LET'S GROW TOGETHER

You don't have to do this alone.

March 24, 2019
Sunday Readings Hymnal #816
St. Barnabas the Apostle
Third Week of Lent

Monday, March 25
Fr. Michael 6:30 AM  The Annunciation of the Lord
Fr. Kevin 9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Schmitt and Grogan Families
Intentions of St. Barnabas Members of Widows and Widowers
Gerard Mullins

Tuesday, March 26
Fr. Kevin 6:30 AM Charles Thomas
Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM Brian Dione

Wednesday, March 27
Fr. Adrian 6:30 AM Dominic Saracen
Fr. Michael 9:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of the Robinson and Wupper Families

Thursday, March 28
Fr. Kevin 6:30 AM Charlie and Ann Klika
Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM Edward J. Walsh

Friday, March 29
Fr. Adrian 6:30 AM Kathy Gardner
Fr. Michael 9:00 AM Tom Kiley

Saturday, March 30
Fr. Adrian 8:00 AM Konstantine Bogdanos
Fr. Michael 4:30 PM Joseph T. DePuy
Raymond Vogts
Robert Gleason
Hedwig Kulig
Jack Young
James S. Gillen, Sr.

Fr. Kevin 7:00 PM Kellie C. Lescoe

Sunday, March 31
Fr. Michael 7:00 AM Fourth Sunday of Lent
Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM Carl DePasquale
Fr. Michael 10:15 AM Connie Franzone
Fr. Kevin 10:30 AM Virginia Kerkvoorde
Fr. Adrian 12:00 PM Peter and Adeline Villella, Jr.
Fr. Kevin 5:00 PM For the People of Our Parish
Carol Jester

To place a notice in our Bulletin email stbapostle@gmail.com.
To place an advertisement on our cover call The Church Bulletin at (631) 249-4994.
Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will bring over 150 relics, some as old as 2,000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the “Little Flower”), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. In addition, there will also be a present portion of the veil of Our Lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. In the Church’s history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed.

Please do not miss this opportunity.

You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.

Join us at St. Barnabas Parish on Thursday, March 28th at 7:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel.
Growing together

What’s Pastor Thinking

In today’s gospel some people come to Jesus and comment on an outrageous act of horror committed by Pilate. They want Him to join them in railing against the source of their terror. Maybe they want Him to rile the mob into a riot and overthrow the Roman occupation force. Instead, Jesus reminds them that they could have been among those killed by Pilate. Instead of dying that same day, the survivors were given a new day to choose how to live.

He then reminds them of a construction accident in Jerusalem where 18 men died. There are and always have been freak accidents in which no one person is at fault, but lives are lost nonetheless, an accident that could happen to any of them or any of us.

Jesus reminds them that they are given the gift of life today as a new opportunity to serve God and to glorify God. Rather than rail against the political powers or military soldiers or terrorist networks, Jesus says in effect, ‘Make sure you are ready when YOUR final day arrives.’ And the best way to do that is to confess your own sins rather than the sins of others, and to repent of your own behavior rather than railing against the behavior of others.

The parable of the fig tree serves as a reminder that the Day of Judgment will come for each of us. Jesus is pleading with God to postpone that day, but it cannot be put off forever. ‘So,’ Jesus says, ‘Use today wisely. Search your own souls and confess any sin that may reside there.’ And should you be in a fatal car accident on your way home from Church or discover a fast growing, non-treatable cancer on Tuesday, you can face it with the assurance that God’s forgiveness is already yours. That can only happen when we begin and end each day confessing our sins and repenting of our sinful nature. You’ll never quite be the same!
We Pray for Our Deceased
Marta Rivera
Robert Dietz

Bread and Wine
Is offered in memory of Sr. Ann McKeon from Tom Reilly.

Sanctuary Lamp
Is lit in memory of Sr. Ann McKeon from Tom Reilly.

Sisters of St. Barnabas Intention
That each of us learn from Mary how to respond to the Holy Spirit and recognize the miracle of God in ourselves.

