April 21, 2019

St. Barnabas
Everyone Needs Encouragement

EASTER
HE IS RISEN!
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Youth Ministry &

Monday, April 22
Fr. Michael 6:30 AM
Msgr. William Jablonski
Deceased Members of the Grogan and
Schmitt Families
Rosa C. Medina
Virginia Marsico
James Flagg

Tuesday, April 23
Fr. Kevin 6:30 AM
William Maldonado
Fr. Kevin 9:00 AM
Elizabeth, Rick and Manuel Vlieg

Wednesday, April 24
Fr. Michael 6:30 AM
Charlie and Ann Klika
Fr. Michael 9:00 AM
James Leahy

Thursday, April 25
Fr. Kevin 6:30 AM
Rosemary Boyce
Fr. Michael 9:00 AM
Giuseppe Cipriano

Friday, April 26
Fr. Michael 6:30 AM
Alan Schwall
Fr. Kevin 9:00 AM
Brian Dione

Saturday, April 27
Fr. Michael 8:00 AM
Patricia E. Klein
3:00 PM
Wedding: Camillo DiLosenzo and
Rebecca Ponce
Fr. Kevin 4:30 PM
Gerard Bahnken, Jr.
Mary K. Riordan
Louis Porretto
Ronald Day
Raymond Vogts
Carole A. Henderson
Fr. Michael 7:00 PM
Thomas Lilly

Sunday, April 28
Second Sunday of Easter
Fr. Kevin 7:00 AM
For the People of Our Parish
Fr. Michael 9:00 AM
Joseph Crocitto
Fr. Kevin 10:15 AM
Francine Brown
Fr. Adrian 10:30 AM
Peter and Adeline Villella, Jr.
Fr. Michael 12:00 PM
Maureen P. Schaefer
Fr. Adrian 5:00 PM
Dorothy Camilleri
Dear Friends

What a glorious Holy Week! I cannot thank you enough for all the faithful hours of decorating, prayer, music and worship. We were blessed to have St. Barnabas Church filled with people during the week, and to welcome so many to Mass on this joyous Easter Sunday morning! Thank you especially to our incredible staff who decorated the Church for days, moving gracefully from Palm Sunday's splendor, to the stark reality of Holy Thursday and Good Friday, to the transformation of our sanctuary for Easter. God bless them all!

Thank you to the young people of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School who filled over two thousand Easter water bottles for today. All day Wednesday the whole school took turns to pray before the Blessed Sacrament and do various works of charity. I hope you, and all our Religious Education and Chosen students, enjoy a well deserved break from school.

Thanks to all our parishioners who participated in every aspect of our liturgy; to our altar servers, ushers, lectors and Eucharistic Ministers; to the choir and cantors who sang so beautifully all week; to our Family Ministry Team who organized beautiful services for children; and to those who had their feet washed on Holy Thursday and who participated in the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

Looking back over the weeks of Lent we are thankful to Creative Ministries for a presentation of the Passion. To Fr. Mike Whalen, CM for leading our Lenten Retreat. We are also grateful to Fr. Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross for bringing over 150 relics, some as old as 2,000 years, to St. Barnabas. We all enjoyed the Parish Soup Supper and the evening of choral masterworks and reflection entitled ‘Mary's Way of the Cross.’ This was truly a blessed time in the parish.

In the early hours of Easter we were honored to welcome new members of the Church: Miranda Awe, Bonnie Connors, Rich Jacobsen, Karl Seman, Molly Maroney, Suzanne Villani and Deborah Savors. Thanks also to my brother priests for making each service meaningful and poignant, and for the many hours spent hearing confessions. To all our parishioners who attended the Holy Week Services — there is no greater pleasure than being with Jesus, here in the Church of St. Barnabas.

Wishing you and yours a joyful Easter time.

Fr. Adrian
Remembering & Resurrection

What’s Pastor Thinking

Today’s gospel of Luke is about remembering- and about resurrection! Luke tells us that it was very early on the first day of the week when the women went to the tomb with their spices to prepare Jesus’ body for burial. They were confused when they got to the tomb and found the stone rolled away and Jesus missing. When two men in dazzling white suddenly appeared, the women were terrified- they were so afraid, they couldn’t even look at the strangers. The men said something very strange: why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, He is risen. Remember how He told you?

