St. Barnabas
Everyone Needs Encouragement

THE Faithfulness OF GOD

John 3:16

March 11, 2018
St. Barnabas the Apostle

Fourth Week of Lent

Monday, March 12
Fr. Charles 6:30 AM   Alfred Moneta and Marie Monaco
Fr. Kevin 9:00 AM   Frank Iemma
Agusto Mariani
Doris Grosskreuz
Jennifer Josette Aquila

Tuesday, March 13
Fr. Kevin 6:30 AM   Dorothy Sostack
Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM   Michael DeLeo

Wednesday, March 14
Fr. Adrian 6:30 AM   Charlie and Ann Klika
Fr. Charles 9:00 AM   Gladys Slavin

Thursday, March 15
Fr. Kevin 6:30 AM   Robert and Veronica Young
Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM   Frank DeVito

Friday, March 16
Fr. Adrian 6:30 AM   George Donohue
Fr. Charles 9:00 AM   Danny Gasparro

Saturday, March 17
Fr. Adrian 8:00 AM   James Clare
Fr. Charles 4:30 PM   Santy Gallone
Steve Tarpinian
Raymond Vogts
Pauline Schlenke
Robert Humes
Michael G. Tonabene
Terry Kautz
Fr. Kevin 7:00 PM

Sunday, March 18
Fr. Charles 7:00 AM   Florence Graham
Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM   Esther Leahy
Fr. Charles 10:15 AM   John and Winifred Eschmann
Fr. Kevin 10:30 AM   Vincent Buonocore
Fr. Adrian 12:00 AM   For the People of Our Parish
Fr. Kevin 5:00 PM   James Clare

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

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Mrs. Marjorie Lampert 516-785-0130

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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.
What’s Pastor Thinking

‘John 3:16’ has almost become a mantra or chant among Christians. You see it everywhere ‘John 3:16.’ But how many people in our society or the world know that John 3:16 refers to a verse in the New Testament? How many people in our society or the world know that John 3:16 says, ‘For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life?’

John 3:16, is part of the Gospel we hear at Mass this weekend. Jesus is speaking to Nicodemous, a leader of the Pharisees, one who is familiar with the Hebrew Scriptures. He says, ‘And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.’ Here Jesus refers to an incident where the Israelites, led by Moses from Egypt, grumble against Moses and God because of the monotony of the diet of mana. Suddenly they are beset by poisonous snakes. Moses follows the instruction of God and fashions a bronze serpent on a tall pole. Whoever is bitten by a snake only has to look to the bronze serpent to not die. Nicodemous knew the story.

What Jesus is saying is that the Son of Man, the Son of God, will be lifted up as the bronze serpent was lifted up, that whoever sees and believes will have eternal life. As we know, Jesus is lifted up in crucifixion, the suffering and death of a common criminal by an innocent person. It is this death and suffering of Jesus that will break the back of sin and death. It is this death and condemnation that leads to life eternal for we believe that Jesus is not just some tragic unjustly punished person, but the one and only Son of God.

The Son of God comes, not to condemn, but to save; not to inflict, but to heal; not to enslave, but to free; not to kill, but to rescue. This is the Gospel in miniature. This is the essence and meaning of John 3:16. This is the glory of Jesus and of Christianity. This is why Christianity does not shrink from the cross, but embraces it proudly and without reservation because it is the sign of the love of God which does not draw back from the experience and realities of what it means to be human. The Son of God came as one of us that we might know that we are of God, that we are the children God loves.
We Pray for Our Deceased
Eileen M. Dempsey       Philip Sutter
Michael N. Russo        Sr. Leo Grief

Bread and Wine
Presented in memory of Michael DeLeo
from his loving family.

Sanctuary Lamp
Lit in memory of Therese P. Bollinger.

