PASSION
LIVING A LIFE OF SIGNIFICANCE

The kingdom of God is at hand
St. Barnabas the Apostle

First Week of Lent

Monday, February 19
6:30 AM   Connie LaRocca
9:00 AM   Friends and Family of Lou, Rosemary and Rory Grandwilliams

Tuesday, February 20
6:30 AM   Edward Ritter, Jr.
9:00 AM   Domingo Cormace

Wednesday, February 21
6:30 AM   Ernst Walter
9:00 AM   Thomas Hofmann

Thursday, February 22 The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
6:30 AM   Flora Aronica
9:00 AM   Living and Deceased Member of the Robinson and Wupper Families

Friday, February 23
6:30 AM   Alan Schwall
9:00 AM   Corneilus Clifford

Saturday, February 24
Fr. Kevin  8:00 AM  Rita and Frank Mistretta
Fr. Charles  4:30 PM  Stephen Agostini
            Special Intentions of Theresa and Walter Andersen
            Raymond Vogts
            Vincenzo Piro
            Paige Elizabeth Keely
            Nathan S. Donato
Fr. Kevin  7:00 PM  Mary McNulty

Sunday, February 25 Second Sunday of Lent
Fr. Charles  7:00 AM  Deceased Members of the Valentine Family
Fr. Adrian  9:00 AM  For the People of Our Parish
Fr. Charles  10:15 AM  Nancy Luksch
Fr. Kevin  10:30 AM  Lucia and Luigi DiMeglio
Fr. Adrian  12:00 AM  Anne Buonocore
Fr. Adrian  5:00 PM  Brian Urick
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.
All around the globe Christians are united in a spirit of repentance and renewal this Lent. For some, this renewal is a time of giving up or going without. For others the reminder that ‘we are dust and to dust we shall return’ is a call to repentance. Our liturgies tap into our common desire for mercy and our need to repent of sin.

Last Wednesday all this was summarized in the imposition of the sign of the cross on our forehead with the ashes of last Palm Sunday. At baptism we received the sign of the cross on our foreheads, and we were "marked as Christ's own forever." Forever we identify as children of God, brothers and sisters of Christ, citizens of the kingdom of God.

The mark of the cross is the shape of a capital "I". That which is uniquely me. My strengths and my weaknesses. My talents and my sins. Each of us is like no other. We are each called into a personal relationship with God that is different from everyone else - not necessarily better or worse, just different.

This capital "I" is also that which separates me from God. It represents those things that I claim for myself alone: my terminal desire for uniqueness. In imposing the cross on our forehead, the vertical stroke of the capital "I" is followed by the horizontal stroke of crossing it out. The "I" that is crossed out is the "I" that leads to the feelings of alienation from God. It is as if in the horizontal stroke, the loving arms of Christ are stretched out to welcome me back home. The wiping away of the "I" that separates me from God gives me the freedom and the ability to reach out to my brothers and sisters.

The cross of ashes was a call to repent of the "sin" that we allow to separate us from God - a call to forgiveness and wholeness. At the same time, the sign of the cross on our forehead is formed by a personal relationship with God intersecting with my solidarity, my commonality, with all the others for whom Christ died.

On Ash Wednesday the sign of the cross is clearly visible on our forehead. In a few hours the ashes will have faded and disappeared. However, we are forever marked with the sign of the cross by our Baptism. We show that reality by the way we live our lives as His disciples in the world today.

Here is a question for Lent - it’s the same as last week’s: when people see us and know us, do they believe that God is Love? That is what it really means to bear the mark of Christ.
Sanctuary Lamp
Is lit in loving memory of Donald Williams from his wife Eileen, Children and Grandchildren.

