look like light
taste like SALT
- Matthew 5
St. Barnabas the Apostle

Fifth Week of Ordinary Time

Monday, February 6 St. Paul Miki & Companions
6:30 AM  Joseph Carey
9:00 AM  William Kirkham, Sr.
         Gerard Curley
         SEAS 8th Grade Attending

Tuesday, February 7
6:30 AM  Louis & Rory Grandwilliams
9:00 AM  Living & Deceased Members of the
         Robinson & Wupper Families

Wednesday, February 8
6:30 AM  Charlie & Ann Klika
9:00 AM  Mary DiCanio

Thursday, February 9
6:30 AM  Beatrice Moran
9:00 AM  David Uttendorfer
         SEAS 6th Grade Attending

Friday, February 10 St. Scholastica
6:30 AM  Antonio Silveira & Families
9:00 AM  Mary & Rosario D’Amico

Saturday, February 11
8:00 AM  Richard Mistretta
Fr. Adrian  4:30 PM  Ricky Laun
         Gennaro Fredella
         Oya Lamar
         Dominick Carillo
         Dominic Cronin
         Owen McCarroll
         Patrick & Kathleen Morley

Sunday, February 12 Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time
Fr. Adrian  7:00 AM  Rev. Edward J. Muhs
         ~ Eighth Pastor of St. Barnabas
Fr. Adrian  9:00 AM  For the People of Our Parish
         Level 2 Attending
Fr. Kevin  10:15 AM  Thomas Fenton
Fr. Charles  10:30 AM  Adeline & Peter Villella, Jr.
Fr. Kevin  12:00 PM  Mary Peterson
Fr. Charles  5:00 PM  James Clare
Welcome

Every week God sends new people to our church. Look around and notice if there is anyone new today. Some may have moved to the area and are looking for a church. Some may have been away from the church for a long time, and are deciding whether or not this church will work for them. Some will come looking for ‘something’, not knowing exactly what.

God sends people every Sunday. The most important thing we can do is to welcome all newcomers. This form of spreading God’s love is the first and most important for any parish. Welcome the people who seem to be similar to you, and also the people who seem quite different. Is the newcomer half your age? Wonderful, let us welcome him. Is the newcomer much older than you? Welcome her!

Let us remember how very important our Lord said it is for us to lead them to God. Did their ancestors come from a different part of the world? Good, they are welcome. Do they not have even two nickels in their pocket? Jesus died with just the clothes on his back. Of course, they are welcome. May all who come as guests, leave as friends.

Rite of Enrollment

Next weekend we welcome the 2017 Confirmation Candidates for their Rite of Enrollment. We ask all our parishioners to pray for these young people and their families as they commit to follow Christ.

Meet Bishop Barres

Bishop Barres is intending to visit each deanery to celebrate Mass with the faithful and spend some time with the priests, staff, parish councils, finance committees, trustees and representatives from school and faith formation. This meeting will take place in the Church of St. William the Abbot. The date is Thursday, February 23rd at 12:00 PM.
I’m sure you are familiar with the old light bulb jokes.

- How many Lutherans does it take to change a light bulb? Change? My grandmother gave the church that light bulb!
- How many Charismatics does it take to change a light bulb? One to change the bulb and nine to pray against the spirit of darkness.
- How many TV evangelists does it take to change a light bulb? One. But for the message of light to continue, send in your donation today.
- How many liberals does it take to change a light bulb? At least ten, as they need to hold a debate on whether or not the light bulb exists. Even if they can agree upon the existence of the light bulb, they still might not change it, to keep from alienating those who might use other forms of light.
- How many Catholics does it take to change a light bulb? None. Only candles are permitted.

‘Let your light shine,’ Jesus said. As Catholics, we are challenged to bring the light of Christ to the world. In case we don’t get it, He told us again, ‘You are the salt of the earth.’ Just as salt enhances the taste of food, we are challenged to enhance the political and moral debates of our time by proclaiming what is true and just.