We Pray for Our Sick

The Week Ahead

Sunday:
10:30 AM RCIA First Scrutiny
12:00 PM Anointing of the Sick, Church
7:30 PM Al-Anon, S. Cafeteria

Monday:
7:30 PM Charismatic Prayer Group, HFC

Tuesday:
7:00 PM Christ Life, HFC
7:00 PM Parent Speaker, Church

Wednesday:
7:00 PM Al-Anon, Rectory
7:00 PM RCIA, Convent Room
7:30 PM Choir, Church

Thursday:
7:00 PM Sacred Relics of the Saints, HFC
7:00 PM Bible Study, Rectory

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

Saturday:
10:00 AM Girls Scout Daisy Day, N. Cafeteria
12:30 PM Confession

Our Finances
3/17/19: $16,497
3/18/18: $16,565

Parish Families Registered: 5,045
Envelopes Mailed: 1,482
Used: 3/17/19: 575
3/18/18: 557

Catholic Ministries Appeal
Goal: $108,900 Donors: 247
Pledged: $56,262
Received: $36,862

Special Collections
This Weekend - Maintenance & Repair
March 31st - Catholic Relief Services
Dear Friends,

As your pastor, it is my obligation each year to report to parishioners, the financial life of our parish. Here you will find a two-year comparison of the fiscal years 2017 and 2018. As you can see it costs almost $2 MILLION each year to run our parish. The good news is that each year we have covered our expenses and have completed all our projects. How do we survive with such high operating expenses? Well, there are two sources of income. The first source comes from the activities that take place at St. Barnabas. These include the fees we receive from Religious Education and all Church events and services, such as Weddings etc. Fundraising events, such as the Reverse Raffle to fund repairs in the Convent, also add to this revenue. This year we also received some very generous bequests, which added to the financial strength of the parish.

The second largest source of income is our Sunday collection. This increased by approximately $5,000 from last year. Thank you so much for your generosity! However, as we continue to grow and offer more opportunities for Evangelization (parish mission, evening talks for parents reflections, etc.), Education (training, small groups, Religious Education, Youth Ministry, etc.) and Encouragement (Social ministry assistance to the poor, etc.), our financial needs will increase.

The three largest areas of operating expenses are salaries, assessments and repairs. Salaries remain at half of the amount received in the collection. The assessments we pay include the diocesan assessment, which goes towards the running costs of the diocese. Our current assessment is 7.4% of our collections. We also pay a school subsidy 10% of our collections. Repairs and Maintenance is of huge importance as we are responsible for a beautiful Church building and other functional buildings. Thanks to a generous donation from Mr. Tom Reilly, and donations from the friends and family of the late John Preputnik, we plan to carry out a needed reordering of the Sanctuary. We plan to return the tabernacle to the sanctuary, behind the altar, and to place the baptism font to the right of the sanctuary, where the tabernacle now sits. The statue of St. Joseph will also be placed there. Many thanks to our very generous sponsors. You will hear more about this project in the near future.

It takes approximately $38,000 each week to run our parish. While there are 5,000 families registered, just over 2,000 people attend Mass weekly, and less than 600 use our collection envelopes. Weekend collections contribute on average $16,000 each week, which means a huge responsibility is placed on our regular Mass attenders. We are committed to continue the mission of St. Barnabas - to Encourage, Evangelize and Educate our members. Please encourage your neighbors and family, who may not attend Mass regularly, to consider taking a step in stewardship. This is YOUR church. Make sure to return your envelope or subscribe to Direct Debit Giving. The Direct Debit Giving option from your bank account is secure, you can set up recurring deductions so you won’t miss a Sunday offering, and you do not have to bother writing a check. Thank you for your continued generosity and support for our Parish.

May Almighty God bless you and all those you love,

Fr. Adrian
Church of St. Barnabas the Apostle
Profit & Loss Statement
For the Fiscal Years Ended August 31, 2018 and August 31, 2017

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<th>Ordinary Income/Expense</th>
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<td>3495 - Total Auxiliary Revenue</td>
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<td>3895 - Total Extraordinary Revenue</td>
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Footnotes:

1. Total Auxiliary Revenue for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2017 has been restated to reflect an overstatement of income related to a bequest previously recognized as income.

2. The parish was the beneficiary of a few, very generous, one-time donations and bequests during the fiscal year ended August 31, 2017.

3. Auxiliary Expenditures includes, among other items, the assessments due to the Diocese. Fiscal 2018 assessments include amounts owed on the bequests and donations received during fiscal 2017.