We Pray for Our Sick

Our Finances
3/4/18: $18,066
3/5/17: $18,303
Parish Families Registered: 4,997
Envelopes Mailed: 1,303
Used 3/4/18: 557
3/5/17: 654

Catholic Ministries Appeal
Goal: $108,900 Donors: 194
Pledged: $43,7050 Received: $26,502

Special Collections
This Weekend
Catholic Relief Services
March 18th Creative Ministries Stations of the Cross
A Warm Welcome
To Our New Parishioners
Ms. Tess Abbazio
Mr. Kenneth Barnett
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Braun
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Caliendo
Mrs. Carolina Candello-Barriga
Mr. Peter Carrano
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Caravello
Mr. & Mrs. David Celeiro
Ms. Dawn Celi
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Esposito
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Ferro
Mr. Rob Fiumara
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Gorman
Ms. Lori Grosso
Mr. & Mrs. John Johnston
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Keenan
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kowalski
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick McCarthy
Mr. Thomas McTigue
Mr. & Mrs. William Monteleone
Ms. Michelle Mosti
The Naccari Family
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Paul
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Pierson
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Traverson
Ms. Jane Wallace
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Walsh
Mr. & Mrs. Grant Zepernick

Return Rice Bowls
Please return your Rice Bowl to the Church on Palm Sunday. The Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl is an invitation to change lives of others through our prayers and Lenten sacrifices. Through the CRS Rice Bowl we hear stories from our brothers and sisters in need worldwide. Each day individuals are invited to use the Lenten Calendar 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.

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.

Catholic Relief Services Collection
This weekend, 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. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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 in the Church and Saturday, March 17th at
9:00 AM in the Holy Family Chapel. 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.

**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.

**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 of us are called to continuing conversion throughout our lives, 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 second scrutiny is on March 11th at 12:00 PM and the third on March 18th at 9:00 AM. Please continue to pray for our Candidates and Elect.

**Catholic Daughters**

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be having their annual St. Patrick’s Day bake sale on Sunday, March 11th after the 9:00 AM, 10:15 AM, 10:30 AM and 12:00 PM Masses. Irish soda bread and other home baked items will be available. Thank you for your generosity supporting this national Catholic Women’s Organization. For further information, call Jackie at 781-7846.
St. Patrick and St. Joseph Celebration
Join us for Irish Bread, Cannoli and other treats after the 9:00 AM Mass on Friday, March 16th in celebration of St. Patrick and St. Joseph Days.

Supermarket Bingo - Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary of Council 3689
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.

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.

Girl Scout Sunday
First grade Daisies and Brownies who earned their Catholic Girl Scout medals will receive them at the 9:00 AM Mass this Sunday. Congratulations to the following girls on completing the awards:
Jesus Loves Me Award - Madison Badillo, Kaitlyn Cerrotta, Alyssa Ciminera, Liliana Cona, Julia Hoey, Natalie Insinga, Elizabeth O’Toole, and Lila Radigan.
Ave Maria Award - Alexis Ackermann, Mary Bloomfield, Lily Boehm, Laila Fisher, and Gabriella Hartwig.
Family of God Award - Emily Bilato, Isabella Crowe, Pieper Frem, Kyla Friel, Morgan Garvey, and Bridget LaClastra.
Juniors and Cadettes will receive their medals at the annual Girl Scout Convocation on May 6th.

Boy Scout Day of Recollection
Saturday, March 10th at Maria Regina Church, Seaford. 12:00 Noon - 5:00 PM. A special day of prayer and reflection. Will fulfill the Retreat/Day of Recollection Requirement for the Ad Altare Dei Religious Emblem. For information, contact the Catholic Scouting Office at 678-5800, ext. 245 or email scouting@drvc.org.

Run for Tomorrow’s Hope
Join Tomorrow’s Hope Foundation and Long Island Catholic Elementary Schools for the 3rd Annual 5K and Fun Run for Tomorrow’s Hope Foundation. Saturday, March 24th. 8:30 AM Fun Run Start. 9:00 AM 5K Start. 450 Franklin Avenue and Fourth Street, Garden City. Hosted by St. Joseph School. Visit tomorrowshopefoundation.org to sign up, learn about sponsorship opportunities, registration and more.

Become a Bayhawk for the Day
Calling all 7th and 8th Graders to Shadow or Schedule a personalized tour. St. Dominic High School, 110 Anstice Street, Oyster Bay. Please contact 922-4888, ext. 5325 or admissions@stdoms.org.