Long ago, ovens were made of earth. Jesus spoke Aramaic, and in Aramaic, the same word is used for oven as for earth. So when Jesus said ‘You are the salt of the earth’, He could very well have been saying ‘You are the salt of the oven.’ So when Jesus says to us, ‘You are the salt of the earth,’ He might be saying that we are what is used to ignite something. To make something burn. To get something going.

What is really interesting is that He doesn’t say, ‘Go and be the salt of the earth.’ He doesn’t say, ‘You are called to be the salt of the earth.’ He says, ‘You are the salt of the earth.’ Together. Go ignite something!

Pope Francis frequently calls for Christians to GO out to the streets and make the Gospel message known to those who are far off. Be joyful rather than sour. When asked recently about what mission he would give to the laity, Francis said that ‘they have to go out and bring the message of Jesus to others.’ He explained that the Good News is meant to be shared, not stored away.

When asked what Christians lack in order for this to become the norm, the Pope said there is a need for greater ‘courage.’ Pointing to the “apostolic zeal” of St. Paul, the Pope said he had the “courage to go out,” which is something Christians ought to grow in if they want “to bring what we have received” to others.

Apart from courage, the Pope said that we have to pray more. He pointed specifically to meditating on Scripture through Lectio Divina, saying “this is a very beautiful exercise and all of us have a quarter of an hour to do it, to take the bible, a little piece, and reflect a bit.”

Francis was also asked what kind of legacy he would like to leave with the Church, and responded with many ideas that have already become trademarks of his papacy: “a Church that goes out, is one, open doors. Christians going out on the streets. Christians who are convinced. A prayerful Church.”
We Pray for the Sick


We Pray For Our Deceased

Peter Meenan Loretta F. Neary
Ettore Lanci Laura Rosella
Gloria K. Larrick Kathleen S. Foti

Financial Reports

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

Second Collection This Week
New Projects: New Sanctuary Lights are being installed. They are all energy efficient LED

We are repairing and replacing aging dry wells located around the property. One is in progress and two are upcoming. Current cost for snow removal for the property is over $12,000.

The Week at a Glance

Sunday: Boy Scout Sunday
10:00 AM Cub Scout Pancake Breakfast, School Cafeteria

Monday:
7:30 PM Charismatic Group, HFC

Tuesday:
10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Meeting, Rectory
1:00 PM Friendly Seniors, HFC
7:00 PM Baptism Class, Church
7:00 PM Family Music, HFC
7:00 PM Catholic Daughters, School

Wednesday:
7:00 PM Chosen, HFC
7:00 PM Rosary Making Group, School
7:30 PM Al-Anon, Rectory
7:30 PM RCIA, Convent
8:00 PM Choir Practice, Church

Thursday:
7:00 PM Chosen, HFC
1:30 PM Contemplative Prayer, Convent
7:00 PM Bible Study, Rectory
7:30 PM Contemplative Prayer, Convent

Friday:
1:30 PM Lectio Divina, Convent
7:30 PM Lectio Divina, Convent
8:00 PM Nocturnal Adoration, Church

Saturday:
12:30 PM Confessions, Church

Parish Families Registered: 5,041
Envelopes Mailed: 1,286 Used 1/22/17: 610
Envelopes Used 1/31/16: 686

1/31/2016
1/29/2017
BUDGET

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1/31/16: $20,585
1/29/17: $17,118
I call your attention to the following highlights:

- The overall financial condition of the Parish is very good. In fact our overall surplus for the year is $291,279, this is a significant increase over August 31, 2015. This is a the direct result of closely managing our expenses and the increased giving from our parishioners.

- Revenue shows an increase of $219,976.03

- Expense shows a decrease of $68,515.69

- Our Regular Collections, which include Sundays, Holydays, Christmas, Easter and Special collections have increased $76,311 from August 31, 2016, up 7% on the previous year.

- Our Net Fundraising Activities reached $70,458, which includes the Annual Golf Outing and Catholic Ministries Appeal rebates.

