St. Barnabas the Apostle
Second Week of Lent

Monday, March 13
6:30 AM  Aunt Mickey
9:00 AM  Teresa Hennessy Scarcella
          Otilia Nagy
          Herman Gorelick

Tuesday, March 14
6:30 AM  Gladys Slavin
9:00 AM  Vincent Sampino

Wednesday, March 15
6:30 AM  Charlie & Ann Klika
9:00 AM  Timothy M. Darwell
          SEAS 4th Grade Attending

Thursday, March 16
6:30 AM  George Donohue
9:00 AM  Danny Gasparro
          SEAS 5th Grade Attending

Friday, March 17
6:30 AM  James Clare
9:00 AM  Esther Grubert & Esther Leahy

Saturday, March 18
8:00 AM  Alfredo Moneta, Maria Monaco
          & Isabel Buonomo
11:00 AM  Wedding:
          John Rezek & Janine Honan
Fr. Kevin  4:30 PM  Edward Nallan
          Courtney Kernaghan
          Raymond Vogts
          Richard Silva
          Michael Spoljaric, Sr.
          Joseph Schmitt
Fr. Adrian  7:00 PM  Robert Young

Sunday, March 19 Third Sunday of Lent
Fr. Kevin  7:00 AM  Patrick & Kathleen Morley
Fr. Charles  9:00 AM  For the People of Our Parish
          Level 3 & 4 Attending
Fr. Kevin  10:15 AM  Cornelius Clifford
Fr. Adrian  10:30 AM  Adeline & Peter Villella, Jr.
          RCIA 1st Scrutiny
Fr. Charles  12:00 PM  Vincent Buonocore
Fr. Adrian  5:00 PM  James Clare

Rev. Adrian McHugh, Pastor
Rev. Charles Omotu
Rev. Kevin Gruber

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Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM;
Friday: 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM;
(Closed Weekdays: 12:30 - 1:30 PM)
Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 to 1:00 PM
Emergency Only: 516-280-0359

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

Confessions Saturday 12:30 PM
Contact the Rectory for information on the Sacraments of Baptism,
Matrimony & Anointing.

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

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Mr. William R. Dione

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Mr. John G. Nappi

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For Spiritual Renewal

Heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent. By the good works You inspire, help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit. Without You I can do nothing. By Your Spirit help me to know what is right and to be eager in doing Your will. Teach me to find new life through penance. Keep me from sin, and help me live by Your commandment of love. God of love, bring me back to You. Send Your Spirit to make me strong in faith and active in good works. May my acts of penance bring me Your forgiveness, open my heart to Your love, and prepare me for the coming feast of the Resurrection of Jesus. Lord, during this Lenten Season, nourish me with Your Word of life and make me one with You in love and prayer. Fill my heart with Your love and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ. Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness. Give me new life by Your Sacraments, especially the Mass. Father, our source of life, I reach out with joy to grasp Your hand; let me walk more readily in Your ways. Guide me in Your gentle mercy, for left to myself I cannot do Your will. Father of love, source of all blessings, help me to pass from my old life of sin to the new life of grace. Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom. I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.

St. Barnabas

Parents Night

March 21st, April 4th
7 PM Holy Family Chapel
Stop Running For One Hour …

March 21st
Lee Hlavacek
Director of Religious Education,
Curé of Ars in Merrick

April 4th
Tony Bellizzi
Retreat Director, Author,
Director of Hope for the Children

‘Catholic Parenting - a fast track to sainthood.’

‘Living Bread, a helpful insight into Eucharist’

Stations of the Cross
1:30 PM
Every Friday
Dramatized by Creative Ministries
April 5th at 8:00 PM
Outdoor Stations
Good Friday
12 Noon

Lent Prayer For Spiritual Renewal

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I’ve told the story before about a young man who came to the door of a monastery with a big, fat duck in his arms. His uncle, who happened to be one of the monks, answered the knock. "Here Uncle Bartholomew, is a gift for you and the other monks." Well, Uncle Bartholomew took and plucked, stuffed, basted and baked that duck and the monks lived high on the bird that night.

Several days later, another knock came on the monastery door. "Hello, I am a friend of the nephew who brought you the big, fat duck. I'm a bit down on my luck, and I wonder if I might impose on you for a bite to eat and a place to sleep for the night?" "Of course, my son, you are most welcome." And that night, he joined the monks for warm duck soup.

