Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days.
## Sunday Readings Hymnal #867

### St. Barnabas the Apostle

#### First Week of Lent

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LENTEN RETREAT WEEK MARCH 16 — 21
CONTINUING TO HOPE
DURING A TIME OF CRISIS
With Fr. Mike Whalen CM
Saturday, Sunday All Masses
Monday at 7:30 PM, Mary’s Way of the Cross
Fr. Whalen Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 7:30 PM

What are you doing for Lent?
IDEAS FOR A MORE MEANINGFUL LENTEN SEASON

1. Give up sin
Show your love for God by keeping his commandments. Turn away from sins.

2. Fast
An empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer. Give the money you saved on food to others in alms.

3. Pray
Be in constant prayer. Pray for your family and friends, for those who suffer, and for the Church and the world.

4. Do good works
Help those in need. Pray for them and be ready to serve them in their time of need.

5. Give alms
Help the poor and support the good works of the Church. Give cheerfully to God who has given us everything we have.

6. Download Our Parish App
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St Barnabas Bellmore

MARY’S WAY of the CROSS
Choral Masterworks and Reflections
The Stations of the Cross will be prayed with the new texts told from the perspective in Mary.

Monday March 18th 7:30 PM

Wednesday, April 3rd 8:00 PM, St Barnabas Church

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Forty days is a long time. Moses was on the Mountain of God for forty days. Forty were the years that Israel wandered in the wilderness. For forty days Jesus went without food in the wilderness. That’s why we have forty days of Lent. ‘Forty’ says conversion is a process — not a once-for-all event. No quick fixes, that’s what Lent is about. It’s forty days of peeling away the veneer that overlays our soul. Lent reminds us that we need God’s grace to grow, and that we cannot rely on what we can do for ourselves. I recently met a man who knew what it was to rely on God’s grace. He was a father, businessperson, and an addict. As we talked, this man told the story of powerlessness over an addiction that had spiraled out of control. The cost of such addiction was severe. It cost him a marriage, his job, and family, before he was willing to admit his addiction. Though my friend has practiced sobriety, for quite some time, he knows what addiction can do. But he also knows what God has done for him. When he was finally able to be honest to God, self, and his family, he admitted that he tried to fill in the blank in his life with the wrong things, and it was then that the healing began. And healing is a process. St. Augustine prayed, ‘You have made us for yourself, O God, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you.’ 99% of us are addicted to something — food, fashion, accumulation, blaming, shopping, fitness, diets, the pursuit of happiness. Emptiness becomes unbearable and it’s quite easy to fill that emptiness with something other than God to numb the pain. Yet, as Augustine discovered, there is nothing on earth that can fill emptiness of the soul but God. Lent says to us, ‘pay attention to your life.’ Which temptation gets to you? Enter the wilderness of Lent and expect great things from God. With God all things are possible.
We Pray for Our Deceased
Geraldine McIver Hefner
Victoria Ham
Maureen Cestari
Virginia Marsico

Bread and Wine
In loving memory of
Fr. Joseph Minturn and Sr. Elizabeth Minturn
from the Sisters at St. Barnabas Convent.

Sisters of St. Barnabas Intention
That during Lent we all may be open to hear and respond to God’s call which invites us to become more compassionate and caring people.

We Pray for Our Sick

The Week Ahead

**Sunday:**
- All Masses
- 9:00 AM Catholic Daughters Bake Sale
- 10:15 AM Girl Scout Sunday
- 1:30 PM Baptism Class and Agape
- 7:30 PM Baptisms
- 7:30 PM Al-Anon, S. Cafeteria

**Monday:**
- 7:00 PM Liturgy Committee, Rectory
- 7:30 PM Charismatic Prayer Group, HFC

**Tuesday:**
- 7:00 PM Christ Life, HFC
- 7:30 PM Respect Life, Rectory

**Wednesday:**
- 7:00 PM CHOSEN Level 8, HFC
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon, Rectory
- 7:00 PM RCIA, Convent Room
- 7:30 PM Reconciliation, Level 8 & Parish
- 8:15 PM Choir, Church