- Our CYO Program continues to flourish not only for the net funds it provides to the Parish but for the benefit of all the children it reaches.

- Our Religious Education program team provided students an outstanding learning experience. The office has worked very hard to collect outstanding balances. Income has increased almost $70,000 from the prior year. The Office is presently working to collect $37,000 in outstanding fees for this present year (2016-2017). Please remember all fees make up half the income of the parish.

- Our summer camp also continues to grow and provides the parish with significant income to assist with our operating expenses.

- Our parishioners have been very generous in bequeathing money in support of St. Barnabas.

- Based on our salary expense, we should come in 50% of total collections for the year.

This year’s surplus is intended to be used for the following purposes:

- Hiring a director of ‘Chosen’ & Youth Ministry.
- Hiring additional maintenance personnel.
- The purchase of a parish maintenance vehicle.
- Refurbish the parish parking lots.
- Recoat the parish roofing systems.
## Ordinance Income/Expense

### Income

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<td>Diocesan Collections Rcd.</td>
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<td>Fringe benefits</td>
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We call to your attention to the following highlights:

The overall surplus for the year is $291,278.93. This is an increase over the prior year of $288,491.72.

This increase is a result of the following:

- All collections including Sundays, Holy Days and other Special are $66,281 higher than the prior year.
- Christmas and Easter collections increased $10,030
- Catholic Ministries Appeal increased $26,759
- Auxiliary Revenue, which includes all donations increased $37,676 over the previous year.
- The major decreases in expenses were in the following area: salaries, building/ utilities/ maintenance and the Regional school subsidy

This surplus is intended to be used for the following purpose:

- Hiring a co-director of Religious Education / Youth Minister
- Hiring additional maintenance personnel
- The purchase of a parish maintenance vehicle
- Refurbish the parish parking lots
- Recoat the parish roofing systems
A Note on Second Collections

When the set of Sunday offering envelopes arrived in your mail with extra envelopes, you might have caught yourself grumbling, “Money! Money! Money! That’s all they ever think about!”

Second collections always cause a negative reaction in Catholic Churches. Please note that the second collection is just that – a ‘second’ one and not the primary one. Its purpose is to provide an opportunity to people to support twelve Diocesan causes, other missionary activity beyond our parish, and to highlight local projects. Our list is both extensive and far reaching. Please note - these are not the primary collection, but offer an opportunity to people who wish to spread their generosity beyond the parish or towards specific projects in our Church. We regularly get asked ‘how come you don’t collect for veterans?’ ‘How come you don’t collect more for pro-life.’ I appreciate that everyone has their own charities that they want to see promoted and financed, but we have set a limit.

From our local concerns, the addition of the ‘Maintenance and Repair Second Collection’ meant we avoided going into deficit last year. The ‘New Projects Second Collection’ helped us improve our facilities and draw help from those who are interested in specific projects. An example of how this works comes to mind. When the second collection was held for the installation of TV’s in the Holy Family Chapel to introduce the ‘Chosen’ Confirmation Program, a donor gave $300 because they wanted to see that program introduced here for their teen. Once again, please remember the second collection is not the primary collection but offers an opportunity to support a ‘second’ cause.

What’s pastor thinking?

To be honest, the average diocesan priest hates talking about money even more than you hate hearing about it. Our commitment is to live out our priestly vocation, to preach the Gospel, minister the sacraments, and bring people to Christ. Fortunately we now have more support to draw on than pastors had in your parents or grandparents day. Diocesan offices provide guidance and resources, and parishes have finance committees and parish councils.

But here’s something that hasn’t changed in generations – the average share of our income that we U.S. Catholics give to our Church (including not just weekly parish giving, but special collections and other Church-related charities) is a mere 1% – the same as it’s been as long as anyone’s been counting. That’s the lowest percentage of giving of any major religious denomination in the United States.