We Pray for Our Sick

The Week at a Glance

Sunday:
9:00 AM Grades 5 & 6 attending Mass
1:30 PM Baptisms
7:30 PM Al-Anon, Cafeteria

Monday: Rectory Closed
7:30 PM Charismatics, HFC

Tuesday:
1:00 PM Friendly Seniors, HFC

Wednesday:
7:30 PM RCIA
7:30 PM Al-Anon, Rectory
8:00 PM Choir

Thursday:
7:00 PM Bible Study, Rectory

Friday:
1:30 PM Stations of the Cross, Church
1:30 PM Lectio Divina, Rectory
5:00 PM Convent Mass
7:00 PM Lectio Divina, Rectory

Saturday:
8:00 AM Anointing, after Mass
11:30 AM Baptisms
12:30 PM Confession

Our Finances
2/11/18: $16,289
2/12/17: $18,298
Parish Families Registered: 4,997
Envelopes Mailed: 1,303
Used 2/11/18: 500
2/12/17: 580

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

Special Collections
February 18th Church in Need
February 25th Support our Parish Mission
“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 !!
Dear Friends:

As we look to the future we are aware that we continue to face difficulties both here on Long Island and in our country at large. Whether they involve the opioid epidemic, gang violence, racism, or any other threat, a deep trust and reliance on the Risen Christ is necessary for us to advance and make progress in dealing with these problems.

In order to better welcome the Resurrected Jesus into our hearts, a solid Lenten spirituality grounded in prayer, fasting and almsgiving for the needs of the Church and the World is essential.

On Wednesday, April 4, 2018 we will commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the tragic death of Dr. Martin Luther King. Our commemoration of this anniversary falls appropriately between Easter Sunday (April 1) and Divine Mercy Sunday (April 8).

I would ask that during the Lenten season we all prepare for this historic anniversary by dedicating dimensions of our Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving to the pursuit of racial harmony and comprehensive immigration reform grounded in the principles of the sanctity of human life and the dignity of the human person.

By aligning our Lent in solidarity with our African American and Hispanic brothers and sisters and the injustices they have suffered and are suffering, we dream and act with Dr. King and his clarion call for justice in our land.

We dream and act in a way that treasures the African American legacy of contribution in this country. We dream and act in a way that not only welcomes our Hispanic brothers and sisters but expresses our deep appreciation for their gifts and leadership in the Church and in American society, and we advocate together for comprehensive immigration reform.¹

We also think and pray globally this Lent as we remember the people in North Korea, Jerusalem and every country in the Middle East, Bangladesh, Haiti, Venezuela, South Sudan, Somalia, Burundi, The Democratic Republic of the Congo, The Central African Republic, Nigeria and every war-torn and poverty-stricken area of the World.

We remember the poor, the homeless, the unemployed, those who suffer with mental illness, chronic physical illness and pain. We remember the hundreds of thousands of unborn children whose innocent lives are taken every year through abortion and the terrible toll this takes on individuals, families and our entire society.

¹ See Bishop Barris’ September 21, 2017 Founder’s Week Keynote Address at St. John’s University entitled The Relationship between Catholic Sacramental Theology and Catholic Social Justice Teaching: The Sacrament of Penance in Service of ‘Welcoming the Stranger’ in the January 2018 edition of The Long Island Catholic.
We remember the addicted and particularly those who suffer opioid addiction, those ensnared in the
culture of death of gangs, drug trade, human trafficking, and their victims -- who are often children
-- at the borders, those who suffer violations of religious liberty and the sanctity of human life, those
who suffer from the trauma of sexual abuse and all forms of abuse, harassment or cyberbullying,
those in the midst of a family or marital crisis, those who grieve the loss of a child, a spouse, a
friend, a loved one. We remember the painful crosses that our elderly carry and we give thanks for
the wisdom and prayer that they model for us.

And, of course, we remember our servicemen and women overseas and their families back home,
and our first responders here. We remember our Veterans and their sacrifices.²

As we prepare for the Easter Vigil Fire and for Easter Sunday, we ask the Holy Spirit to guide and
refresh us during this Season of Lent. So often the cycles and seasons of life can become routine
and stale. When applied specifically to Lent, we may find ourselves doing the same things each
year, which results in them becoming commonplace and no longer a challenge.

A frequent theme for Lent is “giving something up”. Many times this takes the form of refraining
from junk food or sweets. This is a good challenge, but it is important to remember that Lent
should not be just a time for losing weight; fasting without prayer is just dieting. Additionally, food
is not all that we “consume”.

All the things we allow into our senses are important to examine. What we watch, what we listen to
are just as important as what we eat. One thing we consume in great quantities is social media.

