Sunday Readings Hymnal #819

St. Barnabas the Apostle
Fourth Week of Lent

Monday, April 1
Fr. Michael  6:30 AM  Gioconda Favale
Fr. Kevin     9:00 AM  Gerard Mullins
              Emilia Rogowski

Tuesday, April 2
Fr. Kevin     6:30 AM  Rosemary Boyce
Fr. Adrian    9:00 AM  Joseph Byrne

Wednesday, April 3
Fr. Adrian    6:30 AM  Anna Kathrina McTigue
Fr. Michael   9:00 AM  Valerie Zaccari

Thursday, April 4
Fr. Kevin     6:30 AM  Kathy Heuvelman
              9:00 AM  Gisella Guillen
              School Mass

Friday, April 5
Fr. Michael   6:30 AM  Rosann Manzitto
Fr. Kevin     9:00 AM  Nicholas Yanatos

Saturday, April 6
Fr. Michael   8:00 AM  William V. White
Fr. Kevin     4:30 PM  Raymond Vogts
Peter Salvatore Lombardo
Joseph S. Herman
Anna Arcabascio
Margaret Bennett
Ann Kearney
Fr. Adrian    7:00 PM  Kellie C. Lescoe

Sunday, April 7
Fr. Kevin     7:00 AM  Eileen Haugh
Fr. Michael   9:00 AM  Charles C. Young
Fr. Kevin     10:15 AM Helen Burke - 25th Anniversary
Fr. Adrian    10:30 AM John and Winifred Eschmann
Fr. Michael   12:00 PM Luigi and Lucia DiMeglio
Fr. Adrian    5:00 PM  For the People of Our Parish

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.
Dear Governor Cuomo,

I write as your constituent to express my disappointment in your support of the Reproductive Health Act passed on January 22nd. It is hard to believe that this law has been enacted in New York and that you signed this legislation into law. I was alarmed to learn that this law allows the abortion of a baby who could live outside the womb. This reality is difficult enough to accept, but the fact that it was celebrated and cheered was shocking. I was disturbed that the celebration continued with the lighting of the Freedom Tower in pink. What message has New York sent to our country? I ask you to please consider a more compassionate way to support women. The intentional destruction of a human being harms both the baby and the mother. I know that there are better choices that we can offer women and their unborn children in difficult circumstances.

Your Name
That younger son in today's gospel had done the unthinkable in the culture of Jesus’ day. He had brazenly asked for his share of the inheritance before his father died. That was one offense. And, in spite of the inappropriateness of the request, the father granted it, giving his son what he had asked for. And then the son committed his second offense: he took what Dad had given him and left home. He might just as well have declared, ‘My father is dead!’ He squandered his money wastefully, living only for the moment, with no thought to the future, no thought that his money might actually run out. But it did run out. And then there was a famine. He got a job, a demeaning job for a Jew, feeding pigs. But he was hungry, so hungry, he would have eaten the pigs’ leftovers. He’s desperate. He’s desperate, and he hatches another plan to take care of himself. He believes he can’t go home again, at least not as a son. But maybe his father will give him a job, as a hired hand; at least, then, he’ll have a way of supporting himself! So he heads down the long road toward his father’s house. When he gets there, he plans to plead with his father, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of the hired hands.’ Now, all this time, the father had been waiting. As much as he hurt, he wanted his child back home. Every day, several times a day, Dad would step out on the porch, eyes shaded against the sun, and look off into the distance, hoping against hope to see some sign of his son. He cried a million tears, figured his son must be dead, and wouldn’t eat or sleep for days on end, that’s how much he missed the boy. Just like God. With God, there is a standing invitation to those who have wandered away: ‘Come home!’
We Pray for Our Deceased
Elizabeth A. Lanigan
Walter Andersen

Sisters of St. Barnabas Intention
For those whose lives are paralyzed by fear, who are unable to laugh or to be angry or to love, that they may experience the freedom of God’s Spirit.