**Thursday:**
- 7:00 PM CHOSEN Level 8, HFC
- 7:00 PM Bible Study, Rectory
- 7:30 PM Reconciliation, Level 8 & Parish

**Friday:**
- 1:30 PM Stations of the Cross, Church
- 1:30 PM Lectio Divina, Rectory

**Saturday:**
- 11:30 AM Reconciliation, Levels 3 & 4
- 12:30 PM Confession

Our Finances
- **3/3/19:** $16,815
- **3/4/18:** $18,066
- Parish Families Registered: 5,052
- Envelopes Mailed: 1,460
- Used: 3/3/19: 586
- 3/4/18: 557

Catholic Ministries Appeal
- Goal: $108,900
- Donors: 185
- Pledged: $39,282
- Received: $25,728

Special Collections
- **This Weekend** - Church in Need
- **March 24th** - Maintenance & Repair
LENTEN MISSION MARCH 16th - 21st
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MARY’S WAY OF THE CROSS
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Choral Masterworks and Reflections

ANointing of the sick
Sunday, March 24th at 12:00 PM Mass

SACRED RELICS OF THE SAINTS
Exposition of Sacred Relics
Thursday, March 28th

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

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

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 21st
7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:15 AM, 10:30 PM, 12:00 PM

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Lent 2019

Dear Friends:

As we begin our prayer, fasting and almsgiving for the needs of the poor and the suffering of the world in this Lenten season 2019, we recommit ourselves to repentance, conversion and holiness individually and as a Church. We remember in a focused way this Lent the survivors of clergy sexual abuse and all forms of abuse and we pray for the purification, reform and sanctification of the Church.

In Rejoice and Be Glad, Pope Francis says: “Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy (32)…The Lord wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence (1)…Holiness is the most attractive face of the Church (9)…The Church needs passionate missionaries, enthusiastic about sharing true life. The saints surprise us, they confound us, because by their lives they urge us to abandon a dull and dreary mediocrity (138).”

One of the ways we commit ourselves to this radiant, natural and humble holiness is by expanding the breadth and depth of our daily engagement with the inspired Sacred Scriptures. We are called to live the words of Psalm 119: “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

The saints of every decade and century inspire us since “the most profound interpretation of Scripture comes precisely from those who let themselves be shaped by the word of God through listening, reading, and assiduous meditation”. (Pope Benedict XVI, The Word of the Lord ) (48) Could each one of us individually and together, united in communion as a Church, take one step with the Holy Spirit this Lent to deepen our love for the inspired Sacred Scriptures?

In his Apostolic Exhortation The Word of the Lord (2010), Pope Benedict XVI gives us an excellent process of praying individual biblical passages, a process of lection divina or sacred reading of the text that includes reading, meditating, praying, contemplating and living the biblical text. We need to believe with confidence and a spirit of adventure that the Holy Spirit is present in the text and that the Holy Spirit’s tongues of flame are connecting the text to our souls transforming us in mysterious and profound ways.

I would like to analyze and comment on the steps that Pope Benedict XVI proposes to us. (For the complete version of Bishop Barres’ Lenten Letter 2019 which analyzes Pope Benedict’s approach to lection divina, see this link www.bishopbarreslentletter2019.org. ) The Word of God makes us realists who recognize that the Word of God is the foundation of all things. (10)

As your bishop and servant, I invite you during this Lenten Season 2019 and beyond, to discover or rediscover the power of the Word of God by reading, meditating, praying, contemplating and living the inspired Sacred Scriptures. In the end, as Father Gaston Courtols points out: “Contemplatives are the true missionaries and alone can be the true spiritual teachers”.

Thank you all for your passion and daily dedication to the inspired Sacred Scriptures. Thank you for being the contemplatives, the missionaries, the spiritual teachers that are the agents and instruments of dramatic missionary growth on Long Island and beyond.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre
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Mr. Christopher Armbruster
Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Baiko
Mr. John Balestriere
Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Bogan
Ms. Renee Cahlstadt
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Capone
Mr. & Mrs. Giacchino Cinquemani
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Mr. & Mrs. Brian Crocitto
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Pick Up Your Copy of Matthew Kelly’s Book

Our book for Lent this year is by Matthew Kelly, ‘The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity: How Modern Culture Is Robbing Billions of People of Happiness.’