Like all technology, do we use our social media for good or do we become consumed by it? Social
media can help us connect with people and provide us important and relevant information but it can
also be used to waste valuable time or to engage in angry, critical arguments.

During Lent may I suggest that we do an examination of conscience in regard to our use of social
media? Can we intentionally leverage every dimension of our presence on a range of social media
platforms to pursue dramatic missionary growth on Long Island?

We may do that by giving testimony on Facebook to a positive experience of a Catholic parish, a
Catholic Bible Study or a Catholic school. We may post an image on Pinterest or Periscope of a
parish activity or Holy Hour experience that was particularly meaningful. We might establish a link
on our platform to the Long Island Catholic.

We might witness on a social media platform as a married couple or family about the value of the
Sacrament of Penance to family forgiveness and unity as we encourage other families we know to
participate in Reconciliation Monday on Monday, March 26, 2018.

² These intentions reflect some of the intentions Bishop Barres mentioned in his Christmas Midnight Mass and
Christmas Morning homily thus giving some continuity to our prayers and sacrifices across liturgical seasons.
Our dedicated priests, who are both humble penitents and compassionate confessors, will be available in the confessionals of all our parishes in the Diocese of Rockville Centre on March 26th from 3:00PM – 9:00PM. Please note that the Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Brooklyn join us in this effort so if you are working in Manhattan or Brooklyn that day you could easily go to confession at a nearby parish.

We can also use our social media platforms to follow Catholics who put forth holy and wholesome content that can enrich us spiritually and intellectually. We can follow the Diocese of Rockville Centre, the Office of Vocations, Catholic Charities, and so many more. Additionally we can follow Pope Francis and the Vatican, Bishop Robert Barron’s *Word on Fire* and other social media with inspiring and motivating Catholic content.

Related to social media, we may tend to “binge watch” videos whether through YouTube or streaming services. This content in and of itself might not be bad, but does it always lift us spiritually? Telecare can aid us in prayers like the Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet as well as its inspiring programming.

Additionally, the Augustine Institute has started a new initiative called FORMED. This is an app that has many eBooks we can put on our Kindles and iPads, lectures and talks we can listen to on our phones during our commutes to work and school, and Catholic movies and presentations that we can stream online, almost like a Catholic Netflix.

Many of our parishes on Long Island have already invested in FORMED and are strategizing about how best to have a higher percentage of parishioners to be actively “formed” by the excellent content.

Finally, outside of the realm of media, something that always nourishes and enriches us is the Sacraments. Frequent reception of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation help re-center and reorder us. May this Lent be a source of *dramatic missionary growth* both in our lives and for our great Diocese and beyond.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

[Signature]

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre
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.

February 18th - coffee, powdered or boxed milk (non-dairy), sugar (1 lb boxes are fine), cleaning products

February 25th - spaghetti sauce (jars), canned pasta (ravioli, spaghetti-os), canned fruit, shampoo/conditioner

March 4th - flour, oil, mayonnaise (small jars), deodorant, toothpaste

March 11th - pudding, jell-o, crackers, pancake mix/syrup, soap

March 18th - toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid
Church in Need Collection
This weekend 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.

Flu Season Recommendations
Due to severe flu outbreaks at this time in our diocese, priests, deacons, and Eucharistic ministers are reminded of the need to practice good hygiene prior to and after the distribution of Holy Communion. This involves cleansing one’s hands before Mass and when visiting people in their homes or in institutions, such as hospitals and nursing homes. It is also recommended that this be done prior to and after the celebration of other sacraments and religious and parish functions. This may be done by washing with hot water and soap or by means of an alcohol-based antibacterial hand sanitizer. Eucharistic ministers should not serve when they are sick. Due to this particularly bad flu season pastors have the option of offering Holy Communion only under one species, until health conditions improve. Priests and parishioners may also opt not to shake hands at the sign of peace, but express peace through another gesture or verbal greeting.

Liturgical Ministers Meeting
There will be a meeting for all Liturgical Ministers to update the celebration of the Liturgy here at St. Barnabas. Since it will involve changes in the way we celebrate, it is important to attend one of the meetings. They will be held on Monday, March 12th at 7:00 PM and Saturday, March 17th at 9:00 AM in the church. In case there is a funeral, we will begin in the Holy Family Chapel. Please call the rectory to let us know which meeting you will be attending.

