Go,
And from now on
Do not sin any more.
### Sunday Readings Hymnal #822

#### St. Barnabas the Apostle

**Fifth Week of Lent**

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To place an advertisement on our cover call The Church Bulletin at (631) 249-4994.
HOLY WEEK — St. Barnabas —

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.

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
Forgiven
Freed

What's Pastor Thinking

Jesus’ whole life was one long prayer of forgiveness. To a woman cowered and wounded, Jesus says, “Woman, your sins are forgiven.” To the paralytic Jesus says, “Friend, your sins are forgiven you.” Turning to the disciples one day, Jesus gives them - and us - the model prayer that has as its centerpiece these words, “forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” Even on the cross, as pieces of rough steel slammed through His hands and feet, He prayed to forgive the soldiers, the people, the leaders, the criminals, you and me. He was simply doing what He had always done - offering absolution. Jesus understood as few do, the power of forgiveness to free others. That’s what the Greek word means - to loose, to free, to cast off, cast away.

Philip Yancy tells of a conversation that he once had with an immigrant rabbi. “Before coming to America,” the rabbi said, “I had to forgive Adolf Hitler.” “Why?” Yancy asked. “Because I did not want to bring Hitler inside me to my new country.” The rabbi got it right.

In Victor Hugo’s Les Miserables, Jean Valjean has served nineteen long years for the crime of stealing bread. In prison he becomes a hardened convict. Finally out of jail, he gains shelter from a kindly old bishop. That night ex-con Jean Valjean, gets up and ransacks the family silver closet and creeps off into the darkness. Next morning, three policemen knock at the door with this ex-con and the stolen silver. No doubt about it, this time he’ll do life.

“So here you are!” the Bishop says to Valjean. “I’m delighted you’ve returned! You forgot that I gave you the candlesticks too! They’re worth 200 francs. Did you forget them?”

The ex-con is scandalized by forgiveness. “Oh no, officers. This man’s no criminal,” the Bishop laughs, “he’s my guest.” But no sooner have the police left than the old bishop leans up and whispers in the ex-con’s ear, “promise me that you’ll use the money to make yourself into an honest man.” Forgiveness frees Valjean to become a new man. One act of forgiveness pays forward through our lives one forgiving act after another. So you too, go and preach the gospel of forgiveness.
We Pray for Our Deceased
Joseph Marino
Steven Banks

Bread and Wine
In loving memory of Lenny Losee, with love from his sister Sue.

Sanctuary Lamp
In celebration of the wedding anniversary of Thomas and Theresa McHugh.

Sisters of St. Barnabas Intention
For migrant and refugee children and those children separated from their families.

We Pray for Our Sick

The Week Ahead

Sunday:
All Masses          Cub Scout #580 Bake Sale
1:30 PM            Baptisms, Church
5:00 PM            Pre Cana Closing
7:30 PM            Al-Anon, S. Cafeteria

Monday:
7:00 PM            Liturgy Committee, HFC
7:30 PM            Charismatic Prayer Group, HFC

Tuesday:
7:00 PM            Christ Life, HFC
7:30 PM            Respect Life, Rectory Room

Wednesday:
7:00 PM            CHOSEN Level 7, HFC
7:00 PM            Al-Anon, Rectory
7:00 PM            RCIA, Convent Room
7:30 PM            Parish Mission
7:30 PM            Choir, Church

Thursday:
4:30 PM            First Holy Communion Rehearsal
7:00 PM            CHOSEN Level 7, HFC
7:00 PM            Bible Study, Rectory
7:30 PM            Choir, Church

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

Saturday:
8:30 AM            Men’s Group, HFC
8:30 AM            Christ Life Retreat, HFC
11:30 AM           Baptisms, Church
12:30 PM           Confession

Our Finances
3/31/19: $18,070       4/1/18: $19,540 (Easter)
Parish Families Registered: 5,052
Envelopes Mailed: 1,482
Used: 3/31/19: 574       4/1/18: 656 (Easter)

Catholic Ministries Appeal
Goal: $108,900 Donors: 291
Pledged: $68,248 Received: $45,623

Special Collections
This Weekend - St. Barnabas Music Ministry
April 14th - Maintenance and Repairs
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

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

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

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

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

During Lent—in addition to the various penitential services during which individual confession takes place—we bishops and priests will be making ourselves available often for the individual celebration of this sacrament. We pray that through the work of the Holy Spirit, all Catholics—clergy and laity—will respond to the call of the New Evangelization to encounter Christ in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of his forgiveness!
Ministry of Consolation—New Volunteers Information Meeting

If you are interested in serving as a Minister of Consolation at St. Barnabas, please come to our Information Meeting on Thursday, April 11th at 12 noon in the Convent. Ministers of Consolation help guide recently bereaved families through the planning and celebration of the funeral Mass for their loved one. Volunteers in the Ministry of Consolation are known for their compassion and we are grateful for their service to our faith community. Thank you.

