Many began to believe in His name when they saw the signs He was doing.
St. Barnabas the Apostle

Third Week of Lent

Monday, March 5
Fr. Charles 6:30 AM Dominica Licata
Fr. Kevin 9:00 AM Cyril O’ Reilly
Deceased Members of the Gomes and Fernandez Families

Tuesday, March 6
Fr. Kevin 6:30 AM Charlie and Ann Klika
Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM Dorothy Camilleri

Wednesday, March 7
Fr. Adrian 6:30 AM Pauline Schlenke
Fr. Charles 9:00 AM Isabelle D’Avino

Thursday, March 8
Fr. Adrian 6:30 AM Frank Steinheimer
Fr. Charles 9:00 AM Paige Keely

Friday, March 9
Fr. Charles 6:30 AM Alba A. Massaro
Fr. Kevin 9:00 AM Nancy Stabile

Saturday, March 10
Fr. Kevin 8:00 AM Richard Kuhn
Fr. Adrian 4:30 PM Joseph McNulty
Vincenza Piro
Claude J. Palmer
Rosetta Buffalino
Carol Mascioli
Barbara Breslin
Pauline Schlenke
Fr. Charles 7:00 PM

Sunday, March 11
For the People of Our Parish
Fr. Adrian 7:00 AM
Fr. Kevin 9:00 AM
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Fr. Adrian 10:15 AM
Fr. Charles 10:30 AM
Fr. Kevin 12:00 AM
Fr. Charles 5:00 PM
Deceased Members of the Schmitt and Grogan Families

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 the Sacrament of Matrimony

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School
Principal, Ms. Leeann Graziose 516-785-5709

St. Barnabas Christian Formation
Mrs. Marjorie Lampert 516-785-0130

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Mr. Kieran Maelia

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Mr. William R. Dione

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THE JOURNEY
Cross and Crucifixion

Creative Ministries
St. Barnabas Church, Wednesday, March 21st at 8:00 PM

A live dramatic presentation of the Stations of the Cross. Join us as we experience the trial of Jesus, His journey through the streets of Jerusalem, and His final moments of the cross.
To visitors, especially those who had never been to Jerusalem before, the Temple was impressive and awe-inspiring. Its location, atop Mt. Zion, allowed it to be seen before the rest of the city came into view, making it the focal point of all who entered the city. The architecture was designed to turn their attention to the God of Israel, the God who made the heavens and the earth, the God who ordered all of life.

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But buildings, by themselves, can only tell part of the story. Jesus cleansed the temple because He was concerned with keeping the focus in the right place - the right focus on the Holy One of Israel, the God of Heaven and Earth. Buildings may help us do that by instilling a sense of awe and mystery, but that is only the first step in the process. You see, no matter how ornate the sanctuary, no matter how elaborate the architecture, no matter how meaningful the liturgy, if the time we spend in worship does not turn our hearts toward God, it is no different than having money changers in the temple precincts.

What’s Pastor Thinking

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We Pray for Our Deceased
Lorraine Messer  Frances D’Ascoli  David DeRoia
Patrick Neville  Suzanne McAdams  Mary T. Fitzpatrick
Alfio Puglisi  
Joann Chevalier

Bread and Wine
Is offered in loving memory of Pauline Schlenke - 1st Anniversary from Sheila and George Whelan.

We Pray for Our Sick

The Week at a Glance

Sunday:
9:00 AM  Levels 1 & 2 attending
10:30 AM  RCIA 1st Scrutiny
1:30 PM  Baptisms
Monday:
7:00 PM  Lenten Reflection on the Eucharist
Tuesday:
9:00 AM  Grade 6 attending
1:00 PM  Friendly Seniors, HFC
7:00 PM  Catholic Daughters, Cafeteria
7:00 PM  Parent Session, HFC
Wednesday:
9:00 AM  Grade 8 attending Mass
7:00 PM  Chosen Level 7
7:30 PM  RCIA
7:30 PM  Al-Anon, Rectory
7:30 PM  Parish Reconciliation
8:30 PM  Choir
Thursday:
9:00 AM  Grade 4 attending Mass
7:30 PM  Parish Reconciliation
7:00 PM  Bible Study, Rectory
7:00 PM  Chosen Level 7
Friday:
1:30 PM  Stations of the Cross, Church
1:30 PM  Lectio Divina, Rectory
7:00 PM  Lectio Divina, Rectory
Saturday:
11:30 AM  Baptisms
12:30 PM  Confession