Do you believe it’s possible to be happier than you have ever been before? Not for fleeting moments, but consistently? Bestselling author Matthew Kelly believes it is possible—and in his latest book, The Biggest Lie, he explains how. We all want to be happy and live life to the fullest, but the answer isn't found in the world's definition of happiness. Modern culture is constantly feeding us lies, and these lies affect you more than you know. The lies that affect you the most, however, are the ones you tell yourself. These lies steal your joy, sap your energy, and cause you to lose hope. They prevent you from discovering the kind of vibrant faith the first Christians experienced. But as Kelly shows, we’ve arrived at a crucial moment in history. People are disillusioned with what the world offers. The world is in desperate need of change, and no one is in a better position to effect that change than Christians. We have an incredible opportunity to dispel the lies and cut through the confusion and false promises around us. This book provides the practical tools necessary to help you regain your fervor and leave your mark on the world—and experience more happiness than you thought possible. Together we can change the course of history—with humility, generosity, kindness, and joy, one Holy Moment at a time.

Lent: Giving, Not Giving Up

Lent is often thought of as a time of sacrifice...a time to “give up” things such as candy, bad habits and maybe even the internet. Although these challenges help us to prepare for larger sacrifices in life, Lent does not have to be a time of “giving up”. Rather, we can make it a time to “give” alms and add something to our daily lives and the lives of others. When it comes to almsgiving or helping the poor, the Church makes it easy for us through our Lenten program called “Giving, Not Giving Up”. During the five weekends of Lent, every household is encouraged to bring their alms to Mass or bring them to the rectory office. This act of generosity is a tangible sign of our Lenten efforts to feed the hungry.

- March 16th/17th - Soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste
- March 23rd/24th - Coffee, condiments, oil
- March 30th/31st - Toilet tissue, paper towels, napkins, tissues
- April 6th/7th - Pancake mix, syrup, crackers

CRS Rice Bowl for Lent

Please take home a CRS Rice Bowl for Lent. CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten faith-in-action program. It offers opportunities for your family to engage daily with the spiritual pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. And it’s an opportunity for us as a parish/school to come together as a community and reflect on what it means to live out our Gospel call to go out and encounter those most in need. During the next 40 days, we will be invited to learn about the principles of Catholic social teaching—and ways we can put them into action during Lent and beyond.
Mary’s Way of the Cross

Plan on joining us for an evening of choral masterworks and reflection entitled ‘Mary’s Way of the Cross,’ on Monday, March 18th at 7:30 PM at St. Barnabas. The Stations of the Cross will be prayed with texts told from the perspective of Mary. These evocative and touching readings in conjunction with sacred music will lead to a poignant, spirit-filled evening that is sure to enrich your Lenten observance.

Journey, Cross and Crucifixion

Journey, Cross and Crucifixion on Wednesday, April 3rd at 8:00 PM in St. Barnabas is an opportunity to become one with Christ 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. Join us on Wednesday, April 3rd at 8:00 PM in the Church.
Sacred Relics of the Saints

St. Barnabas Parish presents a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on Thursday, March 28th at 7:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel. Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will bring over 150 relics, some as old as 2,000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the “Little Flower”), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska.

In addition, there will also be a present portion of the veil of Our Lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic.

In the Church’s history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed through this ministry. Please do not miss this opportunity.

You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession. Join us at St. Barnabas Parish on Thursday, March 28th at 7:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel.

St. Patrick & St. Joseph Celebration

Join us in the Holy Family Chapel 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.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Mother Seton #2413, will hold their annual St. Patrick’s Day Bake Sale on Sunday, March 10th after the 9:00 AM, 10:15 AM, 10:30 AM, and 12:00 PM Masses. Come celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with Irish Soda Bread and many other home baked goods. For further information, contact Jackie at 781-7846.
Widow & 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.

Retreat for Widows

Marianist Family Retreat Center in Cape May is having a Mid-week retreat for widows from April 30th - May 2nd. Join with other widows as we look at our own individual stories for courage and wisdom. We hope to discover how in the sharing of our stories we continue to find strength and hope. There will be time for sharing in small groups, Eucharist and other appropriate liturgies. Beach walks, socials and fun are also included! Cost is $140 per person, double occupancy. You can sign up online at www.capemaymarianist.org or call (609) 884-3829 to register.

