A sower went out to sow
St. Barnabas the Apostle
Fifteenth Week of Ordinary Time

Monday, July 17
6:30 AM  Adelaide Jaskot
9:00 AM  Maria Catanzariti
          George Stockerl
          Edward Micky Irving
          Tommaso Allocca
          In Honor of St. Anthony

Tuesday, July 18
6:30 AM  Enzo Lupoli
9:00 AM  Agostino Marsico

Wednesday, July 19
6:30 AM  Cornelius Schloth
9:00 AM  Clarence Anspake

Thursday, July 20
6:30 AM  Ann Marie Adee Friedman
9:00 AM  Pauline Schlenke

Friday, July 21
6:30 AM  Fran Spatafore
9:00 AM  Karin Doris Canner
3:30 PM  Wedding:
          Christina Calderaro and
          Robert O’Hara

Saturday, July 22  St. Mary Magdalene
8:00 AM  Lillian Carrano
3:00 PM  Wedding:
          Julie Insigna and Steven Smith
Fr. Adrian 4:30 PM  Anthony Battaglino
          Roberto Barreta
          Gregory Vaughan
          Barbara Ann Rizzati-Meurer
          Dorothy Giannonna
          Mary Riordan
Fr. Charles 7:00 PM  Salvatore and Maria Caterina
          Lieo and Family

Sunday, July 23  Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Fr. Adrian 7:00 AM  Patricia Reilly
Fr. Francis 9:00 AM  Anthony Battaglino
Fr. Charles 10:30 AM  Adeline and Peter Villella, Jr.
Fr. Francis 12:00 PM  For the People of Our Parish
Fr. Charles 5:00 PM  Angelo Salamone
Pope Appoints Bishop Perez to Lead Diocese of Cleveland

Bishop Nelson J. Perez said he was "humbled and absolutely thrilled" to be named the bishop of Cleveland and to lead the Church there with its many rich ethnic cultures.

During his introduction to the diocese and the media at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Tuesday morning, July 11, Bishop Perez said, "I've been getting texts and calls and emails since 6 o'clock this morning. (Thank God I got up early.) And they all had this theme: 'Congratulations, and Cleveland rocks!'"

Bishop Perez, 56, succeeds Bishop Richard G. Lennon, who resigned in December at age 70 citing health reasons. Bishop Perez has been an auxiliary bishop of Rockville Centre since 2012.

Bishop Perez said that the 670,000 Catholics in the eight counties of the diocese show that the church in Northeast Ohio remains vibrant and alive.

"I hope that these 670,000 missionary disciples will go out, each one of them, and call more people to get to know Jesus Christ and love the church," Bishop Perez said. "Those 670,000 people that make up this local church, our church, my church, is all potential. And we have to be joyful and excited and enthusiastic about that."

Bishop Perez was warmly welcomed by Bishop Daniel E. Thomas of Toledo, Ohio, who has served as apostolic administrator of the Cleveland Diocese since Bishop Lennon's retirement. Both share a connection with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, where they served as priests in the past.

The new bishop expressed gratitude to the Diocese of Rockville Centre's leaders, retired Bishop William Murphy, and the diocese's current bishop, Bishop John Barres, for guiding him during his five years as an auxiliary in the diocese. "Both have helped me to learn how I can imitate their love for the church," he said.

In his opening remarks, he offered a few words in Spanish to Cleveland's Latino Catholics. He recapped his background including his work in evangelization and ministry to Hispanics throughout his priesthood. He also encouraged people "please do not hesitate to say hello, if you see me as I venture out, eager to experience my new home... especially if you see me walking around at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame."

We have great memories of Bishop Perez’s visit to St. Barnabas for Confirmation last May. He is a man of great joy and warmth. We keep him in our prayers. Bishop Perez will be installed as the 11th bishop of Cleveland Sept. 5.

Church regulations concerning low-gluten hosts have been in place for some time now, but were raised again recently. While Cardinal Sarah's letter quoted previous documents, it’s obvious that the journalists who reported on this didn't read the text to see that it was a re-statement of an existing policy. The attention from media outlets made the Church look like it didn’t care about celiacs!