Another sobering truth is that fewer than 1 in 3 Americans who identify themselves as Catholic attend Mass on a “regular” basis (defined as at least once a month). And of those regular attendees, only 30% give to the support of their parish. Of those, many are likely to toss the same 2 or 3 crumpled dollar bills into the collection basket as their parents did before them. And this in a time when just keeping the lights on, the boiler heated up, the organ in tune, and the parking lot free of potholes costs more than ever.

On an average weekend in St. Barnabas just over 2,200 people attend Mass, a small percent of the actual Catholic population in the parish. Out of the 2,200 people attending, only 600 people use envelopes (we mail over 1,200). So while we have over 5000 registered families, the majority of
registered Catholics in this parish do not attend Mass or contribute to St. Barnabas. This year I made it a priority to invite families of 7th and 8th Grade students to attend Church regularly. Next year I hope to focus on the families of 1st and 2nd Grade. A parish without people will not survive.

So the hard truth is that like many parishes we are getting by on the tremendous generosity of a few donors. That’s also a problem, paradoxically enough, in our largest parishes, maybe because everybody figures everyone else must be giving.

**A note on the ‘budget’ figure**

St. Barnabas relies on two sources of income to continue its mission in Bellmore. Half comes from the weekend collection and the other half from the fees received from the services provided by the priests and our staff - e.g. fees received from weddings, funerals, baptisms, religious ed., etc.. The figure of $17,000 you see in the bulletin is our ‘projected collection figure.’ A parish similar in size and family income bracket on Long Island aims to reach $20,000 each week. Our weekend collection is decreasing because the congregation is decreasing. Many of our younger families are not attending or donating so we depend on a small number of very generous parishioners to continue our mission here.

**Thank You**

So thank you for consciously giving. For writing your parish into your family budget. Whether it’s on a yearly, monthly, or weekly basis, you have made your parish offering a line item.

Thank you for using weekly offering envelopes or participating in our online giving program. For most people, it’s the weekly equivalent of a couple of large lattes or a gallon or two of gas.

Thank you putting your relationship with God and His people first. For not comparing yourself to others. Your giving is a covenant between you and your family and God, and God is never outdone in generosity.

Most of all thank you for giving yourself. For considering ways to be more involved in the life of your parish. For using your gifts in the various ministries. For finding new ways to use your time and talents in the service of others.

Finally, thank you for reading my letter to this point. I welcome your comments on how to proceed with stewardship of the parish for the next few years. You can contact me anytime at the rectory in St. Barnabas.
10:15 Mass Holy Family Chapel
We celebrated Catholic Schools Week with children attending, dressed in their school uniforms, teachers and principal attending. Fr. Adrian spoke about the value of Catholic school education and invited everyone to the Open House at the school with the theme of the Planets and Outer Space. A 6th grader, Madeline Graham, spoke about her experience as a student at SEAS: the superior education, the lifelong friendships, the clubs and her faith formation. We pray for the success of all our students, both Catholic school and public school students. Please remember that February 5th is Hospitality Sunday immediately following the 10:15 Mass. If would like to bring a baked good, or store-bought cakes, email margic@optonline.net

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

EMs, Lectors, & Altar Servers
Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers have been sent via e-mail the ministry schedule for February. For those who do not have e-mail or have not provided their e-mail address, please pick up a copy of the schedule in the Altar Server’s Sacristy following mass.

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

Widows & Widowers Club
Our next luncheon will be held on Wednesday, February 15th at 12:30 PM at the Oak Chalet in Bellmore. The cost is $24. Please call Kathy Lowe at 785-3981 or Celine Beazley 785-7239.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
The next meeting of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Mother Seton #2414 will be held on Tuesday, February 7th at 7:00 PM in the school cafeteria. Our annual baby shower will be held to benefit the Life Center. Please bring unwrapped gifts for the babies and also their mothers. We will also have a speaker from the Life Center. For information call Jackie at 781-7846.

