St. Barnabas the Apostle

Fourth Week of Easter

Monday, May 8
6:30 AM  Nancy D’Lando
9:00 AM  Deacon Tom Coleman
          Frank DeVito
          Sister Margaret Beaudette
          Louis Ciccotto
          Nathaniel Melvin

Tuesday, May 9
6:30 AM  Connie DeSena
9:00 AM  George Albrecht

Wednesday, May 10
6:30 AM  Charlie & Ann Klika
9:00 AM  Living & Deceased Members of
          Damien Dutton Society

Thursday, May 11
6:30 AM  Patricia McArdle
9:00 AM  Carl & Dolly Nobile

Friday, May 12
6:30 AM  Gabriella Krill
9:00 AM  Intentions of Donna Camilleri
5:00 PM  Wedding:
          Colin Hunter & Kathleen O’Connor

Saturday, May 13
8:00 AM  Aunt Mickey
Fr. Charles  4:30 PM  For All Mothers
          Living & Deceased
Fr. Kevin  7:00 PM  For All Mothers
          Living & Deceased

Sunday, May 14  Fifth Sunday of Easter
Fr. Charles  7:00 AM  For All Mothers
          Living & Deceased
Fr. Adrian  9:00 AM  For All Mothers
          Living & Deceased
Fr. Charles  10:15 AM  For All Mothers
          Living & Deceased
Fr. Kevin  10:30 AM  For All Mothers
          Living & Deceased
Fr. Adrian  12:00 PM  For All Mothers
          Living & Deceased
Fr. Kevin  5:00 PM  For All Mothers
Today’s second collection is in support of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School and the Tomorrow’s Hope Foundation. Currently, tuition, parish subsidy and fundraising all help to balance the budget and we are grateful for your support. Sustaining Catholic education is vital to the future of our society and to our Church. Today’s students are tomorrow’s hope.

Thank you for supporting Catholic education

**Total Number of Catholic School Students:**

- Two million students in preschool, elementary and secondary schools

**New Catholic Schools that opened in the 2015-2016 academic year:**

- 14

**A Gift to the Nation:**

- Based on the average public school per pupil cost of $12,608 Catholic schools provide more than 24 billion dollars a year savings for the nation.

**Special Needs:**

- 78.4 percent of Catholic schools serve students with mild to moderate special needs.

**High School Graduation Rate:**

- 99%

**Student Diversity:**

- 20.3% are racial minorities,
- 16.1% are Hispanic/Latino

**Staffing Ratio (National Average) 13:1**

**School Waiting Lists 1,795**

- Top 10 Cities with Highest Catholic School Enrollment: Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia, New York, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Brooklyn, Boston, St. Louis, New Orleans

Currently, 27 states and the District of Columbia have legislation that provides some form of financial assistance to parents to help them choose a private or faith-based education for their children. Currently there are 59 publicly-financed programs (vouchers, scholarships, education savings accounts and tax relief) available to assist parents with financial resources that enable them to exercise choice in their selection of a school for their children.
Jesus tells us that he is the shepherd and we are the sheep, which all sounds good, until you get to know a little about sheep.

To begin with, sheep are considered one of God’s dumber animals. Not very bright. And they smell. Another thing, if you chase a sheep he will start running and not stop. The sheep doesn’t look back and doesn’t know it is not being chased and will run until it dies. Very dumb. Sheep need protecting.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells us, ‘I am the gate for the sheep.’ Sounds pretty strange. We have to go back to the culture of the Ancient Near East to figure out what Jesus is talking about. In those days they built paddocks for sheep. They slept there at night. But the paddock had no gate, so the shepherd would sleep across the entrance. Any person or animal entering or leaving would have to go past the shepherd, so the sheep would be protected. And that’s Jesus, the protector.

God knows we need protecting. Over 2,000 years after Jesus, we’re not doing so well. Our world seems to be filled with hatred and violence. If we look around our world, we see unspeakable atrocities being carried out. Jesus tells us the sheep will follow the shepherd because they know his voice. But then, there is also the voice of the thief. Perhaps sheep have better ears than we do, because we seem to be pretty good about following the wrong voice.

There is a truth here for everyone. We are not immune to the voice of the thief. Every time we pass up a person in need, we’ve heard that voice. Every time we exclude someone, every time we don’t offer help to the less well off, every Sunday we sleep in ‘just this once’, every time we walk away from an opportunity to serve God, we may very well be listening to the voice of the thief. No, we’re not out there killing and maiming. But we’re not out there healing and caring.

The voice of the shepherd, says, ‘A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.’
## We Pray For Our Deceased
Winnie Traynor  Joy Woessner
Rose Sisalli  Dolores Cronin

## Flowers for the Blessed Mother
In loving memory of Loretta Thompson from the Schmitt Family.

## We Pray for Our Sick

## Financial Report

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**Catholic Ministries Appeal**

- Goal: $106,400
- Donors: 449
- Pledged: $102,009
- Received: $70,167

**Second Collection This Week**

- Catholic Elementary Schools
Mother’s Day is soon approaching and we will once again support our local agencies - Birthright, Momma’s House and Regina House with help for their moms and babies. They have sent us their Wish Lists and hope we can fill them as much possible.

