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Office Open Monday - Friday:
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM;
(Closed Weekdays:12:30-1:30 PM)
Saturday & Sunday: 9 AM to 1 PM

MASS TIMES
Monday to Friday: 6:30 and 9 AM
Saturday: 8:00 AM
Vigil : 4:30 & 7 PM
Sunday: 7, 9, 10:15, 10:30 AM;
12 & 5PM.
Confessions Saturday 12:30 PM

Baptisms are celebrated on Saturday at
11:30 AM and Sunday at 1:30 PM when
the Church is available

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
is celebrated on the fourth Saturday
after 8:00 AM Mass

Contact the Rectory for information on
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Sunday Readings Hymnal #873
St. Barnabas the Apostle
Ordinary Time Seventh Week

Monday, February 25
Fr. Michael 6:30 AM Joseph and Catherine DeVito
Fr. Kevin 9:00 AM Thomas J. Stack, Jr.

Tuesday, February 26
Fr. Kevin 6:30 AM Patricia Burns
Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM Brian Dione

Wednesday, February 27
Fr. Adrian 6:30 AM Charlie and Ann Klika
Fr. Michael 9:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of the
Robinson and Wupper Families

Thursday, February 28
Fr. Adrian 6:30 AM Janet Marie Siepiola
Fr. Michael 9:00 AM Charles Frank Hefner

Friday, March 1
Fr. Michael 6:30 AM Catherine Megna
Fr. Kevin 9:00 AM James S. Gillen, Sr.

Saturday, March 2
Fr. Kevin 8:00 AM Nicholas Yanatos
Fr. Adrian 4:30 PM Deceased Members of the Noll Family
Rosemary Soboleski
Carl Richard DePasquale, Jr.
Donald Smith
Raymond Vogts
Joseph S. Herman
Fr. Michael 7:00 PM Antonio Marco Ventura

Sunday, March 3
Eighth Sunday Ordinary Time
Fr. Adrian 7:00 AM Anna Katharina McTigue
Fr. Kevin 9:00 AM Roy Mistrtega
Fr. Adrian 10:15 AM Jess Casco
Fr. Michael 10:30 AM For the People of Our Parish
Fr. Kevin 12:00 PM Stephen Agostini
Fr. Michael 5:00 PM Meghan Alice Roach

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SOUP SUPPER
Friday, March 8th at 5:30 PM School

LENTEN MISSION MARCH 16th - 21st
Fr. Mike Whalen, CM Speaker
Saturday, Sunday All Masses
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 7:30 PM

MARY’S WAY OF THE CROSS
Monday, March 18th at 7:30 PM
Choral Masterworks and Reflections

CREATIVE MINISTRIES
JOURNEY, CROSS & CRUCIFIXION
Wednesday, April 3rd at 8:00 PM

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Sunday, March 24th at 12:00 PM Mass

PARENTS TALK
Seeing Your Child Through God’s Eyes
Speaker: Jennifer Mennecei
Tuesdays, March 26th & April 2nd at 7:00 PM

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Fridays 1:30 PM

RECONCILIATION
Saturdays 12:30 PM
Wednesday, March 13th at 7:30 PM
Thursday, March 14th at 7:30 PM
Monday, April 15th from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM

HOLY WEEK APRIL 14th - 21st
PALM SUNDAY April 14th
HOLY THURSDAY April 18th
Morning Prayer 9:00 AM
Children’s Service 3:00 PM
Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY April 19th
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 20th
Morning Prayer 9:00 AM
Reconciliation 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Easter Vigil 7:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY April 27th
7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:15 AM, 12:00 PM

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Free to join at stbarnabasny.formed.org.
Turn the other cheek

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How can we fulfill our job description as followers of Christ? Yield to God and... keep an open mind! Allow yourself to be transformed by God... so: keep an open mind! "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds..." That’s all!

What’s Pastor Thinking

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We Pray for Our Deceased
Constance Martorano
Reverend Joseph Minturn

Bread and Wine
Is offered in memory of Patrick Gerard Neville from the LaPadula family.

