16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 07/17/16
Rev. Adrian McHugh, Pastor
Rev. Charles Omotu
Rev. Francis Agyeman
Rev. Kevin Gruber
Deacon Bernard F. Sherlock

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School
Principal, Ms. Leeann Graziose  516-785-5709

St. Barnabas Christian Formation
Mrs. Marjorie Lampert  516-785-0130

Social Ministry
Mrs. Alice Witt  516-785-6243

Music Ministry
Mr. William R. Dione

Youth Ministry
Mrs. Margaret Harnisch

Business & Personnel
Mr. John G. Nappi

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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 12.30PM
Contact the Rectory Office for information on the
Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony and Anointing

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**St. Barnabas the Apostle**

**Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Monday, July 18**
6:30 AM  Margaret Connors
9:00 AM  Angelina Sarducci
         Adeline Scaduto
         Madeline J. Abbene
         Lester Klvana
         Diane Laufman
         Jean Larkin

**Tuesday, July 19**
6:30 AM  Tomas Colon
9:00 AM  Stephen Andrew
         Clifford

**Wednesday, July 20**
6:30 AM  Linda Zollo
9:00 AM  Eleanor Stickevers

**Thursday, July 21**
6:30 AM  Fran Spatafore
9:00 AM  Carol Chiasera

**Friday, July 22  St. Mary Magdalene**
6:30 AM  Julia & Peter Gerwatowski
9:00 AM  Mary Ferrari
3:00 PM  Wedding:
         Christopher Rutigliano & Megan Walsh

**Saturday, July 23**
8:00 AM  June Leahy Furda
3:00 PM  Wedding:
         Michael J. Kujanek & Danica Chang

Fr. Adrian  4:30 PM  Raymond Vogts  Anthony Persico
            Rose Wagner  Harriet Bariatti
            Richard Huhn  Natale Galatioto
            Anthony Cantelmo

Fr. Charles  7:00 PM  Salvatore & Maria Caterina Lico

**Sunday, July 24  Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**
Fr. Charles  7:00 AM  Michael Piegare
Fr. Kevin   9:00 AM  For the People of Our Parish
Fr. Francis 10:30 AM  Adeline & Peter Villella Jr.
Fr. Adrian  12:00 PM  James Cioffi
Fr. Francis  5:00 PM  John Mavridis

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**We pray for our recently deceased**
Jean Lynch
Gary John Forgione
John Palumbo
Harold McKenna
Joseph Natale

**Bread & Wine**
The Eucharistic Bread & Wine is offered for the family of June Leahy Furda.

**Altar Flowers**
The flowers on the Blessed Mothers Altar are in loving memory Theresa Beatty from her daughters Elaine, Laura & Liz and families.

**So Long, Farewell**
The seminarian Michael Lombardi will be leaving St. Barnabas soon. You are welcome to offer him your good wishes at the 10:30 Mass on July 31st with coffee, tea & cookies to follow in the Holy Family Chapel.

**Anointing of the Sick**
The Anointing of the Sick will take place on Saturday, July 23rd following the 8:00 AM Mass. Please sit in the front rows of the Church if you wish to receive the Sacrament.

**Bulletin Notes**
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**Advertise**
Why not consider placing an advertisement on our cover? For information call The Church Bulletin at (631)249-4994.

**10:15 Mass**
The 10:15 AM Mass will resume on Sunday, September 18th.
1. Relativism — Chris Stefanick
2. The Fourth Cup — Dr. Scott Hahn
3. The Second Greatest Story Ever Told — Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC
5. From Atheism to Catholicism by Jennifer Fulwiler
6. Confession — Fr. Larry Richards
7. The Last Four Things — Fr. Mike Schmitz
8. From Love, By Love, For Love — Fr. Michael Schmitz
9. Fan or Follower? — Jeff Cavins
10. Encountering the Poor — Dr. Tim Gray
11. Trust in the Lord — Monsignor Thomas Richter
12. Down to Earth — Mark Hart
13. Drawing Strength from Our Lady of Sorrows — Kimberly Hahn
14. Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist — Dr. Brant Pitre
15. Why Be Catholic? — Patrick Madrid
17. Why a Protestant Pastor Became Catholic? — Dr. Scott Hahn
18. Prove it God... and He Did! — Patty Schneier
20. Living the Gospel with the Heart of Pope Francis — Dr. Edward Sri
Jesus' words to Martha apply to us today: ‘You are worried and distracted by many things.’ We certainly are! There’s our jobs, our volunteer commitments, getting the kids to camp and basketball and soccer and Scouts, getting meals on the table, trying to keep the house looking reasonably presentable, keeping in touch with friends and family who are increasingly spread further and further apart. There is just so much to be done!