We Pray for Our Sick

Special Collections
This Weekend - Catholic Relief Services
April 7 - Music Ministry

The Week Ahead

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Our Finances
3/24/19: $15,684
3/25/18: $22,705 (Palm Sunday)
Parish Families Registered: 5,052
Envelopes Mailed: 1,460
Used: 3/24/19: 576
3/25/18: 776

Catholic Ministries Appeal
Goal: $108,900 Donors: 281
Pledged: $64,018 Received: $41,773
MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

You may have experienced the gift of our Ministry of Consolation. These are volunteers who assist families in preparation for a funeral of a loved one. We meet with the family to help choose readings, hymns and gather other information for the funeral Mass. At the funeral Mass we welcome, help with seating and are there with the boxes of tissues where needed. We are in great need of new volunteers. If you are interested, phone the Rectory Office, 785-0054. Thank you.
CREATIVE MINISTRIES  
JOURNEY, CROSS & CRUCIFIXION  
Wednesday, April 3rd at 8:00 PM

PARENTS TALK  
Seeing Your Child Through God's Eyes  
Speaker: Jennifer Menneci  
Tuesday, April 2nd at 7:00 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
Fridays 1:30 PM

RECONCILIATION  
Saturdays 12:30 PM  
Monday, April 15th from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
Holy Saturday, April 20th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

PARISH APP  
Download the app at myparishapp.com

FORMED  
Free to join at stbarnabasny.formed.org.

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
Journey, Cross and Crucifixion —
Wednesday at 8PM

*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.

**Lent: Giving, Not Giving Up**

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.

April 6th/7th - Pancake mix, syrup, crackers
Our Mission is to Encourage Evangelize & Educate

Easter Baskets
Social Ministry will begin preparing Easter Food Baskets for many families in 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 all the usual items for an Easter dinner. We can especially use: canned hams, instant potatoes, cake/muffin mix, pudding/jell-o, pancake mix/syrup, canned fruit, coffee, and of course, Easter candy. Donations can be left in the church lobby by the Tree of Life or brought to the rectory by April 10th. Thank you for the kindness and generosity shown toward those in need.

Catholic Relief Services Collection
This weekend 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.

CRS Rice Bowl for Lent
Please return your CRS Rice Bowl during Holy Week. 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. Thank you.

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. April’s schedule is available in the Altar Servers’ Sacristy.

Holy Land Collection- April 19
On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Each day, the news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community there, a community that struggles to remain in the land of Christ’s birth, death and resurrection. Please help support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by giving to the Good Friday Collection. This Pontifical Collection allows the Franciscans and others to continue caring for Christianity’s holiest sites and for God’s people in the Holy Land. Please be generous.
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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
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/.

St. Barnabas Pre-Cana
Closing Mass: Sunday, April 7th at 5:00 PM, followed by refreshments.
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.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
The next meeting of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Mother Seton #2413, will be held on Tuesday, April 2nd at 7:00 PM in the school cafeteria. Our Supermarket Bingo will be held on Friday, June 7th. For further information please call Jackie at 781-7846.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
In today’s Gospel the prodigal son repents and finds mercy in the heart of his father. Perhaps the most touching of all parables which Our Lord told is that of the prodigal son. It is the parable that speaks most loudly of the mercy of God. It is this too, that tells us most about the meaning of conversion. The request the younger son makes to his father is this: “father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.” Toward the end of the parable, when the younger son returns home, the request he makes of his father is this: Father...make me as one of your hired servants.” Between the “give me” of the beginning of the parable and the “make me” at the end lies the story of the conversion. In the story of any conversion you will find that the starting point is a selfish demand, and the finishing point is a readiness to be a servant. Know that your penance during Lent give the poor the grace of finding the merciful heart of God the Father. Please remember to support St. Vincent de Paul so that we can give the poor and needy of the parish a Happy Easter. Thank you.

Focus on Religious Freedom
Discrimination Against Christians of All Ages Continues: Lebanon, Ohio H.S. Student Suspended for Sharing Bible Versus:
“I asked (the principal) why anytime Jesus or God...gets brought up at school, it gets taken down straight away. But we can put gay and pride stuff
all over the school and not have it taken down and people can talk about it,” the student said.

California Orders 84-year-old to Stop Bible Study in Vets Home: “This shocking attack from the State against our client’s exercise of religious convictions is deeply disturbing,” said the widow’s attorney.

The Men of the Way of Light
The beautiful parable of the Prodigal Son is rich with many aspects of Jesus’ message. Leading up to that story, we are told that the Pharisees and scribes murmured about Jesus receiving sinners and eating with them. Immediately before the Prodigal Son dialogue in Luke’s Gospel, we are told the story of the Good Shepherd, who leaves the ninety-nine in search of one that is lost. Jesus tells us that there is more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous who need no repentance. The same thing is seen in the story of the Prodigal Son as the father sees the returning son in the distance and runs out to greet him! God reveals His immense love and infinite compassion. In the face of our weakness, God does not stand idly by: He goes out in search of what is lost and makes every effort to find it! Above all, He rejoices! Sometimes, we are the lost sheep and sometimes, God calls us to be His shepherd! St. Teresa of Avila said, “If love is pure, we forget our own happiness and are wholly concerned with the one we love. Although the tasks we face may be great and burdensome, if we carry them out for the love of God, they will be sweet and light!” Are you a lost sheep? Or Shepherd? Or Both? Please join our faith discussion group at our next meeting on Saturday, April 13th at 8:30 AM. We meet in the Nazareth Room of the Holy Family Chapel. Bagels and coffee served. Our meetings run until 10:30 AM. For more information, visit our FaceBook page.