A few days later, another knock on the door. "Hi, I'm a friend of the friend of the friend of the nephew who brought the duck. Could I impose on you for a bit of hospitality?" He too was welcomed. That night at dinner he was given a steaming hot bowl of...water. He tasted it, looked up puzzled, and asked: "What is this?" "Well, this is the soup of the soup of the soup of the duck that my nephew brought."

Second-hand, or third or fourth-hand faith ends up being pretty watered down. Living on the faith of the faith of the faith of our parents, grandparents, or our childhood can be pretty bland. It’s the faith that demands ashes and palm but gives nothing in return, no commitment, no discipleship.

But soon, like the disciples, we will have to get back down from the mountain top and go back into the valleys of our every-day life. And those valleys can be very low and dark and scary at times. So cherish your mountain-top experiences and share them with others. And when life is frustrating and discouraging - remember God singled you out, called you to do what you are doing, and that He promised He would see you through, no matter what. It’s your sacred story.
The Week at a Glance

Sunday:
- 10:00 AM Girl Scout Sunday
- 10:00 AM Girl Scout Communion Breakfast
- 1:30 PM Catholic Daughters Bake Sale
- 7:30 PM Knights of Columbus Membership Drive

Monday:
- 7:30 PM We Pray for Our Sick

Tuesday:
- 7:00 PM Baptism Class, Church
- 7:00 PM Family Music, HFC
- 7:30 PM Right to Life Meeting, Rectory

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

Thursday:
- 7:00 PM Contemplative Prayer, Convent
- 7:00 PM Contemplative Prayer, Convent
- 7:00 PM Bible Study, Rectory
- 7:30 PM Al-Anon, School
- 7:30 PM RCIA, Convent
- 8:00 PM Choir Practice, Church

Friday:
- 1:30 PM Stations of the Cross, Church
- 1:30 PM Lectio Divina, Convent
- 7:30 PM Lectio Divina, Convent

Saturday:
- 8:00 AM Men’s Prayer Group, HFC
- 12:30 PM Confessions, Church
- 5:30 PM Parish Irish/Italian Night, School

We Pray For Our Sick

Pauline M. Schlenke
Sanctuary Lamp
In loving memory of Therese P. Bollinger from her family.

We Pray for Our Sick

Nicoletta Russo, Meghan Alice Roach, Stephen Rich, Patrick Hoyne, Don Davis, Rosemary Grandwilliams, Louis Romano, Eugene Ryan, Kristin O’Halloran, Patricia Merget, Theresa Anselmo, Jason Todhunter,
Jacob Daniel Haubeil, John Nalick, Kevin Keegan,
Joyce Caggiano, Robert Volpe, Christina Sumperl,
George Stockerl, Angelo Giglio, Donna Polemini,
Terrie Manderson, Charlie Riiska, Evelyn LaMont,
Dorothy Giannonna, Dr. Lawton Manderson,
Maggie Schmidt, Mario G. Cacace,
Elizabeth Maiorana, Joanne Santarsiero,
Dolores Trimboli, Robert Wright, Cynthia Sumperl,
Jillian K. Yonker, Ed Messemmer, Charles Young,
Mary Beth Novello, Robert Pisano,
Lisa Ann Esposito, Anthony Cammaratta,
Andrzej Okolski, Margaret Meenan,
Sophie Buzzeo, Frank DeVito, Brooke Todhunter,
Christine Newins, Shane Sammartino,
Michelle Hilliwiz, Faith Leahy, John Vasaturo,
Linda Nalick, William Luther, Baby Lucas Spina,
Babies Grayson & Gavin Pierre.

Financial Reports

Catholic Ministries Appeal
- Goal: $106,400
- Donors: 239
- Pledged: $51,294
- Received: $27,020

Second Collection This Week
- The Church in Need

Second Collection Next Week
- Maintenance & Repair

We Pray For Our Deceased

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Parish Families Registered: 5,041
Envelopes Mailed: 1,286
Used 3/5/17: 654
Envelopes Used 3/6/16: 695

Financial Reports

3/6/16: $20,523
3/5/17: $18,255

We Pray For Our Sick

Giving not giving up

When it comes to almsgiving or helping the poor, the Church makes it easy for us through our new Lenten program called “Giving, Not Giving Up”. During the five Sundays of Lent, every household is encouraged to bring their alms to Mass or bring them to the rectory. This act of generosity is a tangible sign of our Lenten efforts to feed the hungry.

