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Adoration of the Eucharist:
Saturday: 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (provided there is no baptism or wedding).
Tuesday: 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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February 23, 2020

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Monday - Friday: 6:30 AM & 9:00 AM
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Sunday: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:15 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM & 5:00 PM

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Sunday Readings Hymnal # 871

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To place an advertisement on our cover call The Church Bulletin at (631) 249-4994.

Monday, February 24
Fr. Michael 6:30 AM  Faith Donaldson
Fr. Shaju 9:00 AM  Intentions of Rev. Anthony Heinlein, Marie Trainor, Intentions of Dotty & Sandy Eggland and Ben Angerome, James Mullooly, Jane Walsh, Richard Pollio

Tuesday, February 25
Fr. Jeff 6:30 AM  Rosemary Boyce
Fr. Shaju 9:00 AM  Pete Laudenback

Wednesday, February 26  Ash Wednesday
Fr. Jeff 6:30 AM  Church
Fr. Michael 9:00 AM  Holy Family Chapel
Fr. Jeff 12:00 PM  Church
Fr. Michael 4:15 PM  Holy Family Chapel
Fr. Shaju 4:15 PM  Holy Family Chapel
Fr. Shaju 6:00 PM  Holy Family Chapel
Fr. Jeff 8:00 PM

Thursday, February 27
Fr. Michael 6:30 AM  Mary Ellen DeLuca
Fr. Jeff 9:00 AM  Cormac Gerrity

Friday, February 28
Fr. Michael 6:30 AM  Nicholas Yanatos
SEAS 9:00 AM  Charles Frank Hefner

Saturday, February 29
Fr. Jeff 8:00 AM  Intentions of Mercedes & Jose
Fr. Michael 4:30 PM  Intentions of Armand Tulumello, Antonio Villanueva, Tommy Valva, Devon Finneran, The LaMont & Kumarasamy Families, Doris Henessy
Fr. Shaju 7:00 PM  Joseph DiSisto

Sunday, March 1  First Sunday of Lent
Fr. Michael 7:00 AM  John Rakoczy
Fr. Jeff 9:00 AM  Amelinha Marques
Fr. Michael 10:15 AM  For the People of Our Parish
Fr. Shaju 10:30 AM  Geraldine McIver Hefner
Fr. Jeff 12:00 PM  Louis Failla
Fr. Shaju 5:00 PM  Antonio Villanueva
The Awe and Beauty of the Holy Mass

On Tuesday, Archbishop Nelson Perez was installed as the Archbishop of Philadelphia. The Mass took place in one of the most beautiful churches in the U.S., the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. I, myself have visited this basilica a few times and I actually watched the installation through the Catholic Faith Network. It was quite a beautiful Mass to watch.

As you may know, Archbishop Perez was an auxiliary bishop for the Diocese of Rockville Centre. He was consecrated a bishop alongside Bishop Robert Brennan at St. Agnes Cathedral by Bishop William Murphy on July 25, 2012. He exudes a wonderful spirit of joy and friendliness to others. We wish him well as he begins his office as the Archbishop of Philadelphia.

I have to say, the Installation Mass of Archbishop Perez was absolutely beautiful. The church itself is magnificent. It is splendid and draped in marble like our church. All the candles were polished and beautifully lit. All of these things are for the glory of God. It is all of for Jesus. Yet what is amazing about it, is that the visible, beautiful elements of this particular Mass at Philadelphia are only visible signs of the greater beauty that is taking place through faith.

In faith, we believe that in every Mass, Jesus Christ is offering His life out of love for us and for the forgiveness of sins. In every Mass we are with Jesus in His Last Supper, in His Blessed Passion and His Glorious Resurrection. What is more beautiful than that?

Whether Mass is celebrated in a dilapidated church or in an underground church or in a magnificent basilica, the truth, the beauty, and the grace of the Mass does not change. The Mass is the greatest encounter we can experience with Jesus on this side of eternity. In every Mass, we are seeing the hidden face of Jesus in the Eucharist.

One of my dear mentors, who I affectionately call my Saint Peter, Father Charles Kohli, celebrates the Mass with great devotion and love. I was always deeply moved to watch Father Kohli offer Holy Mass. The other mentor of mine who resembles St. Paul, is Monsignor McDonald. To me, they resemble Saints Peter and Paul - they hold me together and keep me in check like the real Apostles do for us in Heaven.