The men at the tomb gently coaxed the women to remember: Remember how Jesus told you this would happen? It was back in Galilee! Remember He said He would be handed over? He told you that He would be crucified! Remember? And He said that He would rise again on the third day.

Well, it happened just as He promised. Remember? And Luke tells us that the women remembered Jesus’ words! Suddenly it all came back to them- like a flood of light- not that it made any sense- but the women remembered that this was what Jesus said would happen and it did. The women remembered and so they returned to tell the others.

On this beautiful Easter Day, we gather to remember. We remember Jesus who was crucified, who died, and who rose again. And we tell the story to our children and grandchildren that we (and they) might carry something of Him within us, each and every day- that we might live our lives as His faithful followers. Yes, we gather on this day to remember the incredible story of resurrection:

And as we watched the sun at sunrise this morning, we remembered the first Easter! And as we look around this Church at the beautiful flowers and lilies, we remember. As we hear the organ play ‘Jesus Christ is Risen today’, we remember!

We remember that Christ has risen and we respond in joy: In Christ’s resurrection, we find our reassurance that death does not have the final word. We are promised eternal life if we believe in Him. And this is good news indeed.
We Pray for Our Deceased
Anthony Ferruggio
Louis Faltermeyer
Robert Coleman
Anna McSharry
Thomas DeFrancisci

Sanctuary Lamp

Sisters of St. Barnabas Intention
That we bring Easter Joy to every person and situation in our lives, by sharing Faith in Jesus’ Resurrection.

We Pray for Our Sick

The Week Ahead

Sunday: Rectory Closed
7:30 PM Al-Anon, S. Cafeteria

Monday: Rectory Hours: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
7:30 PM Charismatic Prayer Group, HFC

Tuesday:
7:00 PM Christ Life, HFC

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

Thursday:
7:00 PM Bible Study, Rectory

Friday:
1:30 PM Lectio Divina, Rectory

Saturday:
8:00 AM Anointing, Church
8:30 AM Men’s Group, HFC
8:30 AM Christ Life Retreat, HFC
11:30 AM First Holy Communion, Church
12:30 PM Confession

Our Finances
4/7/19: $18,431  4/8/18: $17,125
Parish Families Registered: 5,045
Envelopes Mailed: 1,482
Used: 4/7/19: 598  4/8/18: 663

Catholic Ministries Appeal
Goal: $108,900  Donors: 310
Pledged: $71,923  Received: $49,195
RCIA NEWS
At the Easter Vigil this year, Miranda Awe, Bonnie Connors, Rich Jacobsen, Molly Maroney, Karl Seman and Suzanne Villani were Baptized, and Deborah Savors was 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. R.C.I.A. 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 Terri Lyons.

Mother’s Day Baby Shower
Mother’s Day is soon approaching and we will once again support our local agencies - Birthright, Momma's House and Regina Residence with help for their moms and babies. They have sent us their Wish Lists and hope we can fill them as much as possible. The items include:

- **Diapers** - Size NB, 1, 4, 5, 6
- **Baby Gear** - Infant car seats, baby monitors, high chairs, snap-n-go universal strollers
- **Feeding items** - bottles (4 oz. & 8 oz.), nipples, insulated bottle carriers, bottle brushes, sippy cups, bibs
- **Baby Care Items** - hooded towels, washcloths, receiving blankets
- **Clothing** - onesies, socks, sweaters, spring/summer outfits size NB - 12 months and Toddler 4 & 5 (New only, please)
- **Gift cards** - Amazon, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Walgreen’s, Stop & Shop, Metro cards

Thank you so much for supporting our Mother’s Day Baby Shower. Donations can be brought to the church lobby or rectory through the weekend of May 4th & 5th. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Don’t Forget Your Baby Bottle!
On the weekend of April 27th & 28th Saint Barnabas Parish will be hosting a Baby Bottle Fundraiser to benefit The Life Center of Long Island. The Life Center is a pregnancy help center that counsels women and men who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Did you know that they provide?