- Weekend of March 11/12: Pancake mix, syrup
- Weekend of March 18/19: Ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise (small jars OK), salad dressing
- Weekend of March 25/26: Toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, tissues
- Weekend of April 1/2: Shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid

Please Participate Next Weekend

Banns of Marriage

Jason Cranmer & Karina Rizzo

10:15 Sunday Mass Holy Family Chapel

“Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter. Each life that we encounter is a gift deserving acceptance, respect and love. At the basis of everything is the word of God” Pope Francis’ Lenten message

During Lent at the 10:15 AM Sunday Family Mass in the Holy Family Chapel we will focus on Pope Francis’ message to change our lives as we travel along the Lenten path to Easter.

Paper butterflies that families can personalize and complete with the changes they will make during this Lenten season will be available on the back tables in the Holy Family Chapel.

Each Sunday at the 10:15 AM Family Mass, families can present their completed folded butterflies in the Offertory procession. On Easter Sunday these butterflies will be opened and become part of a special display in the Holy Family Chapel.

There will be a Service for Children on Holy Thursday, April 13th, at 3:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel. Join us for this moving service where children will reenact the Last Supper. Children ages 3 and up are invited to participate as followers of Jesus. Practice will be held on Tuesday, April 11th at 7:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel. Children are also invited to participate as characters in the Outdoor Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 12noon. To participate email stbarnabasfamilyliturgy@gmail.com or sign up by the choir after the 10:15 Mass.
Saint Barnabas Church
Presents
Saint Patrick’s and Saint Joseph’s Day
Celebration
Saturday March 18th
Following the 4:30 Mass
In the SEAS-Thomas Reynolds Gymnasium

$40 per Adult (over 21)
$12 per Teenager (13-20)
Children 12 and under free

Babysitting service available for younger children
Bring the family to 4:30 Mass then come and enjoy
Some Food, Dancing and Family Fun

Irish Food, Italian Food, Beer, Wine and Soda

For Reservations Please Contact
Austin Cannon III or Austin Cannon Jr or Thomas Ancona
516-826-2357      516-221-7186      516-849-7600
Social Ministry Easter Baskets
Social Ministry will begin preparing Easter Food Baskets for many members of our community during the next few 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 the following items:
- Canned Hams
- Instant Potatoes
- Canned Soups & Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Cookies
- Coffee & Tea
- And of course...Easter Candy!
If you can help, please bring these items to church or leave them at the rectory by Sunday, April 2nd. Food cards are also a tremendous help to our families. God bless you for the generous love you always show to those in need.

Operation Rice Bowl
Our parish will again participate in Operation Rice Bowl this Lent. Our Lenten offering to Operation Rice Bowl supports Catholic Relief Services as it works to alleviate human suffering in more than 87 countries. The Rice Bowls and a Lenten Calendar with a daily reflection for Lent can be found at the doors of the church. When Lent ends, the contributions you have saved in your own rice bowl should be returned in check form, made payable to St. Barnabas Church. Please put your donation in an envelope marked RICE BOWL and place it in the collection basket by Palm Sunday, April 9th. Our total donation as a parish will then be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services.

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul
In the Gospel Jesus is transfigured and a voice from heaven said, “this is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: Listen to Him.” Do we listen to Jesus when he asks us to take care of our brothers and sisters who are suffering? We feed the hungry, clothe the naked, touch the down hearted, visit the lonely, encourage the discouraged - bringing the tenderness of Christ to all persons who are destitute and forgotten. In this way Christ touches others.

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

Volunteer Drivers for Veterans Needed
Nassau County provides vehicles to transport residents to/from the Northport VA, East Meadow & Valley Stream Clinics and Hicksville Vet Center. The volunteers are needed from 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Please donate any time. (Valid NYS driver’s licensed required). For information call the Veterans Service Agency at 572-6526.
Catholic Daughters Bake Sale Today
The Catholic Daughters will hold their annual St. Patrick’s Day Bake Sale today March 12th following the 9:00 AM, 10:15 AM, 10:30 AM & 12:00 Noon Masses.