4. Non Operating Expenditure for fiscal 2018 includes the purchase of the parish truck and upgrade of the sound system. These expenditures were made possible by the generous bequests and donations received during fiscal 2017.
## Season of Lent

**REPTONANCE, ALMSGIVING, AND SELF-DENIAL**

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<td>Thursday, March 28th at 7:00 PM</td>
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<td><strong>CREATIVE MINISTRIES</strong></td>
<td>Wednesday, April 3rd at 8:00 PM</td>
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| **PARENTS TALK**                                                     | Seeing Your Child Through God’s Eyes  
Speaker: Jennifer Menneci  
Tuesdays, March 26th  
April 2nd at 7:00 PM |
| **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**                                            | Fridays 1:30 PM                   |
| **RECONCILIATION**                                                   | Saturdays 12:30 PM                |
| **HOLY WEEK APRIL 14th - 21st**                                      |                                   |
| **PALM SUNDAY**                                                      | April 14th                        |
| **HOLY THURSDAY**                                                    | April 18th                        |
| Morning Prayer 9:00 AM                                              |                                   |
| Children’s Service 3:00 PM                                          |                                   |
| Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:30 PM                                   |                                   |
| **GOOD FRIDAY**                                                      | April 19th                        |
| Morning Prayer 9:00 AM                                              |                                   |
| Outdoor Stations 12:00 PM                                           |                                   |
| The Lord’s Passion 3:00 PM                                          |                                   |
| Evening Service 7:30 PM                                             |                                   |
| **HOLY SATURDAY**                                                    | April 20th                        |
| Morning Prayer 9:00 AM                                              |                                   |
| Reconciliation 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM                                 |                                   |
| Easter Vigil 7:30 PM                                                |                                   |
| **EASTER SUNDAY**                                                    | April 21st                        |
| 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:15 AM, 10:30 PM, 12:00 PM                      |                                   |
| **PARISH APP**                                                       |                                   |
| Download the app at myparishapp.com                                  |                                   |
| **FORMED**                                                           | Free to join at stbarnabasny.formed.org. |
RCIA at St. Barnabas

During Lent, our Candidates and Catechumens enter the Period of Purification and Enlightenment. On Saturday, March 9th, at the 4:30 PM Mass, the parish participated in the Rite of Sending these men and women to the Bishop for Diocesan recognition.

Our Catechumens, Miranda Awe, Bonnie Connors, Rich Jacobsen, Karl Seman, Molly Maroney and Suzanne Villani signed their names in the Book of Enrollment for the Elect at the Rite of Election on Saturday, March 9 at 7:30 PM at St. Christopher in Baldwin. On March 17th, at 10:30 AM, Deborah Savours participated in the Call to Continuing Conversion here at St. Barnabas.

The Scrutinies are celebrated throughout the world on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent. Here at St. Barnabas the Masses are on March 24th at 10:30 AM, March 30th at 12:00 PM and April 7th at 9:00 AM. Please keep these people in your prayers as they continue their journey toward the Easter reception of the sacraments.

Catechumens

"First, the name of the Trinity—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit—is invoked upon the catechumen. Thus, from the outset, a synthesis of the journey of faith is provided. The God who called Abraham and wished to be called his God, the God who revealed his name to Moses, the God who, in giving us his Son, revealed fully the mystery of his Name, now bestows upon the baptized a new filial identity." (Lumen Fidei, no. 42)

This Lent, you may see people preparing for baptism and initiation into the Church. These people, called Catechumens, are on a journey of spiritual growth. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the formal process that guides that journey, and during Lent, there are particular markers along that road.

On some of the Sundays of Lent, the catechumens are presented with the Lord’s Prayer and the Creed. They are also asked to publicly give witness to their desire for full communion with the Church, through rites that have the somewhat intimidating name of “Scrutinies.” These scrutinations usually happen at a Sunday mass, in front of the assembled congregation.

It may seem odd, but the catechumens are usually dismissed from the mass after the homily. Since they don’t yet participate in the celebration of the Eucharist, they are dismissed to study the word of God and to continue their preparation for baptism and initiation.

In most places, the catechumens will be received into the Church during the Easter Vigil. Because they are becoming Catholic as adults, they generally receive all of the sacraments of initiation at once: they are baptized, confirmed, and receive their first Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.
Journey, Cross and Crucifixion

*Journey, Cross and Crucifixion* is an opportunity to become one with Christ and the people who walked with Him. For many who have shared the Journey it is almost as if it were happening now for the first time. The music, narration, dialogue and poignant silences all add to the power of this prayerful meditation. To be part of *The Journey, Cross, and Crucifixion* is to experience the complete and utter frustration and devastation of Mary, the frustration of Simon, the loneliness and desolation of John, Pilate’s struggle between justice and expediency and the excruciating pain and degradation Jesus suffered on the way to Calvary and His ultimate death on the Cross. For the past 24 years, the members of Creative Ministries have been presenting this powerful presentation to churches and schools throughout Long Island, leading people of all ages in a powerful prayerful Lenten experience. The troupes are made up of volunteer actors, singers and musicians who use their gifts to bring the Passion Story to life.

