Masses For The Week
Week of April 13 - April 19
Mon. – April 13
6:30 AM  For the People of Our Parish
9:00 AM  Mary Anne Bahnken
         Mary DiCanio
Tues. – April 14
6:30 AM  Toni Rabbito
9:00 AM  Eileen Balke
Wed. - April 15
6:30 AM  Fr. Anthony LaBau, S.J.
9:00 AM  For the Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Thurs. – April 16
6:30 AM  John Alphonso
9:00 AM  Kevin Rose
Fri. - April 17
6:30 AM  Angelina Mammone
9:00 AM  Living & Deceased Members of the Donnelly, Lewis & Stauber Families
Sat. - April 18
8:00 AM  Barbara Surminska
5:00 PM  Clara McCreedy
         Colleen Buzanga
         Andrew Wetzel
         Mary Anne Bahnken
         Mary DiCanio & Vincent DiCanio
         Christopher & Ellen Goodwin
7:30 PM  Bienvenida Dominguez
Sun. - April 19
7:00 AM  For the People of Our Parish
9:00 AM  Shawn Kearney
10:15 AM Mary L. Cowley
10:30 AM Stephen Andrew Clifford
12:00 PM For the Intentions of Dorothy & Vincent Giammona
5:00 PM  Rose Bellitti & Frank Ponzio

Weekly Financial Reports
03/29/15 Sunday Collection: $ 22,495.50
   (Palm Sunday)
03/30/14 Sunday Collection: $ 16,512.50
Parish Families Registered  4,981
   # Envelopes Mailed        1,313
   # Envelopes Used          765
   # Envelopes (03/30/14)    607
04/05/15 Sunday Collection: $ 14,806.00
   (excluding Easter)
04/06/14  Sunday Collection: $ 18,037.50
Parish Families Registered  4,981
   # Envelopes Mailed        1,313
   # Envelopes Used          580
   # Envelopes (04/06/14)    650

2015 Catholic Ministries Appeal
Serving God by Serving Others
Goal Amount:  $ 109,100.00
Total Pledged:  $ 97,040.00
Total Payments Received:  $ 63,763.00
Total # of Donors:        435

RCIA
At the Easter Vigil this year, James Brescia, Jereme Matthews, and Jason Rodriguez were baptized, and Dennis Mulcan, Jackie Marinuzzi, Robert Simonson, Noel Batista, Debbie Loughman, Michael Parente and Danielle Parente, were welcomed into full communion with the Catholic Church. They now enter the period of Mystagogy - a time to be welcomed into the daily activities of the church.
RCIA is a process for those who seek full participation in the Catholic Church; those who were never Baptized; and those baptized Catholic, or in another Christian faith, who wish to receive Communion and Confirmation as Catholics. If you are, or know of someone who would like more information, please call the rectory and leave a message for Terry Hubert.

Operation Rice Bowl
Now that Lent is over the contributions you have saved in your rice bowls should be returned in check form to the rectory. Our total donation as a parish will be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services.

Banns of Marriage
Michael Milham & Judith Iannota

EMs, Lectors, & Altar Servers
Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers have been sent via e-mail the ministry schedule for April. For those who do not have e-mail or have not provided their e-mail address, pick up a copy of the schedule in the Altar Server’s Sacristy after mass.

Please Pray For The Repose Of The Souls Of The Recently Deceased
Donna Mossa, Agatha Cutrone, Umberto G. Mestron, Peter M. Koenke, Mathew Valenza and Linda A. Henry
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES
2015 Philadelphia

Diocesan Pilgrimage Day
To World Meeting of Families
Wednesday, September 23, 2015

Location: Philadelphia
Cost: $20 (to reserve your spot on the Coach bus. Payment must accompany registration, each person must register separately.)

Pick up Locations:
St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre
Time: 6:15 a.m. (promptly) - 9:00 p.m.

St. Matthew's Parish, Dix Hills
Time: 5:00 a.m. (promptly) - 9:00 p.m.