Grand Avenue Middle School
Each year the Grand Avenue Middle School Drama Club works very diligently to present a musical production in March. This year, they are presenting The Addams Family, under the direction of English teacher, Rebecca Levy. They would like to invite
senior citizens to enjoy a performance of this entertaining musical production free of charge on Thursday, March 15th at 11:00 AM at Grand Avenue Middle School, 2301 Grand Avenue, Bellmore. The students are very excited by the possibility of performing for the senior citizens of their communities. Please take advantage of this wonderful experience and attend!

Beauty and the Beast

Saint Anthony's High School Theatre company proudly presents: Beauty and the Beast on Thursday, March 22nd at 7:00 PM, Friday, March 23rd at 7:00 PM, and Saturday, March 24th at 12:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Tickets are available for $10 at the door. $5 for age 12 and under for the 12:00 PM show only. Please email LCordina@stanthonyshs.org with questions.

Dominican Commercial High School Tribute

Graduates are welcomed to join in a D.C. tribute on Sunday, April 22nd. The building is being sold and we are gathering to enjoy one last day of memories and to thank the Dominican Sisters. Contact cathleenquinn@optonline.net for details, or call 457-6923. Kindly RSVP if you are planning on attending. Doors will be open from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

Dominican Youth Movement USA

Calling all High School Students! Join the Dominican Youth Movement USA for a unique weekend experience where you will meet new people and engage in a lot of fun activities - all while deepening your relationship with God and re-imagining what it means to be a “preacher!” Space is still available for our next overnight Youth Preaching Workshop on March 16th - 18th at St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School, West Islip and the Sisters of St Dominic of Amityville Motherhouse in Amityville. The cost is $20 per person which includes overnight stay at St. John’s Retreat Center and food for the entire weekend. Check our website for more information, www.dymusa.org/ypw. For questions or if you’d like to register, please contact Jessica at ypw@dymusa.org or call Sean Puzzo at (631) 842-6000, ext. 308.

50th Anniversary Celebrations

This spring, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at a Mass on Sunday, April 29th at the Church of St. Rose of Lima in Massapequa. Mass will begin at 2:30 PM. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory. Registration must be received by the Office of Worship in Rockville Centre by April 13th. If you have any questions, you may call 678-5800, ext. 504.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart.” Let our eyes be opened to the love of God in our marriages by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are April 27th - 29th and November 16th - 18th in Huntington. For more information, call John and Toni Torio at (877) 697-9963 or visit them at www.wwmeli.org.

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.

Pre Cana Closing Mass
Closing Mass Sunday, March 18th at 5:00 PM.

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.

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 www.taborretreatcenter.net.

Relics of the Passion
Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Patchogue is hosting the Relics of the Passion on Sunday, March 18th at 2:00 PM, which will be the only showing on Long Island this year. An exclusive opportunity to venerate these holy relics and participate in a program that allows you to engage in a unique commemoration of Jesus’ walk to Calvary. This powerful program is a one-hour presentation supported with music and meditation followed by veneration. A collection such as this is generally seen only in Rome or the Holy Land and included are a piece of the true cross of Christ as well as a piece of the crown of thorns. For more information, please call (631) 475-4739.

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.

Catholics for Freedom of Religion
Update: Turning Lemons into Lemonade at Ohio School District. When the atheist Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF) threatened West Branch H.S., insisting they ban offering a short prayer before athletic events, they didn’t expect that hundreds of young people would arrive at games with a better idea. More than half the attendees at a recent game wore “Prayer Matters” T-shirts and, when the team played on the road, the home team they visited made and wore their own “Prayer Matters” tees in a sign of solidarity. “Everybody’s really coming together to support the prayer issue”, said a local pastor. “Now we’re having more conversations about prayer and the Gospel than we’ve ever had before.” Therefore, rather than being discouraged by the FFRF’s efforts to censor prayer, a pastor enthusiastically declared, “The opportunities to talk about prayer and the Gospel are tremendous...all
because of “No Prayer at Basketball Games!” These students are showing millions of Americans how to thwart the overreach of a special interest minority, just as the Founding Fathers intended. “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.” RM 8:28.

