St. Barnabas
A Catholic Community in Bellmore, New York
Since 1912

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

Happy Independence Day

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 07/03/16
Rev. Adrian McHugh, Pastor
Rev. Charles Omotu
Rev. Francis Agyeman
Rev. Kevin Gruber
Deacon Bernard F. Sherlock

RECTOR OFFICE
2320 Bedford Avenue, Bellmore, NY 11710
516-785-0054 Fax: 516-221-7789
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Friday: 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM;
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Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
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MASS TIMES
Monday to Friday: 6:30 and 9:00 AM
Saturday: 8:00 AM Vigil: 4:30 & 7:00 PM
Sunday: 7, 9, 10:15, 10:30 AM, 12 Noon & 5PM
Confessions Saturday 12:30 PM

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Mrs. Alice Witt 516-785-6243

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Mr. William R. Dione

Youth Ministry
Mrs. Margaret Harnisch

Pastoral Care
Sister William Noreen Reilly, S.C.

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Mr. John G. Nappi

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St. Barnabas the Apostle

Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, July 4
6:30 AM George Onufrey
9:00 AM Intentions of Marijane Camilleri
Intentions of Helen Whelan
Paul Darmofol Kelly McQuillan
Eric Norton John Moore
2:30 PM Wedding: Michael Keenan & Jessica O’Mara

Tuesday, July 5
6:30 AM Olga & Agostino Marsico
9:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Robinson & Wupper Families

Wednesday, July 6
6:30 AM Charlie & Ann Klika
9:00 AM Charles Coschignano

Thursday, July 7
6:30 AM Louis Grandwilliams
9:00 AM Eileen Balke & Deceased Members of the O’Rourke Family

Friday, July 8
6:30 AM Melissa Giorgio
9:00 AM Joseph Byrne

Saturday, July 9
8:00 AM Kevin Naccari
11:00 AM Wedding: Michael Quartararo & Lucy DeFrancisci
3:00 PM Wedding: John Froehlich & Morgan Anderson
Fr. Francis 4:30 PM Intentions of the Monday night Charismatic Prayer Group
Joseph Fuimefreddo Joseph & Grace Russo
Raymond Vogts Patrick & Frank Breen
Helen A. Reuter Patricia & Merv Dolson
Fr. Adrian 7:00 PM For the Intentions of the Family of Vincent & Mary DiCanio

Sunday, July 10 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Fr. Francis 7:00AM The Rose Family
Fr. Charles 9:00AM For the People of Our Parish
Fr. Adrian 10:30AM Francesco Tavella
Fr. Charles 12:00 PM Brian Hickey
Fr. Adrian 5:00 PM Frank Seminara

We pray for our recently deceased
Angelo D’Elia
Margaret Connors
And for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.
May they rest in peace

Bread & Wine
The Eucharistic Bread & Wine is offered in memory of Alfred H. Krawiec from his Wife & Family.

Altar Flowers
The flowers on the Sanctuary are in memory of Diane Galati and Janet & Willis Keenan on the occasion of the marriage of their grandson Michael Keenan to Jessica O’Mara.

Holy Family Chapel Schedule Change
The 10:15 AM Mass celebrated in the Holy Family Chapel will resume on Sunday, September 18th.
This weekend we are very excited to welcome Fr. Kevin Gruber who was appointed associate pastor to St. Barnabas. We thank Bishop Murphy for sending us Fr. Kevin for as you know there is an ever increasing shortage of priests, and to get a fourth priest is rare luxury for parishes! So please be sure to welcome Fr. Kevin and please commit to praying for more priestly vocations for our diocese. Include in your prayer our resident seminarian Michael Lombardi. Fr. Kevin will replace Fr. Francis who returns to Ghana in October.

This week we also wish Godspeed to Sister William Noreen Reilly as she prepares to leave St. Barnabas to live in their Community at Wellesley Hills, M.A. This move is a tremendous loss to us in St. Barnabas for this has been her home and place of service since 1968.

It's something to think about serving in the same place for 48 years! While a career can and many times does become a major part of one's life, a religious vocation IS one's life. So we look back in thanksgiving on those years of service in the Schools of St. Barnabas and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; to her many years of pastoral ministry in the parish, and we thank God for the many people who were blessed to encounter her along the way.