RCIA
As we being 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

Banns of Marriage
Brian Medina & Alexa Vereline
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 and Wednesday, March 21st 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.

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

St. Vincent de Paul
In today’s Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, the Church gives us a slogan - Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving - as three things to work on during the season. As we experience weakness and suffering during Lent, we should be renewed in our compassion for those who are hungry, suffering or otherwise in need. The third part of the Lenten formula is Almsgiving. It’s about reaching out to others and helping them without question as a way of sharing the experience of God’s unconditional love. Please support St. Vincent de Paul with your prayers and generosity so that we can continue to do God’s work helping the poor and needy in the parish.

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.

Mommas House
Casino Night Fundraiser to benefit MOMMAS House (mother-child residence) at The Bellmore Exempt Fireman’s Benevolent Association, 228 Petit Ave., Bellmore (directly across from the train station) on Friday, March 9th from 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM. $50 per person includes $50 MOMMAS Money, 1 drink and food ticket. Come take a chance on the young mothers and babies living at MOMMAS House. Enjoy a wonderful evening of luck; win a trip to Las Vegas, an RCA 4K TV, plus many more amazing raffle prizes!

**Our Mission is to Encourage**
**Evangelize & Educate**
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 today’s first reading, God makes a covenant with Noah. God spares Noah and his family, but unleashes the power of water upon the earth. In the second reading, Peter tells us of the “New Covenant” that God has made with us through the death and Resurrection of Jesus. Through the waters of Baptism, we entered into that covenant. What is that covenant? John’s gospel tells us, “whoever believes in Jesus should not perish, but have eternal life.” God has promised us eternal life, but what do we have to do to keep our part of this covenant? Please join “The Men of the Way of Light” at our next meeting on Saturday, March 3rd, as we discuss “keeping our end of the bargain.” We meet bi-monthly on Saturdays in the Nazareth Room of the Holy 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.”

Catholics for Freedom of Religion
Love - Life - Liberty: Social Media Blocks Row vs Wade Movie Funding. FaceBook blocked the crowdfunding site of a pro-life movie about the Roe vs Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion across the U.S. “FaceBook has pulled down our ads, the paid ads and any mention of the unpaid ads,” said Dr. Alveda King, executive producer and niece of Martin Luther King, Jr. FaceBook later said they would restore the ads for Roe vs Wade, the movie. “Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.” ~ Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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

A Retreat Day for the Elect
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish. Sunday, March 11th from 2:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Visit our website www.drvc-faith.org.

Bereavement Ministry Facilitator Training
St James Parish, Pastoral Center, Room 104. Saturday, March 3rd and 17th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Saturday, March 24th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Visit our website www.drvc-faith.org.

Saint Barnabas Parish
We are a Catholic Parish in Bellmore since 1912. Our mission is to encourage, evangelize and educate. Jesus Christ is vital to our everyday living. With the time, talents, and treasures of the members of our parish community we serve our brothers and sisters in Christ through the traditions and teachings of our Catholic faith.
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.
The Irish American Center of Nassau, Suffolk & Queens
297 Willis Ave, Mineola, NY 11501
on Wednesday, March 14, 2018
8:00 pm
Cost: $25, Seniors: $20, Children under 12: no charge.
Emcee for the evening is Eileen Cronin
Host of the Long Ireland Show on Radio Hofstra University
88.7 FM

Life is Changed, Not Ended
Bereavement Conference 2018
For the Bereaved and those Ministering to Them
Saturday, March 10, 2018
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
St. Frances de Chantal Parish
1309 Wantagh Ave, Wantagh, New York 11793

Keynote Speaker
Bishop Andrzej Zgliczewski
Auxiliary Bishop, Diocese of Rockville Centre
Vicar for the Western Vicariate
Bishop Andrzej Zgliczewski was born and raised in Poland where he studied philosophy and theology before coming to the United States in 1987. He completed his studies for the priesthood at the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington and was ordained by Bishop John R. McGann, for the Diocese of Rockville Centre in 1990.

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Why Do We Need a Savior?
Why Is the Resurrection Important?