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors & Altar Servers

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.

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.

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.
Holy Land Collection - April 19th
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.

10:15 AM Mass on Palm Sunday
On Palm Sunday, Children of all ages are invited to participate in our special entrance procession. Children should arrive at 9:45 AM if they would like to participate and use a St. Barnabas costume. Enjoy some fellowship with other parishioners at our monthly Hospitality Sunday gathering. Parishioners are encouraged to stay after mass to enjoy bagels, coffee, tea, and other tasty treats. Thank you to all of our volunteer bakers! Adults and children of all ages are welcome!

3:00 PM HOLY THURSDAY for CHILDREN
On Holy Thursday children are invited to participate at the 3:00 PM Last Supper service in the Holy Family Chapel. Children wishing to participate and sit at the last supper table should arrive at 2:30 PM for costuming. Everyone at the service is invited to participate in the washing of hands and the passing of matzoh. Children and families of all ages are welcome to attend. If you would like additional information or have any questions, please contact the rectory or Lyn Politi at Stbarnabasfamilyliturgy@gmail.com.

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
We are grateful for the forgiving action of Jesus. Let God show you how much of an impact forgiveness can be in 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/.

Banbs of Marriage
Camillo DiLosenzo & Rebecca Ponce
Longest Married Couple Project
For the past eight years, Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been hosting a Longest Married Couple Project which has recognized couples from each state and a national winner. Winners are selected solely from nomination. Nominations for the 9th Annual LMC Project will be accepted until May 15th, and are open to all married husband and wife couples regardless of religious affiliation. Send the couple’s name, wedding date, current residence, and a contact phone or email to one of the following: Bryan and Karen Berland, 530 S. Academy, Guthrie, OK 73044, or bkberland@gmail.com or (405) 850-4274 or at wwme.org. Awards for national and state winners will be presented in June, which is National Marriage Month.

Single Catholics of Long Island
A social organization for single persons, including Catholic divorced, separated, widows and widowers is having a new member orientation meeting on Wednesday, April 24th at 7:30 PM at St. Frances de Chantal Church, 1309 Wantagh Avenue, in the rectory basement. This is a non-denominational meeting and all are welcome. Bring proof of single status to join. Annual dues are $25. Refreshments following the meeting. For further information please call Carol at 794-4933 or Fran at 889-5790.

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.
The Men of the Way of Light

With the incident of the adulterous woman, the Pharisees continue to try to trap Jesus by presenting the Law of Moses as a contradiction to Jesus’ teachings. The question to Jesus, made in legal terms, is elevated to the moral sphere. Jesus demonstrates His role as Judge as the Just One, but He does not condemn. St. Augustine notes that Jesus does not violate the law, nor does He lose sight of His true objective - to save that which is lost. “Let the woman be punished, but not by sinners; let the law be applied, but not by its transgressors.” If we each look into our own hearts and conscience, we discover our own sinfulness. “In view of God’s mercy, Jesus shows that we should never act in a way that we forget His justice; nor should we attend to His justice forgetting about His mercy. Hope should have in it an element of fear, and fear an element of home.” (Fray Luis de Granada, Dominican and confessor to the Monarchs of Portugal, 1500’s) Need to discuss how this applies to 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.