Throughout the years that I have known Fr. Kohli, I have had several opportunities to watch him offer Holy Mass. I have to say when I would see Father Kohli offer Holy Mass it was seeing Jesus Christ crucified and nothing else. He often tells me by quoting his patron St. Charles Borromeo: “a priest cannot unite himself to the Mass until he unites his sufferings with Jesus.” Father Kohli offers everything to Jesus and he holds nothing back.

As we approach Lent, we have the opportunity to continue to increase our love for Jesus, especially our desire to be with Him in the Holy Mass. This Ash Wednesday all of the distributions of ashes will take place during Holy Mass. Not only that - there will be confessions available from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Ash Wednesday. As a parish, during Lent, we have more of an opportunity to also go to Mass during the week. Mass will be offered every Wednesday night at 7:00 PM during Lent.

May this season of Lent lead us to a greater love for Jesus in the Holy Mass. May you have a blessed Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the great penitential season of Lent.

In Jesus and Mary,
We Pray for Our Deceased
Joseph DiSisto
Margaret Jorgensen
Lucille A. Lamar
John Langan
John Nunziata
Ernst Schlenke

Bread & Wine
Is offered in loving memory of Mary McNulty, Joseph McNulty and Joseph Wilkinson from the Perno Family.

We Pray for Our Sick

The Week Ahead

Monday:
7:30 PM  Charismatic Prayer Group, HFC

Tuesday:
3:00 PM- 7:00 PM  Adoration, Church
6:30 PM - 7:00 PM  Confessions, Church

Wednesday:
7:00 PM  RCIA, Convent Room
7:30 PM  Al-Anon, Rectory

Thursday:
7:00 PM  CHOSEN L8, HFC
7:00 PM  Bible Study, Rectory
7:30 PM  Holy Hour, Ladies Night

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

Saturday:
8:00 AM  Anointing, Church
9:00 AM  L8 Retreats, HFC
12:30 PM  Confessions
4:30 PM  Rite of Sending

Sunday:
8:15 AM  Confessions
1:30 PM  Baptisms
7:30 PM  Al Anon, School

Our Finances -
2/16/20: $14,597  2/17/19: $14,878

Parish Families Registered: 5,032
Envelopes Mailed: 1,360
Used: 2/16/20: 538  2/17/19: 516

Special Collections -
This Weekend - St. Vincent de Paul Society

March 1st - Church in Need

Catholic Ministries Appeal -
Goal: $116,200  Donors: 105
Pledged: $21,613  Received: $15,876

Presentation of Gifts
If you wish to carry the gifts of Bread and Wine to the altar at weekend Masses please contact an usher before Mass begins and sign your name on the list at the Church door.
Our Lady of Guadalupe Intercessor of the Unborn

To help stop the anti-life push in the world, the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen encouraged the spiritual adoption of an unborn child. This is done by praying that one particular but unknown child’s life be spared abortion and be allowed to continue to live.

To help accomplish this, it was recommended, an individual say the following daily prayer for a period of one year.

“Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.”

During your earthly life this spiritually adopted child of yours will be known only to God but in the world to come it is hoped that you will meet the child whose life was spared by your prayers and spend eternal happiness with them.

Prayerful Witness as a Parish:
Monthly prayerful presence at Planned Parenthood
540 Fulton Avenue, Hempstead 11550
Saturday, March 14th - 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

February 26th thru April 5th during the hours of 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM- You are invited to join other Christians in peacefully praying for the unborn during a 40-day Vigil outside Planned Parenthood, 540 Fulton Ave., Hempstead.

First Saturday of the month:
Join us here at St. Barnabas at 9:00 AM at the Garden of Our Lady or in the Church, depending on weather.
STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
Fridays starting February 28th @ 1:30 PM

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RECONCILIATION

MONDAY to FRIDAY after 9:00 AM Mass
Ash Wednesday - 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Every Tuesday - 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM
Every Saturday - 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM
Every Sunday - 8:15 AM to 8:45 AM
Monday, April 6th - 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Holy Thursday, April 9th - 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM
Good Friday, April 10th - 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM
Holy Saturday, April 11th - 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

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MARY’S WAY OF THE CROSS  
Tuesday, March 10th @ 7:30 PM

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LENTEN EVENING MASS
Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM - March 11th, 18th, 25th, April 1st & 8th

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LENTEN RETREAT
Mornings following the 9:00 AM Mass
Evenings at 7:00 PM
March 2nd, 3rd & 4th