Our Finances
2/25/18: $18,787
2/26/17: $15,695
Parish Families Registered: 4,997
Envelopes Mailed: 1,303
Used 2/11/18: 592
2/26/17: 612

Catholic Ministries Appeal
Goal: $108,900  Donors: 159
Pledged: $34,020  Received: $20,275

Special Collections
This weekend  St. Vincent de Paul
March 11th  Catholic Relief Services
Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors
The sign up sheets for Easter Sunday are in the Sacristy. Please sign up after Mass, or call the rectory with your availability. March’s schedule is available in the Altar Servers’ Sacristy.

Mandatory Liturgical Ministers/ Lectors/Ushers Meeting
There will be a meeting for all Liturgical Ministers to update the celebration of the Liturgy here at St. Barnabas. Since it will involve changes in the way we celebrate, it is important to attend one of the meetings. No changes for the Choir, but all welcome to attend. They will be held on Monday, March 12th at 7:00 PM and Saturday, March 17th at 9:00 AM in the church. In case there is a funeral we will begin in the Holy Family Chapel. Please call the rectory to let us know which meeting you will be attending.

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

Easter Baskets
Social Ministry will begin preparing Easter Food Baskets for many families in our community during the next couple of weeks. Your help is a sure and visible way to share the Good News of Jesus’ Resurrection and celebrate His Gift of New Life. Our baskets get packed with all of the usual items for an Easter dinner. We can especially use: canned hams, pancake mix/syrup, canned fruit, cookies, coffee, napkins, and of course, Easter candy. Donations can be left in the church lobby by the Tree of Life or brought to the rectory by March 18th. Thank you for your kindness shown toward those in need.

Rice Bowls
Lent is our time to cultivate a spirit of global solidarity. The Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl is a vehicle through which the stories of communities around the world can be shared. It is an invitation to change lives through our prayers and Lenten sacrifices. Through the CRS Rice Bowl we hear stories from our brothers and sisters in need worldwide, and
devote our Lenten prayers, fasting and gifts to change the lives of the poor. Each day of Lent, individuals are invited to use the Lenten Calendar - included with every CRS Rice Bowl - to guide their Lenten almsgiving. These daily almsgiving activities - for example, give 25 cents for every faucet found in your home - help families reflect on the realities of our brothers and sisters around the world and how they can be in solidarity during the Lenten season.

**St. Vincent de Paul**

In today’s Gospel Jesus is asked “what sign can you show us?” Everyday we can see signs of how God has visited us in the blessings of our lives. The simple call of the gospel is to see the signs of God in our midst. Jesus showed us the signs so clearly, He was crucified and then raised up. These weeks of Lent are invitations to stay at the scene of the Crucifixion and to ponder the words spoken by Jesus. The second collection today will be for the support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in this parish. Your generosity would help to bring hope and joy to the needy. Thank you.

**Catholic Relief Services Collection**

On the weekend of March 10 & 11, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ’s love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

**RCIA**

Having been presented to the bishop as nearing completion of preparation for the Easter Sacraments, our RCIA Elect and Candidates continue the Period of Purification and Enlightenment. All are called to continuing conversion, so we will join with the Elect in scrutinizing our own lives and praying to God for the grace to overcome the power of sin that still infects our hearts. The Scrutinies are celebrated throughout the world on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent. Here at St. Barnabas, the Masses will be March 4th at 10:30 AM, March 11th at 12:00 PM and March 18th at 9:00 AM. Please continue to pray for our RCIA Candidates and Elect.

**Pre Cana Schedule - Winter 2018**

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

**Divorced or Separated Catholics**

Divorced or Separated Catholics of Long Island including Widows, Widowers and Singles are invited to a New Member Orientation meeting on Wednesday, March 21st at 7:30 PM at St. Frances de Chantal School, 1309 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh. This is a non-denominational meeting and all are welcome. Bring proof of single status to join. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. For further information, please call Carol at 794-4933 or Barbara at 798-2858.

