Encounter at the Well
Monday, March 20  St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6:30 AM In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph
9:00 AM Deacon Tom Coleman
        Julie Pinieiro
        Danielle Aranda
        Jose Rivera
        SEAS 6th Grade Attending

Tuesday, March 21
6:30 AM William Wright
9:00 AM Epifania Reyes

Wednesday, March 22
6:30 AM Pauline Schlenke
9:00 AM Ralph Faiella
        SEAS 8th Grade Attending

Thursday, March 23
6:30 AM Frances & Rocco Anthony Gasparre
9:00 AM Carl & Dolly Nobile

Friday, March 24
6:30 AM Rosa Zuniga
9:00 AM Maria Borowski
5:00 PM Wedding:
        Mark Minero & Patricia Torre

Saturday, March 25  The Annunciation of the Lord
8:00 AM Joseph Agostinacchio
Fr. Kevin 4:30 PM Raymond Vogts
        Joseph Schmitt
        Franklin Reid
        Marianne Zettwuch
        Walter Gies
        Peter Meenan
Fr. Charles 7:00 PM Joan Gallagher and
        William & Katherine Finnen

Sunday, March 26  Fourth Sunday of Lent
Fr. Adrian 7:00 AM For the People of Our Parish
Fr. Kevin 9:00 AM Luigi & Lucia DiMeglia
        Level 5 & 6 Attending
Fr. Adrian 10:15 AM Sophia Maglione
Fr. Charles 10:30 AM Brian Dione
Fr. Kevin 12:00 PM Thomas Pirog
        RCIA 2nd Scrutiny
Fr. Charles 5:00 PM Brian Sammons
‘GIVE ME A DRINK’

―We must always walk in the presence of the Lord, in the light of the Lord… those who walk in the light have a presence of God inside of them. It is seen in the way they act, speak, treat family, work and think about life.‖

Catholic Ministries Appeal

Today we will watch a special Catholic Ministries Appeal video presentation.

This video offers testimony from individuals who are served by some of the ministries supported by the annual Appeal.

You will see and hear their stories, and learn what CMA means to:

- the newly ordained priest, Fr. Jiha Lim,
- a military family who is served by a parish social ministry program,
- young people involved in a vibrant youth ministry program,
- a resident of Catholic Charities Regina house,
- and Mrs. Alice Witt from our own St. Barnabas Social Ministry.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has called each of us to imitate Jesus’ love and compassion for those in need. As members of the larger Church we have the opportunity to act on this call through the Catholic Ministries Appeal which serves and supports more than 600,000 people each year on Long Island, many of them in our own community.

Our goal last year was $107,900. St. Barnabas contributed 115% of that amount. This year our goal is $106,400. Already over $61,000 has been pledged by 283 donors, which is 57% of our parish goal.

Please consider giving a gift to the 2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal. If everyone in our Parish contributed, we would make our goal and receive 20% back to the Parish.

For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org
What was Jesus doing in Samaria? Didn’t he know that Jews and Samaritans had a long-standing and deep animosity toward each other?

Tired and thirsty, he stopped at a well in a town called Sychar. It’s Jacob’s well, which had been there for centuries, and still exists today. Jesus stops for a drink. But He had two problems. For one thing, He had no means to draw water. He had no bucket to lower empty and raise full, and the well was deep. And, secondly, it was the wrong time of day. It was noon. The women of the village would go to the well early in the morning, to collect the water their households would need that day. But Jesus is at the well at noon, without a bucket, with no one in sight, and he’s thirsty.

Well, whether he expected it or not, someone else did show up at the well. It was a woman, a woman who had come at an unusual hour. John tells us that there are reasons for that — she had character issues which prevented her from going at the same time of day as the respectable women of the town.

Jesus, violating all conventions of the day, speaks to her and asks for a drink. And a remarkable conversation follows! He starts talking about ‘living water,’ that will quench all thirst for good. Then He asks the woman to bring her husband, and she responds by disclosing that she’s had almost as many husbands as Elizabeth Taylor. We aren’t told whether she’s been widowed five times, or whether she had been divorced or why. Whatever the reasons, she has been married five times, and now she’s with a man to whom she is not married. That’s why she must go to the well later in the day; she’s been shunned by the others in the village.

The topic of their conversation shifts again from marriage, to religion. They discuss the differences between Jews and Samaritans.

At the end of this exchange, the woman professes her conviction that the Messiah will be coming, and Jesus responds ‘I am He’.

In spite of her lack of credibility in the village, the woman runs off to tell the townspeople about her remarkable conversation with a remarkable man and wonders, ‘He couldn’t be the Messiah, could he?’ The townspeople come and see for themselves — and declare that Jesus is no less than ‘the Savior of the world!’ The Savior of the world stopped in Samaria that day, and changed the lives of a woman and others in her village.