Join us on Wednesday, April 3rd at 8:00 PM in the Church.

**Lent: Giving, Not Giving Up**

Lent is often thought of as a time of sacrifice...a time to “give up” things such as candy, bad habits and maybe even the internet. Although these challenges help us to prepare for larger sacrifices in life, Lent does not have to be a time of “giving up”. Rather, we can make it a time to “give” alms and add something to our daily lives and the lives of others. When it comes to almsgiving or helping the poor, the Church makes it easy for us through our Lenten program called “Giving, Not Giving Up”.

During the five weekends of Lent, every household is encouraged to bring their alms to Mass or bring them to the rectory office. This act of generosity is a tangible sign of our Lenten efforts to feed the hungry.

- March 30th/31st - Toilet tissue, paper towels, napkins, tissues
- April 6th/7th - Pancake mix, syrup, crackers

**CRS Rice Bowl for Lent**

Please take home a CRS Rice Bowl for Lent. CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten faith-in-action program. It offers opportunities for your family to engage daily with the spiritual pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. During the Lent we are invited to learn about the principles of Catholic social teaching—and ways we can put them into action during Lent and beyond.
‘Unplanned’ Movie Screening

*Unplanned* is the story of Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood Clinic Director who, after being involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions, experienced a life changing moment after witnessing an abortion firsthand. She has become one of the most active pro-life speakers in our country. On Thursday, March 28th, one night before the movie officially opens, there will be an exclusive viewing of this film at the AMC Raceway 10 Theater, at 1025 Corporate Drive, Westbury. The theater opens at 6:30 PM. The movie starts at 7:00 PM. Net proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to The Bridge to Life organization and reserved towards the purchase of an ultrasound machine, to be donated to and as yet determined pregnancy center. Seating is limited. Tickets must be purchased in advance, and will be sold on a first come, first served basis. The minimum requested donation is $15 per ticket. Send an email to KofcAM14666@gmail.com with ticket request. Include name, number of tickets and phone number. Tickets will be confirmed once payment is received and distributed the night of the event. Payments can be mailed to Knights of Columbus, c/o American Martyrs Church, 79-43 Bell Blvd., Bayside, 11364.

Knights of Columbus Abortion Speaker

When Ben Franklin was asked what kind of government he gave us, he replied “A Republic Madam, if you can keep it.” He was telling the questioner that the government will run over the public if the voters do not stay informed. We are facing that issue today with the new NYS abortion law. On March 28th at 8:00 PM the Bellmore Knights of Columbus will be providing a community service with a speaker to present “A History of the Abortion Issue from Roe v Wade up to and Including the New Law and What Procedures are now Legal.” This event will take place at The Columbus Club, 101 Frederick Avenue, Bellmore. Seats are limited so please RSVP to 826-5258.

German - American Night

Saturday, April 13th from 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM at the Columbus Club located at 101 Frederick Avenue, Bellmore. For reservations call Bill Styne at 965-1399 or John Weber at 426-3682. Cost is $45 per person and includes - sauerbraten, bratwurst, knockwurst, sauerkraut, potatoes, red cabbage, dessert, coffee, tea, German beer and open bar. Entertainment by German Dancers and German - American music by John Weber.

Thank You to Knights of Columbus

Please allow me to extend my sincere gratitude for your generous donation. Be assured of my heartfelt prayers for each of you and your families, and please continue to keep me close in prayer as I draw nearer to ordination to the priesthood. Fraternally, *Deacon Cody Bobick.*
Liturgical Ministers Meeting
Notes from the Spring Liturgical Ministers meeting are available in the sacristy. All Liturgical Ministers—Ushers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist—are asked to pick up a copy.

Liturgical Ministry Training
Contact Fr. Adrian if you are interested in serving as a Lector or a Minister of the Eucharist.