We look before 1968 to her acceptance into the Sisters of Charity of Halifax after her first year of college. She is proud of having received two Masters Degrees, one in Education and the other in Administration. Her first teaching assignments were at Saint Kevin School and St. Margaret School in Dorchester, MA followed by St. Aidan School, Williston Park, New York. From there she came to St. Barnabas. Her connections with the Sisters of Charity of Halifax goes back 60 years! Working for the same boss for more than a few years can be strenuous enough, let alone for over half a century. Of course, working for God is a bit different. Sure, the hours can be lousy at times, and the tasks at hand can cover a whole range of conditions, but if you're faithful, the benefits are heavenly. While her leaving us will be difficult, the Sisters assure me that their Community at Wellesley Hills, M.A is in a beautiful location, and the retirement home is impressive.

Jesus has sent us all to be His ambassadors and partners in this world, something that Sister has done to the fullest. Even in her ailments, she always has that pleasant smile on her face. She's always been the best ambassador for her community and for our parish. May her life and witness inspire us all, lay, religious and cleric, to live our lives in partnership with the Lord.

So on behalf of your St. Barnabas family, and on behalf of all the children and people you have touched in your life, we wish you well. God bless you, Sister.

Parish Prayer

Loving God, You are the Potter, we are the clay. Design us to reflect your Glory as we build your Church. Fashion our ears to hear new ideas. Shape our hearts to appreciate other's creativity and insight. Form our eyes to see Jesus in each other. Mould our community to be united in our pilgrimage. Help us build a place of refuge, a holy temple, with Jesus as the cornerstone. May we work together with love and care, ever mindful that the Spirit, not the structure, is the essence of the design. May we come together as a family of one to be guided by the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

AMEN.
July 4th - the date itself is such a powerful icon. The anniversary of this nation’s birth with the signing of the Declaration of Independence on a summer day in Philadelphia.

‘We hold these truths to be self evident: that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.’

Powerful words. Words that both launched a nation and charted its course. Words that frame the very essence of what it is to be an American. The anniversary of freedom.

As a nation, the freedom we enjoy was bought for us by those who had the courage and vision to imagine a nation ‘conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.’ They made the down payment and subsequent generations have reclaimed that vision of a nation with liberty and justice for all. The birthing of a nation begun in 1776 continues today.

For Christians religious freedom is not found in a place, but in a Person - the One who guides us, strengthens us, nourishes us, sustains us. At Mass we celebrate the freedom we’ve been given through Christ—freedom to live as children of God, free to go out and do the work we’ve been given to do: to be Christ’s Body in the world. The harvest is plenty and we are the laborers.

The words on the Statue of Liberty state, ‘Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe FREE.’

We pray for the protection of religious liberty.

O God our Creator, from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society. We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith. Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome— for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us— this great land will always be "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." Through Christ our Lord.
**The Week at a Glance**

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**Financial Reports**

### Weekend Collections

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Parish Families Registered: 5,016
Envelopes Mailed: 1,536  Used: 541
Envelopes Used 6/28/15: 572

### 2016 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Goal: $107,900  Donors: 503
Pledged: $110,669  Received: $85,027

### Second Collection Next Weekend

Maintenance & Repair
We are resealing the parking lot cracks, replacing numerous slate tiles on the Church roof, pointing the masonry above the stained glass window over the north exit of the Church. We are also refurbishing and recoating the handicapped ramp to the Church. We need to repair the Church Air-Conditioning System. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

**Protecting God’s People**

The Diocesan Abuse hot line is 594-9063. Contact Mary F. McMahon, LCSW at the diocesan office 678-5800 ext. 573 or our pastor.

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**Rectory Office**

The rectory office will be closed on Monday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. The office will re-open on Tuesday at 9:00 AM.

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**Mass on the Courts**

NEXT SUNDAY
July 10th
St. Barnabas
5:00 PM

Players, Coaches, Parents and Families
and all who participate in the
Timmy Gilroy Memorial Summer Basketball League 2016

Are invited to an outdoor Mass on the Basketball Courts
Next Sunday July 10th At 5:00 PM

Promoting Catholic Values

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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

We Pray for the Sick
Nicoletta Russo, Meghan Alice Roach, Stephen Rich, Patrick Hoyne, Don Davis, Rosemary Grandwilliams, Barbara Cannon, Lillian Rocco, Louis Romano, Carol Marmo, Eugene Ryan, Kristin O’ Halloran, Patricia Merget, Theresa Anselmo, Jacob Daniel Haubeil, Charlie Riiska, Jason Todhunter, John Nalick, Kevin Keegan, Clarence Anspake, Joyce Caggiano, Charles Young, Robert Volpe, Dr. Lawton Manderson, Terrie Manderson, George Stockerl, Vic Caliguiri, Kyle Burch, Evelyn LaMont, Angelo Giglio, Sophie Buzzeo, Dolores Trimboli, Christina Sumperl, Nicole & Baby Ella McKernan, Jillian K. Yonker, Bernice Newman, Joann Santarsiero, Philip McSweeney, Carol Marmo, Ray Radzinski, Baby Lucas Spina, Pat Stegmuller & Joseph LaPadula