Isn’t it amazing what happened, just because Jesus met a woman at the well and gave her a drink of the water of life? Jesus wants to do the same for us. Jesus wants to meet us where we are, invite us to go deeper with Him, receive a drink from the living water that He offers, and rejoice that we too have met the Messiah, the Savior of the world.

The amazing story of Jesus and the woman at the well makes it clear what Jesus can do when we meet at the well, the well where our faith is renewed and deepened in profound moments of prayer. The well where we witness God producing new life and new growth in another person’s life. Or the well of the sick-beds and death-beds of others, where God’s promises were heard, celebrated, and embraced. Jesus shows up, when we don’t expect him, just like He did for the woman at the well. That’s what He does, you know. He goes to the well, and meets us there. And we discover an amazing thing. He is Messiah. He is Savior of the world. And the water Jesus gives will satisfy our deepest thirst.
The Week at a Glance

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We Pray For Our Sick


Financial Reports

Catholic Ministries Appeal
Goal: $106,400
Donors: 283
Pledged: $61,544
Received: $32,570

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Second Collection This Week
Maintenance & Repair

Second Collection Next Week
Catholic Relief Services

3/13/16: $15,240
3/12/17: $16,902

Parish Families Registered: 5,041
Envelopes Mailed: 1,286 Used 3/12/17: 580
Envelopes Used 3/13/16: 594
Dear Friends:

During the special Lenten season, please allow me to share a special request with you. If you have never contributed to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, or if you haven’t contributed in a number of years, please consider making this the year that you join with me and other members of this Parish family and make a donation to the 2017 Appeal.

As you may already be aware, 100% of all the money raised by this fund helps support more than 60 programs and services that the people of our church as well as all of the people on Long Island have come to rely on.

These programs include services to people in need; affordable housing for senior citizens; people with disabilities and our veterans, as well as formation of our priests, deacons, lay leaders, and young people. These are just a few of the programs that help make our church and this Island a vibrant and wonderful place to live.

But to help ensure that we can always serve those who come to us for aid, support and spiritual guidance, we need help from you!

If 100 of our parishioners, who have not supported us in the recent past, made a $25 contribution this year – think about how many more people we could help. If that amount is more than you can manage, consider $5 or $10. Every gift counts and makes a difference in the lives of others!

Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish ___________________________ Pledge: $_____
Name ___________________________ Down payment: $_____

Address ___________________________
City, State, Zip: _______________________

Phone: ___________________________  Signature: __________________ Date: ________
St. Barnabas

Parents Night

7PM Holy Family Chapel          Refresh Your Heart

March 21st — Lee Hlavacek
‘Catholic Parenting -
a fast track to sainthood.’

April 4th — Tony Bellizzi
‘Living Bread,
Insight into Eucharist’

Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Aiello
Ms. Linda Memoli
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Andreassi
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Messano
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Bonanno
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Molz
Ms. Marguerite Cracco
Mr. & Mrs. Jean Navarre
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel DeRoia
Ms. Samantha Nobile
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Dillworth
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Piegare
Ms. Jessica Whittaker

Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Greef
Mrs. Valerie Redman
Ms. Lois Greewe
Mr. & Mrs. James Seder
Ms. Marianne Hughes
Mr. Dennis Slavin
Mr. & Mrs. Corey T. Italiano
Ms. Eileen Tatje
Ms. Kara Kerley
Ms. Anna Tobin
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher M. Kiefel
Ms. Misel Vidas
Mr. & Mrs. Paul McNamara, Jr.
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.

Eucharistic 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

RCIA News
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 masses will be March 19th at 10:30 AM, March 26th at 12 Noon, and April 2nd at 9:00 AM. Please continue to pray for our RCIA Candidates and Elect.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will take place on Saturday, March 25th following the 8:00 AM Mass.

This Sacrament is sometimes misunderstood. For a long time, the prayers and anointing were usually reserved for extreme situations, especially where a person was considered to be near death. Now the Church encourages all those who become ill, either suddenly or chronically, to receive the sacrament. The norms of the Catholic Church state that Anointing of the Sick is a sacrament which gives one grace, strength, peace and courage to overcome the difficulties that are associated with illness and dying. “Illness can lead to anguish, self-absorption, sometimes even despair and revolt against God. It can also make a person more mature, helping him discern in his life what is not essential so that he can turn toward that which is. Very often illness provokes a search for God and a return to Him.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 1501.)