Sanctuary Lamp
Is lit in loving memory of Jerry Giuliano from his wife, children and grandchildren.

Sisters of St. Barnabas Intention
For vocations to the Priesthood, Deaconate and Religious Life.

We Pray for Our Sick

The Week Ahead

Sunday:
1:30 PM  Baptisms
6:00 PM  Al-Anon, S. Cafeteria

Monday:
7:30 PM  Charismatic Prayer Group, HFC

Tuesday:
9:30 AM  Mailing Committee, HFC

Wednesday:
7:00 PM  CHosen Level 7, HFC
7:00 PM  Levels 1 & 2 Parent Lent Workshop, HFC
7:00 PM  Al-Anon, Rectory
7:00 PM  RCIA, Convent Room
7:30 PM  Choir, Church

Thursday:
7:00 PM  CHosen Level 7, HFC
7:00 PM  Bible Study, Rectory

Friday:
1:30 PM  Lectio Divina, Rectory
8:00 PM  Nocturnal Adoration, Church

Saturday:
11:30 AM  Baptisms
12:30 PM  Confession

Our Finances
2/17/19: $14,878  2/18/18: $15,363
Parish Families Registered: 5,083
Envelopes Mailed: 1,451
Used: 2/17/19: 516  2/18/18: 585

Catholic Ministries Appeal
Goal: $108,900  Donors: 636
Pledged: $118,531  Received: $117,266

Special Collections
March 3rd  St. Vincent de Paul - St. Barnabas Conference
March 6th  Ash Wednesday - Lent
Resources. To help us distribute books for spiritual reading and organize speakers and events during Lent at St. Barnabas.
March 10th  Church in Need
Mailing Committee
The mailing committee will meet after the 9:00 AM Mass on Tuesday, February 26th in the Holy Family Chapel. All are welcome. Thank you for your assistance.

St. Patrick’s Day Dinner Dance
Come celebrate St. Patrick’s Day at the Bellmore Knights of Columbus Club on Saturday, March 9th from 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM at 101 Frederick Avenue. Dinner will include corned beef and cabbage, chicken cutlets and Irish soda bread. There will be an open bar with Irish coffee and live music. Cost is $40 per person. For reservations please contact John Weber at 426-3682, Bill Style at 965-1399 or John Murphy at 221-8599 by March 2nd.

Widow and Widowers St. Patrick’s Day Lunch
St. Patrick’s Day lunch at the Wantagh Inn on Thursday, March 14th at 12:30 PM. This event is being run by Eileen Keeley (826-5476) and Mary Higbee (826-3019). The cost is $24. Checks should be sent to Eileen Keeley, 1880 Village Lane South, Wantagh 11793, no later than March 12th.

Kellenberg St. Patrick’s Day Dance
All are invited to join us for an evening of dinner and dancing, featuring The Irish Mist! The event will take place on Saturday, March 16th at Kellenberg Memorial High School, 1400 Glenn Curtiss Blvd. from 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM. The cost for the evening is $40. Please register by visiting www.kellenberg.org/kapa or by contacting the Office of Advancement at 292-0200, ext. 245.
Liturgical Ministry Training

Please contact Fr. Adrian if you are interested in serving as a Lector or a Minister of the Eucharist at St. Barnabas. These are the dates for training.

**Nassau County** -
Wednesday, April 3rd at St. Christopher’s in Baldwin from 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

**Suffolk County** -
Saturday, March 9th at St. Rosalie in Hampton Bays from 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM (English in Community Hall; Spanish in Parish Center)
Thursday, May 23rd at St. Elizabeth in Melville from 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM in Msgr. Kane Hall

One may attend either training but not both for a given day. Please contact the rectory for information and/or to register.

- **Basic Training** - For all those who would like to minister at parishes as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC).
- **Specialized Training** - For those EMHC’s intending to work with the sick (e.g., hospitals, nursing homes, homebound) - You must attend the basic train before attending the specialized training.
- **Lector Training** - For those who wish to proclaim the Word of God at their parishes. All men, women, and young adults who wish to become a lector at their parish should attend a diocesan training session.