The Men of the Way of Light
In today's Gospel reading, we have probably the most quoted bible verse in Jn 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life." We've seen athletes write it on their faces and musicians tattoo it on their arms. We've seen it in graffiti on bridges, buildings and roadways. We've seen it written on signs at sporting events, protests and political rallies. Jesus is to die on the cross - the proof of God's unlimited love for His people. Who among us would be able to make a similar sacrifice? I admit that I never could. But, God doesn't ask us to do so. Did He not stop Abraham from doing so? God only wants us to know the depth of His unending love for each of us! He wants us to write it on our hearts! No matter where we are, no matter how far away from God we may seem to be, Jesus' arms are spread wide, welcoming us! Please join us at our next meeting on Saturday March 17th, as we discuss the many ways that God's unending love changes our lives. We meet bimonthly 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 provided. If you cannot attend, please pray for our group and for our parish. For more information, contact Fred Kreuder: 987-5350; email: stbampg@aol.com. Visit our facebook page: "Men of the Way of Light - St. Barnabas Men's Faith Discussion Group.

Remember your loved ones, living and deceased, this Easter by having flowers placed on the sanctuary in their honor. The offering is $15.

Fill out this form and return it to the rectory or place in the collection basket.

IN MEMORY OF ____________________________________________________

MY NAME ___________________________________________________________

ENVELOPE # _________ AMOUNT $______________________________
HAPPY ST. PATRICK’S DAY

Roscommon Solstice Choir

The Irish American Center of Nassau, Suffolk & Queens
297 Willis Ave, Mineola, NY 11501
on Wednesday, March 14, 2018
8:00 pm
Cost: $25, Seniors: $20, Children under, 12: no charge.

Emcee for the evening is Eileen Cronin
Host of the Long Ireland Show on
Radio Hofstra University
88.7 FM

This event it brought to you in cooperation with the
County Roscommon Society of New York, Inc.

Website: www.countyroscommonsocietyofnewyork.com ... Facebook: The County Roscommon Society of New York, Inc.

For information, please contact:
Bernie Sharkey 917 941-2128, John Kenny 917 834-7908, Mary Montgomery 718 415-0511,
Betty McLaughlin 347 613-1303, John Dobey 917 952-1297

About the Choir: Roscommon Solstice Choir was formed in February 2013 as part of The Gathering Ireland. It consists of over one hundred members from all over Roscommon and outside it. All are volunteers give freely of their time to travel to practice and to concerts. The choir is under the direction of Eimear and Andrew Reynolds from Roosky, Co Roscommon. In addition to the singers, there are many volunteers who work in various ways to ensure that concerts run smoothly and that much needed funds are raised. The choir is a true community undertaking and the goodwill that has, and continues to surround it, is truly incredible!
Little Bethlehem Christian Group

St. Barnabas Church Door
March 17th and 18th

Little Bethlehem Christian is a group that represents 200 Christian families who live in Bethlehem the holy land, and make their living as wood carvers.

After all Saturday and Sunday masses, the group represented by the Alsahouri family will display a collection of hand carving olivewood religious items, as they are also for sale. The profit goes to support Christianity in the land of Christ. Please take a minute after mass and look at this beautiful collection of items.

Sincerely in Christ,
Chassan & Siham Alsahouri

Coming again to Bellmore by Popular Demand!
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)

A Red Carpet Premiere Film Event!
starring Donna Camilleri
in an independent documentary film

"Bella: Portrait of a Prayer"
presented by Dear Little Dollies & Donna’s Dollings
www.DearLittleDollies.com
info@dollies.com
ph: (516) 679-0164

The story of beauty is told in the true eyelash curl...

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 #3689

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/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.
March, 2018

Dear Friends,

When Jesus gathered His disciples to celebrate the Passover supper that would foreshadow His sacrificial death, He left them a great example of service when He tied a towel about his waist and washed the feet of the Apostles: ‘As I have done for you, you should also do.’ (John: 13:15)

Let His words and actions challenge each of us to be the Hands of Christ’s Mercy. Because of your generosity to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, individuals and families experience the merciful presence of Christ through Outreach and Catholic Charities’ programs that serve the basic needs of the poor, troubled, weak and oppressed in our community.

Consider the multitude of children who are taught the faith through our Catholic schools and religious education programs. See how the boundaries of our Church extend beyond our own properties to our children benefiting from campus, young adult and youth ministry programs.

This Appeal also supports our efforts in evangelization, liturgy and worship while ensuring that we have the funds and resources to support priests and deacons throughout their formation.