The items include:
- Diapers, especially sizes 3,4,5,6
- Infant(3 month & up) and Toddler clothing. No used items, please.
- Layette – bath tub, towels/washcloths, receiving blankets, bibs, onesies, sweater/ hats, diaper bags
- Crib sheets / Mattress pads
- Baby Care Products –baby wash, shampoo, sunscreen, etc.
- Gifts for moms - slippers/ flip-flops, umbrellas, hair care products, towels/washcloths and gift cards.

Thank you so much for supporting our Mother’s Day Baby Shower. **Donations can be brought to the church lobby or rectory.** Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

This weekend, May 6th & 7th, St. Barnabas the Apostle parish will be hosting a Baby Bottle Fundraiser to benefit The Life Center of Long Island. The Life Center is a crisis pregnancy center that counsels women and men who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy.

Did you know that they provide:
- Free pregnancy tests
- Maternity housing with eligibility requirements
- Medical care
- Referrals
- Cribs
- Car seats
- Diapers
- And all other baby items that may be needed

We are asking that you pick up a baby bottle and fill it with your change. Most importantly, we are asking you to recite the prayer on the bottle.

**Please return the bottles on June 3rd & 4th.** Let us pray with our whole heart for the lives of our unborn children.
Mother Day Mass Remembrance for: Josephine Bombara and Ethel Mueller
from Mr. & Mrs. Ronald C. Mueller; Elizabeth Mohr & Bridie Murphy from Mr. & Mrs. Denis M.
Murphy; Clare M. Sproule, Sarah Sproule Christen A. Sproule and Kathryn A. Sileo from the Sproule
Family; Alice Grodotzke, Alice & MaryEllen McKee, Anna & Marlene Munzer from Judy Munzer; Emma
Hogan Eleanor Hochessy from Mr. & Mrs Vincent Hogan; Elvira Schenfile & Constance Seminara from
Karen Seminara; Assunta Falcone, Minni & Rose Rosano from Rosemarie Sorrention; Grace Juergens &
Sadie Lisi from John & Linda Juergens; Ann McAllister & Christine Fallon from Jim & Pat Fallon; Isabel
Kapps, Isabell Noce, Mary Roarty, Rose Catanio, Mildred Kapps from Rosemary Noce; Adeline Villella &
Mary Aprigliano from Peter Villella; RoseMarie Corliss from RoseAnn Corliss; Carrie McBride & Gertrude
Mundy form Mrs. Bernadette Mundy; Raffaela Rossonomo from Carol Anne Rossonomo; Veronica
McCarthy MaryAnn McCarthy & Nora Donlon from Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Donlon; Marie Ackerman &
Catherine Wallace from Ms. Jean A. Wallace; Mr. & Mrs. R. Aquila & Mr. Mrs. P. Sposano from Arlene &
Ron Sposano; Amelina Metz, Sue Mavridis, Theresa Andersen, Anastasia Martin, Anna Andersen, Amelia
Noll, Joan Parshley Barbara Kocuh, Edith Kammover, Wilma Noll from Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Martin;
Clorinda Facinelli & Ersilia & Anita Reich from Facinelli; Angela Chinrella & Caterina Marsico from lidia
Marsico; Lidia Marsco from Mrs. Catherine Brooks; Loretta Cavanagh, Margaret O’Neill & Ruth Miglino
from Mrs. Margaret Miglino; Alice Grodotzke & Joe Mezzella from Alice & Phil Mazzella; Emma Ceballo &
Elizabeth Lueche from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Luecke; Vera Carlson & Blanche Hippert from Virginia &
Joseph Keller; Margaret Forgione, Anntoinette Dombrowski from Mr. & Mrs. Edward G. Dombrowski;
Alice Valgoi, Mary Jehnevich, Maryjayne Pecoraro & Ingrid Johannesen from the Johannesen Family;
Denise Allan, Kristy Cornella, Lisa Nallan, Filomena Carillo from Mrs. Brigida Nallan; Bernadette Vadenais
& Margaret Canty from Ms. Carol Vadenais; Dorothy Bachman & Maria Kurz from Phyllis Kurz; Mary
O’Neill from the Baldenko Family; Angela Perrotto from Kathleen Gabelman; Elizabeth O’Donnell from
Terri O’Donnell; Lillian Salerno & Lillian Sturniolo from Annmarie Sturniolo; Patricia Cosgrove from
Miss Kathleen Berger; Anna Mignone & Nancy Mignone from Toni Ammirati; Rosalie Bonacasa &
Catherine Iannielli from Michael & Joan Bonacasa; Gilda Nunes & Fenanda Nunes from Lisa Malone;
Linda Cancro & Virginia Larocchia from Paula Larocchia; Eleanor Goddard & Millie Mancini from John &
Linda Mancini; Velia Speranzani & Emma Roesler from Gemma Roesler; Lucy
Gallipani from Mrs. Josephine V. Maggio; Anne Buonocore & Julia Ferriso from
Jackie & Larry Ferriso; Maureen P. Schafer from Stephanie
D’Andrea; Jane O’Leary, Helen, Rachel & Lucia Simek from the
Simek Family; Frances & Ann Jane Wilkinson; Estella Curran
form Walter & Maureen Maier; Elena Bettiol & Helen
Irwin from Charles Irwin; Janet Keenan, Diane Galati &
Kristen Jerchau form Linda & Peter Keenan; Louise
Stoffel & Ottilie Langdon from Anita Langdon &
Family; Margaret Karchinski & Selma Heller from
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Karchinski; Gisella Maikisch &
Ilona Gujdi from Ms. Mary T. Kolln; Angela
Polozzolo & Angela Higbie from the Palazzolo;
Eleanore & Sigrid Rydberg, Harriet Mackin &
Harriet Sauveco from Linda M. Rydberg;
Margaret Lynch & Mary Hennessy from
Patricia Hennessy; Rae Falcone from
Lorraine & Pat Rocco; Mildred Menza &
Sylvia Morisani from Mr. & Mrs. Anthony
Menza; Brigid Guerin, Catherine
McHugh & A. Horgan from Mr. & Mrs. Thomas McHugh; MORE NEXT
Bishop Barres
Bishop John Barres will celebrate the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Barnabas on Wednesday, May 24th. At this Mass the students and staff of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School will hold the May crowning. Please come along to welcome the Bishop on his first visit to us and to join the school in this beautiful liturgy.