Upon Arrival: *There is a $95 registration fee for adults to attend the World Meeting of Families. Children (ages 6-17) will pay a $25 registration fee. Registration will take place upon arrival at the Convention Center. There is no online registration for admittance to the Convention Center.

For more information please click here: www.worldmeeting2015.org

For more information please contact
Kathleen Logan-516 678-5800 Ext 236

Itinerary

8:00 a.m. Registration at Convention Center
8:30 a.m. Mass
10:30 a.m. Keynote: Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap.
The Light of the Family in a Dark World
11:45 a.m. Breakout Sessions*
1:00 p.m. Independent Lunch/Exhibits
3:00 p.m. Keynote: Professor Helen Alvaré,
Creating the Future: The Fertility of Christian Love
4:15 p.m. Breakout Sessions*
5:30 p.m. Departure

*You will have the option of attending two breakout sessions.

Register online at www.drvc-faith.org for bus transportation only, or forward the completed registration form below along with a check payable to "Office of Faith Formation". Mail to Debbie Coyne, Office of Faith Formation, Diocese of Rockville Centre, P.O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571.

Name ____________________________________________ Parish __________________________
Address __________________________________________ Parish Town __________________________
City/Zip __________________________________________ Phone __________________________
Email ____________________________________________ Coach Bus Registration Fee $________

Select (1) Pick up Location:  St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre____ Or  St. Matthew's Parish, Dix Hills____

World Meeting of Families 2015
World Meeting of Families Registration
Attention: Anyone wishing to attend “World Meeting of Families” in Philadelphia September 22nd through September 27th (including a Papal Mass on September 27th), please contact the following website for our Diocesan Office of Formation to register: www.drvc-faith.org.

All Love Bears Fruit
Not everyone is called to marriage. But every life is meant to be fertile. Every life has the power and the need to nurture new life - if not through bearing and raising children, then through other vital forms of self-giving, building and service. The Church is an extended family of different vocations, each distinct but each needing and supporting the others. Priesthood, religious life and the celibate lay vocation to enrich, and are enriched by, the witness of the married state. The different ways of being chaste and celibate outside of marriage are ways of donating one’s life to God’s service and the human community.

Bread & Wine
The Eucharistic Bread & Wine this week is in memory of Samuel Odabashian, son, brother, father, grandfather, great-grandfather...given by his children, Robert and Patricia Odabashian and his grandchildren, Andrew and Brian Odabashian.

Sanctuary Lamp
The Sanctuary Lamp Candle will be lit this week in memory of Maggie O’Brien from her loving granddaughters Laurie, Debbie, and Ginnie.

Word of Life
“I pray that at every level a general commitment to support the family will reappear and be strengthened so that today too - even amid so many difficulties and serious threats - the family will always remain, in accordance with God’s plan, the “sanctuary of life’.”


In Your Prayers Remember the Sick

Maintenance & Repair Collection This Weekend
Thank you for your continued support of the maintenance and repair collection.

Bake Sale
Cub Scout Pack 580 is having a bake sale on Saturday, April 18th after the 5:00 PM Mass and on Sunday, April 19th following the 9:00, 10:15, 10:30 AM and 12 Noon Masses in the lobby of the Holy Family Chapel. Your support is appreciated.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Supermarket Bingo
The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Mother Seton #2413 will hold their Annual Supermarket Bingo on Friday, April 17th at 7:30 PM in the school cafeteria. Admission is $5.00 which includes one packet and coffee and cake. Raffles will include a money hat and Lotto board. For information call Jackie at 781-7846 after 7:00 PM.

Watch Your Step
Please be aware that due to the recent extreme weather, the sidewalks across the entire property are lifting and uneven including in front of the church. Please be careful when walking around the entire complex as well as entering and exiting the church. At the present time, this issue cannot be addressed until the temperature reaches a certain point. We will employ a temporary patching system as soon as weather permits. In the Spring we will reassess this issue and provide a permanent solution.
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional Catholic School
Where we “BUILD” upon Respect, Responsibility & Reverence
Our weekly news column to all alumni, families and parishioners

SEAS OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, April 19th, 11:00am - 1:00pm.