Healing Mass
The Church of St. Anastasia, located at 45-14 245th Street, Douglaston will have a Healing Mass on Tuesday, April 9th. 7:00 PM Rosary, followed by Mass and Healing Service. Fr. Augustine Fernando is the Celebrant. For more information contact St. Anastasia at (718) 631-4454.
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.

St. Andrew’s Pascha Bake Sale
St. Andrew’s Church, 275 Ellison Avenue, Westbury, is having a Pascha Bake Sale on Saturday April 13th, from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Slavic foods and ethnic baked goods will be featured. This event is vital to meeting the needs of the Parish’s expenses. Your support is appreciated.

Cure of Ars Mini-Retreat
Cure of Ars is sponsoring a mini-retreat “Hold Your Alleluia Palm” presented by Sr. Ave Clark, O.P., Heart to Heart Ministries, on Saturday, April 13th from 9:15 AM - 12:00 PM in the Rectory Lower Level, 2323 Merrick Avenue, Merrick. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome. Call Mary at 623-5378 to register.

The Catholic Faith Network
The Catholic Faith Network, your Television Network of the Diocese of Rockville Centre hosts the CFN 2019 Golf Classic on Monday, May 13th,
2019. CFN’s Classic will be played simultaneously on 2 prestigious North Shore courses, The Creek and Mill River Club. Proceeds from the event enable this important ministry of our diocese to continue to provide Catholic Liturgy and Programming to Long Island and beyond, through television, web streaming, and social media. CFN especially provides a unique connection between our diocese and our homebound, hospitalized, rehabilitative facility residents, and our military parishioners, both home and abroad. This year, Reverend Monsignor James Vlaun is pleased to announce John & Loretta Cameron as event Chairpersons and Pat & Marybeth LaFontaine as event Honorees. Visit CFN’s website at www.CFNtv.org or www.catholicgolfclassic.org or contact Dawn-Marie Feiler, Golf Classic Coordinator at 516-538-8704, ext. 118 or dmfeiler@CFNtv.org for golf, reception, sponsorship, raffle, and in-kind donation information.

Molloy College Open House
Molloy College in Rockville Centre, will be holding a Spring Open House on Sunday, April 7th at 1:00 PM. Prospective students and their guests are welcome to attend. For information, call 323-4000.

Bereavement Facilitator Training
Level 1 Workshop
The Office of Faith Formation is offering Bereavement Facilitator Training at the following locations:
- St. Bernard in Levittown on Tuesdays April 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th from 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM.
- Our Lady of Grace in West Babylon on Tuesdays, April 30th, May 7th, 14th, and 21st from 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM.
- St. Mary R.C. in East Islip on Saturdays, May 11th and 18th from 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM.

St. Raphael Parish Support Groups
St. Raphael Parish, 600 Newbridge Road, East Meadow is offering the following support groups:
- Cancer Survivors Support Group - Join a warm, supportive group of people who are dealing with all types of cancer and stages, with a trained facilitator. Tuesday afternoons, every other week starting April 2nd from 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM in the Church. For information call PSM office at 308-3808.
- Initial Bereavement Support Group - For death of a spouse or other family member. Starting the week of April 21st, for 7 weeks on Wednesday afternoons. This group is for support of family member or friend only. For information call Carol Ann at 221-6168.

Catholic Charities Employment
Direct Support Professionals - Residential Services for Developmentally Disabled Adults: We are seeking individuals who have a sincere desire to use their skills to help our Developmentally Disabled Adults enhance their ability to lead self-determining lives and participate fully in the community. Essential functions include personal care, household maintenance, transporting/safeguarding residents on community outings, coaching for skills development and administering meds. Experienced and non-experienced welcome to apply. Training provided. HS diploma/GED and
a clean, valid NYS Driver’s License are needed to apply. Starting salary is $12.75/hour. To apply, send resume and cover letter via email to jobs@catholiccharities.cc or fax 733-7038. Ref: “DSP - parish bulletin” in subject line.

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.