Focus on Religious Freedom

“Equality Act” Would Harm Religious Freedom: Whereas the original Civil Rights Act of 1964 furthered equality by ensuring that African-Americans had equal access to public accommodations and material goods, the newly proposed bill to amend the Civil Rights Act to include sexual orientation and gender identity, would penalize everyday Americans for their beliefs about marriage and biological sex. “The Constitutional Freedom of Religion is the most inalienable and sacred of all human rights.” - Thomas Jefferson

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today’s Gospel, Jesus is the model of compassion and kindness. He shows us how to be merciful and nonjudgmental. The story of the woman caught in adultery is so familiar that it’s easy to overlook its significance not only for the woman expecting to be...
stoned to death, but also for each one of us expecting punishment for the times we have sinned. Sometimes we don’t even give God the chance to forgive us. We decide on our own that we are unworthy and deny ourselves the very same mercy that Jesus offers the woman caught in adultery. Are there things in your life of which you are ashamed? Have you laid them before God and asked for forgiveness? Fear not. God already knows. Do you believe you are worthy of God’s mercy? Repent and wait and trust Jesus at His word. When we help the poor and needy, God indeed pours His love, peace and mercy into our hearts and into the hearts of those suffering in poverty.

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.

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.

PETITION AGAINST ABORTION ACT
Please send a letter or email to Governor Andrew Cuomo
NY State Capital Building, Albany, NY 12224

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
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.
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 group:

- 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.

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.

Resources for Veterans
Free informational program at the Long Island State Veterans Home, 100 Patriots Road, Stony Brook on Saturday, April 27th from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Representatives from Northport VA Eligibility and Enrollment will be on site. Free health, dental and vision screenings including free blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose checks will be performed. Experts will answer a variety of questions from benefits and insurance to banking, food stamps and heating assistance. Call 444-8606 or visit www.listateveteranshome.org.
New Hymnals

TO BE MEMORIALIZED

Thank you for sponsoring our new hymnals. Your dedication will be placed inside the cover and names will continue to be published in the bulletin. We still have some hymnals that need to be memorialized.

Contact the rectory office.

Phone 516 785 0054

$25 Donation

The new hardcover books contain all the hymns we regularly use at Mass as well as readings for the three year cycle. Having permanent hymnals is a cost saver as the paperbacks had to be replaced every year. Thank you for your generous support.
Marriage and Mercy
A retreat activity for married couples.

QUOTE FOR REFLECTION:

“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

BREAKING OPEN THE THEME:

St. John Paul II, in his encyclical “Rich in Mercy,” gives some helpful descriptors of mercy: tenderness and sensitivity. Consider the Scripture story he references, the return of the prodigal son. In this story - beloved also by Pope Francis - the father is a model of tenderness. He yearns for his son’s return and he runs to meet him, embracing him in a joyful, tender hug. He doesn’t first tell him what he did wrong; first he assures him of his love. It can be hard to be merciful when someone close to you has let you down. But an attitude of tenderness can help see the whole person and not just his or her failings, and goes a long way in mending relationships.

REAL-LIFE EXAMPLE:

Ronald set high standards for himself and his family: his wife of eighteen years, Jackie, and their four children. When one of them made a mistake or did something wrong, his manner was stern and he made very clear his disappointment. His well-intentioned goal was to help his family grow in virtue. But one evening after chastising his daughter for a poor grade, she shouted at him, “You are always so harsh!” Stung, Ronald spoke with his wife and to his surprise, she agreed that he could lighten up a bit. “Maybe be a little more kind,” she said, “more tender. We’re all trying our best, after all.” While it felt uncomfortable at first, Ronald started to make a conscious effort to be gentler with his wife and children, and was pleased to see their relationships deepen in ways they hadn’t before.

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE:

1. Pray: Read the Scripture story of the prodigal son (Lk 15:11-32) together.
2. Reflect: How can you be tenderer toward your spouse and children?
3. Do: The next time your spouse or child does something to disappoint you, try to temper your disapproval with an affirmation of their goodness and your love for them.

PRAYER FOR MARRIED COUPLES:

Almighty and eternal God,
You blessed the union of husband and wife
So that we might reflect the union of Christ with his Church:
look with kindness on us.
Renew our marriage covenant.
Increase your love in us,
and strengthen our bond of peace
so that, [with our children],
we may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.
St. John Vianney’s Incorrupt Heart Relic Pilgrimage
Curé of Ars Church
2323 Merrick Avenue, Merrick, NY
OPEN TO ALL

April 8th
St. John Vianney Incorrupt Heart at Curé of Ars
Arrival: 12 Noon
Veneration Overnight
Departure: April 9th at 8am

April 8th
7:30 PM Mass
Fr. Ed Sheridan
Vicar For Clergy Personnel, Diocese of Brooklyn
Celebrant & Homilist

April 9th
7AM MASS
Fr. Zachary Callahan & Msgr. Frank Caldwell

April 9th
“The Death and Resurrection of the Catholic Church” at 7:30pm
Msgr. John Strynkowski, Retired Priest, Diocese of Brooklyn

April 11th
St. John Vianney Incorrupt Heart at Curé of Ars
Arrival: 6:30 am
Departure: 9 pm
Veneration from 7am to 9pm

April 10th
“Keeping the Faith When the Church Is Adrift” at 7:30
Mr. David G. Bonagura, Jr. Adjunct Professor of Theology at St. Joseph’s Seminary, Yonkers, New York.