**Supermarket Bingo**

Friday, March 16th at 7:00 PM, doors open at 6:30 PM. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School—South Cafeteria, Bedford Avenue. $10 fee entitles you to coffee, cake, 1 packet of bingo cards. On-site purchases: extra bingo cards, raffles, soda, water, light snacks. Children under 10 are free. Call Teresa at 826-6022 with any questions.
Catholic Daughters of the Americas

The next meeting of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Mother Seton #2413, will be held on Tuesday, March 6th at 7:00 PM in the school cafeteria. Our St. Patrick’s Day bake sale will be held on Sunday, March 11th after the 9:00 AM, 10:15 AM, 10:30 AM and 12:00 PM Masses. For further information call Jackie at 781-7846.

Widow and Widowers

There will be a luncheon at Patty’s Loft on Thursday, March 15th at 12:30 PM. This event is being chaired by Bernadette Mundy (221-4516) and Dolores Meadows (826-2512). The cost is $28 for dues paying members and $30 for everyone else. Checks should be sent to Bernadette Mundy, 2617 Martin Avenue, Bellmore 11710, no later than March 1st.

Girl Scout Sunday

Our Annual Girl Scout Sunday Mass will be held on Sunday, March 11th 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, there will be a Communion Breakfast in the school cafeteria. Tickets are $6 ($3 for children age 4 and under) and must be purchased no later than March 3rd. For reservation and tickets please contact Judy Hughes at 781-8040 or Joan Monastero at 783-8567 or monasteroj@verizon.net.

MOMMAS House

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

Eucharistic Retreat Day

Join the Missionaries of The Most Holy Eucharist on Sunday, March 11th from 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington for a day set to adore and love Christ in the Most Holy Eucharist. Come abide with Him on this day which includes hot breakfast and lunch, spiritual mediations, confession, rosary,
Eucharist adoration and benediction. To register, please email MostHolyEucharist@gmail.com or call (631) 629-6514. Include your name, email address, home address, parish and phone number. Advance registration is required and by email is preferred. $35 donation of cash or check made out to The Seminary of the Immaculate Conception is suggested for the day and will be collected at the door.

Magnificat

Magnificat, a Ministry to Catholic Women, cordially invites you to attend a Lenten Day of Reflection - “Journey to the Cross”, which will enable us to have a deeper experience of reflection, meditation, and prayer, as we prepare for Holy Week - on Saturday, March 24th at St. Agnes Cathedral, Ministries Bldg., Rockville Centre, from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. We will begin with Mass at 9:00 AM in the Cathedral, and then proceed to the Ministries Building. The cost is $20 per person (bring your own lunch), and pre-registration is required. Please make checks payable to “Magnificat” and mail to: Judy Murphy, 42 Pinehurst Street, Lido Beach, 11561. Checks must be received by March 19th. Payment will not be accepted at the door. For additional information, please contact Judy at (917) 453-5750. Come bring a friend, as we prepare for Holy Week!

Charismatic Prayer Group

Our meetings are held every Monday evening in the Holy Family Chapel from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM. Coffee and cake are served after every meeting. For more information, call Ellen O’Malley at 221-0574.

The Men of the Way of Light

Today’s Gospel reading for those participating in the RCIA process (different from the regular Gospel reading) tells the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus is exhausted, hungry and thirsty. We can definitely relate as we have all been there. But, Jesus who was like us in all things but sin, tired as His body was, was even more thirsty for souls! When Jesus meets the Samaritan woman, the sinner, His priestly heart turns eagerly to save the lost sheep and He forgets His tiredness, His hunger and His thirst. What a beautiful example He has given to us! There are times when we are called to reach out to the lost sheep, despite our own physical and mental exhaustion. And, there are times when we are called to be the Samaritan woman, leaving the jar at the well to go off and tell people what she has learned. When God’s grace touches us, it causes us to act! Please join us at our next meeting on Saturday, March 17th, as we discuss the many ways that God’s grace impacts our lives. We meet bi-monthly on Saturdays in the Nazareth Room of the Holy Family Chapel (lower church) immediately after the 8:00 AM Mass. Meetings typically go from 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM. Bagels and coffee are provided. If you cannot attend. Please pray for our group and for our parish. For more information, contact Fred Kreuder at 987-5350 or email stbampg@aol.com. Visit our FaceBook page: “Men of the Way of Light - St. Barnabas Men’s Faith Discussion Group.”

A Retreat Day for the Elect

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Melville. Sunday, March 11th from 2:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Visit our website www.drvc-faith.org.

