20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8/14/16
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 Grazioso  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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Jesus said: ‘I have come to set the earth on fire’

RECTORY OFFICE
2320 Bedford Avenue, Bellmore, NY 11710
  516-785-0054  Fax: 516-221-7789
Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM;
  Friday: 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM;
  (Closed Weekdays: 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM)
Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
  Emergency Only: 516-280-0359

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.
Monday, August 15  The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mother
6:30 AM  Santa Galbo
9:00 AM  Bill Stele
Thomas Donnelly
Harold McKenna
Patricia Reilly
Barbara A. Cannon
Anthony Secondino

Tuesday, August 16
6:30 AM  Santo Muscarella
9:00 AM  Brian Dione

Wednesday, August 17
6:30 AM  Alan Guidice
9:00 AM  Stephen Andrew Clifford

Thursday, August 18
6:30 AM  Patti Davis
9:00 AM  Christopher Goodwin

Friday, August 19
6:30 AM  Zofia Okolska
9:00 AM  Mary Stapleton

Saturday, August 20  St. Bernard
8:00 AM  Anita & Luca Reich
3:00 PM  Wedding:
Matthew Marsilano  &  Samantha Calderano
Fr. Adrian 4:30 PM  For the People of Our Parish
Ann Healy
Thomas Donnelly
Jeff Meade
Antoinette Vicoli
James F. Bonfandio
Fr. Charles 7:00 PM  Giuseppe & Giuseppina Calzone & Miranda Family

Sunday, August 21  Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time
Fr. Charles 7:00AM  Margaret Finn
Fr. Franics 9:00AM  John Carbone
Fr. Adrian 10:30AM  Intentions of Alice & Paul Camillery, 50th Wedding Anniversary
Fr. Adrian 12:00PM  Richard Browne
Fr. Francis 5:00PM  Donna & Michael McGuire

We pray for our recently deceased
James Meserole

The Assumption
The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on Monday, August 15th, therefore this year the Assumption is not a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be held on August 15th at 6:30 AM and 9:00 AM.

Bread & Wine
The Eucharistic Bread & Wine for the week will be offered in loving memory of John V. Luksch, loving Dad & Grandpa.

Sanctuary Lamp
The Sanctuary Lamp Candle will be lit this week in memory of John V. Luksch loving Dad & Grandpa.

Bulletin Notes
To place a notice in our bulletin please e-mail us: Bulletin11710@aol.com.

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

10:15 Mass
Returns Sunday, September 18th.
Religious Education
Grade 7 and 8
Parents and Catechists
Information Meeting
With Fr. Adrian

September 7, 8, 14 or 15
Holy Family Chapel @ 7PM

Parents and Catechists
need to attend one meeting

2016—2017 Religious Education

**Grade 7**

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- February 16, 2017
- March 16, 2017
- March 30, 2017
What’s that Jesus said again! ‘I came to cast fire on the earth and how I wish it were already kindled.’ Not what you expect from the gentle Good Shepherd, the Prince of Peace. Prince of Division, more likely! What’s that all about?

What Jesus is saying is that once His message gets into households, into people’s lives, into society, it will bring about a radical change. Families will divide over it, just as the prophets had foretold. Countries will divide as Christian values challenge corrupt regimes and change our political, social, and moral institutions.

He tells them that this is the moment all Israel’s history has been waiting for. At that time the Roman occupation and the oppressive regime of Herod dominated the region. The wealthy and arrogant high priests in Jerusalem and the false agendas of the Pharisees turned people away from knowing the truth. However, change is possible — if you turn towards the Lord and follow Him as the Way, Truth and Life for humanity.

However as history unfolded, Jesus’ warning about change on the horizon went unheeded. In fact in AD 70 Israel ended up paying the very last penny when the Romans destroyed Jerusalem. They didn’t listen to Jesus but instead got rid of Him by killing Him as a criminal on the cross.

We might well ask today, what relevance have these warnings for people who live nearly two thousand years after they all came true? Well the church has from early on read this chapter as a warning that each generation must read the signs of the times, the great movements of people, governments, nations and policies, and must react accordingly.

If the kingdom of God is to come on earth as it is in heaven, part of the prophetic role of the church is to understand the events of earth and to seek to address them with the message of heaven. And if, like Jesus, we find that we seem to be bringing division, and that we ourselves become caught up in the crisis, so be it. What else would we expect?