Widows & Widowers Club
Join us on Wednesday, March 15th at 12:30 PM for lunch at Paddy’s Loft, 1286 Hicksville Road, Massapequa. The cost is $28. Please send checks to Dolores Meadows, 2671 Cedar Street, Seaford 11783, no later than March 13th. Contact Dolores at 826-2512 with questions. All are welcome.

Free Senior Citizen Performance
Grand Avenue Middle School, 2301 Grand Ave, Bellmore presents the musical, Fame, on Thursday, March 16th at 11:00 AM. All seniors are invited to attend this free performance.

Camps R Us Open House
An open house will be on Sunday, March 19th; 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon in the school lobby. Since 1993 Camps R Us has offered a private day camp for a fraction of the cost of other camps, and for less than the cost of a babysitter. These award winning camp programs offer the children a diverse summer experience, including sports, arts & crafts, gaming, swimming, bowling, trips, special events and much more. Premier facilities, top-notch staff and unique affordability have earned us the reputation as one of the best summer camps on Long Island. Visit www.campsrus.org or call 935-2267

Camp Veritas
Camp Veritas is a one-week play and pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into 7th - 12th grades. It will be held July 16th - 22nd at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY, July 23rd - 29th at Summit Lake camp in Emmitsburg, MD and August 13th - 19th at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY. Enrollment is open for each week $450. Early bird rates (if paid in by April 1st) are $400 for all sites. There is no additional charge for the dance and basketball program option (at Mount Saint Mary College only). Volunteers (must be over 18 yrs old) are needed and free! www.campveritas.com.

Lent Abstinence and St. Patrick’s Day
All Catholics who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day.

Bishop Barres has given a dispensation from the obligation of abstaining from meat to all Catholics in the Diocese of Rockville Centre on the feast of Saint Patrick (Friday, March 17th). The obligation to abstain meat can be fulfilled on another date or Catholics can adopt another form of penance of the individual’s choosing.

Liturgical Ministry Training
Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: required for all those who are beginning as Ministers.

Session “A” is required of all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to homebound persons are required to attend Session “B” in addition to Session “A”. Session “A” must be attended prior to Session “B”.

In Nassau: EM “A” Session
April 22nd, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
St. Agnes Parish Center, Rockville Centre
In Suffolk: EM “A” Sessions
May 6th, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays
In Nassau: “B” Session for Extraordinary Ministers
May 20th, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
St. Agnes Parish Center, Rockville Centre
In Suffolk: “B” Session for Extraordinary Ministers
May 13th, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays
Evening Sessions for Extraordinary Ministers
St. Elizabeth, Melville
Session “A” -
Wednesday, April 26th, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Session “B” -
Wednesday, May 10th, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Marian Healing Mass
There will be a Healing Mass on Tuesday, March 14th beginning at 7:00 PM at St. Anastasia’s Church, 45-14 245th St., Little Neck. For more information call (718)631 4454.

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

Run for Catholic Education
Join us March 25th for the Run For Tomorrow’s Hope 5k and Fun Run hosted by St. Joseph School in Garden City at 8:30 AM. There will be Mass at 7:30 AM with a special blessing for runners. The course is flat, fast and traffic-free. The race will be professionally timed and is USATF certified. There will be age category awards and a post race festival. Fun for seasoned runner and first timers. Walkers and strollers are welcome. For information or to register visit www.sjspta.com/run.html.

Holy Trinity High School
Are you looking for a change in your high school career? Sign up for Transfer Night on Wednesday March 29th at 7:00 PM. Call 433-2900 ext. 151.

St. Anthony High School
Theater Group
The St. Anthony’s High School Theater Group is presenting The Wizard of Oz on Thursday, March 30th at 7:00 PM, Friday, March 31st at 7:30 PM and Saturday, April 1st at 2:00 PM* and 8:00 PM. Tickets are available for $10 at the door. *$5 for age 12 and under at the 2:00 PM show only. Email questions to LCordina@stanthonyshs.org.