Bereavement Ministry Facilitator Training

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

Tabor Retreat Center
Lenten Retreat Journey. Sunday, March 18th from 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM, at 60 Anchor Avenue, Oceanside. Discover what it means to be a pilgrim on a wonderful holy journey. Donation is $20. Please call 536-3004 to register or go online at www.taborretreatcenter.net.

Catholics for Freedom of Religion
Play - but don’t Pray: Students Fight Back Against Atheist Group: Beloit, Ohio - A community prayer before basketball and football games, led by a local pastor, has been a tradition at West Branch S.D. for the past 30 years. The atheist Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF) sent a letter of complaint to the school district in January. This anti-God group routinely attacks and threatens small towns and average Americans for exercising their First Amendment freedoms. West Branch Superintendent Saxton decided to stop the prayer while exploring a compromise. In the meantime, over 100 students and adults arrived at a recent game wearing “Prayer Matters” tee-shirts. “I believe we are allowed to express ourselves and it’s our freedom guaranteed by the Constitution. I want the praying to continue.” West Branch Student, age 14.

Coordinator Position
The Parish of St. Hugh of Lincoln in Huntington Station is now interviewing for a Parish Social Ministry Coordinator. The PSM Coordinator will work with the volunteers (e.g., Core Workers) who serve clients who seek parish assistance through the food pantry and other support services. She/he will also serve as liaison between the parish and various social outreach and advocacy organizations in the community. This is a full-time position. A degree in the social sciences is preferred, as well as experience in PSM. Ability to speak both Spanish and English is highly desirable. Please email cover letter and resume to Fr. Bob Smith at FrBob@ssthugh.org.

Spring Craft Fair
Saturday, March 24th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at St. William the Abbot, 2001 Jackson Ave., Seaford. Artisans and more for the entire family! In addition to the wonderful items, we will offer Easter plants, raffle baskets, grand 50/50, baked goods, hot and cold food, and pictures with the Easter Bunny.

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For the Bereaved and Those Ministering to Them

Saturday, March 10, 2018
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
St. Frances de Chantal Parish
1309 Wantagh Ave, Wantagh, New York 11793

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

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An independent documentary film
starring Donna Camilleri from St. Barnabas Parish, Bellmore
for the benefit of the ADRC (501(c)3) (Alzheimer’s Disease Resource Center)

Title: “Bella: Portrait of a Prayer”
Showtime: Thursday, March 22 - 8:00 pm
Where: Columbus Club
101 Frederick Ave., Bellmore
home of Knights of Columbus, Council #9869
Ticket sales: In advance at Dear Little Dollies doll shop, 418 Bedford Ave.
(516) 679-0164 (leave message) or at event
Limited seating!
Cost: $20 per ticket. No credit cards please.
Cash or Checks made out to the ADRC.
Price includes the film, light refreshments and a raffle ticket for the grand door prize. Tickets for other raffle items will be available at event.

LENTEN DAY OF PRAYER AT THE SEMINARY
“A Lenten Tale Told to God”

“So then, each of us shall give account of himself to God.” — Romans 14:12

Rev. Patrick J. Griffin, CM
Executive Director, Vincentian Center for Church & Society
St. John’s University

Sunday March 4
2018
9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Conferences • Lunch • Confession • Mass
Sponsored by The Friends of the Seminary Spirituality Committee
$30 per guest

Reservations & Information (must be received by February 25th)
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Holy Family Chapel
6:30pm-9:00pm

Day Retreat: Saturday June 16, 2018

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No Cost to Participate. Stair Lift Available.
Lent is often thought of as a time of sacrifice ... a time to “give up” things such as candy, bad habits and maybe even the internet. Although these challenges help us prepare for larger sacrifices in life, Lent does not have to be a time of “giving up.” Rather, we can make it a time to “give” alms and add something positive to our daily lives and the lives of others. When it comes to almsgiving or helping the poor, the Church makes it easy for us through our Lenten program, ‘Giving, Not Giving Up.’ During the five Sundays of Lent, every household is encouraged to bring their alms to Mass each weekend or leave at the rectory during the week.

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

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

March 18th - toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid
Q. Why do we say that there are forty days of Lent? When you count all the days from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, there are 46.

It might be more accurate to say that there is the "forty day fast within Lent." Historically, Lent has varied from a week to three weeks to the present configuration of 46 days. The forty day fast, however, has been more stable. The Sundays of Lent are certainly part of the Time of Lent, but they are not prescribed days of fast and abstinence.