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The Holy Spirit and You (retreat)
New Life in the Spirit
Our Need for the Church

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

The high point of the course is a Day Retreat where participants have the opportunity to make a personal commitment to Jesus Christ and be renewed in the Holy Spirit.

SEVEN TUESDAYS FROM MAY 15 TO JUNE 26, 2018

Holy Family Chapel
6:30pm-9:00pm

Day Retreat: Saturday June 16, 2018

For More Information:
Email: DiscoveringChrist2018@gmail.com
Call/Text: 516-330-3685
Join our Facebook Group: Discovering Christ Saint Barnabas

No Cost to Participate!
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.
Saint Barnabas the Apostle

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
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:
Lt. Robert M. Scaduto, Jr.

US PEACE CORPS:
Patrick Coons

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 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.
DIocese of Rockville Centre Youth Rally

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• Eat less
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• Spend less
• Spend more time with family
• Read a Psalm a day
• Live more simply
• Find a patron Saint
• Go on a spiritual retreat
• Find a good Catholic smartphone app and use it
• Add a new devotion to your prayer routine [Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Novenas, etc.]

**Things to do this Lent**

Religious Education

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 still in need of adults to work one on one or in a small group environment.

We a few students that need either a one-on-one learning environment or a small group environment that needs 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.

Upcoming Dates:
Monday, February 19 – through Thursday, February 19 -NO CLASSES – Winter Recess
The Sweetheart Dance was an enchanting evening for all who attended! Girls invited their “Sweetheart” to a magical night of dancing and dining! A very big “Thank You!” to Tricia Williams, Jeanette Buono, and all the parent volunteers for all your hard work to make this event great!

Congratulations to the Honor Band on your beautiful performance this past weekend at Saint Anthony’s High School. Thank you to Mr. Pollenz, the SEAS Band Director, for your tireless devotion to the school band!

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

St. Barnabas Parents

Tuesday March 6th

Family and the New Evangelization

So whoever is in Christ is a new creation

Speakers
Bryan Finn & James O’Brien

Holy Family Chapel at 7PM
Register and start attending now!

Parent & Child Program

For children ages 2-3 years old.

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

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

For more information or to enroll contact:
Sabina Lamb (516) 781-9834
Or the School Office.

The Temptation of Jesus

After Jesus’ baptism, the Spirit sent Him into the wilderness.

Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God.

“ ‘The time has come,’ He said. ‘The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe’

Follow the maze into the wilderness.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Use the code to write the missing words on the lines.

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Visit us at: www.steas.com
He was with the wild animals and the angels helped Him.

Match the pictures.

Across:
4. Jesus was baptized in the ______ River. (vs. 9)
5. Jesus was tempted by _______. (vs. 13)
6. Jesus proclaimed the ______ news of God. (vs. 14)
9. Jesus said, "The _______ of God is near." (vs. 15)
10. Jesus asked people to repent and _______. (vs. 15)

Down:
1. The Spirit led Jesus into the _______. (vs. 12)
2. Jesus was _______ by John. (vs. 9)
3. Jesus was tended to by _______. (vs. 13)
7. The Spirit descended on Jesus like a _______. (vs. 10)
8. Jesus was in the desert for _______ days. (vs. 13)

JORDAN, KINGDOM, FORTY, DOVE, ANGELS
BELIEVE, DESERT, SATAN, BAPTIZED, GOOD

Jesus was in the wilderness many days, being tempted by Satan. How many days was Jesus there?

Shade in the shapes with a "◆".
The Temptation of Jesus

After Jesus’ baptism, the Spirit sent Him out into the wilderness.

Find these letters in the picture below.
W I L D E R N E S S

Jesus was in the wilderness 40 days, being tempted by Satan.

Then Jesus went into a certain land, proclaiming the good news of God.

Use the clock code to write the letters in the blanks, and continue reading the story.

“‘The time has come,’” He said.

Use the clock code to write the letters in the blanks.

What else did Jesus tell the people of Galilee?

What was the name of the land where Jesus traveled?

OLD + G =
SPARED – D =
LAME + F =
POINT – O =
PIES + L =
SPEED – P =
BED + A =

Add or subtract the given letter from each word, keeping the rest of the letters in the same order. Write the new words in the boxes. Read the letters in the darker boxes from top to bottom to get the answer.