Mother’s Day Novena
Remember your mother, living or deceased, by enrolling her in the Mother’s Day Novena. All the Masses on Mother’s Day will be celebrated in honor of those listed for this Novena. The list of names is published in today’s bulletin. More names to be added next week. We place the list at the Blessed Mother’s Shrine for the month of May. An envelope for your intentions may be found in the Church. Please return to the rectory or the collection basket.

Vacation Bible School 2017
All adults and students (grades 7 and up) interested in helping with Vacation Bible School this summer are invited to attend a meeting on Thursday, May 18th, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel. Vacation Bible School is Monday, July 24 - Friday, July 28th.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors
The sign up sheet for Ascension Thursday, May 25th is in the Sacristy. Please sign up after Mass today. Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers have been sent via e-mail the ministry schedule for May. For those who do not have e-mail or have not provided their e-mail address, please pick up a copy of the schedule in the Altar Server’s Sacristy following Mass.

RCIA
At the Easter Vigil this year, Yessica Reyes and Sheri Procopio were Baptized, and John Christiansen and Laura Matto, were welcomed into full communion with the Catholic Church. They now enter the period of Mystagogical - a time to be welcomed into the daily activities of the church. R.C.I.A. is the 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.

Eagle Scout Project
Dillon Pekoff of Boy Scout Troop 123 is doing his Eagle Project. He will be renovating the Blessed Mother Prayer Garden in front of the St. Barnabas Convent. The project will consist of laying new pavers, new plantings, new benches and fixing up the statue and the rest of the area. Your donations and support will be greatly appreciated.

Catholic Girl Scout Convocation
Congratulations to the Girl Scouts who will receive their religious awards at this year’s Convocation at St. Agnes Cathedral on May 7th. Bishop Brennan will present the following awards: Regina Coeli Award: Brianna Bianco, Emily Connelly, Charlotte Johannsen, Natalie Kowachka, and Faith Schaefer. I Live My Faith Award: Cara Anderson, Sydney Florio, Rachel Krogman, Lauren McCarthy, and Morgan Schaefer. The Marian Award, Mary, the First Disciple: Lauren Brochhagen.

Timmy Gilroy Summer Basketball
Registration will take place in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School Lobby, from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM on Monday, May 8th and Wednesday, May 10th.

Widows & Widowers
Join us for lunch on Thursday, May 11th at 12:30 PM at Gusto DeVito, 3930 Sunrise Highway, Seaford. The cost is $26 per person. Checks should be sent to Joyce Quinn, 2463 Freeport St., Wantagh, NY 11793. Please call Joyce at 781-6475 if you have any questions.

Discovering Christ Presentation
ChristLife’s Discovering Christ Program consists
of three seven-week sessions — Discovering Christ, Following Christ and Sharing Christ. This series was created by ChristLife, a Catholic apostolate of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, in response to the Church’s call to the New Evangelization. Over 15,000 people in 250 parishes in 7 countries have participated in this course, which is recommended by the Dioceses of Rockville Centre’s Office of New Evangelization. We would like to invite you to join us on Monday, May 22, at 7:00 PM in Our Holy Redeemer’s Lower Church Meeting Room, 37 S. Ocean Avenue, Freeport. Please RSVP by May 18th to Carolyn Terzulli at 546-3910 or by email at carolynterzulli@yahoo.com. To learn more about the program, please visit the ChristLife website at christlife.org.