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

Sign-up sheets for Ash Wednesday, March 6th Masses and Services are available in the Sacristy. Please sign up after Mass or call the rectory during the week.

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**St. Barnabas Pre-Cana**

In Home Sessions: February 10th - March 24th
Closing Mass: April 7th - Sunday, 5:00 PM followed by refreshments.

**St. Patrick and St. Joseph Celebration**

Join us for Irish Soda Bread, Cannoli and other treats after the 9:00 AM Mass on Monday, March 18th in celebration of St. Patrick and St. Joseph Days.

**Girl Scout Sunday**

Our Annual Girl Scout Sunday Mass will be held on Sunday, March 10th 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 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 3rd. For reservations, please contact Judy Hughes at 781-8040 or Joan Monastero at 783-8567 or monasteroj@verizon.net.

Parish Soup Supper
On Friday, March 8th we will gather for a Lenten Soup Supper. We will share in a simple meal of soup and bread and take the time to think of those less fortunate in our world. Please join us from 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM in the SEAS School Cafeteria. Reservations can be made by calling Social Ministry at 785-6243 by Monday, March 4th.

Giving, Not Giving Up
During the five weekends in Lent, our parish will once again encourage our families to participate in the weekly “Giving” Program toward our Parish Food Pantry. Please check the bulletin each week in order to see how a single contribution of a food item helps to provide for our needy families. At the same time, it is such a tangible sign of feeding the hungry during our Lenten journey.

Journey, Cross and Crucifixion
The Journey, Cross and Crucifixion is a journey back through time. It is an opportunity to walk with Christ and become one with Him and the people who walked with Him. For many who have shared the Journey it is almost as if it were happening now for the first time. The music, narration, dialogue and poignant silences all add to the power of this prayerful meditation. To be part of The Journey, Cross, and Crucifixion is to experience the complete and utter frustration and devastation of Mary, the frustration of Simon, the loneliness and desolation of John, Pilate’s struggle between justice and expediency and the excruciating pain and degradation Jesus suffered on the way to Calvary and His ultimate death on the Cross. For the past 24 years, the members of Creative Ministries have been presenting this powerful presentation to churches and schools throughout Long Island, leading people of all ages in a powerful prayerful Lenten experience. The troupes are made up of volunteer actors, singers and musicians who use their gifts to bring the Passion Story to life. Please join us on Wednesday, April 3rd at 8:00 PM in the church.
St Vincent de Paul

In today’s Gospel, Jesus gives us the challenge to:
Love your enemies...Give to everyone who asks of you...Do to others as you would have them do to you...Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

We have, for those “who hear,” the deeper challenge beyond the Beatitudes. Not everyone can hear and live this challenge; this is why it is so difficult to establish God’s reign. All our lives we are preparing and choosing the sort of judge we will have at the end of our lives. If our judgements have been harsh and unsympathetic toward others, then the judge we are choosing for ourselves at the end of our lives will be a harsh and unsympathetic one. We must draw that conclusion from our Lord’s own words: because the standard you use will be the standard used for you. And so we can say, “With the judgment you pronounce, you will be judged.”

Second Collection Next Weekend

The second collection next weekend is for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The Society is non-sectarian and helps all people regardless of their race, religion, creed, or background. “Need, not creed” determines who is helped, and how.

Funding for the Society comes from sales in thrift stores and generous contributions from parishioners and well wishers. Volunteers are called Vincentians who visit the needy, providing clothing, furniture, pay a portion of utility bills, help with house repairs and many other forms of assistance. In the last four months we have helped nineteen families with financial help at a cost of $7,900. If you know of a friend or neighbor who needs help, please call Parish Social Ministry at 785-6243. Please be generous in this collection so we can continue to be the hands of Jesus helping the poor and needy. Thank you.