Baptism
Maxen Dominic Matthews  Charlotte Rose Carbone
Grayson Thomas Vecchio  Liam James Megna
Ana Virginia Trinchese Emma Marie Going
Andrew Jayden Desrosiers Michael Thomas Murphy
Sophia Christine Hughes Francesca Aquilina
Hadley Jean Boesch Noah Alexander Kaempf
Georgia Mae Lemyre Mia Kathleen Mohnkern
Leo Parker Murtha Jake Tristan Pisani
Madison Ann VanLeer

Banns Of Marriage
Christopher Rutigliano & Megan Walsh
Michael Kujanek & Danica Chang
We need your help

Are you concerned about the decline in faith among younger people? Are willing to help pass on our Catholic faith to the next generation? If so, please consider becoming a facilitator in a new program that begins in St. Barnabas in September.

Called CHOSEN: A Journey Toward Confirmation it provides everything needed to prepare Level 7 and 8 students to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and to become lifelong disciples of Christ.

All too often we see teens drift away from the Church after Confirmation. Chosen seeks to reverse this trend by winning over the hearts of teens at a critical time in their lives and keeping them firmly planted within the faith community of the Church.

Chosen’s carefully designed methodology features highly effective and engaging material conveyed through videos, student workbooks, and classroom experience. Guides for leaders, parents, and sponsors - as well as additional online resources - make Chosen unlike any program available in the Church today.

Comprehensive. Relevant. Effective.

- Chosen calls teens to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ.
- Fully equips and prepares teens to receive the grace of Confirmation
- Visually stunning, fast-paced videos, filmed in more than fifty locations throughout the U.S. and internationally.
- Features twelve top youth experts presenting The Faith in new and unexpected ways.
- Effective methodology based on the RCIA model (i.e., pre-evangelization, evangelization, catechesis, and discipleship) and grounded in the Catechism and Scripture.
- Easy to implement, with step-by-step leader’s notes and flexible scheduling options.
- Connects with teens and inspires them on multiple levels - intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually.
- Rich offering of updated online resources, including downloads for a Retreat, Penance Service, Examination of Conscience, and more.

This is a new level of catechesis that uses modern methods to transmit eternal truths.

Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., Archbishop of Philadelphia
In this Year of Mercy, you are cordially invited to join us at St. Barnabas Catholic Church in Bellmore for **Mercy Night**. It will be a beautiful candlelit evening filled with adoration, contemplative worship and Taize chant. Selected excerpts from the Diary of St. Faustina will be read intermittently throughout the evening and the sacrament of reconciliation will be available.

Whether you are looking to deepen your faith or even if you haven’t been to church in years, you are encouraged to join us for an evening of quiet refuge and private prayer. Think of it as a mini-retreat for the weary pilgrim.

Mercy Night will be held Friday, July 8th from 7:30pm-10:00pm at St. Barnabas Catholic Church, 2320 Bedford Avenue, Bellmore, New York 11710. Phone #: (516) 785-0054
Friendly Visitor Program

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society is introducing a new program for our homebound seniors and those disabled in the community who would enjoy a visit from one of its members. If you or someone you know is interested and would enjoy the company of a friendly visitor please call the Social Ministry Office at 785-6243.

St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you again for your generous donation of over six thousand dollars in our special collection. Thanks to you St. Vincent de Paul was able to purchase much needed appliances and other items for the needy in the parish. What a great feeling it is to see the hand of God changing the cry of the poor into the joy of the poor. In the month of June you were the messengers of God bringing hope to the poor. Please remember to keep the poor and needy in your prayers.

St. Barnabas Folk Group Reunion

Calling all former members of the St. Barnabas Folk Group, a reunion is planned for Saturday, July 9th, beginning at the 4:30 PM Mass, followed by a dinner buffet in the school immediately after. Dinner tickets are $18 each. Contact Fred Kreuder as soon as possible for reservations at sbfgbellmore@aol.com or call Fred at 987-5350. Make checks payable to SBFGAA (St. Barnabas Folk Group Alumni Association). Please specify names of attendees and provide your return address.