May we all go forth this Lenten season renewed in spirit and in our commitment to respond wholeheartedly to Jesus’ call to be His hands and His instruments of Dramatic Missionary Growth.

Thank you for your continuing generosity in supporting the good works of our Church. May God bless you with many graces during this holy season of Lent.
Lent is 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, our parish 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. Thank you.

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

March 18th -
toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid
DISCOVERING CHRIST
A seven-week experience that invites guests to hear the Good News and personally encounter Jesus Christ.

What Is the Meaning of Life?
Why Does Jesus Matter?
What Does Jesus Want Us To Know?
Why Do We Need a Savior?
Why Is the Resurrection Important?

Holy Spirit Retreat:
Who Is the Holy Spirit? (retreat)
The Holy Spirit and You (retreat)
New Life in the Spirit
Our Need for the Church

SEVEN TUESDAYS FROM MAY 15 TO JUNE 26, 2018
Holy Family Chapel ~ 6:30pm-9:00pm
Day Retreat: Saturday June 16, 2018

Each session includes four components:
(1) Dinner (2) Welcome and Prayer (3) Video Teaching (4) Small Group Discussion

A great (free) dinner
An engaging Bible-inspired message
Discussion and conversation about the message

Register Today! Drop off the completed form at the rectory or in the collection basket. Space is limited.

Name
Address
Town
Phone Number
Email

Or Register Online at the following website:
https://goo.gl/forms/8pjqbbjX8nMdndfi1

For More Information: Email: DiscoveringChrist2018@gmail.com Call/Text: 516-330-3685
Join our Facebook Group: Discovering Christ Saint Barnabas

No Cost to Participate. Stairlift available.
Eucharistic Retreat Day
Sunday, March 11, 2018
The Missionaries of The Most Holy Eucharist

We welcome you to join us for a day set aside to adore, reverence, and love Christ in the Most Holy Eucharist.

Come abide with Him on this day which includes

*Hot Breakfast & Lunch*

*Spiritual Meditations*

*Holy Mass*

*Confession & Rosary*

*Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction*

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
440 West Neck Road, Huntington
8:00 am-5:00 pm

To register, please email MostHolyEucharist@gmail.com or call (631) 629-6514. Include your name, email address, home address, parish, & phone number. Advance registration is **required** and registration 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.
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.
God’s Gift of Forgiveness
A Pastoral Exhortation on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:
“Peace be with you!” With these words, the Risen Lord greeted his frightened Apostles in the Upper Room on the day of his Resurrection. They were troubled, anxious, and fearful—much like each one of us at some point in our lives. Christ repeated the words, “Peace be with you.” But then he added, “Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them” (Jn 20:19-23).

What an extraordinary gift! The Risen Lord was proclaiming that all the suffering he had just endured was in order to make available the gifts of salvation and forgiveness. He wanted the Apostles to receive these gifts. He wanted them to become apostles of this forgiveness to others.

In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, also called confession, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace to live a renewed life in him. In this sacrament, he prepares us to receive him free from serious sin, with a lively faith, earnest hope, and sacrificial love in the Eucharist. The Church sees confession as so important that she requires that every Catholic go at least once a year. The Church also encourages frequent confession in order to grow closer to Christ Jesus and his Body, the Church. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, we seek forgiveness and repentance, let go of patterns of sin, grow in the life of virtue, and witness to a joyful conversion. Since the graces of the sacrament are so similar to the purpose of the New Evangelization, Pope Benedict XVI has said, “The New Evangelization . . . begins in the confessional!”

We bishops and priests are eager to help you if you experience difficulty, hesitation, or uncertainty about approaching the Lord in this sacrament. If you have not received this healing sacrament in a long time, we are ready to welcome you. We, whom Christ has ordained to minister this forgiveness in his name, are also approaching this sacrament, as both penitents and ministers, throughout our lives and at this special moment of grace during Lent. We want to offer ourselves to you as forgiven sinners seeking to serve in the Lord’s name.