Anointing of the Sick is a gift of the Holy Spirit that creates a union with the Passion of Christ (Jesus’ suffering of the cross). Just as Christ suffered and was glorified, one also receives grace through suffering, a consequence of original sin, so that there is healing of the soul. It is a preparation for the final journey to heaven, mostly for those that suffer from serious or terminal illness and infirmity.

Most parishes have a Mass when the Sacrament is made available to parishioners who are ill or elderly or facing a serious operation. It can be repeatedly given to someone if his/her condition becomes worse as well as for the elderly whose frailty becomes worse. The church allows a person to be anointed if their condition/illness is cured and then returns.

In parishes that celebrate a monthly anointing of the sick, frequently the same individuals request to be anointed. The sacrament is not nor has it ever been intended to be a pious practice or devotion.
Baptismal Preparation Team Members

The Baptismal Preparation Team is in need of more members. Baptismal Preparation is a very important ministry in the Church. Often the Team Member is the first face of the Church that the family meets. It is a ministry of welcome. We not only welcome the new born into the Church, we welcome the family into our Parish Family.

Your involvement would include a monthly attendance at a Baptismal ceremony to assist in facilitating the celebration of the sacrament and welcoming the parents as they arrive. You would arrive prior to the ceremony, and set up for the ceremony involving turning on lights, setting out the oils used for the ceremony, the candles and the baptismal bibs. You would then assist the celebrant by having ready those items as they are needed.

Additionally Baptismal Team Members share their faith with the families presenting a child for baptism. This part of the team membership requires further training and readiness on the part of the presenter. We would want you to feel comfortable and ready before sharing with the Baptismal parents and godparents. For further information, or to volunteer, call Fr. Kevin at the rectory office.

Friendly Seniors

The Friendly Seniors will meet on Tuesday, March 21st at 1:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel..

Widows, Widowers, Divorced & Single Catholics of Long Island

New member orientation and meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 22nd at 7:30 PM at St. Frances De Chantal School in Wantagh. For information call Carol at 794-4933.

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.

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 tells us “Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst” Thirst is metaphor for conversion. “Christ is the gift of God” who gives us the “Living Water” of his own preaching, dying and rising”. Though your almsgiving you are doing the will of the Father and finishing the work of Jesus. A sure way for a Christian to grow rapidly in holiness is a conscientious effort to carry out God’s will in all circumstances. Pray for the poor and needy.

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. For information call the Veterans Service Agency at 572-6526.

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.

Camps R Us Open House Today
An open house will be held today, 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. Visit the open house or go to www.campsrus.org or call 935-2267 for more information.

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.

St. Mary’s Summer Camps

Catholic Girls Scout Awards
Brownies who earned their Girl Scout Religious Medals received them at the 9:00 AM Mass this past Sunday. Congratulations to Emily Bilato, Isabella Crowe, Kyla Friel, Morgan Garvey, and Bridget LaClaus on receiving their Ave Maria Medals and to Kerri Callahan, Sophia Fascianella, Gabriella Garcia, Alanna Pepe, Lauren Reyes, and Natalie Tomei on receiving their Family of God Medals. Juniors and Cadettes will receive their medals from Bishop Brennan at the annual Girl Scout Convocation on May 7th.

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 Theatre 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.

St. Dominic High School Theatre Group
St. Dominic High School (110 Anstice Street Oyster Bay) will be presenting *Almost, Maine* a play by John Cariani on Saturday, April 1st at 7:30 PM and Sunday, April 2nd at 2:30 PM in the St. Dominic Auditorium. General Admission is $10. For information call 922-4888 ext 5315.

Faith Day at Citi Field
Join the Mets & Times Square Church at Citi Field for a day of baseball followed by praise and worship! Saturday, August 5th, NY Mets vs. Los Angeles Dodgers at 4:05 PM. Immediately following the game we invite you to join us for a worship service performed by the Times Square Church, a faith-based message delivered by their Pastor Carter Conlon and testimonials by Mets Players! The service begins approximately twenty minutes after the final out of the game. Guests are then encouraged to move to Field Level on the Third Base side for the service. Game seat options include; Promenade Outfield - $25, Promenade Reserved - $37, Bud Light Landing - $49 and Baseline Box - $70. To purchase tickets visit: Mets.Com/faith. For groups of 15+ or for additional information please call (718)507-8499 or visit GroupSales@nymets.com. A portion of every ticket purchased will also be going towards Feed New York.

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 swafaithformation.org/antioch to register.

Fifth Annual Women’s Conference
The Voice of Catholic Women. The Fifth Annual Women’s Conference presented by the Office of Faith Formation of the Diocese of Rockville Centre will take place on Saturday, April 8th at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Road in Huntington starting with registration at 9:00 AM. The day will include Morning Prayer in the Chapel, presentations, conversations, a festive luncheon. The offering is $25. For more information and to register, please visit www.drvc.org.