Golden Jubilee of the Charismatic Renewal
The conference will be held at the University of Scranton in Scranton, Pennsylvania and begin on Friday, August 4th and conclude on Sunday, August 6th. We are blessed in being able to provide a luxury bus to the conference. In order to secure a seat on the bus please make a $70 check payable to and mail to: Anna M. Baciuska, 403 South Long Beach Avenue, Freeport 11520. The bus will make two stops. The first stop is at 8:00 AM at St. Cyril & Methodius Church Parking Lot in Deer Park. Please call Annette Arena at (631)661-9109 if you will be picked up in Deer Park so that she has a record of your name. The second pick up will be at 9:00 AM in the De la Salle School parking lot on South Ocean Avenue between Merrick Road and Pine Street in Freeport. The parking lot is adjacent to the Post Office Parking Lot.

100 Years of Fatima Day
100 Years of Fatima will be celebrated at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island, 258 Eastport Manor Road, Manorville, on Saturday, May 13th. The day will begin with a 10:00 AM Procession & Prayer at the Rosary Walk followed by 11:30 AM Mass at the Rock, a 1:30 PM conference and 3:00 PM Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. For more information call (631)325-0661.

Faith on Tap
Faith on tap is an opportunity for Fellowship... Inspiring Speakers...and Honest Answers! The next meeting will be Monday, May 8th at 7:00 PM at the Wantagh Inn (3264 Railroad Ave. Wantagh). Join us as we discover The Five Great Loves of St. John Paul II: Young People, Human Love, The Eucharist, Our Lady and the Cross. The guest speaker will be Anthony Gentile. After a powerful conversion experience, Anthony has answered a call to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and ignite the Fire of Faith and Courage in the Hearts of all who will listen. Anthony is a powerful and dynamic speaker who speaks throughout the United States and Canada about God’s great love and mercy for us all. This is a talk you don’t want to miss. For more information contact Marianne Sheridan at 678-5800 ext. 615 or email msheridan@drvc.org.

Bereavement Support Group
Good Shepherd Hospice Bereavement Services are open to anyone in the community who has experienced a loss through death. There is no charge. Upcoming Bereavement Support Groups, led by a Bereavement Specialist include: Spousal/Partner Loss Support Group - Wednesdays, May 10th - June 28th, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM, Adult Loss of Parent or Sibling Loss Support Group - Wednesdays, May 10th - June 28th, 6:45 PM - 8:15 PM. Groups are held at Mercy Medical Center, 1000 North Village Ave., Rockville Centre. Registration is required, call Carolyn Lisi-Haas at (631)828-7629.

Tomorrow’s Hope Fundraiser
The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring this fundraiser on Monday, June 12th at 7:10 PM to see the New York Mets vs Chicago Cubs at Citifield. The tickets are $45 and the seats will be field level in the Big Apple Section. All proceeds will be donated to Tomorrow’s Hope. For more information please contact Ken Karchinski at (631)926-1345 or email kjak49@aol.com.

Kellenberg High School Reunion
On Saturday, June 24th the classes of 1997, 2002, and 2012 will celebrate their 20, 15, and 5 year reunions. The evening will begin with Mass at 6:00 PM, followed by cocktail receptions from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Invitations have been mailed. If you did not receive one, please update your mailing address by emailing alumni@kellenberg.org.
may also find more information or register online by visiting www.kellenberg.org/reunion. Please also save the date for reunions for the classes of 1992 and 2007, which will be held on September 9, 2017.

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul
Today, we celebrate “Good Shepherd Sunday” where we reflect on Jesus’ care and love for us and hear his words, “I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly.” Jesus is the gate, the only entrance to the fold. The image of gate directs our attention to Jesus the Risen One who always recognizes us and cares for us. The Shepherd is a man who speaks and calls the sheep by name; the sheep recognizes the authentic voice of the Shepherd. The functions of a Shepherd are to protect, to search, to speak. They are among the functions of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd. May your gifts to St. Vincent de Paul reveal the love of the “Good Shepherd” to the suffering, poor and needy.

May is the month of the year when the children in the parish make their First Holy Communion. None of us can recall our coming into the world, nor can we recall the celebration of our first birthday. But is there anyone of us here who cannot remember the first occasion when we received the Body and Blood of Christ? Some say that it was the greatest day of their life. On this day, when we rejoice to see our children receive the Eucharist for the first time, may God give us the grace to be grateful for everything He has given us in Christ, and show your gratitude by generosity to others, especially those who have received so much less than we have.

Friendly Visitors
Catholic Charities has volunteer opportunities for the Friendly Visitor Program to offer bi-monthly companionship to homebound senior citizens in our Meals on Wheels program in North Bellmore and East Meadow. A friendly companion would offer socialization and conversation for seniors and would not include cooking, housekeeping or transportation. If you are available, please contact Mary Ellen Kwiecinski, Volunteer Coordinator at 733-7044. Your gift of time is greatly appreciated.

Volunteer(s) Needed
Catholic Charities in Freeport has 2 programs seeking Volunteer(s) to assist in clerical and phone responsibilities. Hours are flexible between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM on weekdays. If you are interested and available for this opportunity, contact Mary Ellen Kwiecinski, Volunteer Coordinator at 733-7044.