Training in Nassau County -
Wednesday, April 3rd at St. Christopher's in Baldwin from 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Training in Suffolk County -
Thursday, May 23rd at St. Elizabeth in Melville from 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM in Msgr. Kane Hall
One may attend either training but not both for a given day. Please contact the rectory to register.

Basic Training - For all those who would like to minister at parishes as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC).

Specialized Training - For those EMHC’s intending to work with the sick (e.g., hospitals, nursing homes, homebound) - You must attend the basic training before attending the specialized training.

Lector Training - For those who wish to proclaim the Word of God at their parishes.
Catholic Faith Network

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) will be airing the Mass of Installation of Bishop Robert J. Brennan as the 12th Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio. The Mass will air live on Friday, March 29th from St. Joseph Cathedral beginning at 1:30 PM ET and will rebroadcast later that evening at 8:00 PM ET. The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) is available on Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296, and Charter Spectrum channel 162/471 throughout the New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut area. The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) is also available on selected cable and satellite systems nationwide, along with a vast on-demand library of original programming and a high quality 24/7 live stream at www.CFNtv.org.

St. Barnabas Pre-Cana

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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

God always waits for us with open, loving arms. Let God be the strength of your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are April 26th - 28th and June 28th - 30th, in Huntington. For more information, call John and Toni Torio at (877) 697-9963 or visit them at https://wwwmenyli.org/.

Golden Wedding Jubilee

This spring, couples that have been married fifty years or more, will be honored at a liturgy on Sunday, May 5th at the Church of St. Rose of Lima in Massapequa. Mass begins at 2:30 PM. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory. Registration must be received by the Office of Worship by April 15th. If you have any questions call 678-5800, ext. 506.

7TH ANNUAL WOMEN’S CONFERENCE

The Voice of Catholic Women

Three women will witness to their faith.

Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception | 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743
Catholic Relief Services Collection - March 30th & 31st
On the weekend of March 30th and 31st, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Please give generously and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
The parable of the non-fruit fig tree describes the fate of those who do not repent. Even though God gives us everything we need for our journey toward salvation, we ourselves need to “cultivate and fertilize” our spiritual lives. Jesus is quite clear in His message; “bear fruit or be cut down.” The “fertilizer” is the charity, fasting, and prayer of our Christian penance. Repentance is “cultivating” the soil so we can bear fruit. Repentance is really conversion. Our minds and hearts are like fortresses. We live within them, but are reluctant to admit Jesus and His poor into the very center of them. We will allow Jesus in just so far, but we often, by our action or inaction, show Him that we don’t with him to take us over completely. God waits everyday of our lives for us to bear fruit. Conversion or repentance is about surrender. Let us ask the Lord to give us the grace to “fertilize and cultivate” our spiritual life. Please remember to pray and support the needy of our parish so that we can bring them the good news of the Easter.
The Men of the Way of Light

Jesus gives us a stark warning that unless we repent, we will not avoid eternal death. But, He gives us hope in the parable of the fig tree. The tree appears to be functioning properly, but is in fact, ineffective. The owner, seeking fruit from the tree for three years, has found none and wants to cut it down. The “vinedresser” intervenes for the tree, telling the owner that he will take special care of it for the next year. “If it bears fruit next year, all well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”

Sometimes, we are the tree. We follow the rules and try to be good people when it is convenient, but we don’t ever truly sacrifice when called upon. We go through the motions, but our hearts are not in it. We bear no fruit. God does not desire death for the sinner, He wants him to repent and live (see Ezek 33:11) and He does not wish that “any should perish, but all should reach repentance” (2 Pet 3:9).

However, God requires us to produce good works as evidence of what is in our hearts. Jesus, our vinedresser, intervenes for us! Jesus nurtures us and shows us the way so that we may repent and bear fruit in abundance! “Man’s greatness is the measure of God’s likeness that he reflects. God teaches that we are to offer Him the fruit of the virtues He planted in our souls. True charity is more than good words; true charity is good works.” (St. Columbanus)