Pasta Dinner & Chinese Auction
Please support the 19th Annual Celebrate life Fundraiser on Sunday, April 2nd, 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM at Our Lady of Grace Parish (666 Albin Ave. West Babylon). The cost is $15 and include dinner, beer, wine/soda. The guest speaker is Msgr. James Vlaun of Telecare. Proceeds will benefit the Life Center of Long Island. For information call 983-1205 or 586-0883.

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? Come and hear how we can be missionaries right here on Long Island!

Regular Sacrificial Giving
Please be aware that you can contribute to St. Barnabas with on-line banking and bill paying services. Call the rectory office to request the service. You will be asked to send a check to St. Barnabas with your weekly collection donation indicated. Include your Name, Address & Envelope Number. Each week this amount will be credited to your account. This eliminates using weekly envelopes and guarantees that your donation will be received regularly. Thank you.
‘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 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

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!

Bring these items to Church or leave them at the rectory by Sunday, April 2nd. Food cards are also a help to our families. May God bless you for your kindness.

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.
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.
“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. Children ages 3 and up are invited to reenact the Last Supper 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.

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**Altar Server Training**

Training is scheduled to begin soon. If you are in the 4th grade or higher, and would like to serve as an Altar Server please call Fr. Charles at 785-0054 or email charlesomotu@yahoo.com.

Name: ___________________________
Grade: __________
Phone #: _________________________
Parent’s Names: _________________

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**Stations of the Cross**

1:30 PM Every Friday

Creative Ministries
April 5th at 8:00 PM

Outdoor Children & Adults
Good Friday 12 Noon

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**Easter Changes Everything**

**Palm Sunday** April 9

**Holy Thursday** April 13
Children’s Service 3PM
Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:30PM

**Good Friday** April 14
The Lord’s Passion 3PM
Seven Last Words 7:30PM

**Holy Saturday** April 15
Vigil 7:30PM

**Easter Sunday** April 16
7, 9, 10:15, 10:30 AM
12NOON
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?

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; he also uses the sacrament to bring about spiritual healing and, when it is God’s will, physical healing as well. 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 (see CCC 1505.)

Conversation After Class
- What are some ways God can bring good out of suffering? (When we suffer, we can invite God into our pain. This allows us to grow in deeper union with him and gives us tremendous grace to grow spiritually.) Have you ever had an experience like this?
- How does the Anointing of the Sick help those who receive it? (It gives them strength, prepares them for the next life, and gives them spiritual and sometimes even physical healing.)
- What would you say to someone whose suffering made it hard to believe God loves him or her? (Jesus, who died an excruciating death on a cross for us, never promised us freedom from suffering; he promised us his presence in our suffering.)
Sunday, March 26th – 9:00 AM Mass Levels 5 & 6
Thursday, March 30th – Last Thursday Class
Sunday, April 2nd – 9:00am 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.

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This week all the students attended an assembly that empowered them against bullies. The assembly emphasized the importance of not being a bystander to bullying.

Family Bingo Night
Thank you to the volunteers, those who donated, and those who attended! It was a great night of family fun!

Happy Saint Patrick’s Day!
Thank you to the 8th Grade for leading our first Lenten prayer service. You did a fantastic job!
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Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR
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Help the woman get to the well.

Match the letters.

Messiah

ACROSS
3. A deep hole in the ground from which we get water
5. The one expected to come and save the world
6. To take in liquid through the mouth
7. The need or desire to drink something, especially water

DOWN
1. The man to whom a woman is married
2. A person who tells what will happen in the future
3. An adult female
4. A clear, colorless liquid which is necessary for life

PROPHET
WOMAN
THIRST
WATER
DRINK
HUSBAND
WELL
MESSIAH
Fit the words from the box into the crossword puzzle. Then transfer them to the correct lines and read the story.

**ASK**  **GIFT**  **LIVING**

**JEW**  **WELL**  **THIRSTY**

**GOD**  **DRINK**  **THIRSTY**

**DEEP**  **WATER**  **ANSWERED**

**DRAW**  **WOMAN**  **Samaritan**

Jesus said, “Will you give Me a _________?”

The ___________ __________ said to Him,

“You are a ______ and I am a __________ __________. How can You __________ me for a _______?” Jesus said, “If you knew the __________ of _______ and who it is that asks you for a ________, you would have asked Him and He would have given you _________ _________.” The __________ said, “You have nothing to __________ with and the __________ is _________.” Jesus __________, “Everyone who drinks this _________ will be ________ again, but whoever drinks the _________ I give them will never ________.”