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 for information.

Cook Needed
Maria Regina Rectory in Seaford is in need of a cook Monday through Thursday evenings for four men. Dinner is served at 5:30 PM. This is a salaried position. If you are interested, please call the Business Manager Rob DeRose at 798-2415.
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THOSE RECENTLY BAPTIZED AT ST. BARNABAS

Lauren Elizabeth Lipira
Juliette Grace Manikas
Gabriella Concetta Sgro
Thomas Dickson
Fiona Hope Pangburn
Sofia Marie DeQuatro
Myarose Michelle Infante
Gabriella Grace Molz
William Campbell Peterson
Avery Casagrande
Domick George Lauro
Conor James Manzella
Cora Elizabeth Cascio
Juliana Elizabeth Lazo
Callie Alexandra Zelaya
Lorenzo Joseph Loseto
Craig Joseph Tortora, Jr.
August Victor Vientos
James Joseph Brodley
Giulia Marie Gallo
Kate Guzzardo
Miles Philip Pierre-Louis
Sofia Roboyo
Madison Roboyo
Valentina Grace Chiusano
Brody Patrick O'Reilly
Farrah Lilly Zorn
Hannah Stevie Zorn

If you wish to arrange a baptism, please contact the rectory at 785-0054. Once your request is received you will be invited to meet one of the priests. This meeting offers parents an opportunity to review the baptism ceremony and set the date. The meeting is more conversational than instructional.

Available Dates

April:
Saturday 6, 13
Sunday 7, 28

May:
Sunday only 5, 19

June:
Saturday 8, 22
Sunday 16,

July:
Saturday 6, 13
Sunday 21, 28

August:
Saturday 3, 17
Sunday 11, 25

September:
Saturday: 7, 14
Sunday: 22

October:
Saturday: 12, 19
Sunday: 13, 27

November:
Saturday 2, 16,
Sunday 17, 24
Join us for the 14th Annual Divine Mercy Conference

April 6, 2019
9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Cardinal Spellman H.S.
Bronx, NY

FEATURED SPEAKER:
FR. FRANK PAVONE
One of the most prominent pro-life leaders in the world.

Sponsored by
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SPEAKERS

Msgr. James Lisante
Pastor, Author, Television commentator

Abby Johnson
Former Planned Parenthood Director

Sister Donata Farbaniecz
Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy

Sister Monica Ward, CFR
Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal

Jim White
Executive Director
Covenant House-New Jersey

FOR INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION:
TheDivineMercy.org/bronx • 1-800-462-7426
Every April, Catholic parishes and schools across the United States participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month. While dioceses work year-round to prevent abuse, during this month a special emphasis is placed on the importance of learning how to protect the vulnerable from this evil.

Together, for the next nine days, let’s pray that the vulnerable are protected from abuse, and that survivors of abuse may be accompanied on their paths to healing.

Novena
for Protection and Healing from Abuse

Intercessions

Day 1: May the most vulnerable be protected from all types of abuse and exploitation.

Day 2: May those who have been sexually abused receive comfort and healing.

Day 3: May those who work with children and young people be vigilant in protecting them from harm.

Day 4: May those who provide help for the abused act with wisdom and compassion in their healing ministries.

Day 5: May all families strive to provide safe and nurturing environments for children and young people.

Day 6: May all those who have committed abuse acknowledge the harm they have done, repent, and accept justice that ultimately comes from God.

Day 7: May those who have been abused receive the courage to tell their story, and may they be believed and supported.

Day 8: May Church leaders, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, promote justice and healing for survivors of abuse.

Day 9: May our Holy Father, Pope Francis, fulfill his role as good shepherd and protect the most vulnerable in his flock.

Prayers

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be, Prayer for Healing

Prayer for Healing

God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just: You gave your only Son to save us by the blood of his cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear our cries as we agonize over the harm done to our brothers and sisters.

Breathe wisdom into our prayers, soothe restless hearts with hope, steady shaken spirits with faith:

Show us the way to justice and wholeness, enlightened by truth and enfolded in your mercy.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people’s wounds and transform our brokenness.

Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace, so that we may act with justice and find peace in you.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.
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, not just for priests and religious, but 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.