Caritas Award Dinner
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rockville Centre will be hosting their annual Caritas Award Dinner on Thursday, May 18th at Carlyle on the Green at Bethpage State Park. Please join them in honoring Brian & Beth Crimmins for their unwavering commitment to the needy of Long Island. Sponsorship packages, tickets and e-journal ads are available for purchase. If you are unable to attend, but would like to lend your support, donations in any amount are greatly appreciated and may be mailed to Catholic Charities, Development Department, 90 Cherry Lane, Hicksville. For more information call 733-7042.

Help Wanted
A full time secretarial position in a nearby Catholic School is available for the new school year. Secretarial experience is preferred. Computer skills are required. Fax resumes to 706-2069.

Distribution Clerk/ Truck Driver
This is a part time position of 3 days a week plus one Saturday per month to drive a box truck to mobile sites, distribute food to program participants and maintain inventory. For consideration please email your resume to jobs@catholiccharities.cc.

Eligibility Specialist
This part time position is for 3 days a week plus one Saturday per month. Determine eligibility for CSFP based on established guidelines, able to work at main site as well as at mobile sites and must be computer literate. For consideration please email your resume to jobs@catholiccharities.cc.

Hope House Ministries 5K Run/Walk
Please join us at our 1st Annual 5K Run/Walk to End Addiction at Shore Front Park in Patchogue on
Saturday, May 20th at 9:00 AM. Register at www.strongislandrunningclub.com. The Registration fee for the event is $30 (includes a Free Kids Fun Run). Sponsorships are welcome. Contact Joe Folks at (631)949-2442 if you have any questions.

Long Island Coalition for Life
A Lobby Trip to Albany will be held on Wednesday, May 10th. There are several pick up points throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties beginning at 4:45 AM and will return home between 5:00 PM & 6:00 PM. For more information or to reserve a seat leave a message at (631)758-2093. Please register ASAP.

Using the "Words that Work":
Get tongue-tied or intimidated discussing abortion and other life issues? The Long Island Coalition for Life Educational Trust wants to provide you with clarity of thought and words to say to express your views. Sunday, May 21st, 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM presented by Jason Negri, MS, JD of the Patients Rights Council. Learn to effectively speak about the danger physician-assisted suicide poses to the medically vulnerable while facing end-of-life decisions with a medical community increasingly comfortable with hastening a patient's death. No admission. Held at the American Legion Hall in Islip, 39 Nassau Ave. behind Islip Town Hall, off NY 27A. Municipal parking east side of Town Hall. For information about either event visit LICL Educational Trust: info@PROLIFELI.org or call (631)243-1435.

Project Rachel
Through Days of Prayer and Healing, Project Rachel seeks to help those who suffer deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ so that they may feel His gentle and healing touch. There are two upcoming Days of Prayer and Healing scheduled for women in our Diocese on June 17th and December 9th. If you know of a woman who would benefit from this ministry, let her know about these dates. Contact us at projectrachel@drvc.org or 1(888)456-HOPE (4673). All calls are confidential.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School
2341 Washington Ave, Bellmore, NY 11710
Visit us at: www.steas.com
Call us at (516) 785-5709

Our Time
Parent & Child Program
For children ages 2-3 years old.
Our Time is a class where a child with a parent can become familiar with the classroom environment while singing songs, doing crafts, reading books, and celebrating God’s love together.

- Class sessions are offered on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 10AM to 11AM from September thru June at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School.
- Our Time is an affordable way to introduce your child to the classroom environment without the worry of being separated. It allows for the child to be comforted with a parents presence and prepare for entering Pre-K.
- Our Time is taught by Mrs. Sabina Lamb. Mrs. Lamb is also the leader of the Family Liturgy Music Ministry for Saint Barnabas which performs at the 10:15 Mass.

Space is limited!
For more information contact:
Sabina Lamb (516) 781-9834
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Regional Catholic School
Where we “Reach” with Respect, Responsibility & Reverence
Please visit our website, www.steas.com and Facebook Page for all our news and current events.

Congratulations to May’s Ambassadors of Christ! We are so proud of you! Keep your light shining bright!

Thank you to the National Junior Honor Society for hosting our Easter Egg hunt! The kids had a great time searching for their eggs!

Holy Trinity Performing Arts Department presented Jesus Christ Superstar. The Middle School had the pleasure of taking a trip to see this fantastic play! Thank you Holy Trinity students!

K-1 Christian Schwan
K-2 Dominick Ciano
1-1 RJ Malik
1-2 Lorenzo Naclerio
2-1 Dylan Wolken
2-2 Frank Melaccio
3-1 Ashley LaMaina
3-2 Camila Munoz
4-1 Elena Quinones
4-2 Bethany Granados
5-1 Christian Graziose
5-2 Devin Aron
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7-1 Brigid Bolognese
8-1 Sean Michael Wilcox
First Holy Communion Rehearsal Schedule

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- The next Agape/hospitality Sunday will be on May 7th following Mass. If you would like to bake cookies or cake, e-mail margie@optonline.net.

- We are looking forward to the May Crowning on Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 14th following the 10:15 Mass. Join us outside by the Blessed Mother Statue.