Celebrating over 20 years of Academics, Faith & Service

Nursery-8th Grade New York State Fully Accredited Faculty
New York State Certified Teachers
New York State Curriculum Compliance

Fully Equipped all New Computer Media lab with Educational Internet Access &
Smart Board
Computer Media Curriculum includes Microsoft Word/Excel/Powerpoint 2013 Instruction
Fully Equipped Science Laboratory with Smart Board Technology* & Digital Camera
MST Programs ~ Math/Science/Technology, National Junior Honor Society,
8th Grade NYS Algebra Regents Class for advanced math students, with 100% passing rate
After School Care Program,
Theatre Productions, Choir & Chorus, Student Council, Band Program, Parent Association,
Creative Arts Program, Sacrament Preparation, Spanish grades Pre-K through 8th
5th, 6th, 7th & 8th Grade After School Sports Program,
Health, Physical Education & Fine Arts Programs,
Services for children with special needs available on site

Smart Board Technology* in classrooms throughout the building

Financial Assistance Available

Our Time (2 year old & parent transition program), Nursery (3 years old)
Half Day & Full Day Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten (4 & 5 years old)
*Smart Board Technology- interactive whiteboard which responds to touch interactions

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton…
preparing the way for Catholic High School

Come fall in Love with St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School!
Camps R Us Open House
Saturday, April 18th; 12:00 Noon - 1:30 PM
School Lobby
Since 1993 Camps R Us has offered a private day camp for a fraction of the cost of other camps, and for less than the cost of a babysitter. These award winning camp programs offer a diverse summer experience, including sports, arts & crafts, gaming, swimming, bowling, trips, special events and more. Premier facilities, top-notch staff and unique affordability have earned us the reputation as one of the best summer camps on Long Island. For more information call 935-2267 or visit our website at www.CampsRUs.org.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School
SEAS Father’s Club Meeting – April 15th, 7:30 PM at Piccolo’s Restaurant. $30 pays all.

SEAS Mother and Son Event May 13th, 6:00 P.M.
The venue is Bethpage Ballpark, Long Island Ducks vs. the Bridgeport Bluefish. We are honored to be singing the National Anthem on the field before the start of the game!

Our Time
One of the unique offerings of our school is a parent and child program called Our Time. This program offers a variety of age-appropriate activities for two and three year olds, such as arts and crafts, live music, story time, playtime and prayer. The classes are conducted in a well structured classroom setting and taught by Sabina Lamb, Director of Family Music at St. Barnabas Church. The session is once a week from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM during the months of September through June, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Call 781-9834 for information. Get the new color brochure at the rectory.

A Chorus Line
Wednesday, May 6th; Showtime 8:00 PM
The John Engeman Theatre in Northport
Sponsored by the Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville. A coffee and dessert reception begins at 6:30 PM followed by the show at 8:00 PM. Tickets are $100 per person, cash bar available. Raffles are $25 each or 5 for $100. For tickets or additional information please call the Sisters of St. Dominic Development Office at (631)842-6000 ext. 238.

Pray for Our Armed Forces
Keep in your prayers all the women and men who currently serve in our military.


US Coast Guard: Ensign Robert M. Scaduto, Jr.

Vacation Bible School
All adults and students (grades 7 and up) interested in helping with Vacation Bible School this summer are invited to attend a meeting on Sunday, April 19th following the 10:15 AM Mass in the Holy Family Chapel. Vacation Bible School will take place the week of July 27th - July 31st.

Protecting God’s People
Together we protect the children of God and all God’s people. We are the eyes and ears of the outreach of the Church to care for and protect all God’s people. As the signs in the subway say, “If you see something, say something” could well be the motto of our program to care for our children. For your information, the Diocesan Abuse hot line is 594-9063. For information on the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People you can contact Mary F. McMahon, LCSW at the diocesan office 678-5800 ext. 573 or our pastor.
“ALLELUIA!”
Easter 2015

My dear Parishioners,

Easter is so special...especially Holy Saturday’s Easter Vigil Mass and all of our Easter Sunday Masses as they announce Christ’s Glory!