April 11th
9AM MASS
Fr. Charles Mangano

April 11th
7:30 PM MASS
Fr. Joe Fitzgerald
Ten Tips for Protecting Children and Offering Outreach to Victims/Survivors

1. Sexual abuse is about the victim.
Many people are affected by abuse but the individual most impacted is the victim who has suffered a violation of trust that can affect his or her entire life.

2. The residual effects of having been abused can last a lifetime.
The sense of violation goes deep into a person’s psyche and feelings of anger, shame, hurt and betrayal can build long after the abuse has taken place. Those who have been abused can heal, but if often takes time, therapy, and the support of loved ones.

3. No one has the right to have access to children.
No one, no matter who they are, has an automatic right to be around children or young people who are in the care of the Church without proper screening and without following the rules.

4. Common sense is not all that common.
Dioceses, schools, parishes, and especially families, must educate themselves and others on how to protect children.

5. Child sexual abuse can be prevented.
It is critical to build safety barriers around children and young people to keep them from harm—such as protective guardians, codes of conduct, background evaluations, policies and procedures, and safety training programs.

6. Feeling heard leads toward healing.
Relief from hurt and anger often comes when one feels heard, when one’s pain and concerns are taken seriously, and a victim/survivor’s suffering, pain, and anger are acknowledged.

7. You cannot always predict who will be an abuser.
Experience shows that most abuse is committed by someone who has gained the trust of a victim/survivor and his/her family.

8. There are behavioral warning signs of child abusers.
Some abusers isolate a potential victim by giving him or her undue attention or lavish gifts, others allow young people to participate in activities which their parents or guardians would not approve, such as watching pornography, drinking alcohol, using drugs, and excessive touching, such as wrestling and tickling.

9. People can be taught to identify grooming behavior.
Grooming behaviors are the actions which abusers take to project the image that they are kind, generous, caring people, while their intent is to lure a minor into an inappropriate relationship. Offenders can be patient and may groom their victim, his or her family, or community for years.

10. Background checks are important.
Background checks in churches, schools and other organizations keep predators away from children both because they scare off some predators and because they uncover past actions which should ban an adult from working or volunteering with children.
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Into the Desert
A Lenten Study on Prayer

Transform Your Prayer Life
Dr. Tim Gray masterfully uses the prayer discipline of *Lectio Divina* to show you the secret to opening your heart and mind to God through Scripture. Discover how to make prayer an effective

Every April Catholic parishes and schools across the U.S. participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month. While dioceses work year-round to prevent abuse, during the month of April a special emphasis is placed on the importance of learning how to protect the vulnerable from this evil.

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.

Safety for All

Every child deserves a safe environment. Ministry to children and young people is a privilege, not a right.
The sexual abuse of minors is a crime and a grave sin.
In accordance with diocesan policy, when a single act of sexual abuse is admitted or established, the offender is to be removed permanently from ministry.
To help hold offenders accountable, report all abuse to local police authorities. You can also contact the diocesan victim assistance coordinator to make a report and seek outreach for the abused. These individuals are available to assist you in making a formal complaint of abuse to the diocese/eparchy, in arranging a personal meeting with the bishop or his representative, and for obtaining support for your specific needs. To find contact information for the victim assistance coordinator, please visit: http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection/victim-assistance-coordinators.cfm
Upcoming Dates -
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 Middle School Youth Group meeting will take place on Sunday, April 14th, Palm Sunday, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Youth Room at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School. Come join us as we have a discussion about Holy Week and a time of fellowship. Email stbyouth17@gmail.com with any questions.
Thanks! Kieran Maelia, Youth Minister
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?