- Please participate in the Family Liturgy by joining in the procession, reading, singing, or playing an instrument. For information or to sign up E-mail stbarnabasfamilyliturgy@gmail.com.

Children’s Mass at St. Barnabas

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Faith Formation

Gianna Gambino
Giovana Gurrieri
Charles Connor Verdon
Kiera Noelle McNamara
Madelin Rich
Sophie Rich
Paityn Mary Minix
Landon Anthony Aviles
Skylar Lois Ayuso
Christopher Charles DeChiaro
Valencia Sue Espinosa
Francesca Grace Giombetti
Derrick Mason Ruescher
Leilani Rose Sadlak
Ava Marie Heepke
Ryan Louis DeLuca
Theodore Joseph Dempsey
In Memory
If you would like to memorialize one of our new chalices or communion ciboria for a loved one, please contact the rectory. They will be used at Masses in the Holy Family Chapel.

Catholics For Freedom of Religion
www.cffor.org

“I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man.” Abraham Lincoln

Asking for Bibles After Losing Everything: Peru - inhabitants of a village devastated by recent floods asked Archbishop Egunen to help them get some Bibles. "They said the Word of God is essential for them and the continuity of the family catechetical programs... they have implemented in their village," said an archdiocese spokesperson. "They are people of deep faith and despite everything they have suffered they have not lost hope..."
(catholicnewsagency.com, 4/25/17; patheos.com, 4/25/17)

Year of the Bible 2017: For the second year in a row, Kentucky Governor Bevin declared the new year the "Year of the Bible 2017" after the proposal was brought forth by Democrat state Representative Tom Riner. Leaders in each county took 15 minute shifts with the goal of reading the entire Bible in Kentucky's Bible Reading Marathon.

President Harry S. Truman said, "The fundamental basis of our nation's law was given to Moses on the Mount. The fundamental basis of our Bill of Rights comes from the teaching we get from Exodus and St. Matthew, from Isaiah and St. Paul,"
(said Gov. Bevin. (christianpost.com, 12/23/16; governing.com, 12/23/16)

"So great is my veneration for the Bible that the earlier my children begin to read it, the more confident will be my hope that they will prove useful citizens to their country and respectable members of society." John Quincy Adams

Banns of Marriage
José Sestayo & Jessica Formoso

US Army:

National Guard:

US Navy:

US Marines:

US Air Force:
Capt. McLean G. Bethea, Nicholas P. Wright, Rev. Major Timothy Hirten

US Merchant Marine:
Lt. J.G. Eric Stumpel.

US Coast Guard:

US Peace Corps:
Patrick Coons
Dear Friends:

As we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady’s appearance in Fatima, I ask every Catholic of every age in the Church of Rockville Centre to pray the rosary daily during the month of May 2017 in honor of Our Lady of Fatima and for the promotion of dramatic missionary growth on Long Island.

As we rediscover or discover the 1917 Miracle of Our Lady’s Apparitions in Fatima, it is an historical moment and opportunity to rekindle our devotion to Mary in 2017.

Here are some of the key themes of Our Lady of Fatima for us to reflect on together:

1. **The Story of Our Lady of Fatima is an inspirational story of faith and trust in God that needs to be told and retold to every generation.**

   From May 13 to October 13 of 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared in Fatima (Portugal) to three poor shepherd children, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta. The apparitions were preceded by three apparitions of an angel in the spring of 1916. On each occasion, Our Lady asked them to say the rosary and to offer reparation for the offenses made to her Immaculate Heart. On October 13, 1917, an event that was foretold by Our Lady to the shepherd children occurred before thousands of people so that the world would believe the message of the apparitions. For about ten minutes, the sun spun in the sky like a wheel of fire. This moment witnessed by thousands is often referred to as “the Miracle of the Sun.”

   Our Lady of Fatima asked for the world to be consecrated to her Immaculate Heart. At the request of the Portuguese hierarchy, this consecration was solemnly performed by Pope Pius XII on October 31, 1942. At the end of the Second Vatican Council, Blessed Paul VI renewed the consecration of Pius XII to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and on May 13, 1967, the 50th anniversary of the first apparition, he prayed at Fatima with Sister Lucia. The consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary was renewed by St. John Paul II on May 13, 1982, a year to the day after the assassination attempt in St. Peter’s Square in Rome. Sister Lucia was a Carmelite nun and died at the age of 97 in 2005. On May 12-13, 2010, Pope Benedict XVI visited the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima and offered her a Golden Rose when he prayed at the Chapel of Apparitions. Pope Francis will canonize Jacinta and Francisco at Fatima on May 13, 2017. (Cf. In Conversation with God, V. 6, 221 and Our Lady of Fatima – Wikipedia)

2. **Our Lady of Fatima asks us to pray the rosary daily.**

   The rosary is a contemplative and biblical prayer. Praying the rosary deeply has a profound impact on every dimension of our prayer life and every effort we make to share the gift of our Catholic faith. The 100th Anniversary of Fatima is an opportunity for every Catholic of every age and vocation to rediscover the power of the rosary and to pray it with deeper fervor, strength and concentration. I recommend that we read St. John Paul II’s Apostolic Letter *The Rosary of the Virgin Mary* (*Rosarium Virginis Mariæ* 2002 available on the Vatican website), which shows how the daily rhythm of the rosary impacts the daily rhythm of our lives. We are all called to be champions of the daily rosary, champions of the joyful, sorrowful, glorious and luminous mysteries streaming through our lives and animating the mission of the Church.