The Men of the Way of Light
A quote of St. Jerome, also a part of our Catholic Catechism (paragraph 134) is, “Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.” In 2015, Pope Francis stated, “To be able to proclaim the word of truth, we ourselves must have had the experience of the Word: we must have listened, contemplated, almost touched it with our own hands.” Please join our St. Barnabas Men's Prayer Group in exploring Scripture and its effect on our lives. Our group is open to all men, ages 16 to 116! We meet every third Saturday in the Family Chapel (lower church) immediately after the 8:00 AM Mass. Our next meeting will be Saturday, February 18th. Please join us for Christian fellowship and spiritual renewal (and a bagel breakfast!). If you can't, please pray for our group to reach our spiritual goals. For more information contact Fred Kreuder: 987-5350; email: stbampg@aol.com Visit our facebook page: "The Way of Light - The St. Barnabas the Apostle Men's Prayer Group"

World Day for Consecrated Life
This day will be celebrated in the church on the weekend of February 4th and 5th. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God’s gift of their vocation.
Cub Scout Pack 580
The following scouts have earned their Religious Awards to be presented on Sunday, February 5th at the 9:00 AM Mass.

Light of Christ - 2nd Graders
Luis Garcia
Jack Hughes
Justin Romano
Louis Romano
Connor Sharp
Christopher Torre
Matthew Torre

Parvuli Dei - 4th Graders
Alex Cerrotta
Devin Rebentisch
Joseph Romano
Matthew Sharp

Girl Scout Religious Awards
The meeting for Brownies, Juniors, and 6th grade Cadettes working on their Girl Scout Religious Awards will be Saturday, February 11th in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School Cafeteria. Brownies working on the Ave Maria and Family of God awards will meet at 3:00 PM. Those working on the Regina Coeli award will meet at 2:30 PM and those working on I Live My Faith will meet at 3:00 PM.

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society
In the Gospel, Jesus says, “You are the light of the world,” He is calling us to live our Christian vocation in words and deeds. By the goodness of our love for each other, we are little points of light shining in the darkness. Be a “light” to those living in poverty and in a world of darkness by supporting

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

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

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

Catholic Charities Employment
CATHOLIC CHARITIES – EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY We are always looking for individuals to join the ministry of Catholic Charities and offer “Care With Dignity…Life With Hope.”

ON CALL CDL DRIVERS – SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTERS – (Franklin Square, Oceanside & Massapequa Park) (typical shifts: 8am – 3:30pm or 8:30am – 4:00 pm) Transport senior citizens to/from their homes and community centers on an On Call/As Needed basis that may lead to regularly scheduled part-time.

$15.78/hr. Must have HSD/GED, at least 2 yrs. driving experience, a current NYS Commercial Driver’s License (CDL), and a sincere desire to provide compassionate service to seniors. Basic requirements also include an ability to drive van in
all types of weather conditions and to assist wheelchair-bound clients in boarding/exiting van. To apply, transmit resume & cover letter via email or fax. Please reference “On Call CDL Driver” in the subject line of your email/fax. Fax: 516.733.7038. Email: jobs@catholiccharities.cc For a full listing of jobs and their descriptions, please go to: www.catholiccharities.cc and click on the “jobs” tab. Catholic Charities – An Equal Opportunity Employer

Kellenberg Alumni Communion Breakfast
All Kellenberg Memorial High School alumni and their families are invited to celebrate Mass on Sunday, March 12th at 9:00 AM with breakfast immediately following. The speaker at the communion breakfast will be Fr. Philip Eichner. The alumni Communion Breakfast is the perfect way to catch up with former teachers, reconnect with fellow alums and see the beautiful changes that have taken place on campus. Please indicate who you would like to sit with on the registration form. You may also request to sit with one of your old teachers. Registration is $12. If you have any questions contact Alumni Director Thomas Huggard at 292-0200 ext. 375.

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

Marian Healing Ministry
Healing Mass at St. Anastasia’s Church, 45-14 245th Street, Douglaston on Tuesday, February 14th at 7:00 PM. There will be Rosary, Mass and Healing Service. For information call (718)631-4454.