Lent and Holy Week are past. The purple vestments and wall hangings, the emptiness of our sanctuary which set the proper tone and mood for our Lenten journey have been put away.

In their place are our white altar covering and white vestments and wall hangings with flowered wreathes and the beautiful array of Easter lilies and flowers fill our sanctuary with fresh new life...the new life of our Risen Lord. Our “Alleluia” has emerged from its six weeks of enforced silence. Now we say, sing and even shout out “Alleluias” that so especially sum up our Easter mood of victory and joy!

Again, this year, as your pastor, I lift up glad prayers of thanksgiving to our heavenly Father for the many wonderful ways you have sought to be Jesus’ Easter Light here in our own parish family of St. Barnabas and to our local communities.

You proclaim God’s Word in the many ways you so reverently pray His word, study His Word, teach His Word and live His Word. You so fervently celebrate the Word made Flesh at each and every Eucharist.

You are God’s heart and hands of compassion as you reach out to serve the needs of so many and in so many ways.

May God, this Easter, abundantly bless you to continue to be His “Easter People” as I share this Easter Blessing upon you, your homes and our beautiful Church: “O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling-block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter’s power. God make the door of this house the gateway to your eternal kingdom. Grant this Easter blessing through our Risen Lord. Amen!

Happy and blessed Easter everyone!
Much love and God bless,

[Signature]

Father Joe
Thank you from Outreach
Thanks so much to all of you, our Assistant Easter Bunnies who donated food, gift cards, checks and sweets to help fill 52 Easter Baskets for the needy in our community. Because of your kindness and generosity these families got to enjoy a complete Easter dinner including many extra treats. Many thanks to the Kiwanis Club of Bellmore for their donation of recyclable bags used to pack our baskets. Thanks also to Cub Scout Troop 580 at St. Barnabas who put together and donated 3 huge Easter Baskets for both a senior and children. Our thanks to the Employee Outreach Council at PSEG Long Island who donated over 20 gift bags filled with candy and toys for the little ones. And finally, thanks to all the anonymous folks who quietly left envelopes for those less fortunate. God bless you all for the spirit of compassion and generosity you exemplify to those most in need. Easter blessings.

Kiwanis Club of the Bellmores
41st Annual Pancake Breakfast
Applebee’s of Bellmore
Sunday, April 19th, 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM
Tickets are $7.00 per person and available at the door. Meal includes pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, and a beverage (coffee, juice, soda or tea.) There will be a 50/50 and raffle prizes. The Bellmore Kiwanis is a big supporter of the St. Barnabas Food Pantry. Please support the Kiwanis Club of the Bellmores.

Prayer Shawl Ministry
The St. Barnabas Prayer Shawl Ministry knits/crochets shawls/lap blankets for parishioners who are in the hospital/nursing home or suffering in some way, and who might draw comfort from receiving the prayer shawl. So far our wonderful volunteers have made more than 100 shawls/lap blankets! If you know of anyone who would benefit from a shawl or blanket please contact Sr. William at the Office of Christian Formation at 785-0130 and we will gladly provide you with one. The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry is Thursday, April 16th at 10:00 AM in the rectory.

Bingo
Bingo is played every Saturday night at St. William the Abbot School Cafeteria in Seaford. Doors open at 6:00 PM and games start at 7:00 PM

Benefits & Resources for Veterans and Their Families
Saturday, April 18th; 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Long Island State Veterans Home
100 Patriots Road, Stony Brook 11790
Multi-purpose Room
Representatives from a variety of federal, state and local agencies will be present to distribute information and answer your questions. Experts in the field of VA benefits, managed care, Medicaid, housing, home care, assisted living, legal counseling, mental health, long-term care, burial arrangements and more will be on hand. In addition, representatives from VA Eligibility and enrollment will be on site, as well as, free oral cancer screenings and general health screening will be performed by Stony Brook Medicine School of Dental Medicine and School of Nursing. This is a free event and open to the public. For more information call (631)444-8606 or visit www.listateveteranshome.org.