Church in Need Collection

This weekend, a collection will be taken for “The Church in Need.” The monies collected at this time will be shared among three areas of the world where there is a particular need for help: Church in Central and Eastern Europe - the funds collected provide support for pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. The Church in Latin America - your support of the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. The Church in Africa – the fund supports pastoral projects that strengthen communities in their faith and foster lasting peace and reconciliation in a continent often marked by division and tension. Thank you for your generosity.

Catholic Girl Scout Medals

Daisies and Brownies who earned their Girl Scout religious medals will receive them at the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, March 10th. Congratulations to Daisies - Emily Bucci, Daniella Capritto, Keira Ferris, Samantha Novoni on receiving their Jesus Loves Me medals, to second grade Brownies - Madison Badillo, Elizabeth O’Toole, and Lila Radigan on receiving their Ave Maria medals, and to third grade Brownies - Lily Boehm and Gabriella Hartwig on receiving their Family of God medals. Juniors and Cadettes will receive their medals from the bishop at the annual Girl Scout Convocation on May 19th.

St. Barnabas Pre-Cana

Closing Mass: Sunday, April 7th at 5:00 PM, followed by refreshments.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Are there times in your life or marriage relationship when you judge you are in the spiritual desert? Bring life to your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are April 26th - 28th and June 28th - 30th, in Huntington. For more information, call John and Toni Torio at (877) 697-9963 or visit them at https://wwwmenyli.org/.
Golden Wedding Jubilee
This spring, couples that have been married fifty years or more, will be honored at a liturgy on Sunday, May 5th at the Church of St. Rose of Lima in Massapequa. Mass begins at 2:30 PM. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory. Registration must be received by the Office of Worship by April 15th. If you have any questions call 678-5800, ext. 506.

Divorced or Separated Catholics
A social organization for single persons, including widows, widowers, and divorced will be having a New Member Orientation Meeting on Wednesday, March 27th at 7:30 PM in St. Frances de Chantal Church Rectory basement, 1309 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh. All are welcome. This is a non-denominational meeting. Bring proof of single status to join. Annual dues are $25. Refreshments following the meeting. For further information, call Carol at 794-4933 or Fran at 889-5790.

Liturgical Ministry Training
Thank you to those who have recently volunteered to become ministers of the Eucharist. 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** -
Thursday, May 23rd at St. Elizabeth in Melville from 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM in Msgr. Kane Hall

Liturgy is important to the Church and more people are needed to serve. If you have any questions, please contact the rectory. 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.

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**Liturgical Catechesis**

**The Eucharist**
A workshop series explaining various parts of the Mass from a theological and spiritual perspective.

**DATES**
- Tuesday, February 26, 2019, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 26, 2019, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 30, 2019, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 28, 7:30 p.m.

**LOCATION**
- Curé of Ars Parish
  - 2323 Merrick Ave
  - Merrick, NY 11566

**Please call or email to register:**
Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850, westernvicariate@drvc.org or Curé of Ars / Merrick at 516-623-1400
The Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is an army set in battle array. We are Christ’s army of the church. Do you want to learn more about your Catholic faith? Do you want to deepen your prayer life? Do you want to grow closer to Jesus and His mother? Do you want to develop close Catholic friendships? The Legion of Mary is an Apostolic organization of lay people. It makes its members better Catholics through a balanced program of prayer and service through Mary, Mother of the Church. For information, please call Judy Germaine at 580-3160.

Listening with Mary at the Cross

Deepen your Lenten Devotion - Join the Friends of the Seminary on Sunday, March 24th from 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM. Fr. Patrick J. Griffin, CM, will present a Day of Prayer and Reflection at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington. Talks by Fr. Griffin, quiet time, opportunity for confession, lunch and Mass. Donation is $30. Reservations required. Call (631) 423-0483, ext. 102 or bmalone@icseminary.edu to register.