Need to nurture the seeds of virtue within you? Please join our faith discussion group at our next meeting on Saturday, April 13th, immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass. We meet in the Nazareth Room of the Holy Family Chapel. Bagels and coffee served. Our meetings run until 10:30 AM. For more
Focus on Religious Freedom
Teacher Forces Student to Remove Ash Wednesday Cross - “It was really bad,” said 4th grader William McLeod. “I felt like I was in trouble.” The Utah student had attended an Ash Wednesday Mass at his Catholic Church and had an ash cross placed on his forehead to mark the beginning of Lent, a season of prayer and penance that Christians observe before Easter. William’s teacher asked him about the ashes cross and when he explained it, she said it was “inappropriate” and to “take it off” with a disinfectant wipe. William’s grandmother reported that being forced to wash off the ashes in front of his classmates left him crying and embarrassed when he went to the principal’s office. PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE NOT GOD-FREE ZONES and the right to religious expression in public school is protected by the First Amendment. Section 8524 of the July 31, 2018 amended Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 requires that, as a condition to receiving federal funds, the local School District must certify annually, in writing, that it has no policy that prevents, or otherwise denies, participation in constitutionally protected prayer and religious expression in public schools.

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

Trip to the Met
Sacred Heart parish in Merrick is sponsoring a guided tour of Christian art, specifically Marian Art on Saturday, April 6th. The bus will leave Sacred Heart at 9:00 AM and return approximately 4:00 PM. The cost for the coach bus is $55. Seating is limited and tickets will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis. Please note that this trip requires a fair amount of walking. 8:30 AM bagels and coffee will be served at Sacred Heart before the bus leaves. Call 379-1356 for information.
Spring Concert
Saint Anthony’s High School Franciscan Brothers are having a Spring Concert of Instrumental and Choral Music on Friday, April 12th and Saturday, April 13th at 7:00 PM. Donation is $10.

Spring Craft Fair
St. William the Abbot, 2001 Jackson Avenue, Seaford is having a craft fair on Sunday April 7th, from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Many wonderful items, including Easter plants, raffle baskets, grand 50/50, baked goods, hot and cold food, pictures with the Easter Bunny and much more.

Mercy Derby
The Glen Cove - Syosset Chapter of the Mercy League has an upcoming fundraising event that raises money for enrichment activities and equipment at Mercy Medical Center. An Afternoon at the Races on Sunday, April 28th from 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish in Hicksville. Doors open at 1:30 PM. Use the Gym entrance on Nicolai Street. $10 admission. Contact Judy Galgano at 681-2994.

Sisters of St. Dominic
The Sisters of St. Dominic would like to invite you to an alumni gathering on Sunday, April 7th from 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM at the Motherhouse in Amityville. Contact (631) 842-6000, ext. 246 or advancement@amityop.org.
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The Bible and the Virgin Mary

*Episode 2: Handmaid of the Lord*

**One “Yes” Changed Everything**

Join Matthew Leonard as he takes a closer look at Saint Luke’s account of the Annunciation. See the Blessed Virgin Mary’s “yes” in a whole new light!

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**The Annunciation of the Lord**

This feast celebrates the coming of the Archangel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary announcing to her that she is the be the mother of Jesus. We celebrate that God will become human and be born among us.

The Annunciation is celebrated on March 25, exactly 9 months prior to Christmas.

In reflecting on Mary’s willingness to do God’s will, consider:

*How are you called to serve the Lord in your daily life?*

*Are you paying attention to what God is asking of you?*

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**Spiritual Works of Mercy**

The Spiritual Works of Mercy have long been a part of the Christian tradition, appearing in the works of theologians and spiritual writers throughout history. Just as Jesus attended to the spiritual well-being of those he ministered to, these Spiritual Works of Mercy guide us to help our neighbors and their spiritual needs.

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**Counseling the Doubtful**
- Has someone asked you for advice? Orient your response to Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

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**Instructing the Ignorant**
- Go on a service trip or short-term mission trip. No time? Donate to support someone on their service trip.

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**Admonishing the Sinner**
- In humility we must strive to create a culture that does not accept sin, while realizing that we all fall at times.

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**Comforting the Sorrowful**
- A few moments of your day may make a lifetime of difference to someone who is going through a difficult time.

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**Forgiving Injuries**
- Saying sorry is something we learn as kids, but how often do we really mean it? Forgiveness transforms hearts and lives.

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**Bearing Wrongs Patiently**
- Frustrated with someone? Step away from the situation, take a few deep breaths, pray the Our Father, asking God for patience.

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**Praying for the Living and the Dead**
- Through prayer, entrust your cares and concerns for those around you to God.

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“Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”
Registration information and forms will be available on our website and in the Religious Education Office beginning Monday, March 25th!

