Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn."
St. Barnabas the Apostle
Sixteenth Week of Ordinary Time

Monday, July 24
6:30 AM  James Thomas
9:00 AM  Michael Piegare
Barbara Cannon
George Stockerl
Caterina Massa
Maria LaMagra
Vincent Troisi

Tuesday, July 25  St. James
6:30 AM  Michael Cesario
9:00 AM  Frank DeVito

Wednesday, July 26  Sts. Joachim and Anne
6:30 AM  Vincent S. Magliano
9:00 AM  Brian Dione

Thursday, July 27
6:30 AM  Lillian Rocco
9:00 AM  Deceased Members of the Grogan and Schmitt Families

Friday, July 28
6:30 AM  Anthony Restituto
9:00 AM  The Dorothy Healy Family

Saturday, July 29  St. Martha
8:00 AM  Nicole and Neiva Edouard
4:30 PM  Theresa Maglione
Sherri Mangus
Dolores Cronin
Rose Siralli
Anthony Iannelli
Raymond Vogts
Fr. Francis  7:00 PM  Giuseppe and Giuseppia Calzone and Miranda Family

Sunday, July 30  Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Fr. Charles  7:00 AM  Terrance Laverty
Fr. Adrian  9:00 AM  Deceased Members of the Brady and Bahnken Families
Fr. Francis  10:30 AM  Patricia Neally
Fr. Adrian  12:00 PM  James and Louis Chmiel
3:00 PM  Wedding: Joel Vicente and Jacqueline Oregel
Fr. Adrian  5:00 PM  For the People of Our Parish
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 our 7th and 8th Grade Chosen Confirmation Process beginning in St. Barnabas in September.

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

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.

Just 12 Meetings

- Leaders are needed to help facilitate 12 meetings of 7th or 8th Graders. All meetings will be held in the Holy Family Chapel on Wednesday OR Thursday from 7:00 PM to 8:30PM.
- Meetings begin with prayer, an activity, a TV presentation followed by a small group discussion. Each group will have 8 young members, 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.
- If you wish to be a Leader please indicate which group of Wednesdays OR Thursdays work for you and return this form to St. Barnabas.
- Seventh Grade Leaders & Parents Information Meetings will be held on September 6th or 7th at 7:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel.

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

My name is ______________________  My phone number ________________
I want to lead a CHOSEN Group for Grade ____ (7 or 8) on ___________(Wednesdays or Thursdays)
How do you know you are a Master Gardener?

- There is a decorative compost container on your kitchen counter.
- You would rather go to a nursery to shop than a clothing store.
- You prefer gardening to watching television.
- You plan vacation trips to arboretums and public parks.
- Dirt under your fingernails and calloused palms are matters of pride.

Here is another gardening question - When you look at life, do you see the weeds or the wheat? Clearly the servants in today’s parable just saw the weeds. They wanted to pull them up immediately upon identifying them. The land owner, on the other hand, saw the wheat and insisted that the weeds be left alone until the time of harvest.

Commentators have insisted that the reason for the land owner's decision to wait is that a common noxious weed, darnel, looks very much like wheat in its early stages of growth. It would be difficult for the servants to know the difference between the good wheat and the bad darnel. So the wise response of any farmer of that day was to wait until the grain began to form and the distinction between the wheat and the weeds was more evident. At that point something could be done, and often that was easier at the time of harvest.

However, the parable raises another question that both Christian and non-Christian alike, struggle with - the question of why God allows weeds in the first place? Why does God allow suffering in the world? Why does God allow terrorism, war, sickness, earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes, tsunamis, and flooding? Isn’t God in control? We see how Jesus Himself was crucified as a weed, in an effort by religious leaders to keep the wheat pure from desecration. God knows that the weeds and the wheat will struggle for the same soil and the same moisture. But God also knows that the wheat will survive to the harvest. And at harvest time and not before, God and only God will order the separating.

The good news for us is that when Jesus’ disciples ask him for an explanation and He tells them about the great, final harvest, He’s not telling them that to frighten them into making sure they’re wheat. It’s an instruction to us on how to live now. What we’re called to do is grow and bear fruit for the sower. As for who is wheat and who is a weed, our roots are so entangled that it’s hard to tell where one starts and the other stops.

God gives us the Church to teach us and help us to spread the word of his good news, giving us the solid foundation we need so that we can love the unlovable, help the brazen and unrepentant, and respect the disrespectful. God trusts in us, that we will make it. All we need to do is trust in God, and we will.
We Pray for Our Sick

We Pray for Our Deceased
Michelle Hilliwitz
Corrine McCann
Angelina Piccoli
Albert Joseph Farina

The Sanctuary Lamp Is Placed
In loving memory of Peter Meenan from the Spillane Family.

This Weeks Bread and Wine
In loving memory of our friend Patricia Reilly from Ken and Jodie Karchinski.

Flowers For The Blessed Mother
With thanks to the Blessed Mother from Dominick and Maritza Mazza.