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops already has guidelines allowing churches to use low-gluten wafers and nothing will change in American Catholic Churches. The ‘new guidance’ from the Vatican is simply a reminder to make sure that it’s consistent with the Church’s requirements.
What’s Pastor Thinking?

Don’t you just love the gardens around St. Barnabas? The color, variety and beauty of nature tells more about God than any homily we could preach! There is a miracle in every seed, and wisdom in the sun, and rain, and soil. They reveal to us the deeper things of life.

Jesus knew about gardens, and about gardening. He is the Master Gardener. He wrote the book. So when He tells us about gardening or about life, we need to stop and listen. He tells us today about how a farmer goes out to his field. The farmer, we know, is God. He goes out with intent - to raise up fruits - refreshing and nourishing, from the field of souls which is His possession. Now, every gardener, every farmer knows, that there are two basic ways to sow seed into the soil. You can very carefully make little holes in the soil - and carefully place the seed from the packets at precisely the right depth and distance to get the most out of the packets. That is one way to plant, when the seed is expensive and scarce. The other is to just aim the seeds in the general direction where you would like to see them grow, and let the breeze and the soil do the rest. That's called "broadcast sowing."

God is a broadcast sower. That's what the parable says. The Word of God is rich and wonderful, bountiful and full of life, full of possibilities. For the person who would care to notice, it is sowed everywhere - scattered abundantly throughout the creation by a God who loves to bring good fruit from the ground. It springs up from the welcoming smile, the tender touch, in the sunshine and the rain, in holy words and sacraments, in a song or a thought He places on our lips or into our hearts. His Gospel is so plentiful that too often we neither notice nor value it, and yet it carries within it every possibility, every potential, every hope, every joy. It is the very stuff of life which He scatters wherever. The breeze of His Spirit will carry it. If it does not take root or produce good fruit, it isn't the seed’s fault or the sower’s - neither is it for lack of seed. The fault, He says, lies in the ground that receives it.

Good ground is hard to come by. The message Jesus delivers about the soil is clear: good soil produces good fruit, and bad soil just doesn't produce. But God is the good farmer - patient and wise. He can work even rocky ground into a fine soil. What kind of soil are you?
We Pray for Our Deceased
Richard DeLeo       Vincent S. Magliano
Roy Weinman

The Sanctuary Lamp Is Placed
In loving memory of Sr. Catherine Donelan from the Sister of St. Barnabas Convent.

This Week’s Bread and Wine
In loving memory of Mary and James Butler from their children.

Flowers Adorn The Sanctuary
In celebration of the wedding of Maura Fallon to Christopher Swanson from her parents.

Flowers For The Blessed Mother
In memory of Theresa Beatty from Laura, Liz, Elaine and Family.

Flowers For St. Anne
In celebration of Elizabeth Anne’s 17th Birthday.

If you wish to memorialize a loved one please contact the Rectory Office.

The Week at a Glance

Sunday:
1:30 PM  Baptisms, Church
7:30 PM  Al-Anon, School

Monday:
7:30 PM  Charismatic Prayer Group, HFC

Tuesday:
1:00 PM  Friendly Seniors, HFC

Wednesday:
7:30 PM  Al-Anon, Rectory

Thursday:
7:00 PM  Bible Study, Rectory

Friday:
1:30 PM  Lectio Divina, Convent
7:00 PM  Our Lady of America, Church
7:30 PM  Lectio Divina, Convent

Saturday:
8:00 AM  Anointing
8:30 AM  Men’s Group, HFC
12:30 PM  Confessions, Church

Financial Report

7/10/16: $15,265  7/9/17: $14,559

Parish Families Registered: 4,996
Envelopes Mailed: 1,305
Used 7/10/16: 556  7/9/17: 519

Catholic Ministries Appeal
Goal: $106,400  Donors: 500
Pledged: $114,434  Received: $90,497
In the month of July, we celebrate the founding of the United States of America. St. Barnabas Catholic Church cordially invites you to join us for a night dedicated to Our Lady of America. It will be a beautiful candlelit evening, filled with adoration, contemplative worship, and patriotic hymns. The sacrament of reconciliation will be available. Selected excerpts from the Diary of Sister Mary Ephrem Neuzil will be read intermittently throughout the evening.