During Lent—in addition to the various penitential services during which individual confession takes place—we bishops and priests will be making ourselves available often for the individual celebration of this sacrament. We pray that through the work of the Holy Spirit, all Catholics—clergy and laity—will respond to the call of the New Evangelization to encounter Christ in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of his forgiveness!
This past week our Mentors For Christ Program had its first classroom activity. Mentors worked with their assigned class to teach a Lenten themed activity. Mentors lead a lesson where they shared letters from children around the world who had written to the Pope asking questions, along with Pope Francis’s response. Mentors recreated this experience with their students by writing letters to our Auxiliary Bishop Andrzej Jerzy Zgilewski. These letters will be compiled in a book to be presented to Bishop Andrzej.

Left: Thank you to the 8th Grade and Ms. Sena for hosting our first Lent Prayer Service. We were reminded of how Jesus carries us through the difficult times in our lives.

Right: Thank you to the 4th Grade, Ms. Burke, and Mrs. Conway for hosting our March School Mass. The story of Lazarus and the rich man reminds us of our Ash Wednesday commitment.

We are a Regional Catholic School serving our four parishes: St. Barnabas, Cure of Ars, St. Raphael, St. Frances de Chantal.
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 Adult Volunteers to be Substitutes, Hall Monitors and Attendance/Lobby Aides for our Religious Education program. Please call the office to get more information.

Upcoming Dates in March:
Monday, March 19th - NO Classes
Thursday, March 22nd - NO 4:30 PM Classes
Tuesday, March 27th - NO Classes
Thursday, March 29th - NO Classes - Holy Thursday

What would Jesus do if he were here today?
(Chapter 20)
The Beatitudes as a Path to true Happiness

The purpose of this lesson is to challenge teens to live a life of radical discipleship. Following Jesus—in the footsteps of the saints and through the guidance of the Church—is the surest path to happiness. It is the sure way to become the people God created them to be.

It will not be easy, of course. To be Christian is to be like Christ, who promised that we would endure persecution, just as he did. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake.... Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you”

Conversation Starters
Read the Sermon on the Mount together (Matthew 5:1-12). Which beatitude stands out to you?
Why are the Beatitudes like a pathway to heaven?
What does it mean to be “poor in spirit”?
What did Jesus mean that those who are persecuted are “blessed”? Have you ever felt persecuted for “righteousness” or seen someone else experience this? What happened?

Save the Dates
Level 7, 03/ 21 or 22 Chapter 10
Level 8, 04/ 11 or 04/12, Chapter 21
May 1st Confirmation Rehearsal
May 7th Confirmation with Bishop Robert Coyle

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 stbyouth17@gmail.com
Saint Barnabas the Apostle

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

GRAND PRIZE OF $5,000

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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: ___
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Number of adults attending the party on Saturday, April 21st _____0 _____1 _____2
Parent & Child Program

For children ages 2-3 years old.

Our Time is the perfect way for you and your child to become familiar with the classroom environment while singing songs, doing crafts, reading books, and

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.
For God so loved the world...
John 3:16
Whoever lives by the truth comes into the light.

Match the jigsaw pieces and write in the letters.

Across:
6. To accept something as true, genuine, or real
7. A male child
8. To die or be destroyed
9. To care very deeply for someone
10. A serpent or reptile
11. The period of time from birth to death

Down:
1. Lasting forever, without end
2. Hot, dry area of land with few trees or plants
3. The earth with its inhabitants and all things upon it
4. Received the ten commandments from God
5. Alone in its kind, nothing like it
7. To rescue from danger or harm

Snake Eternal Save Love
Life Son Perish Desert
Only Believe Moses World

Jesus is the light that has come into the world.
Circle the kinds of light.

Son Only Believes Moses Whoever
Perish Him World Moses Lifted
Condemn Snake Loved Eternal Life
Through Gave Send God Save
Jesus taught that the Son of Man must be lifted up so that everyone who believes may have ... what?

Add or subtract words or letters to get the answer. Write the words on the blanks below.

- N + E - A + 1

- ON + F - IR

in Him.

Light has come into the world, but ... everyone who does evil hates the light ... for fear that their deeds will be exposed.

Write the letters from the sources of light on the lines.

Whoever comes into the so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the of God.

What did Jesus say next?

Write the word on the lines to fit the meaning. Transfer the letters to the puzzle lines.

1) Our planet

2) A pal, companion

3) Opposite of take

4) A covenant, oath

5) Color of the sky

6) At all times, continually

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.

Copy the squares into the grid.

John 3:16