- free pregnancy test kits
- free sonogram referrals
- maternity housing with eligibility requirements referrals
- medical care referrals
- Material aid including car seats, cribs, cloths, diapers
- ......and many other needed baby items
- Male advocates available to speak with fathers

We are asking that you pick up a baby bottle and fill it with your donation. (Make checks out to the Life Center of L.I.) Please return the bottles on May 25th & 26th.

Most importantly, we are asking you to recite the prayer on the bottle. The prayer attached to the bottle will enable the counselors at The Life Center to say just the right words a mother or father may need to hear. It especially opens a mother’s heart to accept the truth. We believe these prayers lead abortion-minded women to call The Life Center in the first place. Let us pray with our whole heart for the lives of our preborn children.
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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Today as we celebrate the Feast of Easter we go to the heart of what God has done for us. Jesus went through death to the other side, opened the way for us, and has already begun pouring His Spirit upon us. God entrusts us with Jesus’ mission and to be witness of God’s mighty deed of resurrection. It would appear that God trusts us a great deal. The good news of Easter is that there is life after death! But Christ’s resurrection is more than just historical fact or theological doctrine. It is God’s personal invitation of eternal life to you and me. This Easter Jesus Christ offers us salvation and new life. Can you think of some daily practices that will help you live this Easter joy more fully? Lent and the Easter season which follows calls us to reflect on the total identification of our Lord Jesus Christ with the poor. Please continue to support St. Vincent de Paul so that we can continue to give help to the poor and needy in our parish. Thank you and Happy Easter.

CRS Rice Bowl for Lent

Please return your CRS Rice Bowl. CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten faith-in-action program. Thank you.
Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Jesus is the Resurrection and the Light for our Church and within our marriages. Gift your relationship with a bright light 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/.

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 Bryan and Karen Berland at one of the following: 530 S. Academy, Guthrie, OK 73044, bkberland@gmail.com or (405) 850-4274. Awards for national and state winners will be presented in June, which is National Marriage Month.

The Men of the Way of Light

Wishing a Blessed Easter to all! The Emmaus episode is easy to visualize: two downhearted disciples seemingly without hope because they expected a different outcome. They are beginning to feel that life has no meaning for them. They are well-intentioned, but too human in their thinking. Is this something to which we can all relate? Jesus seeks these two out. He understands their sorrow. He sees into their hearts and responds to this earthbound thinking by providing them with divine wisdom. He explains recent events as a fulfillment of the Scriptures which sets their hearts aflame.
They want Him to stay with them. Jesus acts in the same way toward us. This Lord of ours never forces Himself on us. He wants us to turn to Him freely as we grasp the purity of His love, placed in our souls. We desire Him to stay, as He alone is the light. He alone satisfies the longing that consumes us! The Emmaus account also illustrates the importance of Holy Scripture and the Eucharist in the Church for the nourishment of people’s faith. As Thomas a Kempis put in his *Imitation of Christ*, “The Holy Books are a consolation and a mirror to my life, and the Eucharist, my refuge and my strength. Without these, I could not live a good life, for the Word of God is the light of my soul, and the Sacrament is the bread that gives life forever.” Are you in need of some encouragement? Or some divine wisdom? Please join our faith discussion group at our next meeting on Saturday, April 27th, immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass. We meet in the Nazareth Room of the Holy Family chapel. Bagels and coffee served. meetings run until 10:30 AM. For more information, visit our FaceBook page.

Focus on Religious Freedom
Confession and its Seal of Secrecy Under Attack: A new bill in California seeks to remove “penitential communications” from current law. This is the most sacred relationship between clergy and penitent in a formal confession. If the CA legislature enacts this bill, Catholic priests could face criminal prosecution and imprisonment for refusing to comply. However, the Catholic Code of Canon Law states: “The sacramental seal is inviolable,” and the penalty for a priest who divulges anything heard in confession is automatic excommunication.
Summer Camps and Courses
Our Lady of Mercy Academy, 815 Convent Road, Syosset is having summer camps and courses in the following areas: basketball, business skills, college essay prep, creative writing, cross country, dance, introduction to coding course, lacrosse, SAT prep, science research, soccer, softball pitching clinic, theatre and volleyball. For information call 921-1756 or visit www.olma.org.