The Men of the Way of Light

In today’s Gospel, Jesus teaches about the level of love and compassion that we should show one another especially through forgiveness. He tells us that even sinners love those who love them back and return goodness in like kind. We must go beyond sinners and give generously with no expectations of return. “Do unto others as you would have them do to you.” Jesus tells us why we should act as He has described: it is a behavior befitting a child of God who wants to imitate a merciful Father. St. Caesarius of Arles states, “Everyone wants mercy shown to them, but few show mercy to others.” How can one dare to ask for what you are not prepared to give? Human
mercy is showing concern for the suffering of the poor. The human mercy we show during the pilgrimage of our life will be repaid with Divine mercy, the forgiveness of our sins. God suffers cold and hunger and thirst in the poor of the world, as He said: “Whatever you do to the least of my people, you do to Me.” God, who gives all in heaven, wishes to receive from man in this world.” We are told, “Judge not, condemn not and forgive... For the measure you give will be the measure you get back.” Are you living your life this way? Need to make some changes? Please join our faith discussion group at our next meeting on Saturday, March 9th, immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass. We meet in the Nazareth Room of the Holy Family Chapel. Bagels and coffee served. Our meeting run until 10:30 AM. For more information, visit our FaceBook page.

Benefits & Resources Event for Veterans

There will be a free informational program at the Long Island State Veterans Home, 100 Patriots Road, Stony Brook on Saturday, April 27th from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Representatives from Northport VA Eligibility and Enrollment will be on site. Free health, dental and vision screenings including free blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose checks will be performed. Experts will be on hand to answer a variety of questions from benefits and insurance to banking, food stamps and heating assistance. For more information, please call 444-8606 or visit www.listateveteranshome.org.

Healing after Abortion

Day of Prayer and Healing for Women

A Day of Prayer and Healing for Women is an opportunity to experience the living mercy of God in a safe and sacred space. The day is directed by specially trained compassionate caregivers, including counselors and clergy, who have a sensitivity and heart for those who suffer.

The next scheduled day is:

Saturday, April 6, 2019

For more information visit:
respectlife.drv.org

To register contact:
1(888)456-HOPE (4673)
1(516)766-2538
projectrachel@dlrv.org

Please register by Monday, April 1, 2019.

All information will remain confidential.
Run For Tomorrow’s Hope
Join Tomorrow’s Hope Foundation and L.I. Catholic Elementary schools for the 4th Annual 5K & Fun Run for Tomorrow’s Hope Foundation. Saturday, March 30th at 450 Franklin Avenue and Fourth Street, Garden City. Fun Run starts at 8:30 AM, 5K starts at 9:00 AM. The mission of the Tomorrow’s Hope Foundation is to ensure the excellence as well as the continuance of Catholic Schools on Long Island by increasing awareness and by providing scholarship and program funding for the need of students and schools.

Regular Sacrificial Giving
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 a weekly 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.

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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., SA Kieran Baisley.
Following Christ at Saint Barnabas the apostle

SEVEN TUESDAYS FROM MARCH 5 TO APRIL 23, 2019

Holy Family Chapel
7:00pm-9:00pm

Day Retreat: Saturday April 13, 2019

Each session includes four components:
1. Welcome and Prayer
2. Video Teaching
3. Fellowship
4. Small Group Discussion

Session Topics

1. Daily Personal Prayer
2. Hearing God in Scripture
3. The Power of the Sacraments
4. Forgiving One Another
5. The Spirit-Empowered Life
6. Retreat
   The World
   The Flesh
   The Devil
7. Advancing the Mission
   of the Church
7. Celebration Session

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Stairlift available.
Bereavement Conference
For the Bereaved and those Ministering to them
theme

GRIEF IS...
A JOURNEY

Saturday, March 30, 2019
ST. PATRICK PARISH, HUNTINGTON
9:00am to 3:00pm
$40.00 includes continental breakfast and lunch

Keynote Speaker
Kenneth J. Doka, PhD

Professor of Gerontology at the Graduate School of the College Of New Rochelle; Senior Consultant to the Hospice Foundation of America.

Kenneth J. Doka, PhD is a prolific author; Dr. Doka’s books include Grief Is a Journey: Finding your Pathway through Loss, Helping Adolescents Cope with Loss, Journeys with Grief: A Collection of Articles about Love, Life, and many others. Dr. Doka is editor of both Omega: The Journal of Death and Dying and Journeys: A Newsletter to Help in Bereavement. He has an ongoing blog for Psychology Today entitled Good Mourning.