3. **Our Lady of Fatima calls us to repentance and holiness. She calls us to face our own individual judgment and the reality of Death, Judgment, Heaven, Hell and Purgatory.**

   Our Lady of Fatima confronts each of us with the Truth that our lives on earth are short and fragile and that every one of us will meet Jesus at our death for our individual judgment. She puts before us the crucial necessity of having a burning desire for heaven and eternal life. She speaks to us of the reality of death, judgment,
heaven, hell and purgatory. She calls us to repentance, to conversion of heart, to do penance and to trust in Divine Mercy. She asks us to make frequent use of the sacrament of penance. There is an urgency to Our Lady of Fatima expressed in this prayer: “Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of your mercy.” She is asking us to repent from sin and follow the path of holiness and eternal life right now, without delay, in the present moment. She wants us to care about and pray for the souls around us and for the salvation of the whole world.

4. Our Lady of Fatima asks us to pray for Peace in the World and Peace in our Families.

In this fallen world, violence, war and persecution often dominate the global stage and our hope can easily erode. But Our Lady of Fatima asks us to understand and believe that the world can be better and that her intercession and our prayers, and the power of the rosary can help turn historical tides of turmoil to peace. She asks us to pray for peace in the world and for those who are persecuted for their faith. She asks us to pray for peace in our hearts and peace in our families knowing that peace within families is critical to the architecture of global peace.

The plight of refugee families in the world often results from that war, violence, persecution and injustice, which we strive to overcome by prayer and action. We remember that the Holy Family was a refugee family as they fled from Herod’s slaughter of the newborn and found refuge in Egypt. We ask Our Lady of Fatima to intercede for all refugee families in the world who are suffering and uncertain about their future. We pray for all immigrant families on Long Island and throughout the country who are experiencing so much anxiety and uncertainty. We pray for those families that have lost loved ones to the culture of death expressed in gang violence and the senseless murder of young lives. The Catholic Church of Rockville Centre stands with you and for you as we express our belief together in the dignity of the human person and the sanctity of every human life and every family.

We pray that Our Lady of Fatima strengthen us in our witness to the sanctity of human life and marriage, in our witness in the world to the truths of our Catholic social justice teaching, and in our call to serve the poor and the suffering, and to recognize in them the face of Jesus.

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5. Our Lady's appearances in Fatima came at a time of world crisis. She is ever with the Church and interceding for the world. In times of crisis, she calls us to consecrate our lives and the world to her Immaculate Heart.

When she appeared at Fatima in 1917, World War I and the Russian Revolution were raging. As Our Lady prayed at the foot of the Cross, so she prays for the Church and for the world at moments of crisis and upheaval. She is intimately present to us and prays for our families and for us at the moments of crisis we experience in life. She protected St. John Paul II in his hour of need and she protects us now.

On May 13, 1982, exactly one year after the assassination attempt on his life in St. Peter's Square, St. John Paul II explained Our Lady of Fatima's desire that we consecrate ourselves and the world to her Immaculate Heart:

Consecrating the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary means drawing near, through the Mother's intercession, to the very Fountain of life that sprang from Golgotha. This Fountain pours forth unceasingly redemption and grace. In it reparation is made continually for the sins of the world. It is a ceaseless source of new life and holiness. Consecrating the world to the Immaculate Heart of the Mother means returning beneath the Cross of the Son. It means consecrating this world to the pierced Heart of the Saviour, bringing it back to the very source of its Redemption. Redemption is always greater than man’s sin and the ‘sin of the world.’ The power of the Redemption is infinitely superior to the whole range of evil in man and the world. The Heart of the Mother is aware of this, more than any other heart in the whole universe, visible and invisible.

6. Our Lady appeared to children in Fatima and calls children to holiness.

Children, teens and young adults of the Church of Rockville Centre, Mary loves you and her smile illumines your lives and your destinies as it illumined the lives and destinies of the three poor shepherd children Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco. Pope Francis' May 13, 2017 canonization of Jacinta and Francisco is a reminder to the entire Church and the world that children, teens and young adults are capable of heroic sanctity and that Christ calls them to this holiness. Our Lady of Fatima loves you and intercedes for you. Each of you is capable at a young age of great holiness and Our Lady wants that for you. Our Lady of Fatima wants you to be “New Evangelization Missionary Disciples” to your peers and to every generation. How often older people are inspired by the faith of the young. How often do children filled with faith bring their parents and grandparents back to the faith?