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:
- 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.

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.

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.

Parish Revenue Sharing with Ocean Financial
St. Barnabas the Apostle participates in Ocean Financial’s Parish Revenue Sharing program and have received a total of $4,699 since this program began. We receive these funds based on your usage of the Ocean Financial Visa Credit and/or Debit cards. Thanks to each of you who are already using an Ocean Financial Visa card. We encourage those who are not yet members to become one today by visiting www.oceanfinancial.org, stopping in a branch or calling 620-8100.

Regular Sacrificial Giving
Contribute to St. Barnabas with on-line banking and bill paying services. Call the rectory to request the service. Send a check to St. Barnabas with a weekly donation indicated. Include your Name, Address & Envelope Number.

Estate Planning
When preparing your estate plan, please consider a bequest to The Parish of St. Barnabas, Bellmore. You can make a contribution to support ongoing operations of the Church or contribute to a particular project. Your legal counsel can help you refine the bequest language to suit your specific wishes for The Parish of St. Barnabas. Thank you.

US ARMY:

NATIONAL GUARD:
Major James McLean, A1C James Mikowski, Senior Airman Third Class Thomas Ruggiero.

US NAVY:

US MARINES:

US AIR FORCE:
Rev. Major Timothy Hirten, Nicholas P. Wright.

US MERCHANT MARINE:
Lt. J.G. Eric Stumpel.

US COAST GUARD:
Lt. Robert M. Scaduto, Jr., SA Kieran Baisley.
Dear Friends:

As we celebrate Holy Week, the Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday and, indeed, the entire Easter Season on Long Island, we remember the power of the Risen Christ so eloquently captured in the Resurrection narratives of the four Gospels.

These Resurrection accounts put us in the presence of the Risen Lord and open us up to his power. These narratives reveal the Risen Christ’s glorified wounds.

The light that streams from the glorified wounds of the Risen Jesus touch the wounds of the Church, the wounds of survivors of clergy sexual abuse, the wounds of our families and the wounds of the human family.

The power of the Risen Christ rolls back the stones of spiritual inertia and lukewarmness from our hearts, so that we can embrace a new and compelling spiritual vitality and commitment to advance dramatic missionary growth on Long Island and beyond.

It is my role as your Bishop, as your successor to the Apostles on Long Island, and as your servant, to be a teacher of prayer. Every Pastoral Letter, every Catholic Faith Network Encounter program, every YouTube video, and every Twitter message I share with you, is designed to open us all to a deeper spirit of prayer, holiness and evangelization.

In my 2019 Lenten Letter, www.bishopbarreslentletter2019.org, Encounter program link: https://youtu.be/AY_wYWE3b90 I asked us all to recommit ourselves to being deeply biblical Catholics who embrace daily lectio divina, the prayerful, daily reading and praying of Sacred Scripture.

In this 2019 Easter Letter, I am asking all of us to recommit to a period of daily silent mental prayer, a simple, heart to heart conversation with God. St. John Vianney, the holy Curé of Ars and patron saint of all Catholic priests, wrote: “Prayer is nothing but union with God. When one has a heart that is pure and united with God, he is given a kind of serenity and sweetness that makes him ecstatic, a light that surrounds him with marvelous brightness.”

In our current noise-addicted and social-media addicted culture, it can seem almost impossible to commit to a serious period of silence and mental prayer each day.

In the past, we may have tried to be faithful and consistent to mental prayer but found we could not sustain it. We may have given up or become so discouraged that we no longer believe that we could ever be serious about mental prayer.
Father Walter Ciszek, S.J. (1904-1984), was a Polish-American Jesuit priest who was imprisoned for more than twenty years for doing missionary work in the Soviet Union. His cause for canonization is currently underway in Rome.

Father Ciszek wrote a memoir of his spiritual journey in which he explains how prayer saved him through his years in prison, in solitary confinement, and even in the Gulag. In the book He Leadeth Me, he makes the connection between deep faith and deep prayer: “We cannot pray as if we were talking to the empty air: so in the very act of praying we unconsciously remind ourselves of the reality and the presence of God, thereby strengthening our belief in him … Without faith, our lives are just so many empty and boring routines, hollow at the core, as day succeeds day with little sense of meaning or feeling of accomplishment. With faith, however, even the most boring and routine action of every day has merit and significance for us – and for the kingdom of God.”