He is a recipient of the Caring Hands Award as well as the Dr. Robert Fulton CDEB Founder’s Award. In 2006, Dr. Doka was grandfathered in as a Mental Health Counselor under NY State’s first licensure of counselors.

Dr. Doka has keynoted conferences throughout North America as well as Europe, Asia, Australia and New Zealand. He participates in the annual Hospice Foundation of America Teleconference and has appeared on CNN and Nightline. In addition he has served as a consultant to medical, nursing, funeral service and hospice organizations as well as businesses and educational and social service agencies. Dr. Doka is an ordained Lutheran minister. For more information visit www.drkendoka.com

To keep up to date on the Conference and all Bereavement services, support groups and programs available, please visit our website: www.drvc-faith.org/bereavement/
Free to join at stbarnabasny.formed.org

The Jeweller’s Shop

See True Love Lived Out in Marriage

Based on Pope John Paul II’s best-selling book, this film tells of the struggles and triumphs in the marriages of three couples and provides insight into the sacrament and the meaning of love.

Watch on formed.org

Ash Wednesday is March 6, 2019

Lent is upon us! In just a few days, we will embark on a 40-day journey of conversion to the cross. Have you made your Lenten resolutions yet? Check out the USCCB website for reflection materials, a calendar, and all the facts you need to know about Lent. www.usccb.org/lent

Prayer: We Are All in God’s Image

Loving Father,

Thank you for the many beautiful colors and languages of the world and for making all your children unique.

Thank you for creating me in your image. Thank you for loving me and making me wonderful. Help me to love like you.

Help me to share your love with all the children you have made, for they are unique and wonderful.

Amen.

Loving Thy Neighbor

Racism is an attack on the image of God that has been given to every one of us by the Creator (Gen. 5:1-3). Because each person has been created by God, we are all united together with the Lord and with each other. Racism rejects what God has done by refusing to acknowledge the image of God in the other, the stranger and the one who is different. The fact that we were created in the image of God should remind us that each person is a living expression of God that must be respected and preserved and never dishonored.

When asked which was the first of all the commandments, Jesus replied the first is this: “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ And the second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself’” (Mk 12: 28-31). Obviously, racism goes against the commandment of love. We are all called, therefore, to oppose racism in our communities. Loving neighbors who are different from us through kind and generous actions can be as simple as forming friendships, supporting minority-owned businesses, or participating in community activities with those of other faiths or other races. Loving our God obligates us to love our neighbors as well.

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REMINDE R S:
We cannot allow anyone into the building during class time that is not a volunteer - doors will open at 5:30 PM for dismissal. If you have not come in to sign for and pick up your “Parent Safety Guide” please call the office to make arrangements to do so as soon as possible.

Calendar Dates at a Glance
Tuesday, February 26th: First and second graders and families - Journey to Easter, Our Lenten Journey Workshop, 7:00 - 8:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel. RSVP by February 15th - (785-0130).

With the cold weather upon us, we are in need of Adult Volunteers to sub when the catechist cannot come in as well as Hall Monitors to help maintain the safety in the building.

Days and times of classes: Monday - Thursday from 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM. Please call the Religious Ed. Office at 785-0130 for information.

We are in need of volunteers from our Youth Group for our Soup Supper here at St. Barnabas. The Soup Supper is on the first Friday of Lent, March 8th, at 5:30 PM in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School. This is a great opportunity for service for school or Confirmation. If you are able to assist, please email stbyouth17@gmail.com to let us know. Thanks!
Kieran Maelia, Youth Minister
Level 7 Class

February 27th or 28th
Chapter 10  ‘Why Tell My Sins To A Priest?’
The Healing Power of Confession

The purpose of this lesson is to convey the reality of sin and its consequences, to instill an aversion to personal sin, and to cultivate a desire to seek the healing power of Christ in Confession in order to achieve deeper conversion and a more intimate walk with God. The Catechism teaches us that Catholics who have reached the “age of discretion” must go to Confession at least once a year or whenever they have committed mortal sin. Confessing venial sin on a regular basis is also recommended by the Church. A regular examination of conscience and sacramental Confession are important to personal conversion. It is important to recall that reconciliation is not primarily about punishment, but about re-establishing the unity and intimacy that sin disrupts in our relationships with God and other people.

