must be givers of that love to others.

May God’s words of love and reconciliation dwell in our hearts this Lent of Mercy and may God bless our Church here on Long Island and make us instruments of His merciful love to others.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

[Signature]