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HOLY WEEK APRIL 5th - 11th

PALM SUNDAY, April 5th
VIGIL: 4:30 PM, 7:00 PM
7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:15 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM

HOLY THURSDAY, April 9th
Morning Prayer 9:00 AM
Children’s Service 3:00 PM
Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY, April 10th
Morning Prayer 9:00 AM
Outdoor Stations 12:00 PM
The Lord’s Passion 3:00 PM
Evening Service 7:30 PM

HOLY SATURDAY, April 11th
Morning Prayer 9:00 AM
Easter Vigil 7:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, April 12th
7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:15 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM
O God, Father of all Mercies, Provider of a bountiful Harvest, send Your Graces upon those You have called to gather the fruits of your labor, preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of You.

Open the hearts of your children that they may discern Your Holy Will, inspire them with love and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Teach all your faithful to follow their respective paths in life guided by Your Divine Word and Truth. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, and Saints, humble our prayers and grant your Church needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pray for Vocations

This week please keep our Bishops, Priests and Seminarians in your prayers.

Mary, Mother of Jesus, throw your mantel of purity over our priests. Protect them, guide them, and keep them in your heart. Be a Mother to them, especially in times of discouragement and loneliness. Love them and keep them belonging completely to Jesus. Like Jesus, they, too, are your sons, so keep their hearts pure and virginal. Keep their minds filled with Jesus, and put Jesus always on their lips, so that He is the one they offer to sinners and to all they meet. Mary, Mother of Jesus, be their Mother, loving them and bringing them joy. Take special care of sick and dying priests, and the ones most tempted. Remember how they spent their youth and old age, their entire lives serving and giving all to Jesus. Mary, bless them and keep a special place for them in your heart. Give them a piece of your heart, so beautiful and pure and immaculate, so full of love and humility, so that they, too, can grow in the likeness of Christ. Dear Mary, make them humble like you, and holy like Jesus. Amen.
ST. BARNABAS THE APOSTLE: 2020 Holy Hours

Men and Women’s Night: 1/30/20
Ladies Night: 2/27/20
Men’s Night: 3/19/20
Men and Women’s Night: 4/16/20
Ladies Night: 5/14/20
Men and Women’s Night: 6/25/20

ADORATION, LIVE MUSIC, AND A TALK W/ A SOCIAL TO FOLLOW
Thursday Nights @ 7:30PM
“...let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them.”
- Pope Francis

Almsgiving in Lent

During the Lenten Season we are asked to pray, fast and give alms.

Lent is a perfect time for us to pray for those in need - whether it is for their material, emotional or spiritual needs. And when you practice fasting and abstinence during these forty days, please remember those of our neighbors who are hungry, and consider sharing your gifts with them.

One way to do this is by making a gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, which supports programs that help to feed people in our community each year through Catholic Charities and our Parish Outreach programs.

Have you thought about "fasting" from a regular purchase of something - i.e., a hand-crafted beverage? Over a 10 month period, this simple "fast" can serve many people need!

$6.25 a week for one month is $25 -- over 10 months it is $250.

For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.
Ash Wednesday, February 26th
Ashes will be distributed after the homily at parish Masses at 6:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 12 Noon, 4:15 PM (in both the Church and the Holy Family Chapel), 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM. There will be no services.

Pre Cana Winter Schedule
In Home Sessions: February 23rd - March 27th
Closing: March 29th

Lent: Giving, Not Giving Up
Lent is often thought of as a time of sacrifice...a time to “give up” things such as candy, bad habits and maybe even the internet. Although these challenges help us to 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 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 called “Giving, Not Giving Up”. During the five weekends of Lent, every household is encouraged to bring their alms to Mass or bring them to the rectory office. This act of generosity is a tangible sign of our Lenten efforts to feed the hungry.

- 1st Weekend: February 29th/March 1st - Toothpaste, bar soap, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner

RCIA News
With Lent approaching, our Candidates and Catechumens enter the Period of Purification and Enlightenment. On Saturday, February 29th, 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, Johan Mayorga and Jenny Soochan will sign their names in the Book of Enlightenment for the Elect at the Rite of Election on Saturday, March 1st at 7:30 PM at St. Christopher in Baldwin. On March 8th, at 10:30 AM, Jade Johnson, Amanda Burnside, Dawn Burnside, Linda Faisca, Barbara Frisone, Joseph Frisone, Kenneth Pierson and William Ruiz 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.