CYO Basketball Registration
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School Lobby
Monday, April 27th; 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Tuesday, April 28th; 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Monday, May 11th; 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Wednesday, May 13th; 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Bulletin Advertisers
As you read our weekly bulletin you can find a list of our bulletin advertisers on the inside and outside back pages. These are local businesses that support what we do here at St. Barnabas and enable us to have a weekly bulletin. We invite you to please make use of these businesses by supporting them with your patronage as a thank you for what they are doing for us throughout the year. If you have a business you can also support St. Barnabas by placing an ad. Please call (631)249-4994 for more information.

Bereavement Group
Good Shepherd Hospice offers a walk in support group for anyone grieving a loss. The group meets at Mercy Hospital in Rockville Centre on Wednesdays from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the first floor board room. There is no cost and no registration required. For additional information call (631)465-6262,
2015 CMA PRAYER

Loving and gracious God,
You gave us your Son, Jesus Christ.

He gave of Himself,
not only on the Cross,
but in every moment of His life.

Following His example,
we will share our good fortune
and act as stewards of joy and hope.
Together, we will strengthen our Parishes;
we will extend the reach of our Ministries;
we will touch the lives of those in need.

Loving and gracious God,
open our hearts to the mission of the
Catholic Ministries Appeal.
Strengthen our resolve to be
like your Son, Jesus Christ,
to give of ourselves in every
moment of our lives.

We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ,
Amen.
2015 Catholic Ministries Appeal
Serving God by Serving Others

“Christ teaches us always to look upon others with mercy and tenderness, especially those who suffer or are in need of our help.”
-Pope Francis

A Place to Call Home

Charles spent 17 years deployed at military bases throughout the world. Returning home after an incident involving nerve gas, he began struggling with debilitating bouts of anxiety and depression.

His circumstances worsened and he couldn’t maintain a steady job. Charles moved in with his mother, but within a year she died and his childhood home went into foreclosure.

Catholic Charities’ Project Veterans’ Independence, which guides homeless veterans into permanent housing so they can live independently and have access to support networks that get them back on their feet, reached out and helped Charles.

“I was out of the service, out of a family, out of a job and out of a home. Catholic Charities found me and helped me to not only find a place to live - but they helped me to turn my life around.”
- Charles, honorably discharged US Veteran

Please consider donating to the Appeal and making a difference in someone’s life. Thank you!

Make checks payable to:
Catholic Ministries Appeal

Pledge: $ __________
Down payment: $ __________

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
Dear Lord,

We ask You to bless these Your holy people who have participated in the Church’s efforts to help stop child sexual abuse. Open their hearts to Your call to be the “ears, eyes and voice of children and young people” everywhere. Give them the vision and grace needed to fulfill the special commitments that each of them has made to making their homes, churches, schools, communities and world a safer place for all God’s Children.

Amen.

Our diocese has policies and procedures to create a safe environment and protect children. The diocese also has codes of conduct all adults involved in any form of ministry must follow. To read the policies and learn how you can help create a culture of protection go to the diocesan website: www.drvc.org and click on the Protecting Children link in the upper right corner.

- Because of the intrinsic value of human life and the dignity of the human person that is given as a gift at birth; we are required to protect that dignity. Abuse of all kinds is harmful to the human dignity. Children being the most vulnerable require us to protect them from abuse. We can do that by first training all adults of our parishes that are around children and next by training children how they can protect themselves.

- During Child Abuse Prevention Month, we are reminded of the call to be instruments of justice, working for the common good of all, which includes the provision of healing for those who have suffered as victims of abuse. As Jesus entrusts to Peter the care of the flock, we are reminded that this responsibility belongs to everyone as a matter of charity and justice. Child Abuse Prevention Month should lead to heightened awareness of the need to be vigilant about providing a safe environment for all within the Church and for the world.