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

Jones Beach Summer Christian Concert Series - Discussion of the updates including the tentative dates and title sponsorship. Performing artists will be chosen at a later date.

Long Island Christian Music Festival at the Bellmore Theatre For The Performing Arts. CMMA artists will be chosen. Artists representative must be at the meeting to be considered to perform at the event. Tentative date is Sunday, October 29th.
To arrange a baptism at St. Barnabas
Contact the rectory office at 785-0054. Once your request is received you will be invited to meet one of the priests of the parish. 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.

Dates for Baptisms
Having reviewed our schedule we are now holding baptisms every Sunday at 1:30 PM and on Saturday’s at 11:30 PM, when available. If you wish to hold a private ceremony you must bring a visiting priest to perform the baptism. Private baptisms may be held on Sunday at 3:00 PM and on Saturday at 1:30 PM and 3:00 PM, when these times are available.

First-Time Parents
First time parents are invited to attend a class which provides a broader understanding of the significance of Baptism. You can book a class when you meet with the priest.

Cold & Flu at Mass

The Obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and other Holy Days of Obligation is the ordinary expectation for Roman Catholics (Canon 1247). However, extraordinary circumstances such as sickness or severe weather excuse the faithful from this obligation. If you suspect you have the flu or are suffering from a serious cold, please stay at home and do not risk spreading infection to others.

THE LORD’S PRAYER: Although holding hands is a beautiful expression of people united in prayer, the gesture is not envisioned in any Church documents governing liturgy. It is very fitting to pray the “Our Father” with your palms lifted upward, or with your hands placed together in prayer.

THE SIGN OF PEACE: Please don’t be offended if someone chooses not to shake hands with you during the Sign of Peace. An appropriate gesture for those who are concerned about spreading the flu virus might be to strive for eye contact rather than physical contact. You could clasp your hands together and bow gently to those around you, and with a smile say “Peace be with you.”

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION: If you are feeling sick, please receive Holy Communion in the hand, rather on the tongue and refrain from receiving communion from the cup.

Peter Anthony Mangus
Mackenzie Taylor Brown
Michael Dominick Bonanno
Adrian Daniel Meyer
Julie Rose Potucek
Nicholas Walegir
Kamryn Grace Burke
Juliana Marie Burke
Dean Marco Seder
Drake George Schmitt
Michael John Castronovo
Colton Padraic Composto
John Albert Cheng
Lucy Josephine Alberti
Alexander Joseph Kiefel
Cash Robert Amoroso
Carmello Ralph Giancarelli

Baptism
The purpose of this lesson is to help teens prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and to see it, not as the “end” of their spiritual formation, but as the beginning of a whole new life in Christ. In this lesson, we will see how this sacrament completes Christian initiation and is necessary to deepen and complete the graces we received at Baptism. The Rite of Confirmation is explained, and candidates are reminded to prepare seriously for the sacrament.

**Conversation After Class**
- How do you feel about receiving Confirmation?
- Confirmation is known as the sacrament of Christian maturity (see CCC 1308). How has your understanding of the Faith changed in the past few years?
- How has it changed in the past few months?
- In what areas do you think you still need to learn or grow in order to continue on your journey of faith?
- How do you think you will be different after Confirmation?
Parent & Child Program

For children ages 2-3 years old. Our Time is a class where a child with a parent can 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, and Wednesday from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM from September through June at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School.
- Our Time is an affordable way to introduce your child to the classroom environment without the worry of being separated.
- It allows for the child to be comforted with a parent's presence and prepare for entering Pre-K.
- Our Time is taught by Mrs. Sabina Lamb. Mrs. Lamb is also the leader of the Family Liturgy Music Ministry. Contact Sabina Lamb 781-9834.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School
2341 Washington Ave, Bellmore, NY 11710
www.steas.com
Call us at 785-5709

St. Barnabas Parents Night
7PM Holy Family Chapel

February 14th and March 21st
Lee Hlavacek, Director of Religious Education at Curé of Ars Church in Merrick,
‘Catholic Parenting - a fast track to sainthood.’