We are always looking for new team members who are willing to share their Faith with the adults of our parish who would like to receive their sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. Anyone interested in becoming part of our team and are willing to commit themselves on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM please contact Terri Lyons at 221-2617. You will receive so many blessings by sharing your Faith with others.
Knights Korner

- **St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital**
  - To all who have supported our annual St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital Charity Bicycle Ride we say Thank You! We have been running this event in September for 6 years and have donated over $70,000 to this very worthy charity. As such, our coordinator for this event has been invited to attend a three day seminar in Memphis from February 20th - 22nd. We will also have a representative from the organization make a presentation to us on February 27th at 8:00 PM at our council at 101 Frederick Avenue, Bellmore. Videos and pictures of the facilities in Tennessee will explain how the hospital operates. Please join us for this informative presentation and see how your donations work. This is a free program with light refreshments, so please join us.

- **Hall Rental**
  - Looking for a Hall? Please consider the Bellmore Columbus Club where the Bellmore Knights of Columbus hold meetings. Hall rentals for all occasions (engagements, birthdays, Communions, Christenings, anniversaries, baby showers, bridal showers, graduations, etc). For details and availability call 785-9407. Mention the bulletin to get $100 off (excluding April and May).

It is now much easier to join us using the online application. Go to [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) and follow the “join” buttons. Our Council is #3689 and is needed to complete the application.

**Girl Scout Sunday Mass & Communion/Pancake Breakfast**

Our Annual Girl Scout Sunday Mass will be held on Sunday, March 8th at 9:00 AM. First Grade Daisies who have earned the Jesus Loves Me Award and 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 (pancakes and sausages) in the school cafeteria. All Girl Scouts are invited to attend. Tickets are $6 ($4 for children aged 4 and under) and must be purchased no later than March 1st. For reservations and tickets please contact Judy Hughes at 781-8040 or Joan Monastero at monasteroj@verizon.net.

Liturgical Ministry Training
Spring training sessions are scheduled for those who would like to minister as an Extraordinary Minister or Lector at St. Barnabas. Please contact the rectory for further information.

Altar Candles Update
You may have noticed that there are now six candles next to the altar. These are oil candles. All six candles will be lit on Sundays, solemnities, funeral Masses and days where there is Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Four candles will be lit on feast days and two candles will be lit on a normal ferial day or a memorial of a saint.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
“So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Encourage the Holy Spirit to perfect your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are May 1st - 3rd and June 26th - 28th in Huntington. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at (877) 697-9963 or visit them at www.wwmenyli.org.

St. Barnabas Parish Lenten Retreat
“A Lenten Journey with Jesus and Mary”
February 29th - March 4th
Mornings - following the 9:00 AM Mass
Evenings - 7:00 PM in the Church
Don’t miss this faith-expanding, life-changing experience. Please be bold about inviting your friends, neighbors and family members to come.

Monday: “Opening up your heart to Jesus”
Journeying with Our Lord closer and deeper than ever before.

Tuesday: “Journey with Jesus”
Focusing on parishioners topics and themes plus the “Journey with Jesus” guided mediation.

Wednesday: “Full of Grace”
Presenting Our Blessed Mother Mary as model of faith and her apparitions.
Presented by Tony Bellizzi - A Catholic lay Evangelist conducting over 600 programs annually, including nearly one third of all the parishes in the Rockville Centre Diocese. Tony has also conducted parents programs and confirmation retreats right here at St. Barnabas.

Bowling League
The Mercy League is looking for bowlers for our (non-money) Ladies League. We bowl on Fridays at 9:45 AM at Syosset Bowl, Jericho Tpke., Syosset. Come out and join the fun. For more information, please call Dolores Sartor at 931-4106.

Did you know that Catholic Health Services offers exclusive clinical trials to cancer patients on Long Island? Read more about the new partnership with the Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center and how it could benefit you: CHSCancer.org
Our Mission is to Encourage Evangelize & Educate

**FIAT: LET IT BE DONE**

THURSDAY, 2/27 @ 7:30pm
Women's Holy Hour w/ Confession, Live Music & A Talk Social to Follow

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel, Jesus is always aware of the law that has been passed down over the centuries to those who believe in God. The commands which flow from God in the Old Testament are just the beginning and minimal requirements of what it means to be part of God’s holy people. Jesus requires more of His disciples. He wants them not to just refrain from hatred, but also to pro-actively love others, even, or especially, our enemies. If God can love even the greatest sinners and send the Son to die for them, who are we not to love them? Still the call to love those who hurt us does not mean that we should seek their company so we can endure further hurt. Sometimes it is just the best thing to have less contact with someone who has caused us bad feelings. The important thing is that we limit our contact not to hurt the other person, but to control that which can lead to the destruction of our own lives through hatred.