- As members of the body of Christ we are all called on to protect the dignity of all human life. This might not be what we thought we wanted to do for the Lord, but protecting all life is what the body of Christ needs at this time. We can all do our part to ensure our children are in safe environments at home, at school, at church.
Faith on Tap
Monday, April 20, at 7:30 PM, Wantagh Inn
(across from the Wantagh Train station)
Faith on Tap is a forum engaging young adults in straight talk and honest answers to question of faith. Our talk for the evening will be “The Road Goes Ever On…Christian Symbolism in the Lord of the Rings” given by Anthony Gentile, a dynamic and passionate speaker who works closely with the Young Adult Ministry in the Diocese. He is a husband, father of 5 and serves on the Executive Board of the Long Island Catholic Men’s Conference. Doors open at 7:00 PM and the talk begins at 7:30 PM. Come early, meet new friends or catch up with old friends. For more information, please contact Marianne Sheridan, Director for Young Adults at msheridan@drvc.org.

Weekly Meetings
Al-Anon meets every Wednesday at 7:30 PM in the Rectory Meeting Room and every Sunday at 7:30 PM in the school cafeteria.

Church Hours
From time to time people ask about the hours of the day that the Church is opened. From Monday through Friday the Church opens at 6:00 AM and closes by 4:00 PM. On Saturday morning the Church opens at 7:30 AM and closes after the 7:30 PM Mass and on Sunday morning the Church opens at 6:00 AM and closes after the 5:00 PM Mass.

Family, Marriage & Individual Therapy
Professional therapy, provided by New York State licensed therapists, is available to our parish and 148 other parishes. This program, under the direction of Dr. George Giuliani, has been conducted in the Diocese for the past 40 years for the convenience of parishioners. Services are provided by the Catholic Counseling Center, a proprietary professional corporation, which is independent of and not controlled or supervised by the parish or diocese. Confidential information and appointments are available by calling Dr. Giuliani at (631)243-2503 or visit www.thecatholiccounselingcenter.com.

Divine Mercy
Please join us to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy following the 9:00 AM Mass every Monday through Friday and after the 8:00 AM Mass on Saturdays. This powerful devotion takes only a few minutes.

Vocation Retreat Weekend
Sisters of St. Dominic, Amityville
“Be who God meant you to be and You will set the world on fire.”
~St. Catherine of Siena, Dominican Saint
Friday, April 17th at 7:00 PM through Sunday Vespers at 4:00 PM. For women who are 17 years old and older. Come join us and explore what it means to be part of the Dominican Family. A $20 donation for the weekend is suggested. Please contact Sr. Marenid Fabre, OP, Director of Vocations, (631)842-6000 ext. 352.

Harvest Houses
A unique alternative for elders, not an apartment, not an assisted living, but a small family like environment in a residential setting. For information contact Sr. Jeanne A. Brendel at 496-9796 or look on line at www.harvesthouses.org.

Life Center
Urgent Request for Baby Items
- Boys Clothing is desperately needed
- Clothes for girls and boys(sizes 0-6 and 18-24 months especially needed)
- Toiletries (wipes, baby soaps, shampoo, diaper rash creams, powders, etc.)
- Crib sheets
- Bottles
- Hooded towels, wash cloths
- Diaper bags
- Non Drop Side Crib / Bassinets / Pack n Plays
- Car seats (both infant and toddler, must be manufactured less than 6 yrs ago.
- Strollers
If you have questions or would like additional information call 798-9100.

Year End Contribution
Anyone wishing to receive a contribution statement for the year of 2014 are asked to call the rectory.

Accessibility for the Disabled
Access to the Church for parishioners, visitors and their guests who use wheelchairs, scooters etc., can be made by parking in the rear parking lot and entering the church through the side door, via the ramp in the back of the building. The side pews on the Tabernacle side of the church have been configured to accommodate our disabled parishioners and their guests.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

As we get closer to the end of the Religious Education year I would like to remind you of the following information:

**Important dates and information:**

Monday, April 13th – Classes resume.