April 4th
Tony Bellizzi, Retreat Director, Author, Director of Hope for the Children
‘Living Bread’ a helpful insight into Eucharist

Faith Formation

Sunday, February 5th – 9:00am Mass Level 1
Sunday, February 12th – 9:00am Mass Level 2
Sunday, February 19th – 9:00am Mass Levels 3 and 4
Monday, February 20th through Thursday, February 23rd – NO CLASSES, Winter Recess
Monday, February 27th – Classes
Tuesday, February 28th – NO CLASSES
Wednesday, March 1st – NO CLASSES – ASH WEDNESDAY
Thursday, March 2 – NO CLASSES

With the winter weather here we are looking for volunteers to help with the Religious Education Program. We need Hall Monitors and Substitute Catechists to cover when someone calls in sick. Please contact the Office of Christian Formation 785-0130 for more information. Please remember to check the Religious Education website regularly to keep up to date on what’s happening in Religious Education.
Thank you Second Grade for hosting our Catholic Schools Week Prayer Service! You did a fantastic job!

The Middle School explored many interesting topics for our STEM FAIR this year. The many topics included Soda Geysers, Home Made Batteries, Solar Ovens, Lava Lamps and much more! Great work!

Thank you Students, Parents, and Faculty for your help making this year’s Catholic Schools Week Curriculum Sunday Open House a big success! It was truly ‘Out of this World!’
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre for the past 15 years, I have had the great honor and privilege of serving and ministering to our Catholic family on Long Island. Witnessing first hand your incredible generosity, I thank you.

Because of your commitment, our Diocese is able to support critical charitable, educational and spiritual ministries which bring the light of the Lord to more than 600,000 people each year, including new initiatives that truly highlight what we can only do with your support. We are continually developing programs for our young people who are so important for the future vitality of our Church.

On College Campuses across Long Island, a new program was recently created called the Newman Connection. Its purpose is to give high school students the ability to locate a Catholic presence on their new college campuses even before leaving home for college. Working with high schools and parishes - in its first year more than 2,000 students connected through this innovative program.

Our Vocation Office works closely with pastors, high school and college chaplains, sports and youth groups, teachers and families to reach out to young men who are discerning a call to serve as Priests in our Diocese. Throughout 2016 these many efforts included a monthly Diocesan Holy Hour for Vocations, which more than 600 young people regularly attended.

Our Office of Faith Formation continues to develop religious education programs and training to enhance their work with local parishes and their catechetical leaders to better serve the more than 100,000 youngsters from the first grade through the time they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

These are just some of the programs that you make possible and we are so deeply grateful for your extraordinary sacrifices to support the work of our Church. There is still so much more we can accomplish together, and I ask you to join with me in making a gift to the 2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal, and in welcoming our new Bishop, Most Reverend John Barres to our wonderful community.

Your generosity and commitment fills me with confidence that many wonderful things will continue to take place in our Diocese as we bring the light of the Lord to others.

With my prayers and gratitude, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,
St. Barnabas Marriage Preparation
Opening: Sunday 2/12  Sunday  6PM, Holy Family Chapel

Pre-Cana
Foccus Online: 2/13  Monday thru 2/17 Friday
Foccus Review: 2/20 Monday thru 2/24 Friday
In Home: 2/26  Sunday thru 4/2 Sunday
Closing with 5PM Sunday Mass 4/23 at St. Barnabas

Franciscan Parish Mission
@ St. Barnabas

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

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

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

Day 3 - Wednesday, March 8th -
God’s Healing brings new hope!

Loving God Gladly

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Count how many.  4 or 5  6 or 7

Circle  6 differences in the bottom picture.

Shade in the spaces with  •  •.
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Then, write the remaining letters in order on the lines below.

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Fill in the letters on the lines below to find something Jesus said.

Use the code to fill in the blanks.

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and glorify your Father in heaven.”