Blessed are you, Lord God, always kind and merciful. Through your goodness, you reach out your loving hand to us as a gesture of your willingness to forgive us. You have sent Your Son who was able to pray for His persecutors, even as He died upon the cross. Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the second collection today, so that we may continue to help the poor and needy in the parish. Thank you.

**Diocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary Liturgy**

This spring, couples who have been married fifty years will be honored at a Mass on Sunday, May 3rd at St. Patrick’s Roman Catholic Church in Smithtown. Mass will begin at 2:00 PM. Bishop Robert J. Coyle will preside. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory. Space is limited. Registration will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. The forms can also be found on www.drvc-faith.org. If you have any questions, you may call 678-5800, ext. 223.

**Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast**

You are invited to a Flapjack Fundraiser breakfast to support Glen Cove/Hicksville/Syosset Mercy League on Saturday, March 28th from 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM at Applebee’s, 938 S. Broadway, Hicksville. The Mercy League is a volunteer organization that raises money for enrichment activities and equipment at Mercy Medical Center.
For information, contact Marge Kelly at 587-7387 or mercyleague.copresidents@gmail.com.

Military Bridge
The Glen Cove/Hicksville/Syosset Chapter of the Mercy League has an upcoming fundraising event on Sunday, March 8th from 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish in Hicksville. Admission is $10. Use the Gym entrance on Nicolai Street. For information, contact Arleen Bergin at 935-7294.

Hope House Ministries
Beta Sigma Phi - Xi Master Chapter invites you to their Annual Fashion show to benefit Hope House Ministries on Wednesday, April 1st at Villa Lombardi’s in Holbrook. Cost is $60 per person and includes a gourmet buffet and fashion show. Your Choice Auction and fashions by Chico’s, White House/Black Market. For tickets call Peg at (631) 928-2628 or Barbara at (631) 698-0140.

Retrouvaille Weekend
You can help heal your marriage. Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking it about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, please call (800) 470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

Focus on Religious Freedom
Anti-Catholic 1889 Blaine Amendment goes to U.S. Supreme Court: “The case before the Supreme Court today (Espinoza v. Montana Department of Revenue) concerns whether the Constitution offers states a license to discriminate against religion,” said the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). “Our country’s tradition of non-establishment of religion does not mean that governments can deny otherwise available benefits on the basis of religious status...This is an issue of justice for people of all faith communities.” Montana created a program where people who donated to private-school funding organizations received a modest $150 tax credit. However, the Montana Dept. of Revenue cited the state’s anti-religious Blaine Amendment to exclude those donors whose money went to religious private schools but allowed non-religious private-school donors to benefit. Therefore, children who attend religious schools were stripped of their right to participate in the scholarship program. The Blaine Amendments - found in 37 state constitutions - originated in the late 1800’s to block Catholic demands for equal treatment of their schools. The anti-legal immigrant anti-Catholic provisions aimed to bar public funding of so-called “sectarian” schools of which over 2/3 were Catholic
schools.
“But this case is not only about constitutional law...Blaine Amendments...were expressions of hostility toward the Catholic Church. We hope that the Supreme Court will take this opportunity to bring an end to this shameful legacy,” wrote the USCCB.
“Blaine Amendments...have the effect of excluding people of faith from participating in benefits that should be publicly available to everyone. Without religious liberty properly understood, all Americans suffer.” - USCCB Fact Sheet, Office of Religious Liberty, 2018

Choir Members Needed
The Music Ministry of St. Barnabas Choir plays a vital part in liturgical celebrations throughout the year. Lessons and Carols, Christmas, Lent and Easter Services are sung by our choir. The choir sings at 10:30 AM Mass on Sundays. Our liturgies are enriched by their musical participation. St. Barnabas Choir is continually welcoming new members. The choir is in need of Soprano, Alto and especially male voices, Tenor and Bass. No audition is necessary and the ability to read music is not required. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM in the Church. For more information, please contact Mr. Dione, our Choir Director at the Rectory Office at 785-0054.