Respect Life Ministry

Join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, July 19th, at 7:30 PM in the rectory meeting room. For information contact Vin Murray at 382-7200 or murray.vince@ymail.com. E-sign “The Pro-Life Declaration” at www.prolife.org and join with other Americans who’ve signed this statement of belief in the sanctity and dignity of life from conception to natural death.

Charismatic Prayer Group

The Charismatic Prayer Group will not be meeting on Monday, July 4th. The next meeting will be Monday, July 11th at 7:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel. All are welcome.

Friendly Seniors Meeting

Tuesday, July 5th at 1:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel.

Defensive Driving Class

Saturday, July 9th, 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM, School Cafeteria - $45. This class is for insurance and point reduction. Make checks payable to Martin Hirschfield and mail to Driver Education, PO Box 314, Lake Grove, NY 11755. For information call (631)360-9720.

Marian Healing Ministry

Join us at a healing mass at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, July 12th at St. Anastasia Church located at 45-14 245th Street, Douglaston-Little Neck, 11362. The celebrant will be Fr. Augustine Fernando assisted by Deacons Joseph Mercolino and Michael Vicinanza. For information call (718) 631-4454.

Help Wanted

Parish Social Ministry Coordinator position for a parish located in south, central Suffolk County. Responsibilities include engaging the parish in the ministry; recruiting, training and supervising volunteers; managing the direct services provided to people in need. Experience in the human service field; Bachelor’s Degree, preferred. Position is part time, MWF, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM; some seasonal flexibility necessary. To apply, submit resume and letter of interest via email to: jamroz.jan@catholiccharities.cc

Full-time clerical positions available at St. Charles Cemetery Office in Farmingdale. Several Customer Service positions available. Bi-lingual ability (English/Spaish) a plus. E-mail resume and salary requirements to hiringmgr@ccbklyn.org

Mercy & Mary Weekend Retreat

July 15th - July 17th . Join in a weekend retreat at Hofstra University featuring speaker Fr. Michael Gaitley. The weekend includes 5 conferences with Fr. Gaitley, Daily Mass, Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Adoration & Benediction. The weekend includes 2 nights lodging & all meals are included. A double room is $285 per person. Single room $395 per person. Commuter option $239 per person. For information call (413) 944-8500 ext. 10.
Hi Everyone,

Today in the Gospel we see Jesus sending out the 72 disciples. He gives them very direct instructions about where to go and what to take. Their mission would be hard but valuable in building the kingdom of God. We are also on a mission in our lives. I think God calls us to the same kind of mission. Especially our young people.

How can you carry the mission of God into your lives? Summer is a great time to look at how we live our lives and ask ourselves if we spread the Gospel by how we live our lives. How do we treat everyone at home? We can’t go to Church on Sunday and not get along with each other all week, or yell at each other. That spreads a message of not being truthful. How do we look at others? Do we judge? Do we gossip? Do we treat some kids differently? If any of these are true, how can we change? Summer is a great time to spend some time with the Bible. If you don’t have the Bible on your phone, download it! It’s great to have it wherever you go. In youth ministry, it’s great for our teens to have the Bible right at their fingertips whenever the teens need to look something up.

Spend some time in quiet prayer. We have so much noise in our lives, especially teens, that sometimes we need to be quiet and listen for the voice of God. Summer is such a great time to work on this without the distractions of school!

Congratulations to Lucy DeFrancisci, one of our Core Members who will be getting married this week! It’s so wonderful to see God working in our lives and vocations and I’ve seen many find vocation through Youth Ministry! God bless Lucy and Mike!

Have a blessed week!
Peggy

Youth Ministry is open to all students in Middle School and High School. High School teens are the junior leaders for our Middle School students. We meet a couple of times each month to play games and talk about different faith topics. We meet in the school cafeteria on Fridays.

We are in need of new Core Members!
If you are a teen or an adult who might enjoy working with our middle schoolers, maybe you would like to be a part of our Core team! Email Peggy for information!! We need you!

stbarnabasyouthministry@gmail.com

Need info? Contact Peggy at: StBarnabasYouthMinistry@gmail.com
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 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM 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 parent’s 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 AM Family Mass.

Space is limited!
For more information contact: Sabina Lamb 781-9834

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

Religious Education

The Christian Formation Office closes at 1:00 PM Fridays for the summer

Registration material is available on line. Visit www.stbarnabasny.org and click on the “Religious Education” tab. Click on “Registration Material.” Be sure to review the cover letter which gives you updated information as well as the Parent Handbook which explains the Religious Education program.