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
Why do we need the Holy Spirit? (The Holy Spirit, which we receive initially at Baptism, is God's life within our souls, empowering us to be holy and to fulfill God's will in our lives. The Spirit guides and animates the Church, giving it the power to act as one body and proclaim God's truth to the world.) What is Pentecost? (This event when the Spirit came upon the apostles and empowered them)

Service of Light for Level 8 at 7:30 PM Wednesday, May 1st & Thursday, May 2nd
Confirmation Rehearsal Wednesday, May 15th
Confirmation with Bishop Andrzej Monday, May 20th
Merciful love also means the cordial tenderness and sensitivity so eloquently spoken of in the parable of the prodigal son, and also in the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin. Consequently, merciful love is supremely indispensable between those who are closest to one another: between husbands and wives, between parents and children, between friends.

— St. John Paul II, Dives in Misericordia, no. 14

“My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.

(Luke 15:31-32, Lectionary)

Roundel with Return of the Prodigal Son, Unknown Artist. The Metropolitan Museum of Art

Today’s Gospel tells the Parable of the Prodigal Son.

A man had two sons. The younger son said to his father, “Father, give me my inheritance now.” The father agreed, giving his son the inheritance that was due to him. Upon receiving it, the son traveled to a foreign country, where he wasted his money on sinful pleasures. Totally broke, he found himself in a land facing its own financial woes because of a famine.

Meanwhile, the father sorely missed his young son. Each day he stood on a hill, peering into the distance, aching to see his son and hoping he would come home. Then one day he saw his son coming toward him. He ran to his son, hugged and kissed him, and praised God for his son’s return. With tears of joy and much embracing, the father smothered the repentant words of his son.

Usually this story is named after the prodigal son who wasted his inheritance. But it could just as well be entitled “The Forgiving Father,” as he has a heart of sheer generosity and spends his love lavishly on forgiving and welcoming his son back home. In scriptural terms, the son represents a sinner in need of forgiveness who is moved to repent, confess his sin, and humble himself before God.

The father in the story represents God’s immense compassion, rich in mercy and ever willing to search out sinners and offer them the forgiveness that brings them home. The story encourages us to trust in God the Father’s love and forgiveness, which we receive in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
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.

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.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, April 14th from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Thanks! Kieran Maelia, Youth Minister
Be Still and Know

Fun with Bubbles in Pre-K!

4th G. Visits the Pantry

6th G. Visits Nature's Classroom

It has been an exciting week at SEAS! Our Pre-K had a great time when the UCM presented an in house field trip all about bubbles! Our 4th Grade delivered food they collected to the Parish Pantry. Our 6th Grade visited Nature's Classroom. Students connected with the their rustic side while learning important life skills.

Early Childhood Open House & Carnival April 28, 11-4pm

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The Parable of the Lost Son
Jesus told a story about a man who had 2 sons.

One son demanded money from his father, then left home. After many days, all of his money was gone.

But his father rejoiced and hugged him. “My son was lost but now he’s found!”

He came home, saying he was sorry.

Follow the maze.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Follow the code to fill in the vowels.

“F ___ th ___ r,
I h ___ v ___
s ___ nn ___ d
___g ___ nst
G ___ d ___ nd
y ___ u.”
THE PRODIGAL SON

Luke 15

Coloring Page
ACROSS
1. When something which was lost has been relocated. (I ______ my dog).
2.  A large special meal to celebrate something or honor someone.
3.  The number that is equal to one plus one.
4.  To touch or press your lips against another person as a greeting or to express love.
5.  A large amount of money and other valuable possessions.
6.  To not be able to be found. (I ______ my dog.)
7.  Farm animals with pink, brown, or black skin, short legs, and a flat nose.
8.  Your male children.
9.  A piece of jewelry, generally made of precious metal and worn on the finger.

DOWN
1.  A male parent.
2.  A large special meal to celebrate something or honor someone.
3.  The number that is equal to one plus one.
4.  To touch or press your lips against another person as a greeting or to express love.
5.  A large amount of money and other valuable possessions.
6.  To not be able to be found. (I ______ my dog.)
7.  Farm animals with pink, brown, or black skin, short legs, and a flat nose.
The Parable of the Lost Son

The teachers of the law muttered, “This Man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” Then Jesus told them this parable:

Write these words in order on the blanks below.
man sent younger share property country money wild spent hired pigs stomach eating anything

“There was a ____________ who had two ____________.
The ____________ one said... ‘Father, give me my ____________ of the estate.’ So he divided his ____________ between them. The younger son... set off for a distant ____________, and there wasted his ____________ in ____________ living. After he had ____________ everything... he went and ____________ himself out to... feed ____________.
He longed to fill his ____________ with the pods that the pigs were ____________, but no one gave him ____________.

Jesus continued, “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him... he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.”

“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ... Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.”

“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!’

Use the code to write the words on the blanks.

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