7. Our Lady of Fatima asks us to pray for Russia.

The soul of Russia has always been deeply Christian. The warped ideologies and genocide involved in the Bolshevik Revolution and Stalinism created terrible upheavals that reverberate to this day. They involved the massacre of much of the Russian Orthodox clergy, along with priests, nuns, ministers and rabbis of many other faiths and denominations. They also resulted in the sustained campaign to eliminate the Eastern rite Ukrainian Catholic Church and the members of its clergy. Our Lady of Fatima has a heart for Russia and asks us to have a heart for Russia as well. We pray for the expansion of the mission of the Catholic Church in Russia. We pray together for the canonization of Father Walter Ciszek, SJ (1904-1984) who was a missionary bridge between Russia and the United States. In He Leadeth Me, Father Ciszek states: “My aim in entering Russia was the same from beginning to end: to help people find God and attain eternal life.”

As we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, we ask for the grace to live the message of Our Lady of Fatima. May the memory of the “Miracle of the Sun” lead us in this Easter season to the Heart and Glorified Wounds of Mary’s Risen Son.

As I ask you to pray the rosary daily during May, I will be praying the rosary every day for you, your families and for the entire Church of Rockville Centre. The graces and miracles that have flowed from Mary’s appearances at Fatima rekindle in us a deep desire for holiness and a deep desire for sharing our Catholic faith humbly and compassionately with everyone we meet.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us and intercede for dramatic missionary growth for the Church of Rockville Centre.

Sincerely in Christ,

[Signature]

Bishop of Rockville Centre
Jesus said, “I am the gate; whoever enters through Me will be saved.”

Connect the dots.  
A B C D E F G H I J

Match the sheep.

ACROSS
2. An opening in a fence for entrance or exit
6. The sound made when people speak or sing
7. The word or words by which a person or thing is known
8. A person who takes care of sheep

DOWN
1. Someone not known or not familiar
3. Someone who steals
4. A small area surrounded by a fence in which animals are kept
5. A farm animal with thick curly wool

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Follow the maze.

Help the shepherd count his sheep.

LEADS  ROBBER  PEN  WATCHMAN  TRUTH
FOLLOW  DESTROY  THIEF  STRANGER  GATE
VOICE   STEAL    SHEPHERD  NAME    SHEEP
John 10:10b

Fit the pieces into the puzzle to find Jesus’ words.

Write the words from the sheep on the lines below.

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16 3 5 6 10

1 4 13 7 14 15

12 9 8 2 11

Write the letter that is missing from each set on the line above.

Find the underlined words in the puzzle below. They may be found: ✧✧✧✧✧

WS RETNE
THROUGH
DE OLI RD
IEFELEQ
APSTVIC
GUDABEW
STSGMZR

... RSU FGI DFG WXZ

... JLM MOP NPQ VXY

... GIJ HJK RTU

... TUW NPQ GHJ BDE CDF
Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 24 to Friday, July 28, 2017

9:30 AM to 12:30 PM in the Holy Family Chapel. Limited to 90 campers. Tuition - $75.00 per camper

For children entering Pre-K through Sixth Grade as of September 2017

REGISTRATION CLOSES on June 2nd OR when we reach 90 campers – whichever comes first!

Child’s Name:_______________________________________________________Male / Female (circle)

Child’s Age:________ Date of Birth:_________________________ Grade as of September 2017_____

T-Shirt: CIRCLE – YOUTH OR ADULT Size: S M L XL

Name of Parents/Guardians:______________________________________________

Address:__________________________________________ Phone #_____________________

Allergies or Other Medical Conditions/ restrictions: __________________________

Other than Custodial Parent/Guardian who may pick up your child?

Name:________________________________________ Phone#:_____________________

Emergency Contact:________________________________________ Phone #:____________________

Relationship to Child:________________________________________

Signature of Parent Guardian:________________________________________________________________

Signed Photo Release Form and payment MUST be submitted with this registration form. Payment may be made using Cash, Check or Credit Card (in person only).

Please make checks payable to: St. Barnabas and mail or drop off forms & payment to: Office of Christian Formation, St. Barnabas the Apostle, 2320 Bedford Avenue, Bellmore, NY 11710
It has been the history and tradition of St. Barnabas Vacation Bible School to take camp pictures of all the groups at VBS to send home as a memento. Sometimes we also take random pictures of the campers enjoying the different activities at VBS which we put on a display board for the families to see when they attend the VBS concert and we might also display with prior years pictures at future VBS sessions. Please note we will not list or label the camper's names just the group name – example the Sand Castles.

**Photo/Video Release Form**

I hereby grant permission, without reservation, to St. Barnabas the Apostle Parish, and to those authorized by St. Barnabas the Apostle Parish, to take photographs and to make recordings of my child or children named below, and to us them in original or modified form all media now or hereafter known, (including, without limitation, websites, bulletins, newsletters and promotional brochures) with or without name or information, solely for the promotion, public education, and/or fundraising activities of St. Barnabas the Apostle Parish. I understand and agree that I am entitled to receive no compensation for the above.

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I am the parent or guardian of the minor(s) named below, and I hereby consent to the foregoing on behalf of the minor(s) and myself.

Name (s) of Child/Children:

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My name: ________________________________________________________________

Signature: __________________________________________________________________

Date: ____________________________________________________________________