Q. So does that mean that when we give something up for Lent, such as candy, we can have it on Sundays?

A. Apart from the prescribed days of fast and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and the days of abstinence every Friday of Lent, Catholics have traditionally chosen additional penitential practices for the whole Time of Lent. These practices are disciplinary in nature and often more effective if they are continuous, i.e., kept on Sundays as well. That being said, such practices are not regulated by the Church, but by individual conscience.

Q. I understand that all the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat, but I’m not sure what is classified as meat. Does meat include chicken and dairy products?

A. Abstinence laws consider that meat comes only from animals such as chickens, cows, sheep or pigs --- all of which live on land. Birds are also considered meat. Abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, such foods as chicken broth, consomme, soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are technically not forbidden. However, moral theologians have traditionally taught that we should abstain from all animal-derived products (except foods such as gelatin, butter, cheese and eggs, which do not have any meat taste). Fish are a different category of animal. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles, (cold-blooded animals) and...
shellfish are permitted.

Q. I've noticed that restaurants and grocery stores advertise specials on expensive types of fish and seafood on Fridays during Lent. Some of my Catholic friends take advantage of these deals, but somehow I don't feel right treating myself to the lobster special on Fridays during Lent.

A. While fish, lobster and other shellfish are not considered meat and can be consumed on days of abstinence, indulging in the lavish buffet at your favorite seafood place sort of misses the point. Abstaining from meat and other indulgences during Lent is a penitential practice. On the Fridays of Lent, we remember the sacrifice of Christ on Good Friday and unite ourselves with that sacrifice through abstinence and prayer.

Q. I understand that Catholics ages 18 to 59 should fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, but what exactly are the rules for these fasts?

A. Fasting on these days means we can have only one full, meatless meal. Some food can be taken at the other regular meal times if necessary, but combined they should be less than a full meal. Liquids are allowed at any time, but no solid food should be consumed between meals.

Q. Are there exemptions other than for age from the requirement to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday?

A. Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

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Religious Education

Reminder: With the winter weather upon us we want to remind you that if the Bellmore Schools are closed we will not have religion classes. Please check Cablevision, FIOS as well as the radio stations listed in the Parent Handbook for Religion Classes Closings.

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

We have a few students that need either a one-on-one learning environment or a small group environment that needs someone to work with them. Please call the Office of Christian Formation (516) 785-0130 to volunteer or to receive more information.

We are also in need of Adult Volunteers to be Substitutes, Hall Monitors and Attendance/Lobby Aides for our Religious Education program. Please call the office to get more information.

Join us for our next meeting on Sunday, March 25th, 6 PM-7 PM. Our Meeting will be in the Youth Room. We will discuss the beginning of the Season of Lent and how we can prepare for the most sacred time of the Church Year, Holy Week and Easter. Please contact our youth minister, Kieran Maelia if you have any questions. (516) 785-0130
It's an exciting time of the year for our 8th Grade, who have just finalized their plans for high school next year. We are proud to say that our students will be attending some of the finest Catholic High Schools Long Island has to offer. Next year we have students moving on to: Sacred Heart Academy, St. Anthony's High School, Chaminade High School, Kellenberg Memorial High School, Holy Trinity Diocesan High School and East Meadow High School. Congratulations to the 8th Grade and Ms. Sena on all your hard work!

The Pre-K celebrated their 100th Day of School! They celebrated being 100 days smarter by creating personalized t-shirts. They also participated in an enrichment STEM project with the 6th grade. The focus was engineering a tower out of the materials provided: toothpicks and mini marshmallows. They had a great time! Keep up the good work Pre-K!
When did my journey begin?
(Chapter 9)
Baptism, Your Initiation into God’s Family

The purpose of this lesson is to help your son or daughter appreciate the significance and importance of his or her Baptism. Through washing and regeneration, the waters of Baptism make us children of God and mark the first step in our journey toward our final home in the kingdom of God. The imagery of Baptism is found in Creation; in Noah’s ark (where eight souls are saved “through water”); in the escape of the Hebrews under Moses from captivity by crossing the Red Sea; and in the crossing of the Jordan River by God’s chosen people in order to enter into the “Promised Land” (see CCC 1217-1222). By understanding the symbolism and significance of this rite in their lives, teens will be encouraged to think of the salvation story more definitively as their story.