Faith on Tap
All young adults are invited to our next Faith On Tap on Wednesday, March 22nd at Lily Flanagans, 345 Deer Park Avenue in Babylon. The talk begins at 7:30 PM - come early, grab something to eat and drink, meet new friends and reconnect with old friends. The topic this month is Awakening the Faith - Yours and Others! The presenter is Fr. Jim Shelton, Associate Pastor, Good Shepherd Parish, Holbrook. How do we live out the call to be missionary disciples in our every day lives? Do our lives witness the faith to others? Mission is often thought of as going to a third world country, yet our mission to serve and spread the faith is done through our every day lives. Come out and hear how we can be missionaries right here on Long Island!
The Men of the Way of Light
This week's gospel reading tells us of Jesus' Transformation. During Lent, we have the opportunity to transform ourselves into better people, holy people. One way to be transformed is through the Word of God. Please join our St. Barnabas Men's Prayer Group as we explore the ways that the Scripture "Transforms" our lives. Our group is open to all men, aged 16 to 116! We meet every third Saturday in the Holy Family Chapel immediately after the 8:00 AM Mass. Our next meeting will be Saturday, March 18th. Please join us for Christian fellowship and spiritual renewal (and a bagel breakfast!) If you can't, please pray for our group to reach our spiritual goals. For more information contact Fred Kreuder by phone at 987-5350; by email at stbampg@aol.com, or visit our facebook page, "The Way of Light - The St. Barnabas the Apostle Men's Prayer Group"

2017 Antioch Lenten Retreat
This Lenten Season, join the St. Williams Antioch group for two days of stories, music, reflection, prayer, scripture, Mass, delicious food and good company. The retreat will be held at St. William’s School, 2001 Jackson Ave., Seaford on Saturday, April 1st from 8:30 AM - 9:30 PM and Sunday, April 2nd from 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM. The cost for the retreat is $50. Contact Maria at 279-8604 or swfaithformation.org/antioch to register.

What To Do When Disaster Strikes
Prepare, Respond, Recover. The Bellmore Knights of Columbus invite you to a comprehensive overview on how to prepare for natural and man-made disasters and how to respond to and recover from them on Thursday, March 23rd at 8:00 PM. The session will provide information on the types of common disasters, ways to prepare as an individual, family and community member and what to do when disaster strikes. Enjoy coffee and refreshments and receive a free disaster guidebook to help you plan for future disasters. (One copy per household.) There is no fee for this seminar that will take place at the Council Hall, 101 Frederick Avenue. Please call Kenneth Yager at 554-7575 or Alice Witt of St. Barnabas Parish Social Ministry at 785-6243 for more information.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Attention Married Couples!
Love is in the air this spring!
Give your spouse a Marriage Encounter Weekend
Rediscover your love and enhance your hopes and dreams!
This weekend, plant a seed and watch your love grow!!

April 28th to 30th
@ Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
440 W Neck Rd.
Huntington, NY 11743
Space is limited.
For more information about the weekends or to apply call 1-877-697-9963 or visit our web site at http://www.wwme.org
Remember your loved ones, living and deceased, at Easter by having Easter flowers on the altar in their honor. The offering is $15.

To arrange for this, please fill out this form and drop it off at the rectory or in the collection basket.

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Join us for the 12th Annual Divine Mercy Conference!

The Message of Fatima and Divine Mercy: Refuge for Sinners

April 8, 2017
9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Cardinal Spellman High School – Bronx, N.Y.

Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR
Author of Fatima for Today

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SPEAKERS

Msgr. James Lisante
Fr. Chris Alar, MIC
Fr. Giuseppe Siniscalchi, CFR
Bobby Schindler Jr. Terri Schiavo's brother
The Journey, Cross and Crucifixion is a journey back through time. It is an opportunity to walk with Christ and become one with Him and the people who walked with Him. For many who have shared the Journey it is almost as if it were happening now for the first time.

The music, narration, dialogue and poignant silences all add to the power of this prayerful meditation. To be part of The Journey, Cross and Crucifixion is to experience the complete and utter frustration and devastation of Mary, the frustration of Simon, the loneliness and desolation of John, Pilate’s struggle between justice and expediency and the excruciating pain and degradation Jesus suffered on the way to Calvary and His ultimate death on the Cross.

For the past 24 years, the members of Creative Ministries have been presenting this powerful presentation to churches and schools throughout Long Island, leading people of all ages in a powerful prayerful Lenten experience. The troupes are made up of volunteer actors, singers and musicians who use their gifts to bring the Passion Story to life.