Conversation Starters
What are some ways we can see God’s “rules” (for example, the Ten Commandments) as ways to make us more free, rather than less free?
Why is confession called a ‘sacrament of healing?’

Level 8 Class

March 13th or 14th
Chapter 22  ‘Why Wait?’
God’s Plan for Love and Sex

The purpose of this lesson is to present chastity as the path to authentic love and to introduce the “Theology of the Body” principles to this age group. We want to show how the personal expressions of authentic love mirror (truly, yet imperfectly) the love of the Blessed Trinity - that we are, indeed, “made in the image and likeness of God.”

For teens, the virtue of chastity is best interpreted not as a prohibition (avoid sex), but as an invitation (seek and reflect real love to others out of love for God). At the same time, we must offer practical applications in order to help them distinguish between authentic love and cultural counterfeits (e.g., lust).

Conversation Starters
How is choosing to wait until marriage to have sex the best possible way to say, “I love you”? Why do you think some teens feel like they have to say “yes” to sexual activity? What are they looking for?
If true love is “free, total, faithful, and fruitful” (see CCC 1643), how can one practice these things even as a single person?

Reconciliation for Level 8 at 7:30PM Wednesday, March 13th & Thursday, March 14th.
Service of Light for Level 8 at 7:30 PM on Wednesday May 1st & Thursday May 2nd.
Confirmation with Bishop Andrzej on Monday, May 20th
Be Still and Know

Pre-K & Kindergarten Celebrate BEing 100 Days Smarter!

FRIDAY MARCH 15 CURE’ OF ARS @ 7:30
SEAS FAMILY BINGO

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

FATHER’S CLUB ANNUAL WINE EVENT

SATURDAY MARCH 2 SEAS CAFETERIA

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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).

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 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 10:15 AM Mass & Class are held on March 10th, April 14th, May 12th and June 9th. (Class will be held after the 10:30 AM Mass on July 14th, August 11th and September 8th). We return to the 10:15 AM Mass for October 13th, November 10th, and December 8th.

Available Dates

March:
Saturday 2, 23
Sunday 10, 31

April:
Saturday 6, 13
Sunday 7, 28

May:
Sunday only 5, 19

June:
Saturday 8, 22
Sunday 16

July:
Saturday 6, 13
Sunday 21, 28

August:
Saturday 3, 17
Sunday 11, 25

September:
Saturday: 7, 14
Sunday: 22, 29

October:
Saturday: 12, 19
Sunday: 13, 27
Love for Enemies

Jesus said, “Do good to those who hate you.”

Connect the dots.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21

Jesus said, “Bless those who curse you.”

Love Forgive Mercy

Transfer the words above to fit the spaces below.

Jesus said, “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” (Mercy is a form of kindness.)

Find these words in the puzzle below. (Circle) them.

KIND BLESS
BLESS PRAY
D PRAYE
LOVE
GIVE H
J GOOD K

Jesus said, “Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

(Circle) the good things you can do for others and for God.
Love Your Enemies
ACROSS
3. A warm feeling of affection for another person
6. Something good received in return for good behavior
7. Any person or group that is opposed to you
8. Something that causes harm; morally wrong; wicked

DOWN
1. Something that is pleasing; morally upright
2. Persons you know and like very much
4. To talk to God
5. A strong feeling of dislike for someone or something

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Add or subtract words and letters. Find something important that Jesus said.

1. \[ g - g = \]
2. \[ g + g - ft + d = \]
3. \[ el + \] to those who hate you,
4. \[ ea + \] for those who mistreat you.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be put in your lap.”

Find the underlined words in the puzzle. Words are across, down and diagonal.

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

“Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven.”

(Luke 6: 37, Lectionary)

Jesus continued, “Love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back.”

“Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because He is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”

Connect the dots from 1 to 52.