The Men of the Way of Light

Jesus, newly baptized and full of the Holy Spirit, was led by the Spirit to the wilderness where He prayed and fasted to prepare for His mission. Hungry, He is tempted by the devil. It is important to note that Luke places the passage informing us of Jesus’ ancestry immediately before these temptations. Adam was tempted in the Garden, gave in to temptation and was banished into the wilderness. Moses and Israel also succumbed to temptation in the wilderness. “Jesus, the new Adam, repairs the damage by walking over the same steps, restoring the divine order.” (St. Ambrose) Jesus defeats the devil here, and the text tells us that Satan departs waiting for an opportune time probably Jesus’ passion and death. We are
reminded that Satan will tempt us at our weakest moments. “The causes of temptation are the causes of desires - namely, lust for the flesh, desire for glory, eagerness for power.” (St. Thomas Aquinas) Jesus provides a method for overcoming temptation - prayer and fasting, not dialoguing with temptation, having words of God’s scripture on our lips, and putting our trust in the Lord. Need to sharpen you skills in the battle against temptation? Please join our faith discussion group at our next meeting on Saturday, March 23rd immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass. We meet in the Nazareth Room of the Holy Family Chapel. Bagels and coffee served. Our meetings run until 10:30 AM. For information, visit our FaceBook page.

Focus on Religious Freedom
Anti-Semitism Increasing in America and Europe: Jews make up only 2% of the U.S. population, but in 2018 faced more physical attacks than all other religions combined, with anti-Semitic cases reported in all 50 states. In October, 2018, a gunman killed 11 worshippers in a synagogue in Pittsburgh. The Boycott, Sanction, and Divestment (BDS) movement against the country of Israel is gaining attention across the country. Two newly elected House members support the BDS movement, are close followers of anti-Semitic minister Louis Farrakhan, and openly express anti-Semitic views in Congressional hearings. Holocaust Remembrance Day, January 27th, 2019, marked the 74th Anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp. Sadly, recent surveys show many adults lack basic knowledge about the genocide. 52% of Americans said incorrectly that Hitler came to power through force; 41% of Americans and 66% of millennials (ages 23-38) couldn’t say what Auschwitz was; 22% of millennials said they had never heard of the Holocaust. “To remain silent and indifferent is the greatest sin of all” - Ellie Wiesel, Holocaust survivor.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
The silence of a desert is an experience we may sometimes wish for, especially when we feel our lives to be overcrowded with people and overcharged with work. The truth is that too much company, too much conversation and excessive dependence on computers, phones and television can invade that desert of silence which God wishes to create within us, so that He can speak to our heart in secret. This Lent may we learn to live less on the noisy surface of things, but through conscious cultivation of silence in our lives, we may
penetrate more deeply into that silent mystery which we know as God in whom we live and move and have our being. Thank you all for your generosity in the collection last week, which will help the poor to celebrate God’s love this Easter.

Lenten Antioch Retreat
The Antioch community of St. William the Abbott invites you to join us for two days of stories, music, reflection, prayer, scripture, Sunday Mass, delicious food, and good company! Saturday, March 30th from 8:30 AM - 9:30 PM, and Sunday, March 31st from 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM at St. William the Abbot School, 2001 Jackson Avenue, Seaford. To register, contact Jo-Ann Metzdorff at 361-2392 or email her at joann.metzdorff@gmail.com. The deadline is March 23rd.

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 on 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.

Molloy College Open House
Molloy College in Rockville Centre, will be holding a Spring Open House on Sunday, April 7th at 1:00 PM. Prospective students and their guests are welcome to attend. For information, call 323-4000.
Since 2002, the Catholic Church in the U.S.A. has followed a set of rules initiated by the bishops of the country and approved by the Vatican for dealing with sexual abuse of minors by priests or deacons: The Essential Norms for Diocesan/Eparchial Policies Dealing with Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests or Deacons.

Every U.S. diocese/eparchy is required...