Flowers For St. Anthony
With thanks to St. Anthony from Dominick and Maritza Mazza.

To memorialize a loved one please contact the Rectory Office.

Financial Report

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

Catholic Ministries Appeal
Goal: $106,400  Donors: 500
Pledged: $114,434  Received: $90,497

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

Wednesday:
7:30 PM  Al-Anon, Rectory

Thursday:
7:00 PM  Bible Study, Rectory

Friday:
1:30 PM  Lectio Divina, Convent
7:30 PM  Lectio Divina, Convent

Saturday:
12:30 PM  Confessions, 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.

Baby Bottles
Many thanks to all of our parishioners who participated and gave so generously to the Baby Bottle Campaign benefitting the Life Center of Long Island. Here are some totals for you:
Money contributed from the campaign - $8,024!
Bottles delivered – 1000. Bottles returned – 548
Bottles outstanding – 452
If you have a baby bottle please return it by bringing it to church next weekend or leaving at the Rectory Office. Again, many, many thanks!

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.

Catholic Ministries Appeal
Please consider donating to the Appeal and making a difference in someone’s life. Your gift could help support a Seminarian’s or Deacon’s education, help youth, young adult and campus ministry programs or Parish Outreach Programs to feed and serve the poor and needy. Please make checks payable to ‘Catholic Ministries Appeal’. Thank you!

Widows and Widowers
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 12th. Call 785-0342 for more information.

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 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.

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.

**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.

**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 mission of our Blessed Mother which is the message of 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.

**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.
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
Illinois: A pro-life doctor and two Christian pregnancy centers are challenging a 2016 Illinois law that requires all doctors, pharmacists, and pregnancy centers to assist women in obtaining abortions, regardless of whether the medical professionals are opposed to the procedure. The law also requires doctors with gender dysphoria patients to counsel on the “benefits” of sex reassignment. Also, doctors must counsel terminally ill patients on assisted suicide, despite their moral opposition to it. “It is well established that the First Amendment protects not only the right to speak, but also the right not to be forced to be a mouthpiece for a message you reject,” said Notre Dame law professor Rick Garnet.

The Men of the Way of Light
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 stbampg@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 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.

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
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

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**Banns of Marriage**
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admissions@stdoms.org or call 922-4888 ext. 5325 for more information.

**Haircut-A-Thon**
The Ladies Auxiliary is having a Haircut-A-Thon on Sunday, August 27th from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM at the Bellmore Knights of Columbus, 101 Frederick Avenue, Bellmore. No appointment necessary. Price is $10 for children under 10 and $20 for adults. Free coffee and cake will be served and there will be raffles for sale. The event benefits the Vietnam War Veterans Association and St. Barnabas Outreach for the upcoming holidays. If you are a hairdresser and wish to volunteer your time, please contact Teresa as 826-6022.

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Where we “Embrace” our faith with Respect, Responsibility & Reverence.
Please visit our website, www.steas.com and Facebook Page for all our news and current events.

SEAS Summer of Reflection ~ Check out what happened last November at SEAS...

Last November at SEAS the school year was in full swing! We voted for our student council members and class representatives. They served the school well all year. We also celebrated All Saints Day. The second grade treated us to a parade of saints to the tune of When the Saints Come Marching In!

Embrace Your Faith! Enroll Today!

CALL FOR A TOUR ~ (516)785-5709

Our Programs Include: Our Time (2 year old program), Nursery, 3 & 5 Day Pre-K, and K-8.
Find out how a Catholic Education will provide your child with the tools to lead a happy and virtuous life!
Grandparents give a life long gift of a Catholic education!

2341 Washington Ave, Bellmore ~ Next to Saint Barnabas Church
Children's Worship Bulletin
Ages 3-6
July 23, 2017 • Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The Parable of the Weeds

Jesus told a parable — a teaching story — about a man who planted good seeds in his field.

Connect the dots.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

The owner of the field said, “Do not pull the weeds until the harvest or you might pull up some of the wheat too.”

Help the harvesters take the wheat to the barn.

Jesus explained, “The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of God’s kingdom.”
Count how many wheat stalks, 5 or 6, and weeds, 4 or 5.

Both grew together. The good seeds and the weeds.

During the night his enemy planted weeds.
Jesus’ disciples came to Him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

Can you discover the key to figuring out the missing words below? Write the correct word above each of them.

He answered, “The One who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age.”

Then He said, “Then the ________
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The Parable of the Weeds

Jesus told the people a parable, a story that teaches. What was it about?

Write the name of each picture in the boxes. The darker boxes will spell the answer.
What did the farmer ask his servants if they should pull up the weeds?

The remaining letters are the answer. Write them in the boxes below:

The answer given in the alphabet:

On the line are the letter that follows

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2. b
3. c
4. d
5. e
6. f
7. g
8. h
9. i
10. j
11. k
12. l
13. m
14. n
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16. p
17. q
18. r
19. s
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21. u
22. v
23. w
24. x
25. y
26. z