On Wednesday, April 5th at 8:00 PM, St. Barnabas Church is sponsoring “The Journey, Cross and Crucifixion, a dramatic presentation of the Stations of the Cross.

All are invited to re-live the Passion of Our Lord as we follow the Stations of the Cross throughout St. Barnabas.
The purpose of this lesson is to convey the reality of sin and its consequences, to instill an aversion to personal sin, and to cultivate a desire to seek the healing power of Christ in Confession in order to achieve deeper conversion and a more intimate walk with God. The Catechism teaches us that Catholics who have reached the “age of discretion” must go to Confession at least once a year or whenever they have committed mortal sin. Confessing venial sin on a regular basis is also recommended by the Church (see CCC 1458). A regular examination of conscience and sacramental Confession are important to personal conversion. It is important to recall that reconciliation is not primarily about punishment, but about re-establishing the unity and intimacy that sin disrupts in our relationships with God and other people.

Conversation After Class

- Tell me how you feel about going to Confession.
- Do you like to go? If not, why not?
- What are some ways we can see God’s “rules” (for example, the Ten Commandments) as ways to make us more rather than less free?
- Why is Confession called a “Sacrament of Healing”?

The purpose of this lesson is to instill a hunger in the heart of your teen to get to know God (and not simply about God) through prayer. As St. Therese of Lisieux observed in her Autobiography, “For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy”.

Our Catholic tradition has many different ways to approach God in prayer, including verbal prayer (both spontaneous and drawn from the treasury of the saints), meditation, and contemplation. Through prayers of blessing and adoration, petition (also called supplication), intercession, thanksgiving, and praise, we experience God both through personal prayer and as a people of God, especially in the liturgy. Have you prayed today?

Conversation After Class

- Do you pray regularly? How and when?
- Why is it important to pray every day and not just when you have a problem?
- What is the difference between knowing God and knowing about him?
- If someone asked you to show them how to pray—say, they had a big problem and needed God to help them—what would you say?
Parent & Child Program

For children ages 2-3 years old. Our Time is a class where a child with a parent can become familiar with the classroom environment while singing songs, doing crafts, reading books, and celebrating God's love together.

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

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

Many thanks to all who expressed their sympathy on the death of our beloved co-worker, Marianne Rolston.

We were blessed to have worked with Marianne and call her our friend. She was a kindhearted, gentle soul who has touched everyone she met. We miss her and will never forget how special she was and the impression she has made in our lives and hearts.

Our thoughts and prayers are with her loving husband Doug and two daughters, Caitlin and Emily, of whom she was so proud.

Those we love don’t go away, they walk beside us every day, unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear.

Sunday, March 19th – 9:00 AM Mass Levels 3 & 4
Sunday, March 26th – 9:00 AM Mass Levels 5 & 6
Thursday, March 30th – Last Thursday Class
Sunday, April 2nd – 9:00 AM Mass Level 1
Monday, April 3rd – Last Monday Class
Tuesday, April 4th – Last Tuesday Class
Wednesday, April 5th – Last Wednesday Class

- We are looking to have the Registration Forms available by the end of March.
- We need volunteers to help with the Religious Education Program and Hall Monitors and Substitute Catechists to cover when someone calls in sick. Contact the Office of Christian Formation 785-0130 for more information.
- Please remember to check the Religious Education website regularly to keep up to date on what’s happening in Religious Education.
Congratulations to March’s Ambassadors of Christ!

Keep your light shining bright!

K-1 Sophia Crosson
K-2 Anthony Rugen
1-1 Frankie Patruno
1-2 Brendan Jewels
2-1 Xavier Small
2-2 Patrick McGoldrick
3-1 Nick Bradbury
3-2 Benjamin Ferris
4-1 Joana DeOliveira
4-2 Ella Szymanski

5-1 Mia LaGattuta
5-2 Ryan Barrett
6-1 Tyler Rodriguez
6-2 Matthew Baller
7-1 Brandon Marmol
8-1 Kellie Sandas

Thank you Father Adrian for celebrating Ash Wednesday with us! Father Adrian spoke to the students about the meaning of Lent and asked them about their Lenten sacrifices. Students decided to sacrifice things like chocolate, video games and arguing with siblings.
Catechist Training for New and Nearly New Catechists

- Are you just starting out in your Catechetical ministry?
- Have you been doing it for a few years and feel like you need some new ideas and new energy?
- Are you willing to spend time with fellow Catechists?
- Do you believe we “learn something new every day?”