And so, each Easter, we all together humble ourselves and begin again. The power of the Risen Christ allows us a new beginning and opens us up to new vistas of conversion and spiritual growth.

St. Peter of Alcantara (1499-1562) was a Spanish Franciscan friar who lived in the 1500’s and was a master of spirituality. Consider what this great saint said about how mental prayer transforms our lives: “In mental prayer the soul is purified from its sins, nourished with charity, confirmed in faith, and strengthened in hope; the mind expands, the affections dilate, the heart is purified, truth becomes evident; temptation is conquered, sadness dispelled; the senses are renovated; drooping powers revive; tepidity ceases; the rust of vices disappears. Out of mental prayer issues forth, like living sparks, those desires of heaven which the soul conceives when inflamed with the fire of divine love. Sublime is the excellence of mental prayer; great are its privileges; to mental prayer heaven is opened; to mental prayer heavenly secrets are manifested and the ear of God ever attentive.”

This Easter, may the power of the Risen Christ and the Gospel Resurrection narratives open us to the Holy Spirit expanding the height, depth and breadth of our daily mental prayer and our capacity for contemplative concentration.

May each one of us embrace our call as baptized Catholic Christians to not only pray at a deep level ourselves, but also to teach others to pray as well.

May the Holy Spirit continue to raise up contemplative missionary saints on Long Island!

Sincerely in Christ,

[Signature]

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre
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**Why Would Anyone Become Catholic?**

Why would intelligent, successful people give up careers, alienate friends, and cause havoc in their families...to become Catholic? As he was considering his own move into the Church, Donald Johnson traveled around the country to get answers from some of today’s most prolific Catholic converts.

![Convinced Review](https://stbarnabasny.formed.org/image)

“**Jesus lives. This is the simple message of Easter. And because Jesus lives—so does hope, so does love, and so do we...This Easter morning let us acknowledge the gift of life Christ has given us. Let us look into the empty tomb and proclaim with joy, proclaim with all our hearts and with our lives—that Jesus lives! May God bless you. Happy Easter!”**

—Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, USCCB President

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**Holy Women of God, Pray for Us**

Risen Lord,
The angel that announced your rising
Spoke to an audience of but a few women
from Galilee.
And then you appeared,
Risen in the body,
But first only to Mary of Magdala.
We look back on all the centuries of your Church
Born of this small, faithful band,
Nurtured through the ages so often by the special grace given to women.

Lord, teach us to honor women, in body and in spirit.
For these great disciples have taught us to heal the sick,
To feed the poor
To sow mercy and justice.
To make peace.
And we call on them now to pray for us,
As we take up the cross ourselves.

Lord, as we are heirs to the Gospel
So too you have made us heirs of these women
Teach us to sing the song, in our words and deeds, that our sisters have taught us:
That Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.
Amen.

—A CRS Prayer

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**Did You Know?**

The word “Easter” comes from Old English, meaning simply the “East.” The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth and hope, is a symbol for Christians of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the World.
Level 8 Class
May 1st or 2nd Service of Light

Many thanks to all who participated in the chosen process — our leaders, candidates and our coordinator, Mr. Maelia. Thanks to our parents for attending Mass with your family, especially on the weekends of the Rites of Welcome and Enrollment. Wishing many blessings to all our candidates who are receiving Confirmation on May 20th.

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

Communion Information
Parents should have received this information already.
All Rehearsals are in the Upper Church and a Parent or Adult MUST stay for the rehearsal.