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

The evening dedicated to Our Lady of America will be held on Friday, July 21st from 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM at St. Barnabas Catholic Church, 2320 Bedford Avenue, Bellmore, New York 11710. Phone #: (516) 785-0054
Anointing of the Sick
The Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated on Saturday, July 22nd following the 8:00 AM Mass. The anointing of the sick is a sacrament that strengthens those who are ill, facing surgery, those who are disabled and those in special need of God’s healing touch due to chronic physical difficulties. Those wishing to receive the sacrament should sit in the front rows of the church.

A Note for Eucharistic Ministers
Please approach the sanctuary to wash your hands and take your place during the sign of peace. Do not wait until the ‘Lamb of God’ is sung or recited. Please be in your place at the sacristy door when the priest holds up the host and says, ‘Behold the Lamb of God ..’ Thank you for your service at St. Barnabas Church. Fr. Adrian.

Widows and Widowers
There will be meeting at 1:00 PM Wednesday, July 19th at Zona in Massapequa Park at 4883 Merrick Road. The cost is $25 (plus tip). Mail checks to Natalie Sorvillo at 1904 Henry Street, Bellmore or call 785-5473 for more information.

Tickets are available for $20 for the play, “My Fair Lady” on Sunday, August 20th at 2:00 PM at the Bellmore movies. Money should be sent to Joy Brennan at 1830 Bellmore Avenue, Unit 7, Bellmore no later than August 7th. Call 785-0342 for more information.

Catechetical Congress 2017
‘Living as Missionary Disciples’. Registration for the Catechetical Congress is now open featuring keynote speaker The Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of Rockville Centre on Saturday, September 16th from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM at St. John the Baptist High School. The cost is $50 per person. Send your check payable to ‘Office of Faith Formation.’ Once payment is received, your registration will be marked as confirmed. Remit payments to: Diocese of Rockville Centre, Attn: Carolann Malinowski, Office of Faith Formation, 50 North Park Avenue, Rockville Centre.

Catechist Training Workshops
The Diocese of Rockville Centre is offering training workshops in August.
- St. Joseph the Worker Parish in East Patchogue on Tuesdays, August 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd from 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM.
- St. Margaret of Scotland, in Selden on August 12th and 19th from 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM.
- “Bible ‘How to’ for Catechist” at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Ronkonkoma on Wednesday, August 23rd from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM.

Register at drvc-faith.org or contact Jen Menneci at 678-5800 ext. 200 or email jmenneci@drvc.org.

Bellmore Knights Bicycle Fundraiser
The Bellmore Knights of Columbus will host their fifth Bicycle Ride for Charity and the fourth ride specifically for the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Last year we raised over $10,000 as the event continues to gain greater participation. Please consider riding with us and then meeting at the Columbus Club afterwards for a BBQ and raffle drawings. Mark your calendar for September 23rd and start training for one of our courses (25, 50 or 100 miles). This year we will also accept other forms of participation such as running. Call Ken Yager for more information at 554-7575.

The Charismatic Prayer Group
Our meetings are held every Monday evening in the Holy Family Chapel from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM. Coffee and cake are served after every meeting. Please join us. For further information, call Ellen O’Malley at 221-0574.

Golden Jubilee of the Charismatic Renewal
You still have time to join us and celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Charismatic Renewal in our Catholic Church. The Charismatic Conference and celebration will be held in Scranton, Pennsylvania at Scranton University. Conference dates are August 4th, 5th and 6th. Our Jubilee Theme will be, “All were filled with the Holy Spirit.” Acts 2:4 Bus transportation is available for the weekend. A charter bus will be picking up all interested at Saint

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A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN BELLMORE, NEW YORK, SINCE 1912
Cyril and Methodius Parish in Deer Park and at Our Holy Redeemer in Freeport. For conference Registration Forms and transportation information call Anna Baciuska 776-5750.