Maybe today is our time to take a fresh look at the problems of the world and instead of turning away in indifference or anger, to wake up and step up. God had a plan for humanity and we need to listen to it because when we turn away from God only destruction follows.

For your reflection we have published extracts from ‘Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship’ in recent bulletins. This teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics is offered by the Catholic bishops of the United States are pleased to offer once again to the Catholic faithful. This statement represents our guidance for Catholics in the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our democracy. We urge all people of good will to use this statement to help form their consciences; to teach those entrusted to their care; to contribute to civil and respectful public dialogue; and to shape political choices in the coming election in light of Catholic teaching.

Jesus says: ‘I came to cast fire on the earth and how I wish it were already kindled.’ Enkindle in us Lord the fire of your love.
The Week at a Glance

Sunday: Bake Sale Today
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:
12:30 PM  Confessions, Church

Financial Reports

Weekend Collections

Parish Families Registered: 5,016
Envelopes Mailed: 1,536  Used: 515
Envelopes Used 8/9/15: 535

2016 Catholic Ministries Appeal
Goal: $107,900  Donors: 519
Pledged: $114,819  Received: $96,311

Second Collection Today
Maintenance & Repair
Convent lighting was changed to LED in the Convent living room, kitchen and library as well as the rectory kitchen.

Banns of Marriage
Christopher Caley & Sally Aratoon
Alberto Penci & Laura De Francisi
Harry Hipper & Marissa Scialo

We Pray for the Sick
Nicoletta Russo, Meghan Alice Roach, Stephen Rich, Patrick Hoyne, Don Davis, Rosemary Grandwilliams, Louis Romano, Carol Marmo, Eugene Ryan, Kristin O’Halloran, Patricia Merget, Theresa Anselmo, Jacob Daniel Haubeil, Charlie Riiska, Jason Todhunter, John Nalick, Kevin Keegan, Joyce Caggiano, Charles Young, Robert Volpe, Robert Birbiglia, Nicole & Baby Ella McKernan, Rev. Robert Petekeiwicz, Dr. Lawton Manderson, Terrie Manderson, George Stockerl, Vic Caliguiri, John Scalia, Kyle Burch, Evelyn LaMont, Angelo Giglio, Sophie Buzzo, Dolores Trimboli, Cynthia Simpson, Christina Sumperl, Philip McSweeney, Jillian K. Yonker, Bernice Newman, Joann Santarsiero, Carol Marmo, Kim Loucks, Baby Lucas Spina, Joseph LaPadula, Mary Beth Novello, Lawrence Rottkamp and Robert Wright

Financial Reports

Weekend Collections

8/9/2015
8/7/2016
BUDGET

8/09/15: $14,423.00
8/07/16: $15,946
New Budget: $17,620

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Altar Server Training
Training is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, September 13th and Wednesday, September 14th from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM in the church. If you are in the 4th grade or higher, and would like to serve as an Altar Server please call Fr. Charles at 785-0054 or email charlesomotu@yahoo.com.

Altar Server Training
Name:____________________________________
Grade:_____
Phone #:___________________________________
Parent’s names:___________________________

Splish Splash Trip
Any Altar Servers or Children’s Choir Members interested in attending our annual Splish Splash trip on Thursday, August 25th, are asked to contact Fr. Charles at charlesomotu@yahoo.com as soon as possible. Additional tickets are available at $30 each. Tickets are valid until September 5th.

Bake Sale - Today
Eagle Scout Candidate Christopher Rattoballi will be holding a Bake Sale after all Masses on August 14th to assist in the fundraising for his upcoming Eagle Scout Project. He will be supplying maps and the boards to put them on at various points of Wantagh Park.

Youth Ministry News!!
Come visit our new Youth Room!! This room has been recently redone by one of our teens. Come see our new TV and play wii! Have something to eat and drink and meet some of our teens and core members. We’ll be there this Sunday at 6:00 PM. Come down to the north cafeteria – we’d love to meet you! Fr. Charles will bless the room for us.