Come join us and other Catechists for four, 2.5 hour sessions and leave with ideas, materials and a new outlook toward your ministry.

Topics will include:

- What and who is a Catechist?
- What is my understanding of the Catholic teachings?
- How do I plan a Catechetical Session?

Instructors:

Sessions in English
Ellen Zafonte, Associate Director, Children and Youth, Office of Faith Formation, Diocese of Rockville Centre

Sessions in Spanish
Diana Pizarro, Associate Director, Faith Formation of the Spanish-Speaking Population, Office of Faith Formation, Diocese of Rockville Centre

Location
St. Joseph Parish (School Building)
39 N Carll Ave, Babylon, NY 11702

Cost
$20.00 per person
RSVP by February 27, 2017

Dates
Monday evenings : March 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2017
7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

For more information please visit www.drvc-faith.org or contact Ellen Zafonte 516-678-5800 ext. 506 or email: ezafonte@drvc.org

Please forward the completed registration form along with a check payable to Office of Faith Formation.
Mail to: Debbie Coyne, Diocese of Rockville Centre, P.O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023.

Name ____________________________ Phone ____________________________
Address _______________________________________________ City/Zip ____________________________
Parish / Parish Town _______________________________________________
Email __________________________________________________________
Check enclosed for $ ____________________________
Facilitator training builds on the foundation for understanding the general principles of Bereavement Ministry.

This course will instruct on:

- Role of Facilitator
- Dynamics & Overview of Bereavement Process
- Listening & Communication Skills
- Grief Management Skills

For the development and training of teams or individuals so they may provide the parish with a ministry to the bereaved. Also ideal for new volunteers in existing ministry.

**Location:**
St Mary's Parish
White House Conference Room
20 Harrison Ave, East Islip, NY 11730

**Cost:**
$50.00 per person

**Day/Dates:**
Saturdays, March 11 and 18, 2017
9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Attendance is required at both sessions.

**Presenters:**
Margaret Peterson, RN, MS

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Advanced Registration is required.
Register online at drvc-faith.org/bereavement or by filling out the form below

Attendance is required at both sessions. Please bring a brown bag lunch with a refreshment.

Please forward the completed registration form along with a check payable to Office of Faith Formation.
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Name(s) ___________________________________________ Parish __________________________
Address ___________________________________________ Town __________________________
Phone _____________________________________________ Email Address ________________
Registration Fee ________________________________

Bereavement Ministry I March 2017
US Army:

National Guard:

US Navy:

US Marines:

US Air Force:
Capt. McLean G. Bethea, Nicholas P. Wright, Rev. Major Timothy Hirten

US Merchant Marine:
Lt. J.G. Eric Stumpel.

US Coast Guard:

US Peace Corps:
Patrick Coons

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND
Hosted by Fr. Kevin Gruber

10 DAYS: NOVEMBER 12-21, 2017

$3529 from NEW YORK
(air/land tour price is $3529 plus $700 gov’t taxes/airline surcharges)

12 DAY SPAIN PILGRIMAGE WITH FATIMA & LOURDES
Contact Sr. Karen Landemann
Tel: 516 221 9096 516 673 6709

SEPTEMBER 11-22, 2017

$3179 FROM NEW YORK
(air/land tour price is $2579 plus $650 gov’t taxes/airline surcharges)
Across

1. Lent continues until _____ ______.
5. The Church gives us ______ weeks of Lent to prepare for Easter.
8. The day Lent begins.
9. The liturgical color for Lent is ______.
10. Lent is the time that we prepare for Jesus’ ______________.
11. Giving to the poor.

Down

2. To go without.
3. Easter celebrates the ________ Mystery, the mystery of our dying to sin and rising with Christ to the new life of grace.
4. We open our hearts to God’s love by the Lenten practices of ________.
6. Lent is a time of ________.
7. Going without food.
A voice from a cloud said ...

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“TH____S____S

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Jesus took Peter, James and John to a mountain.

Follow the path to the mountain.

Jesus shone like the sun and His clothes became white as light.

Circle 5 differences in the 2nd picture.

Connect the dots.

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