Commonsensemedia.org
Summer, for children, often means more unstructured time and maybe less supervision. Don’t fall into the trap of letting social media and the internet become your child’s connection for peer interactions. Commonsensemedia.org offers suggestions for safe on-line apps for children of all ages and tips for parents concerned about their children’s internet use. The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People maintains a confidential phone line: 594-9063. We are available to help you or anyone who has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church. All calls are responded to within 24 hours.

Theology Courses
Graduate level courses in Theology are open to those seeking a Master’s Degree, or those not looking to pursue a degree, but who have an undergraduate degree (or its equivalent.) Workshops are open to anyone seeking to enrich their faith. If you are interested, please visit our website or call for more information regarding our tuition and courses. Four day workshops are offered July 24th, 25th, 27th and 28th. Classes are at the Seminary of Immaculate Conception in Huntington. For more information call (631) 423-0483 ext.147 or visit www.dunwoodie.edu.

Radio City Christmas Spectacular
We were recently contacted by Radio City inquiring if we were interested in tickets for the 2017 Christmas Spectacular. While we had a successful trip last year which all the participants greatly enjoyed, we barely were able to meet the minimum amount to make the trip feasible. We did go late in the month of December which may have been a contributing factor to so few people showing interest. If we were to do the trip again this year, it would be earlier in December. If you would be interested in participating in this trip in early December, please let us know. Also let us know how many people will be accompanying you. If 20 people express interest in going, we will go ahead with plans for the trip. Please call the rectory if you are interested at 785-0054.

St. Barnabas Rosary Makers
The St. Barnabas Rosary Makers are dedicated to promoting the message of our Blessed Mother which is the Rosary. Our goal is to teach and spread this sacred devotion, first by making rosaries, and then sending them to different countries throughout the world. We are looking to invite new members to join our group. The St. Barnabas Rosary Makers meet every Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM in the School cafeteria.

The Year of Fatima
100 years after the last appearance in Fatima by Our Lady, she still encourages us to pray the rosary as a family. A beautiful pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima is now available to anyone who would like to invite her into their home for a week to pray the rosary with their family. Please call Vin Murray at 781-7846 to reserve a time.

Tabor Retreat Center
WEBCAST - The Best of CAC Conspire 2017. Weekend Retreat from Friday, July 21st at 7:30 PM - Sunday, July 23rd at 12:00 PM. Join us for an interactive and reflective weekend as we pray with and watch a webcast of the July 2017 CAC Conspire Conference. The offering for Overnight is $180 and commuter is $145. A deposit of $80 is required. To register or if you have questions call 536-3004 or visit www.taborretreatcenter.net.

China Support Group
Adoption: Children in China need homes. More boys are available than girls. Older parents and single women are welcome. Come join other adoptive families and be part of our support group. For information, problem solving hints, and a discussion of issues that will impact our children and our lives, be part of a pioneer group that will forge strong bonds and friendships between our children and families. We will be meeting at St. Anthony’s Church in Nanuet, NY in the Shrine Church Hall at 7:00 PM on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information, call Barbara Salvesen at (845) 623-5277.
Friends of the Poor Walk
The Society of St. Vincent De Paul Friends of the Poor Walk will take place on Saturday, September 30th (rain or shine) at Bethpage Community Park, 1001 Stewart Avenue, Bethpage. Registration/check in at 9:00 AM. Every donation goes to help people in need in our community. To support us through a donation, checks may be mailed to SVDP - St. Barnabas Conference, Attn: Friends of the Poor Walk, 2320 Bedford Ave., Bellmore 11710. For questions call 822-3132.