Children that will be 1st Graders in September should register for Religious Education now.

Adult Volunteers are needed to be Catechists, Substitutes, Hall Monitors and Attendance/Lobby Aides for our Religious Education program in the fall. Call the office for more information. Classes cannot start without volunteers for these positions teachers, hall monitors, and help at the attendance table in the lobby.

Below is a list of needed Catechists:

Monday 4:30 PM- 5:30 PM
1 Catechist for Level 1
2 Catechists for Level 3
1 Catechist for Level 5
1 Catechist for Level 6

Tuesday 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
1 Catechist for Level 5
1 Catechist for Level 6

Wednesday 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
2 Catechists for Level 1
1 Catechist for Level 3

Adults are also needed to work with the 7th and 8th grade students in our new program “Chosen.” Classes will be held on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:15 PM – 8:30 PM. Contact Margie at the Office of Christian Formation 785-0130 for information.
During his September 2015 visit to the United States, Pope Francis emphasized the importance of religious freedom, saying in front of the White House that religious “freedom remains one of America’s most precious possessions. And, as my brothers, the United States Bishops, have reminded us, all are called to be vigilant, precisely as good citizens, to preserve and defend that freedom from everything that would threaten or compromise it.”

Although Americans generally do not face the kind of violent persecution endured by many people of faith around the world, Pope Francis has recently spoken of a “polite persecution” that many people face, as “when someone is persecuted not for confessing Christ’s name, but for wanting to demonstrate the values of the Son of God”.

Religious freedom continues to be threatened in the U.S.:

- HHS mandate for sterilization, contraception, and abortion-inducing drugs. The mandate of the Department of Health and Human Services forces religious institutions to facilitate or fund a product contrary to their own moral teaching. Further, the federal government tries to define which religious institutions are “religious enough” to merit protection of their religious liberty.

- Catholic foster care and adoption services. Boston, San Francisco, the District of Columbia, and the State of Illinois forced local Catholic Charities out of adoption or foster care services—by revoking their licenses, ending government contracts, or both—because they refused to place children with same-sex couples or unmarried opposite-sex couples who cohabit.

- State immigration laws. Several states have passed laws that forbid what they call “harboring” undocumented immigrants—and what the Church deems Christian charity and pastoral care to immigrants.

- Discrimination against small church congregations. New York City adopted a policy that barred the Bronx Household of Faith and other churches from renting public schools on weekends for worship services, even though non-religious groups could rent the same schools for other uses.

- Discrimination against Catholic humanitarian services. After years of excellent performance by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) in administering contract services for victims of human trafficking, the federal government changed its contract specifications to require MRS to provide or refer for contraceptive and abortion services in violation of Catholic teaching.

- Christian students on campus. In its over-100-year history, the University of California Hastings College of Law has denied student organization status to only one group, the Christian Legal Society, because it required its leaders to be Christian and to abstain from sexual activity outside of marriage.

Pope Francis has asked American Catholics to preserve and defend religious freedom, both in the United States and throughout the world.
The harvest is plenty, but the laborers are few.
Luke 10:1-12

The 72 workers returned with joy.

Use the code to fill in the letters.

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Jesus said, “Do not rejoice that the spirits obey you.

Rejoice that you names

are written

in heaven.”

Jesus said, “I am sending you out like lambs among wolves.”

Circle the 1 that is different in each row.

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\end{array}\]
Jesus Sends Out His Followers

Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few."

Find the and . 5 or 6 ?
Count how many. 3 or 4 ?
Color the spaces that have a ●.
Find a worker for Jesus.
Jesus prepared His followers to go out into the world. What did He do?

Help the followers through the maze. Read about what Jesus did along the way.
Jesus told the workers what to take on their journeys, what to do and what to say. Below are some of their “do nots!”

Write the first letter of each picture on the line.

Do not

or

or

Do not

...
Jesus told them that there were many people to see and not many of His followers to see them all.

Find Jesus’ words here. Work each problem and write the answer in the box. Fill in the lines with the letters by using the code.

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  9+5  2+3  1+2

  7-2  3-2  6+6  8+8  5-2  11+2  12+2

  10-4  15-2

  9+2  6+2  1+2  7+2  12+2  12-6  5-1  13+2  11-3

  4-2  17-2  16-2

  11+3  11-6  4-1

  15+2  12-2  14-2  5+2  2+1  10+2  15-2

  3-2  15-3  2+1

  9-5  9-6  19-2
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