Level 8 Class
May 1st or 2nd Service of Light
Chapter 24 ‘Where do I go from here?’
The Journey Continues

The purpose of this lesson is to conclude the program by offering a final call to the life of discipleship as your son or daughter makes final preparations to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. As the title of the program suggests, each of us has been Chosen by God to follow Jesus and to spread His kingdom individually and through our participation in the body of Christ. In the Sacrament of Confirmation, we are invited to embark on a mature phase of our relationship with Christ, in which the seeds that were planted at Confirmation and watered and pruned through the other sacraments, begin to blossom and bear fruit in the kingdom of God. In the past twenty-three lessons, we have explored how the teachings of the Church prepare us to enter into that mature life of faith. Now we will focus on the question, “What’s next?”

Conversation Starters
You have completed the Chosen journey. How was the overall experience? What are some things you learned that really stand out for you?

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
Be Still and Know

Catholic Daughters’ Awards

Ben Ferris, 5th G., St. Barnabas
Brianna Bianco, 7th G., St. Barnabas
Josephine DiFranco, 7th G., St. Barnabas
Madeleine Graham, 8th G., St. Barnabas
Austin Rincon, 7th G., Sacred Heart
Matteo Rincon, 7th G., Sacred Heart
Addison LaMaina, 5th G., Cure’ of Ars

LI Catholic School Honor Band & String Concert

Michael Murphy, 7th G., Cure’ of Ars
Daniel Grazioso, 4th G., St. Barnabas
Casey Grawehr, 5th G., St. Barnabas
Rowan Grawehr, 7th G., St. Barnabas
Jonathan Florita, 5th G., St. Barnabas
Lauren Reyes, 5th G., St. Barnabas
Charlotte Johannesen, 7th G., St. Barnabas
Kaelin McCaffrey, 7th G., St. Barnabas
Peter Bouzi, 7th G., St. Barnabas
John Ziegler, 5th G., St. Christopher
Brian McGoldrick, 4th G., St. Francis
Patrick McGoldrick, 4th G., St. Francis

Allison McGoldrick, 6th G., St. Francis
Michael McGoldrick, 8th G., St. Francis
Devin Aron, 7th G., St. Francis
Christian Aron, 8th G., St. Francis
Lena Martorana, 7th G., St. Ignatius Loyola
Alexis Gerstein, 6th G., St. Raphael
Madison Gerstein, 8th G., St. Raphael
Kathryn Maldonado, 6th G., St. Raphael
Patrick Garvey, 7th G., St. Raphael
Michael Iannicelli, 5th G., St. Raphael
Matthew Iannicelli, 7th G., St. Raphael
Gianni Vidas, 4th G., Our Holy Redeemer

Congratulations to all of the SEAS Catholic Daughter’s Award Winners! Students entered a variety of categories including art, essay, poetry, and photography. Congratulations to all of our Honor Band Members and String Concert Participants. Your hard work shows!

Early Childhood Open House & Carnival April 28, 11-1pm

We are a Regional Catholic School serving our five parishes: St. Barnabas, Cure of Ars, St. Raphael, St. Frances de Chantal, and Sacred Heart.

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Throwing Stones

Jesus went to the temple courts to teach the people who gathered around Him.

Circle the hidden letters: J E S U S

Jesus asked the woman, “Where are they? Has no one condemned you?” “No one, sir,” she said.

Write the 1st letter of each picture on the blanks.

“Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus said. “Go now and leave your life of

The teachers of the law brought in a woman who had sinned. They said to Jesus, “In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. What do You say?”

Draw an X over the picture that is different.

Jesus said to them, “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”

Trace the lines to finish the picture. Trace the letters.

Be the first

The people walked away one by one until only Jesus and the woman were left.
“So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.”

John 8:7
ACROSS
4. To send something such as a rock or a ball through the air
6. To break God’s laws or commandments
7. To say that someone has done something wrong
8. Prophet who received the 10 Commandments

DOWN
1. Another name for a rock
2. To judge someone; to sentence someone for a crime
3. The Son of God
5. An adult female person

JESUS  MORNING  ACCUSE  THROW  WOMAN
TAUGHT  ADULTERY  FIRST  SIN  TEMPLE
STONE  CONDEMN  TEACHERS  CROWD  LAW

WOMAN  SIN  MOSES  JESUS  CONDEMN  THROW
Throwing Stones

Jesus went to the temple courts, where all the people gathered around Him, and He sat down to teach them. The teachers of the law brought in a woman who had sinned.

(Circle) these hidden letters: T E M P L E C O U R T S

What happened after everyone had left?

Use the code to write the words on the blanks.

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Fit the pieces in the puzzle.

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