High School Prep Courses
The following schools are offering Entrance Exam Prep Courses:
- St. John the Baptist in West Islip. Please visit www.stjohnthebaptistdhs.net or call (631) 587-8000 ext. 117.
- Sacred Heart Academy in Hempstead. For information call 483-7383 ext. 234.
- Holy Trinity High School in Hicksville. For information, visit www.holytrinityhs.org or call 433-2900.
- Our Lady of Mercy Academy. For information call Mrs. Mehern at 921-1104 ext. 110.

Fall Driver Education
Holy Trinity High School in Hicksville is offering Driver Education from September 2017 - January 2018. Classes are offered before school, after school (2:40 PM and 4:00 PM) and on Saturdays. For information and application call 433-4852 or go to www.holytrinityhs.org (click on Student Life/Driver Education). This course is open to students 16 years of age and older from all High Schools.

Help Wanted
Our Holy Redeemer is looking for a part time, experienced cashier for their Thrift Shop 18 hours/week. For information, please contact Mrs. Joann Flaherty at 378-0665.

Catholic Charities Employment
Full Time Bilingual Case Manager (Spanish/English) is needed at Regina Maternity Services - Merrick, NY - Noon to 8:00 PM Monday to Friday. To apply, transmit resume and cover letter via email or fax. Please reference “Bilingual Case Manager - Regina” in the subject line of your email to jobs@catholiccharities.cc or fax to (516) 733-7038.

Catholics for Freedom of Religion
California: A second CA court rejected a lawsuit against Chabad of Irvine, a small Orthodox Jewish Synagogue, but it is still under legal attack. Animal rights groups, attempting to block the congregation from participating in their religious atonement ritual that takes place between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kipper, have now appealed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals - just one step below the U.S. Supreme Court. The Ninth Circuit will hear the animal rights groups’ challenge to religious liberty in November. “While Americans presume that the constitution guarantees their rights, in practice, our rights survive or disappear based on how firmly we defend them.” Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, Philadelphia.

The Men of the Way of Light
In today’s first reading, Isaiah tells us “Thus says the Lord...My word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.” Are we open to God’s word in our lives? Do we have any idea of His plan for us? Are we achieving the end for which He sent us? Join the members of the St. Barnabas Men’s Prayer Group on Saturday, July 22nd, to discuss the real ways that God is active in our lives. Explore the ways He speaks to each of us, and how we can respond. We will be meeting in the Nazareth Room in the lower church immediately after the 8:00 AM Mass. Please join us for Christian fellowship and spiritual renewal (and a bagel breakfast!). If you cannot join us, please pray for our group. For more information contact Fred Kreuder at 987-5350 or stbamps@aol.com. Visit our Facebook page: “The Way of Light - The St. Barnabas the Apostle Men’s Prayer Group.”

Summer Splash
Join in the Summer Splash! Cure of Ars Church is having a raffle opportunity to win cash prizes. Purchase a ticket for $100 - Great winning odds: 3 in 500. 1st Prize: $7,000; 2nd Prize: $2,000; 3rd Prize: $1,000. Buy 4 tickets in one purchase (under same name) and get 5th ticket free. Drawing will be on the last day of summer, Thursday, September
Banns of Marriage
21st. Winner need not be present. For information, call Anne at (516) 546-1004.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Just as a small mustard seed can become a large and elaborate bush, discover how to encourage your marriage to blossom and provide a lifetime of joy by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are November 3rd-5th in Huntington and August 11th-13th in Wappingers Falls. For more information, call John and Torio at (718) 344-3700 or visit www.wwmeli.org.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
In today’s Gospel we hear the story of the sower and we know that “some seeds fell on rich soil, and produce fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty fold.” As disciples who are “Sower, Seed and Soil” we must have hearts that love, eyes that see and ears that hear the cries of the poor. May the grace of humility be given to us for without it we will do no lasting good. With humility God will be glorified, the poor will be served and made happy, and we ourselves will enjoy the grace and peace of Jesus Christ who is gentle and humble of heart. Please continue to support the poor and needy that together they will produce fruit a hundred fold.