Martha would have understood the pace of our world. She was a doer, the eldest daughter, the one who had always been responsible for so much within the family. When Jesus arrives at her home, she works to make everything perfect, a sort of first century Martha Stewart! But have you ever been invited to a meal in someone’s home, and then seen nothing of your hosts once you have arrive because they are so busy with preparations? Of course there needs to be someone to cook supper and set the table, but you went to your friend's house for the company, not for the food or the setting. Jesus tells Martha not be distracted from enjoying simply being with Jesus, from enjoying his company.

In the busyness of our lives, Jesus' words speak strongly. We, too, are worried and distracted by many things. We need to take time to become more connected with God. That’s why we come to Church and join parish groups. That’s why we say prayers in the morning, and grace before meals. That’s why we pray as we fall asleep at night.

Did you ever hear of Brother Lawrence, a 17th Century monk, who wrote a book entitled ‘The Practice of the Presence of God.’ He was a typical monk, very busy, assigned a certain number of tasks every day that he had to do towards the life of his community. But he was finding it harder and harder to connect the things that happened at chapel every day, the singing and the readings from Scripture and the prayers, with the busyness of the rest of his life. His writings show that he slowly learned that he could do any task, however small, and do it in the presence of God.

He wrote: ‘I turn my little omelet in the pan for the love of God. When it is finished, if I have nothing to do, I prostrate myself on the ground and worship my God, who gave me the grace to make it, after which I arise happier than a king. When I can do nothing else, it is enough to have picked up a straw from the floor for the love of God. Offer Him your heart from time to time, in the midst of your busyness, even every moment if you can. Do not always scrupulously confine yourself to certain rules or particular forms of devotion; but act with a general confidence in God with love and humility.’

If Martha had been able to turn her little omelet in the pan and been fully present to Jesus at the same time, she would have been fine. But she wasn't; instead, she worried about how the omelet was going to turn out, and was beginning to resent her sister's lack of help.

We all have things that have to get done every day. Jesus doesn't say to give up doing those things. He says, take some thought for God in your life, every day. Pray in the morning and evening, read God's Word, and above all, remember God in ALL the things you do. If you can do that, if you can practice the presence of God in your daily life, you will, with Mary, be choosing the better part.
**The Week at a Glance**

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

**Monday:**
7:30 PM  Charismatic Prayer Group, Holy Family Chapel

**Tuesday:**
1:00 PM  Friendly Seniors, Holy Family Chapel

**Wednesday:**
7:30 PM  Al-Anon, Rectory Meeting Room

**Thursday:**
7:00 PM  Bible Study, Rectory Meeting Room

**Saturday:**
8:00 AM  Anointing of the Sick, Church
12:30 PM  Confessions, Church

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**Financial Reports**

**Weekend Collections**

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- **7/12/15:** $16,087
- **7/10/16:** $15,265

Parish Families Registered: 5,016
Envelopes Mailed: 1,536  Used: 556
Envelopes Used 7/12/15: 540

**2016 Catholic Ministries Appeal**
- Goal: $107,900
- Donors: 508
- Pledged: $111,379
- Received: $87,955

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**A Catholic Community in Bellmore, New York Since 1912**

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**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, Pat Stegmuller,
- Dr. Lawton Manderson, Terrie Manderson,
- George Stockerl, Vic Caliguiri, John Scalia,
- Kyle Burch, Evelyn LaMont, Angelo Giglio,
- Sophie Buzzeo, Dolores Trimboi,
- Christina Sumperl, Philip McSweeney,
- Nicole & Baby Ella McKernan, Jillian K. Yonker,
- Bernice Newman, Joann Santarsiero, Carol Marmo,
- Baby Lucas Spina, Kim Loucks & Joseph LaPadula