Youth Ministry at Bethpage Ballpark
Join the youth of the diocese for an exciting game of baseball! York Revolution vs. the Long Island Ducks. Game time is 6:35 PM on Saturday, August 27th. Enjoy a great game and beautiful fireworks with good friends! We have reserved tickets for this special game that can be purchased for $12 by contacting either Marianne Sheridan, Director for Youth Ministry at msheridan@drvc.org or Christine Fitzgerald of Good Shepherd Parish at gsygphotoproject@gmail.com. Deadline for purchasing tickets is August 15th. Let’s make it a DRVC Family/Youth Night!

St. Barnabas Virtus Training
Virtus Training available for coaches, catechists and all volunteers on Saturday, September 10th at 12:00 AM - 2:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel, and on Friday, September 16th at 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel.

These sessions are for volunteers who have not already attended a previous session, or who will be beginning to volunteer as a catechist, scout leader, CYO coach or in another ministry this fall. You need to attend only one session. The program lasts about 2 hours. The Virtus Training Program is mandated by the diocese for all parishioners sharing in any form of volunteerism in the parish. Register online at www.virtus.org, first select “Registration”, when prompted for the organization select “Rockville Centre, NY” then the session you wish to attend.

Friendly Seniors Meeting
The Friendly Seniors will meet on Tuesday, August 16th at 1:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel.

RCIA
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.

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.

Call the rectory and leave a message for Terry Hubert.
Rosary Making Group
If you are interested in joining call Melissa at 221-9821 or email melissa.m.mcdevitt@gmail.com

Bicycle Ride for Charity
The Bellmore Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring our Third Annual Bicycle Ride for Charity on September 24th. As we did last year, the proceeds will be donated to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. St. Jude’s children receive cancer treatment and family accommodations at no charge to the family, a bill is never issued. St. Jude’s shares its research globally so that others may benefit from their new treatment options. Last year, $8,500 was donated via this event. As was done last year, there will be planned routes of 25, 50 and 100 miles followed by a BBQ for all participants. This year we are reaching out to other churches in Bellmore for participants and support. Raffle tickets will be sold and riders will solicit sponsors to help raise money. Please consider participating or providing financial support when you see us out and about. Contact Ken Yager at toxguy2000@aol.com for further information.

St. Vincent de Paul Society
In today’s Gospel, Jesus said to his disciples: ‘I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!’ Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to assist those suffering in poverty will help set the earth on fire with the love of God. The poor and needy in the parish thank you all for your assistance in helping them to live in dignity.

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.

Back to School
It has been a long tradition here at St. Barnabas to assist families with back to school needs for the new school year. The children are in need of backpacks and the supplies to fill them. Some of those items include: notebooks, (spiral & marble), loose leaf, binders, folders, pens, pencils, crayons, markers, sharpies, highlighters, rulers, compasses, glue sticks, index cards, scissors, sharpeners, pencil boxes, scotch tape and construction paper. Any donation of supplies, or gift cards would be so helpful to many of our families. Gift cards to Payless Shoes would be another way of assisting with the many back to school expenses. Our collection will continue through the month of August. Please leave your donation in the back of the church, or bring it to the rectory. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Friends of the Poor Walk.
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.

Walk of Remembrance
On Sunday, September 4th the “Fr. Mychal Judge 9/11 Walk of Remembrance” will be held in honor of the memory of those lost on 911. We will trace the footsteps of Fr. Mychal Judge in the spirit of prayer and remembrance. All are invited to walk the route beginning 10:30 AM at 7th Avenue & 31st Street and concluding at 1:30 PM at St. Peters RC Church Barclay Street. The day begins at 8:45 AM with the Rosary at St. Francis of Assisi Church followed by Mass at 9:30 AM. Call (646)856-9255 or visit www.911walkofremembrance.com.

Preparing for Marriage?
Engaged Encounter is an effective Pre-Cana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Couples are given the opportunity to explore aspects of their relationship through a series of presentations, writings and dialog. No group discussions. Our next weekend will be held at the Montfort Spirituality Center in Bay Shore September 16-18. Call 631-563-1032 or visit www.engagedencounterli.org
Heal Your Marriage!
Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on Friday, September 2nd, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit the Retrouvaille website at www.retrouvaille.org.

Gennesaret Retreat
Gennesaret Retreat for those facing serious illness. A retreat especially designed for persons who live with a serious illness is planned for September 23rd, 24th, 25th at the Montfort Spirituality Center in Bay Shore. This retreat offers a respite, a quiet time, an oasis, to enable one to continue the journey. The retreat focuses on God’s love, His forgiveness, and His faithfulness. To register or receive more information about this weekend, please call: Colette Fanelli (631) 665-7052.