- To have a written policy for dealing with sexual abuse of minors by priests, deacons and other Church personnel
- To appoint a victim assistance coordinator, who is available for the immediate pastoral care of persons who report having been sexually abused as a minor by a priest or deacon
- To report allegations concerning child sexual abuse to civil authorities and to cooperate with the civil investigations
- To establish a review board of at least five persons, mostly members of the laity, who counsel the bishop on allegations and review local policies dealing with sexual abuse of minors
- To investigate promptly and objectively any allegation of sexual abuse of minors by a priest or deacon
- To remove offending priests or deacons permanently from Church ministry
- To prohibit the transfer of offending priests or deacons for ministerial assignment in another diocese or eparchy
- To receive necessary background information before permitting a priest or deacon to exercise ministry in a diocese or eparchy
- To protect the rights of accusers and of the accused

For more information and to read the full text of the norms, visit:
Lenten Resolutions for Married Couples

Are you wondering how to grow in holiness this Lent, together with your spouse? Try following some advice from the Pope! In his homilies and addresses, Pope Francis has spoken quite directly about how husband and wife should treat each other, about prayer within the family, and other ways the family lives its identity as a “domestic Church.” So this Lent, why not commit with your spouse to try one of the following Lenten resolutions, based on words from the Holy Father?

1. Be courteous to your spouse. Use polite requests: “May I? Can I?” For example, “Would you like for us to do this?” and “Do you want to go out tonight?”

“To ask permission means to know how to enter with courtesy into the lives of others. ...True love does not impose itself harshly and aggressively.” (Address to Engaged Couples, Rome, Feb. 14, 2014.)

2. Say “thank you” to your spouse. “It seems so easy to say these words, but we know that it is not. But it is important! ... It is important to keep alive the awareness that the other person is a gift from God – and for the gifts of God we say thank you!” (Address to Engaged Couples, Rome, Feb. 14, 2014)

3. Ask forgiveness from your spouse. Say, “I’m sorry.”

“Let us learn to acknowledge our mistakes and to ask to forgiveness. ‘Forgive me if today I raised my voice’; ‘I’m sorry if I passed without greeting you’; ‘excuse me if I was late’.” (Address to Engaged Couples, Rome, Feb. 14, 2014)

4. Pray together with your spouse and family. “Praying the Our Father together, around the table, is not something extraordinary: it’s easy. And praying the Rosary together, as a family, is very beautiful and a source of great strength! And also praying for one another! The husband for his wife, the wife for her husband, both together for their children, the children for their grandparents...praying for each other. This is what it means to pray in the family and it is what makes the family strong: prayer.” (Homily for Family Day, Rome, Oct. 27, 2013)

Pray to the Lord to “multiply your love and give it to you fresh and good each day.” Pray together, “Lord, give us this day our daily love.” (Address to Engaged Couples, Rome, Feb. 14, 2014)

5. Visit the elderly, especially your grandparents. “Grandparents are like the wisdom of the family, they are the wisdom of a people. ... Listen to your grandparents.” (Address to Participants in the Pilgrimage of Families, Rome, Oct. 26, 2013)

“How important grandparents are for family life, for passing on the human and religious heritage which is so essential for each and every society!” (Angelus at World Youth Day, Rio de Janeiro, July 26, 2013)

6. Share the faith with others. “Christian families are missionary families. ...They are missionary also in everyday life, in their doing everyday things, as they bring to everything the salt and the leaven of faith!” (Homily for Family Day, Rome, Oct. 27, 2013)

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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?

Level 7 Class
March 20th or 21st
Chapter 11 ‘How God Helps When It Hurts?’
Anointing of the Sick

The purpose of this lesson is to address the mystery of suffering and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. In this sacrament, God gives us grace to deal with suffering heroically; he also uses the sacrament to bring about spiritual healing and, when it is God’s will, physical healing as well. We call suffering a “mystery” because the most painful tragedy of human history—the killing of the Son of God on the cross—became the source of infinite blessing, our salvation so we have faith that God can bring great good out of great pain and that he allows suffering in order to perfect us. Through the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, God provides spiritual and sometimes even physical healing. He gives the sick person the grace to face serious illness and death. Through the mystery of redemptive suffering, we can offer our earthly sufferings back to God where, joined to the sufferings of Christ, we participate in the redemption of the world.

Conversation Starters
What are some ways God can bring good out of suffering?
In today’s Gospel, Jesus travels into the desert to be tempted by the devil. How do you respond to temptations in your life?