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**Banms Of Marriage**

Gavin Shanahan & Catherine Simek
Anthony Nolfo & Monica Gualdino
Joseph McDonnell & Linda Dmytryk
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
11 meetings! I can do that

50 adults are needed to help facilitate 11 meetings of our new Confirmation Preparation Program called ‘Chosen,’ to be introduced in St. Barnabas in September. All meetings will be held in the Holy Family Chapel on Wednesday OR Thursday from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Meetings begin with prayer, an activity, a TV presentation followed by small group discussion. Each small group will have 8 young members ONLY, from Level 7 or 8! ‘Chosen’ materials will be supplied. All you have to do is facilitate a conversation, with provided questions, around the night’s topic. Easy! Just 11 meetings (one and a half hours each) with eight students. Please tick ONE Wednesday OR Thursday BOX that works for you.

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Then fill in your name and details and return this form to St. Barnabas.

My name is _______________  My phone number _____________

Information meetings for volunteers & parents will be held on September 7, 8, 14 & 15 at 7PM. You need attend just one information meeting.
As part of the celebration of this Jubilee Year of Mercy, please consider participating in the Diocese Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. Our parish will be sharing a bus with the parish community of St. Bernard’s in Levittown, granting each parish seating for 24 people. The suggested donation per person is $30.00.

Schedule of the Day

5:45 AM  SHARP!  Bus leaves St. Barnabas parking lot (opposite the Church)
11:30 AM  Approximate arrival time in Washington D.C.
12:00 PM  The Angelus
12:10 PM  Welcome and Introduction – Msgr. Vito A. Buonanno
12:15 PM  Presentation by Christopher Ruddy, Catholic University of America
12:45 PM  Lunch (bring your own bag lunch and beverage), Tours and Gift Shop
          Private Prayer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
          Individual Confessions in the Reconciliation Chapel
2:45 PM  Youth Event
3:00 PM  Rosary in Word and Song
4:00 PM  Celebration of the Eucharist
5:45 PM  Departure for return to St. Barnabas, Bellmore

Bishop Murphy, joined by his brother bishops, will lead the pilgrimage. The occasion of a pilgrimage is a unique opportunity for fostering faith, conversion and reconciliation. The Diocesan Choir will provide music for the pilgrimage liturgy.

Please return the form below to
St. Barnabas Rectory, Attn: Pilgrimage
2320 Bedford Avenue, Bellmore, NY  11710

Name(s):____________________________________No. Attending: _______________
Telephone No: ________________________________
Email Address: ________________________________
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 Society
Thank you again for your generous donations to our special collection. Thanks to you the St. Vincent de Paul Society was able to purchase much needed appliances and other items for the needy in our parish. What a great feeling it is to see the hand of the Christ changing the cry of the poor into the joy of the poor. In the month of June you were the messenger of God bringing hope to the poor. Please say a prayer for the poor and needy in the parish.

Save Saturday, September 24th for the Friends of the Poor Walk. The St. Barnabas St. Vincent de Paul Society will take part in the walk at Bethpage Community Park, 1001 Stewart Avenue, Bethpage, (Look for the Town of Oyster Bay Ice Skating Center). Put on your sneakers and walk with us as we become God’s feet, walking to end poverty one step at a time. Watch the bulletin for more information. Keep the poor in your prayers.

Respect Life Ministry Meeting
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 others who’ve signed this statement of belief in the sanctity and dignity of life from conception to natural death.

Charismatic Mass
St. Killian Seniors Group and Charismatic Prayer Group are sponsoring a “Healing Mass” on Wednesday, July 20th at 4:00 PM at St. Killian Church in Farmingdale. The celebrant will be Rev. Augustine (Gus) Fernando. For further information please contact St. Killian’s Church at 249-7131.

Friendly Seniors Meeting
Tuesday, July 19th at 1:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel.

Widow and Widowers Luncheon
Join us on Wednesday, July 27th beginning at 12:30 PM at Anthony’s Coal Fire Pizza of Wantagh 3430 Sunrise Highway, Wantagh for lunch. The cost is $24.00. If you have any questions contact Natalie Sorvillo at 785-5473. Please mail your payment ASAP to 1904 Henry St., North Bellmore, 11710.