**Sunday, April 19th** – I will be available to all students who would like some assistance with their Confirmation projects for both the Stage 1 “Called to Witness” – Level 7 and Stage 2 “Alive in the Spirit” – Level 8 in the Holy Family Chapel from 12:00 noon until 1:15pm. Please note this it is not mandatory to attend, I am offering assistance to those who would like some help completing their projects.

**Last week of Classes** – Monday, May 4th through Thursday, May 7th.

**Stage 2 Confirmation Projects** - The last and final project – Project # 12 - Stations of the Cross is due by April 16th. If it is your intention on being Confirmed this June all projects must be satisfactorily completed and submitted to the Office of Christian Formation no later than April 23rd.

**Stage 1 Confirmation Projects** – Please note most of the projects are past due with the exception of Project # 4 - the Mass reflection for Lent and Easter are due April 16th, Project # 8 - Prayer/Devotion Experience is due by April 23rd and Project # 9 - Service/Ministry Project is due by April 30th. If it is your intention for both the Level 7 student with a parent or guardian to attend the “early bird” meeting so you can get a head start on the Confirmation Projects for Stage 2 – Level 8 – then all Stage 1 – Level 7 projects must be satisfactorily completed and submitted to the Office of Christian Formation no later than May 29th – NO EXCEPTIONS. Any student who is unable to attend the scheduled “early bird” meeting will be able to receive their Stage 2 Confirmation project workbook when they attend one of the meetings in the Fall.

**Please NEVER just drop off a child in the parking lot – all students need to be escorted to the lobby. This will prevent any student being left at the school building when classes have been canceled.**

**HELP NEEDED**

We are in the process of planning the Religious Education year for September 2015. We are always in need of adults to help. Please consider helping by teaching a class, being a substitute, or helping by being a hall monitor. Please don’t assume that someone will step forward to help – YOU are that someone. **REMEMBER ALL VOLUNTEERS NEED TO ATTEND A VIRTUS TRAINING as well as have all the necessary volunteer forms submitted.** If you have any questions on the VIRTUS training or need assistance finding a training session please call Margie Lampert at the Office of Christian Formation – 785-0130.

The best way to keep informed is by reading the Church bulletin each week. If you forget to pick one up you can always read the bulletin on-line on the parish website – stbarnabasny.org. Once in the parish website you can click on the Religious Education website to keep up to date on what’s happening in the Religious Ed. Program and have access to the forms and information for our program.

As always please contact the Office of Christian Formation with any questions – we will be happy to assist you!
Hi everyone!
This is the page for St Barnabas Life Teen. I’m Peggy Harnisch your youth minister!!

Hi Everyone,

Happy Easter! Yes it’s still the Easter season. I love that we’re finally seeing signs of growth and rebirth all around us.

I’ve always loved the readings of the Easter season. During this time the first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles, not the Old Testament. It’s really the story of the early church and how they grew and functioned. Today we hear how they took care of each other and helped support each other.

Two thousand years later this sounds very different to us - selling your stuff and sharing it with your friends. So what does that mean for us today? Let’s start at home - do we share things with siblings? Do we share our selves and our time with our parents? That’s a great question for any age! How about in school? Do we take care of those that need us the most? Or do we just do it when it’s convenient for us? What about prayer? One of the things the early church did was come together for prayer. That’s why we’re all here each Sunday - to pray and come together as community.

The disciples of the early church had to stick together for their message to grow and flourish, but I think it’s a great way for us to live as well.

*Have a blessed Easter season!*  
~ Peggy

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**Upcoming Events!**

**April 17th** - Holy Hour Dodgeball!!  
Let me know if you want to come with us - permission slips required!  

**April 24th** - LifeTeen / Edge night!  
Middle and High School invited. Games and food too! 7:00 to 8:30 in the school cafeteria!

**May 5** - LifeTeen / Edge Scavenger Hunt (weather permitting)  
Middle school and High School ages 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM  
If you’ve never come to a Youth Ministry night, we hope you’ll check it out!

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Email Peggy for information!!  
stbarnabasyouthministry@gmail.com