Communion Dates
May 4th at 11:30 AM
May 4th at 2:00 PM
May 11th at 11:30 AM
May 11th at 2:00 PM

Communion Rehearsals
Wednesday, May 1st at 4:30 PM
Wednesday, May 1st at 5:45 PM
Wednesday, May 8th at 4:30 PM
Wednesday, May 8th at 5:45 PM
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional Catholic School

SEAS Early Childhood program offers a wide variety of solutions to your student’s growing needs. We offer a 2-year-old parent inclusion program called “Our Time”. The Nursery Program is a three day a week program that introduces your student to the school atmosphere at a steady pace. The Pre-Kindergarten Program offers three or five days on a full or half day schedule. As your student enters Kindergarten, they are ready for our full five day schedule. We offer curriculum up to 8th Grade as well. We are conveniently located in Bellmore.

April 28th 11am-1pm
EARLY CHILDHOOD OPEN HOUSE & CARNIVAL

Our philosophy at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School Nursery, Pre-K and Kindergarten is to facilitate and expose children to an atmosphere where their physical, emotional, and spiritual growth in learning and discovering is natural and satisfying. Our program ties our faith in with all the goals of making the time of discovery fun filled and exciting. The children will socialize, share, play, build, paint, and sing. They will become more aware of how independent they are capable of being and feel positive about their accomplishments.

Check us out online:
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School
2341 Washington Ave. Bellmore, NY 11710
Office # 516-785-5709
www.Steas.com
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.
Tools for Building a Domestic Church

The family is, so to speak, the domestic church. In it, parents should, by their word and example, be the first preachers of the faith to their children... (Lumen gentium, no. 11)

What is the domestic church?

ONE
The domestic church is founded on the union between husband and wife.

HOLY
The domestic church is a temple for the Holy Spirit.

CATHOLIC
The domestic church is part of the bigger family of the universal Church.

APOSTOLIC
The domestic church contributes to the evangelizing mission of the Church.

It is in the context of the family that we first learn who God is and to prayerfully seek His will for us. In the following bullet points you will find some suggestions on how to build your “domestic church” through a life of prayer that can help all the members of your family.

- Begin family traditions based on the seasons celebrated in the liturgical calendar.
- Make your vacation a holy pilgrimage by visiting the shrines and saints of our land and the world.
- Make worshiping God a priority. Never miss Mass, even while traveling—go to: www.MassTimes.org to find a church near you!
- Teach stewardship and charity to your children, through word and example.
- Demonstrate love for your spouse, your children, your neighbors, and the world. Remind their children that they are loved by God and have been given gifts to serve others.
- Talk freely about the presence of God in the joys and sorrows of your life.
- Welcome into your home and support priests, brothers, sisters, deacons, and lay ministers in the Church.
- Participate in the lay ministries and activities of your parish community.
- Allow your children to witness you in private prayer. Encourage your children to pray daily on their own, to listen for God’s call, and if heard, to respond.
- For more ideas on how to build your home as a Domestic Church, go to www.domestic-church.com or visit “The Family Fully Alive,” sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

- Begin praying as a family and reading from Scripture daily, certainly before meals, but also first thing in the morning or before bed. Find a time that works for your family. Use the liturgy of the Church as a model for prayer and try to include heartfelt unstructured prayer as well.
- Pray a Family Rosary (each member leads a decade, and everyone shares intentions).
- Have a crucifix in a prominent place in the home, and in every bedroom.
- Make the Sacraments a regular celebration—take the whole family to Confession and Mass!
Early on the 1st day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

Connect the dots.
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The other disciple joined Peter inside. He saw and believed.

Use the code to write in the letters.

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Mary Magdalene ran to Peter and another disciple and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put Him!”

Put the pictures in order by matching them to the correct numbers.

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Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb. Peter went into the tomb and saw the strips of linen and the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head lying there.

Match the shapes.
HE IS NOT HERE! HE IS RISEN!
ACROSS
3. A place where someone is buried
4. “He is not here; he has ______, just as he said.” Matthew 28:6
7. A shaking or trembling of the earth
8. A heavenly being that serves as a messenger for God

DOWN
1. The first or early part of a day
2. A hard solid substance found in the ground which is often used for building
5. A period of twenty-four hours
6. A period of seven days

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STONE MORNING WEEK EARTHQUAKE
RISEN ANGEL DAY TOMB
The Empty Tomb

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

Find 12 differences in the bottom picture.

The other disciple joined Peter inside the tomb. He saw and believed.

Use the code to write in the words.

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