The Men of the Way of Light
In this week’s Readings, we are told, “You shall be holy; for I, the LORD your God am holy,” and “Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” It reminds me of my HS track days as a high jumper raising the brackets a notch higher to try and break my all-time best. Here, we are being asked to be like the Father in our attitudes and behavior, to set the bar any lower is to not have a goal worth shooting for.
The second reading points the way by which we can attain this righteousness. St. Paul reminds the Corinthians, “Do you not know that you are God's
“For all things are yours... you are Christ’s; and Christ is God’s.” You see, living a life of holiness or perfection (spiritual maturity) would be wholly unattainable if we only had our own human resources to rely upon. Instead God chose to make His dwelling place within us. Additionally, the Holy Spirit provides us all we need for a life of holiness. “His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to His own glory and excellence...” (2 Peter 1:3)

As most people know, there is no end to human hurts due to the injustices of others. In various degrees, we continually face them. Stoic endurance may enable some people to survive emotionally, but stoicism is not sufficient to triumph over these injustices. Lashing out in anger or withdrawing in fear may provide a moment of release, but invariably anger and withdrawal settle into our heart as resentment and bitterness tainting all of our life and sadly the lives of many around us. Unfortunately, there are many, many Christians who are walking around heavy hearted with hurts and wounds from which they have found neither release nor escape. Many, relying on the foolish wisdom of the world, respond to injustice with the comment, “I’ll forgive, but I will never forget what was done.” They are trying to be forgiving but they do not realize that in choosing to remember, the wound is never allowed to heal nor the peace of forgiveness ever found. This week’s Responsorial Psalm illustrates God’s holy and perfect standard of forgiveness. “He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor requite us according to our iniquities. ...as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.” Through the graces received in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God, who had every right to exact retribution for the wrongs done by us to Him, instead chooses to remove or separate our sins from us to such an infinite distance that they are no more. In Isaiah the Father says, “I will not remember them anymore.” That does not mean that He cannot remember them but that He wills not to remember. From a human stand-point, this is difficult. But, if our Heavenly Father can do this for us and our sins, surely the forgiveness we receive should motivate us to be forgiving like Him. Like the high-jumper, rising to new heights of righteousness may be difficult, but remember that in Christ we have been given all that is necessary to help us attain to Christ-likeness. When it comes to forgiveness, lowering the bar to simply human standards is not an option. (Excerpts from the Emmaus Journey Reflections)

Looking for ways to attain your personal best of holiness? Join us at our next meeting on Saturday, February 8, immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass. We meet in the Nazareth Room of the Holy Family Chapel. Bagels and coffee served. Our meetings run until 10:30 AM. For more information, visit our Facebook page.
Kellenberg Events

- **Night at the Races** - Kellenberg’s Alumni Parents Association (KAPA) cordially invites all to attend a *Night at the Races* on Saturday, February 29th, from 5:30 PM - 10:00 PM. 10 video races will be shown in the Kellenberg Cafeteria (1400 Glenn Curtiss Blvd., Uniondale). A Sports Dinner including Caesar salad, carving station with turkey, pasta, Italian blend vegetables, and mashed potatoes, along with a dessert bar and coffee, will be served. Hot dogs will also be served at a convenient time between races. The cost for the evening is $25 per person (includes dinner, beer, wine, and soda). Tables may be reserved and can hold 6 - 8 people. You may list with whom you wish to be seated with on the registration form. Please register online at kellenberg.org/kappa by Monday, February 24th.

Unfortunately, no reservations can be taken after this date or at the door. Any questions may be directed to MrsMiles@kellenberg.org or 292-0200, ext. 245.

- **Kellenberg Memorial Alumni Breakfast** - All Kellenberg Memorial alumni, alumni priests, and their families are invited to join us for the 4th Annual Alumni Communion Breakfast on Sunday, March 15th. Mass begins at 9:00 AM, followed by breakfast and a special guest speaker. The cost for the morning is $12 per person and $6 for children 10 and under. Unfortunately, walk-in registration is not available for this event. Please note that all guests must pre-register no later than Monday, March 9th. Online registration is available by visiting kellenberg.org/alumni. Any questions may be directed to alumni@kellenberg.org or 292-0200, ext. 396.
Pro Bikers For Life will be sponsoring a **40 Days For Life** Campaign on Long Island

**February 26th through April 5th**

You’re invited to join other Christians in peacefully praying for the Unborn during a 40-Day Vigil outside Planned Parenthood... Located at 540 Fulton Ave, Hempstead, NY 11550

The vigil takes place 7 days a week, between the hours of 8am - 5pm

**LOVE SAVES LIVES**

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization.