Become a Bayhawk for the Day
Calling all 7th and 8th Graders to shadow or schedule a personalized tour at St. Dominic High School in Oyster Bay. Please email admissions@stdoms.org or call 922-4888 ext. 5325 for more information.

Life Center Dinner Dance
Save the Date: Friday, September 29th. Come celebrate the 31st Anniversary of the Life Center of Long Island at Woodbury Country Club, 884 Jericho Tpke, Woodbury from 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM. Ticket price is $150 per adult. Special Guest Speaker - Jor-El Godsey, President, Heartbeat International.

Summer Church Camp
Our Lady of the Shrine Church Camp for grades K-6. Session runs from July 31st - August 3rd. 258 Eastport Manor Road, Manorville. $80 for first child + $40 for sibling. For more information, please call (631) 325-0661.

Theology of the Body ‘For Teens’
St. John Paul II’s Theology of the Body is changing lives around the world through its positive portrayal of human sexuality as a good and essential part of love and life. The Theology of the Body for Teens brings this exciting teaching into a practical format that teens and preteens will enjoy and understand. Join us for this timely and important training, where you will be introduced to the Theology of the Body as it specifically relates to children and teens. Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington. Monday, July 24th from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. For more information, please contact Jennifer Menneci at 678-5800 ext. 200 or jmenneci@drvc.org.

Regular Sacrificial Giving
You can 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 your weekly collection donation indicated. Include your Name, Address & Envelope Number. Each week this amount will be credited to your account. This eliminates using weekly envelopes and guarantees that your donation will be received.

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May the Lord preserve the members of our Army, National Guard, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Merchant Marine, Coast Guard and Peace Corps from all harm.

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

New Parishioners
WELCOME
Ms. Francine Brown
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Calvagno
Mr. & Mrs. Dominic Carioti
Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas F. DeLuca
Mr. & Mrs. Nicasio Ferrantello
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Ferraro
Mr. & Mrs. John Giordano
Ms. Barbara A. Green
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence J. Guardino

Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan A. Hoffman
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Jantzen
Mr. & Mrs. Gregory P. Kilian
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen F. Murphy
Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Pappas

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Mrs. Kelly A. Roderick
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Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Xuereb

Banns of Marriage
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The Parable of the Sower

Jesus told a parable about a farmer who planted his seeds in his field.

Circle 6 differences in the 2nd picture.

The seeds scattered all around.

Count the seeds. 8 or 9 or 10

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ACROSS
2. To put seeds in the ground so that plants will grow
5. Small, sharp, pointed growths on the stem of a plant
6. Plants such as grain, vegetables, or fruit grown by farmers
8. A small, usually hard part of a plant from which a new plant can grow
9. Not deep

DOWN
1. The part of a plant which grows down into the earth
3. A person who owns or takes care of a farm
4. Covered with stones
7. A way made by or for people walking on the ground
8. The upper layer of earth that may be dug or plowed and in which plants grow

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From the boat, Jesus told a parable story.

Use the words from the word bank to fill in the blanks. Then, match the stories with the pictures.

A _______ _______ went out to _______ his seed. As he was _______ _______ _______ _______ the _______ _______, some fell along the _______ _______, and the _______ _______ came and _______ it up.

Some fell on _______ _______ places, where it did not have much _______ _______. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow.

But when the _______ _______ came up, the _______ _______ _______ _______ were _______ _______ _______ _______, and they _______ _______ _______ _______ because they had no _______ _______.

Other seed fell among _______ _______ _______, which _______ _______ up and _______ _______ _______ the plants.

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Words from the word bank:
- ate
- sow
- sun
- crop
- fell
- grew
- path
- root
- seed
- soil
- sown
- birds
- rocky
- choked
- farmer
- plants
- thorns
- scorched
- withered
- scattering

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Word search puzzle:

- Plants
- Sow
- Wither
- Fell
- Rocky
- Scorch
- Farmer
- Thorns
- Crop
- Root
- Choke
- Seed
- Grow
- Path
- Scatter
- Good