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/Spanish) a plus. E-mail resume and salary requirements to hiringmgr@ccbklyn.org

We Are ALL God’s Delight!
Based on Proverbs 8:31

A Day for Family and Friends of our LGBT Brothers and Sisters

All Are Welcome!
Saturday, July 30, 2016
Bishop Molloy Retreat House
8645 Edgerton Blvd, Jamaica, New York 11432
9:30 AM - 2:00 PM
Lunch Included
Registration: $35.00
Call: (718)739-1229
www.bishopmolloy.org
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 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 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

Youth Ministry
Youth Ministry is open to all students in Middle School and High School. The High School teens are the junior leaders for our Middle School students. We meet a couple of times each month in the school cafeteria on Friday nights to play games and talk about different faith topics. We encourage your child to try our group to make to new friends and grow in faith.

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

stbarnabasyouthministry@gmail.com
Religious Education

The Religious Education Office closes at 1:00 PM on Fridays for the summer.

Registration material is available on line. Visit the parish website: www.stbarnabasny.org and click on the “Religious Education” tab, once on the Religious Education page click on “Registration Material.” Please read the cover letter which gives you updated information as well as the Parent Handbook which explains the Religious Education program.

If you have a child who will be in First grade in September remember to register them for Religious Education.

We need adult volunteers to be Catechists, Substitutes, Hall Monitors and Attendance/Lobby Aides for our Religious Education program starting in the fall. Please call the office to get more information.

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

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

Wednesday 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
1 Catechist for Level 1

Please consider volunteering for the above positions, or the Chosen program. Call Margie in Religious Education at 785-0130 for more information.

Please remember to check the Religious Education website regularly to keep up to date on what’s happening in Religious Ed.

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
Civil Dialogue

In *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the Catholic bishops of the United States urge all people to practice civility, charity and justice in public life (no. 60). In the following essay, Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, reflects on how Catholics can carry out this call to civil dialogue.

**Civil Discourse: Speaking Truth in Love**

By Cardinal Donald Wuerl

The preacher's pulpit, the politician's podium and the print and electronic media all bear some responsibility to encourage a far more civil, responsible and respectful approach to national debate and the discussion of issues in our country today.

A wise and ancient Catholic maxim has always insisted that we are to "hate the sin and love the sinner." At the heart of this time-honored wisdom is the simple recognition that some things are wrong and yet we still distinguish between what is done and who does it.

Increasingly, there is a tendency to disparage the name and reputation, the character and life, of a person because he or she holds a different position. The identifying of some people as "bigots" and "hate mongers" simply because they hold a position contrary to another's has unfortunately become all too commonplace today. Locally, we have witnessed rhetorical hyperbole that, I believe, long since crossed the line between reasoned discourse and irresponsible demagoguery.

It should not be acceptable to denounce someone who favors immigration reform that includes the process to citizenship as a "traitor" and "unpatriotic." The representatives in federal and state government who voted against the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program or against tax credits for Catholic schools educating minority children should not be labeled in the media as "anti-Catholic bigots" or "racists" since the majority of the children are African American. People and organizations should not be denounced disparagingly as "homophobic" simply because they support the traditional, worldwide, time-honored definition of marriage. The defaming words speak more about political posturing than about reasoned discourse.

Why is it so important that we respect both our constitutional right to free speech and our moral obligation that we not bear false witness against another? A profoundly basic reason is that we do not live alone. While each of us can claim a unique identity, we are, nonetheless, called to live out our lives in relationship with others -- in some form of community.

All human community is rooted in this deep stirring of God's created plan within us that brings us into ever-widening circles of relationship: first with our parents, then our family, the Church and a variety of community experiences, educational, economic, cultural, social and, of course, political. We are by nature social and tend to come together so that in the various communities of which we are a part, we can experience full human development. All of this is part of God's plan initiated in creation and reflected in the natural law that calls us to live in community.

What does this have to do with toning down our rhetoric? Everything! No community, human or divine, political or religious, can exist without trust. At the very core of all human relations is the confidence that members speak the truth to each other. It is for this reason that God explicitly protected the bonds of community by prohibiting falsehood as a grave attack on the human spirit. "You shall not bear false witness...
Are You Considering Becoming Catholic?
Are You A Catholic Interested In Being Confirmed?
Join Us For RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or RCIA, is a series of classes that present an adult exploration of the Catholic faith. RCIA is a chance for people to learn the basics of what it means to be Catholic, to ask their burning questions, and to seek ways to more fully open their lives to Jesus Christ.