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000 volunteers!

With God’s help, here are the proven results in 6,742 local campaigns, 61 Nations & 855 Cities:

- 16,742 babies saved from abortion
- 196 abortion workers quit
- 104 abortion centers closed

Here’s how to take part:

- **Vigil Location:** Outside Planned Parenthood
  540 Fulton Ave, Hempstead, NY 11550
- **Vigil hours:** 8am - 5pm Daily
- **Local contact:** Email: Hempstead40days@aol.com
- **Social Media:** Like us on Facebook at: 40daysforLifeHempsteadNY/
- Learn more and get involved by visiting our campaign at the website below:
  40daysforlife.com/Hempstead

**KICK OFF** 40 Days For Life opening Mass at St. Ladislaus Catholic Church

**February 22th, Saturday 9 am**

Located at 18 Richardson Pl, Hempstead, NY 11550

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be Concelebrated by Fr. Liam McDonald & Fr. Fidelis Moscinski, CFR

There will be a Pro-Life talk by Robert and Kristi Koller & PBFL video following Mass.

Afterwords there will be a short procession to Planned Parenthood Hempstead for a Witness and the Rosary.

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Pro Bikers

40 Days For Life

Pro Life For Life
Congratulations to all the Second Graders who received the Sacrament of their First Reconciliation on Saturday, February 1st. If your child was unable to attend, please call the office to make arrangements.

**Upcoming Important Dates**

* NO Classes - Ash Wednesday  
  Wednesday, February 26th

We are still in need of Adult Volunteers to be Hall Monitors and Substitute Catechists. Please call the office for more information.

(516) 785-0130.

The following are the dates for CHOSEN:

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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. (See the list of dates below).

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 10:15 AM Mass & Class will be held on - March 8th, April 19th, May 10th, and June 14th.

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GOD at the point

A night for high school + college Catholics on Long Island

adoration • confession • dodgeball
open mic • free food • bonfire

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Doors open: 7PM

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Point Lookout, New York
MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

honoring

Rev. Adrian McHugh
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Saturday, March 14th - Council Hall (186 Jericho Tpke., Mineola)
8:00 – 12:00 pm (doors open 7:30 pm)
Cost - $ 60 per person (open bar)

Family Style Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
Shepherd’s Pie - Coffee & Dessert

Featuring – Feis na Nollag
(step-dancers from the Donny Golden School of Irish Dance)

Live music by – The Switch

Reservations – Contact Jim Corrigan, voice-mail - (516) 270-3744
text - (516) 282-6774 or e-mail - kofc2502@gmail.com
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MARCH FORTH INTO SEAS!

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4TH
9-10 AM

Congratulations SEAS Honor Band!

37TH ANNUAL LONG ISLAND HONOR BAND CONCERT

Cure of Ars
Michael Murphy
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St. Barnabas the Apostle
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A Voice from a cloud said...

Use the code to fill in the vowels.

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The Transfiguration

Jesus took Peter, James and John up a mountain.

Follow the path to the mountain.

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Jesus shone like the sun. His clothes changed to look like a bright shining light.

Circle 5 differences in the 2nd picture.

Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus.

Connect the dots.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

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Paul says, "We are God's fellow workers."

Divisions In The Church
Paul could not teach the Corinthian Christians deep spiritual concepts because they were able to understand only basic truths.

Complete the names of common foods in the columns. The letters across will complete Paul's words.

"I gave you ________, but you were not yet ready for it."

The Corinthians were like babies when it came to understanding the Gospel.

The Corinthian believers disagreed with one another.

Use words below to complete the story poem.

Some people said, "The apostle ________
Is the greatest teacher of them all."

Others shook their heads and said,
"Apollos is greater. By him we are ________.
They argued and quarreled, disputed and fought.
While ignoring the truths that both teachers ________.

"Consider the plant," interrupted Paul.
"Who made it grow from a seed so ________?"

"God, of course," they all agreed.

"He made it grow from a tiny ________".

Paul made his point, "One of you ________.
One hauls the water, another one hoes.
You don't compete, differ or ________.
But reap the harvest side by side.
Then at the table bow your head
And thank the Lord for your daily ________.
We are only servants of the Almighty ________.
Working together that He will may be done."