Conversation Starters
What happens when someone is baptized? (There are two primary effects: (1) washing/cleansing and (2) regeneration/rising to new life.) (See CCC 1262.)

What would you say to someone who had a baby but was going to wait until the child was older so he or she could decide for himself or herself whether to be baptized? How does Baptism benefit even infants?

Being part of a family involves both benefits and responsibilities. What are some of the benefits and responsibilities we have as part of God’s family?
Saint Barnabas the Apostle

REVERSE RAFFLE

Only 300 tickets to be Sold
Great odds>>> 1 in 300 chance to win the big prize!
Last ticket pulled is the BIG WINNER

GRAND PRIZE OF $5,000
TEN - $500 PRIZES
TWO - $1,000 PRIZES

Each ticket costs $100 and entitles you to admission for two to the Drawing/Cocktail Party (must be 18 or older to purchase and/or attend)

All proceeds will support renovations to St. Barnabas Convent Building

Saturday, April 21st  8:00pm
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School cafeteria  Doors open at 7:30
Drawing starts at 8:00pm  Beer, wine, soda and hors d’oeuvres
Winner need not be present to win

In the event that less than 300 tickets are sold, the prizes will be prorated accordingly (the prize amounts will be decreased relative to the total dollars collected).

Tickets will be available for purchase at the rectory beginning the week of December 11, 2017.
Cash or checks made payable to “Saint Barnabas” will be accepted.

REVERSE RAFFLE TICKET REQUEST

Name: __________________________________ Telephone #:_________________ Number of tickets: ____
Address: ____________________________________________________________

Number of adults attending the party on Saturday, April 21st _____0 _____1 _____2
May the Lord preserve the members of our Army, National Guard, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Merchant Marine, Coast Guard and Peace Corps from all harm.

US ARMY:

NATIONAL GUARD:

US NAVY:

US MARINES:

US AIR FORCE:
Rev. Major Timothy Hirten, Nicholas P. Wright,

US MERCHANT MARINE:
Lt. J.G. Eric Stumpel.

US COAST GUARD:
Lt. Robert M. Scaduto, Jr.

US PEACE CORPS:
Patrick Coons

If you wish to arrange a baptism, please contact the rectory at 785-0054. Once your request is received you will be invited to meet one of the priests. This meeting offers parents an opportunity to review the baptism ceremony and set the date. The meeting is more conversational than instructional. Forms need to be completed giving information on the parents, child’s date and place of birth, as well as the names and religious affiliation of the sponsors. At least one sponsor must be a practicing Catholic.

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

If you wish to hold a private baptism you must bring a visiting priest to perform the baptism service. Private baptisms may be held on Saturday at 1:30 PM and 3:00 PM and on Sunday at 3:00 PM, if these times are available.

First time parents are required to attend a Baptism Class. Classes are held in the Holy Family Chapel on Agape Sunday, the second Sunday of the month. Crying babies and noisy children are welcome. We begin with Mass at 10:15 AM, when your baby will be welcomed to St. Barnabas, followed by refreshments and the class.

The dates for class are March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, (10:30 Mass for July 8, August 12 and September 9), October 14, November 11, December 9.
Parent & Child Program
For children ages 2-3 years old.
Register and start attending now!

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

Our Time

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

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

Jesus Clear the Temple
Jesus went to the temple.
Help Jesus get to the temple.

Jesus said, “Do not turn My Father’s house into a market!”

Connect the dots:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T
Jesus drove them all from the temple.

Find and count

9 or 10 ?

10 or 11 ?

ACROSS
2. A strip of leather or cord fastened to a handle
6. An animal raised for its wool
8. A church or synagogue, a building for worship
9. Coins or bills used to pay for something
10. A Jewish holiday celebrating being freed from slavery in Egypt

DOWN
1. A place where people gather to buy and sell things
3. A building where a family lives
4. A piece of furniture with a smooth, flat surface and four legs
5. The Son of God
7. A small, wild pigeon

Jesus found people buying and selling in the temple.

Circle 7 differences in the bottom picture.

DROVE SCATTERED JERUSALEM PASSOVER SITTING
TEMPLE COURTS DOVES SHEEP CATTLE
TIME MARKET CHANGERS JEWISH MONEY
SELLING HOUSE TABLES WHIP CORDS

WHIP MARKET PASSOVER SHEEP TEMPLE
HOUSE TABLE MONEY JESUS DOVE