“Every day, but particularly in Lent, Christians must face a struggle, like the one that Christ underwent in the desert of Judea, where for forty day she was tempted by the devil, and then in Gethsemane, when he rejected the most severe temptation, accepting the Father’s will to the very end.

It is a spiritual battle waged against sin and finally, against Satan. It is a struggle that involves the whole of the person and demands attentive and constant watchfulness.” (Pope Benedict XVI, Homily on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2006)

**Meet Me in the Desert**

Lord of Lent, Lord of Easter,
As you went into the desert
So do I follow
Putting aside that which distracts me
Grabs at me
Falsely claims me.
To search inside
To confront myself
My best, my worst
My good works and my sins.

And each time, I find you there
To call to me again
With words of challenge and words of mercy.

And as I fall to my knees, in prayer, in fasting
In sacrifice and penitence
Somehow, you have it in yourself to reach out
And gently lift me
To renew me
To claim me as nothing of this world can claim me.

Meet me in the desert, Lord.
Claim me anew.
Amen.

**Lent and Your Phone**

With the CRS Rice Bowl app, you can put Lent at your fingertips with new daily reflections and recipes, integrated social sharing and a new way to track your Lenten sacrifices!

Visit: [https://www.crsricebowl.org/about/app](https://www.crsricebowl.org/about/app) for more information.

**Spring Forward**

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday

March 10, 2019
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.

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.

The Middle School Youth Group meeting scheduled for Sunday, March 10th at 6:00 PM is unfortunately cancelled. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, April 14th from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Thanks! Kieran Maelia, Youth Minister
Our philosophy at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School is to facilitate and expose children to an atmosphere where their physical, emotional, and spiritual growth in learning and discovery is natural and satisfying. Our program ties our faith in with all the goals of making the time of discovery fun filled and enriching. The children will socialize, share, play, build, paint, and sing. They will become more aware of how independent they are capable of being and feel positive about their accomplishments.

SEAS Early Childhood program offers a wide variety of solutions to your student’s growing needs. We offer a 2-year-old parent inclusion program called “Our Time”. The Nursery Program is a three-day-a-week program that introduces your student to the school atmosphere at a steady pace. The Pre-Kindergarten Program offers three or five days on a full or half-day schedule. As your student enters Kindergarten, they are ready for our full-time day schedule.
Jesus was very hungry. The devil said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.” What did Jesus say to the devil?

Use the code to fill in the letters.

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Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.’”

Then the devil led Jesus to the highest point of the temple in Jerusalem. “If You are the Son of God,” he said, “throw Yourself down from here.” Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Which line leads to the top of the temple?

A B C

The devil led Him up to a high place and showed Him ... all the kingdoms of the world. He told Jesus, “If You worship me, it will all be Yours.”

Circle the objects.
ACROSS
4. The entire Earth and all the places and things on it
6. A heavenly being, often shown as a human figure with a halo and wings
7. A small rock
8. The evil ruler of Hell, and enemy of God

DOWN
1. To show a strong feeling of love and respect for God
2. To feel a need or desire for food
3. A food made of flour and water, shaped into loaves, and baked
5. To try to get someone to do wrong

DEMON
WORSHIP
BREAD
ANGEL
STONE
TELL

WORD
TEMPTED
ANGELS
HUNGRY
MOUNTAIN
STONES
BOW
SERVE
WORLD
KINGDOMS
BREAD
DESERT
SPLENDOR
DEVIL
FASTING
SATAN
TEMPLE
JESUS
The Temptation of Jesus

Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Follow the path through the maze.
Write down the words you find along the way.

Calculated Code

The devil led Him to Jerusalem and had Him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If You are the Son of God," he said, "throw Yourself down from here."

Use this calculator to find Jesus' words.

Jesus answered, "It is written: ..."

Add and subtract letters and fill in the blanks below.

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3. 🐐 - at + 🐐 - onut = ______

4. 🐐 - cissors + 🐐 - purs + 🐐 - con + 🐐 - st = __________

5. 🐐 - mkey + 🐐 - amp + 🐐 - oyo = __________

"________ the ______ your ______ and ______ Him ______."

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