When: The RCIA group meets every Wednesday evening from September to Easter. This is the primary time commitment, and there may be other commitments depending on what part of the process you’re going through.

How to Signup: Call the rectory and leave a message for Terry Hubert.

against your neighbor" (Ex 20:16). To tamper with the truth or, worse yet, to pervert it, is to undermine the foundations of human community and to begin to cut the threads that weave us into a coherent human family.

The call to truthfulness is far from being a denial of freedom of speech. Rather, it is a God-given obligation to respect the very function of human speech. We are not free to say whatever we want about another, but only what is true. To the extent that freedom is improperly used to sever the bonds of trust that bind us together as a people, to that extent it is irresponsible. The commandment that obliges us to avoid false witness also calls us to tell the truth. We, therefore, have an obligation to ascertain that what we say or hear or read is really the truth.

Someone once described a "gossip" as a person who will never tell a lie if a half-truth will do as much harm. When we listen to news accounts or read what is presented in the print and electronic media, we are too often reminded that spin, selecting only some of the facts, highlighting only parts of the picture, has replaced too often an effort to present the facts - the full story. We all know the tragic results of gossip against which there is little or no defense. In an age of blogs, even the wildest accusations can quickly become "fact." Gossip is like an insidious infection that spreads sickness throughout the body. These untruths go unchallenged because the persons who are the object of the discussion are usually not present to defend themselves, their views or actions.

Irresponsible blogs, electronic and print media stories, and pulpit and podium people-bashing rhetoric can be likened to many forms of anonymous violence. Spin and extremist language should not be embraced as the best this country is capable of achieving. Selecting only some facts, choosing inflammatory words, spinning the story, are activities that seem much more directed to achieving someone's political purpose rather than reporting events. One side is described as "inquiring minds that want to know" and the other side as "lashing out in response."

We need to look at how we engage in discourse and how we live out our commitment to be a people of profound respect for the truth and our right to express our thoughts, opinions, positions – always in love. We who follow Christ must not only speak the truth but must do so in love (Eph 4:15). It is not enough that we know or believe something to be true. We must express that truth in charity with respect for others so that the bonds between us can be strengthened in building up the body of Christ.

Freedom of speech and respect for others, freedom of expression and regard for the truth, should always be woven together. This should be true of everyone, whether they speak from a pulpit, a political platform, or through the electronic and print media and other means of social communications.
Every year as a school we celebrate Christmas with a true act of incredible love. We collect items and pack over 500 boxes stuffed with toys, candy, and life essentials that are donated to the organization *Operation Christmas Child*. These boxes are sent to children in need across the globe. Each box includes a personal note from one of our students spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ!

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But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things.

But one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”

Mary sat down at Jesus’ feet and listened to all He had to say.

Jesus said to Martha, “You are worried and upset about many things, but only 1 thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

Connect the dots: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

Find and circle these words in the puzzle below.

CHosen L B E T T E R
Z Q Z X N O T W
T A K E N L B
S A W A Y N T
Find 15 differences between these two pictures.

Martha was upset. She thought Mary should be helping her.

Begin at the arrow. Write the letter on the line. Go around clockwise and write down every other letter. You will go around twice.

“M _______ _______

_______ _____

_______  ___

______ _______”
50 adults needed
10 already volunteered
What about YOU?

Martha came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself?” What did she want Jesus to do?

Mary and Martha reacted differently to Jesus. Find out what they did.

On the line, write the letter that is missing from each set. Read the answer.

Mary sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what He said.
Pope Francis’ Five Finger Prayer

1.) The thumb is the closest finger to you. So start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the persons easiest to remember. To pray for our dear ones is a “sweet obligation.”

2.) The next finger is the index. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others. Always keep them in your prayers.

3.) The following finger is the tallest. It reminds us of our leaders, the governors and those who have authority. They need God’s guidance.

4.) The fourth finger is the ring finger. Even that it may surprise you, it is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for the weakest, the sick or those plagued by problems. They need your prayers.

5.) And finally we have our smallest finger, the smallest of all. Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. When you are done praying for the other four groups, you will be able to see your own needs but in the proper perspective, and also you will be able to pray for your own needs in a better way.