**Reminders:**
We cannot allow anyone into the building during class time that is not a volunteer - doors will open at 5:30 PM for dismissal.

If you have not come in to sign for and pick up your “Parent Safety Guide” please call the office to make arrangements to do so as soon as possible.

**Upcoming Dates -**
**Tuesday, April 2nd:** 8:00 PM in the Upper Church, Parent Talk - “Seeing Your Child Through God’s Eyes” by Jennifer Menneci, Associate Director of Faith Formation Diocese of Rockville Centre.

**Thursday, April 4th:**
Last Thursday class.

**Monday, April 8th:**
Last Monday class

**Tuesday, April 9th:**
Last Tuesday class.

**Wednesday, April 10th:**
Last Wednesday class.

Meeting on Sunday, April 14th from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Thanks!
Kieran Maelia, Youth Minister
Level 8 Class  
April 3rd or 4th  
Chapter 23 ‘How do I build the kingdom?’  
Saying ‘Yes’ to the Mission of Christ

Spreading the kingdom of God—through words and actions—is a mandatory part of the Christian life for all believers. In the first days of his pontificate, Pope Francis visited a juvenile prison, washed the feet of single mothers, and went into the crowds to touch the hands of those who reached for him—putting his own safety at risk. Why did he do these things? We find the answer in an interview in 2012, when, as Cardinal Bergoglio (before being named pope), he observed: “We need to avoid the spiritual sickness of a church that is wrapped up in its own world: When a church becomes like this, it grows sick. It is true that going out on to the street implies the risk of accidents happening, as they would to any ordinary man or woman. But... if I had to choose between a wounded church that goes out on to the streets and a sick, withdrawn church, I would definitely choose the first one.” To follow Jesus is to show concern and care for all, especially the poor and marginalized.

Conversation Starters  
What is one way you think God is asking you to help “build up the kingdom” here on earth?

Level 7 Class  
April 10th or 11th  
Chapter 12 ‘Who is the Holy Spirit?’  
Meeting the Third Person of the Trinity

The purpose of this lesson is to encourage teens to understand who the Holy Spirit is and to cultivate a relationship with the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Blessed Trinity. The “Age of the Spirit” began at Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended to lead them “to all the truth” (John 16:13) as the apostles built up the Church all over the world. However, the Holy Spirit (like God the Father and God the Son) has no beginning or end; he was present at Creation, has worked throughout salvation history, enters us at Baptism, and seals each person at Confirmation with an indelible mark, empowering him or her with all that is necessary to accomplish the task God has in store.

Conversation Starters  
What is Pentecost? (When the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles and empowered them)
Be Still and Know

St. Patty’s Day Green Food Drive

Lucky to BE at SEAS!
Registration is Open! Call and Schedule a Tour Today!

Bingo was a ball!

3rd G. Attends Recorder Fest!

It is spring time and SEAS is buzzing with all sorts of fun activities! Thank you to everyone who volunteered and attended SEAS Bingo Night, it was a great time! Thank you to the National Junior Honor Society, Mentors for Christ, and Student Council for organizing our Green Food Drive. All the food collected was distributed to our regional parishes’ pantries.

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The Parable of the Fig Tree

Jesus told the people to repent.

Circle the letters. REPENT

“If the tree bears fruit next year, fine!
If not, then cut it down.”

Circle the figs on the tree.
Count the figs and write the number.

Then He told a parable about a man who had a fig tree that bore no fruit.

Connect the dots.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

The man wanted to cut it down, but his servant said,
“Let me tend it 1 more year.”

Circle the 5 differences in the 2nd picture.
The Parable of the Fig Tree.  

**ACROSS**
2. The sweet, pear-shaped, fruit of a plant found in Bible lands.  
4. A simple story teaching a moral or religious lesson.  
6. The top layer of the earth's surface favorable to plant growth.  
8. To spread a something on land or plants to help plants grow.

**DOWN**
1. An area of ground planted with vines and fruit trees.  
3. The usually sweet-tasting part of a tree which can be eaten.  
5. A large plant with a trunk, limbs, branches, and leaves.  
7. To break up and move dirt using a shovel.

**SOLUTION:**

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The Parable of the Fig Tree

Jesus told the people who were with Him that it was important for everyone to do a certain thing – what?

Shade in the spaces with a ★.

What did the man say in reply?

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Then He told this parable:

Solve the math problems and fill in the blanks below.

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  6  fruit

  2  dry

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