Marian Healing Ministry
A Healing Mass for couples trying to conceive or be parents will take place at Saint Anastasia’s Church, 45-14, 245th St., Douglaston-Little Neck on Tuesday, August 16th at 7:00 PM. Call (718)631-4454 for more information.

St. Dominic School
Open house will be on Sunday, September 18th from 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM. For information visit hs.stdoms.org. or call 922-4888 ext. 5325.
Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage  
Saturday, September 24, 2016

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**

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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: __________________________________________

- If you wish to become a ‘Chosen’ catechist facilitator for young people preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please give your name and phone number to St. Barnabas.

- Eleven ‘Chosen’ meetings will be held on Wednesday OR Thursday from 7:00 to 8:30PM, in the Holy Family Chapel.

- Meetings begin with a prayer, an activity, a TV presentation, followed by small group discussion.

- Each small group will have 8 young members, from Grade 7 or 8!

- ‘Chosen’ materials will be supplied.

- All you have to do is to facilitate a conversation, with provided questions, around the night’s topic.

- Just 11 meetings (one and a half hours each) with eight students.

- Parents and Catechists Information Meetings With Fr. Adrian will be held on September 7, 8, 14 or 15 @ 7PM in the Holy Family Chapl. Parents and Catechists need to attend one meeting.
The Catholic bishops of the United States are pleased to offer once again to the Catholic faithful Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, our teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics. This statement represents our guidance for Catholics in the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our democracy. We urge our pastors, lay and religious faithful, and all people of good will to use this statement to help form their consciences; to teach those entrusted to their care; to contribute to civil and respectful public dialogue; and to shape political choices in the coming election in light of Catholic teaching.

The statement lifts up our dual heritage as both faithful Catholics and American citizens with rights and duties as participants in the civil order. First and foremost, however, we remember that we relate to the civil order as citizens of the heavenly Kingdom, whose reign is not yet fully realized on earth but demands our unqualified allegiance. It is as citizens faithful to the Lord Jesus that we contribute most effectively to the civil order.

This document consists mainly of the statement adopted overwhelmingly by the bishops in 2007, plus certain limited revisions by way of update. In particular, this version draws on the wealth of papal teaching since the 2007 version of Faithful Citizenship, such as the later magisterium of Pope Benedict XVI and that of Pope Francis to date. From these great teachings we discern, for example, messages to the universal Church to attend in a special way: to the inextricable link between our witness to the truth and our service to those in need (Caritas in Veritate); to our role as missionary disciples, called forth from the sanctuary to bring Christ to the margins with joy (Evangelii Gaudium); and to the care for our common home and all who dwell in it, especially the poorest (Laudato Si').

The document is also updated to take account of recent developments in the United States in both domestic and foreign policy:

- The ongoing destruction of over one million innocent human lives each year by abortion
- Physician-assisted suicide
- The redefinition of marriage—the vital cell of society—by the courts, political bodies, and increasingly by American culture itself
- The excessive consumption of material goods and the destruction of natural resources, which harm both the environment and the poor
- The deadly attacks on fellow Christians and religious minorities throughout the world
- The narrowing redefinition of religious freedom, which threatens both individual conscience and the freedom of the Church to serve
- Economic policies that fail to prioritize the poor, at home or abroad;
- A broken immigration system and a worldwide refugee crisis
- Wars, terror, and violence that threaten every aspect of human life and dignity

All of these threats, and more, speak to a breakdown in what Pope Francis has called an "integral ecology" (Laudato Si', nos. 137-55). Without the proper ordering of relationships of persons with each other, with creation, and ultimately with God himself, sin takes hold. Pope Francis reminds us that all individuals, nations, and members of the global community have the duty to place the needs of others ahead of selfish desires to possess and exploit the good things that come from God's hand.
This document is to be read prayerfully and in its totality. It would be a serious mistake—and one that occurs with regrettable frequency—to use only selected parts of the Church's teaching to advance partisan political interests or validate ideological biases. All of us are called to be servants to the whole truth in authentic love, and it is our fervent hope and prayer that this document will provide aid to all those seeking to heed this call.

Finally, while this document is about the civil order, we cannot fail to call the faithful to prayer. The struggles that we face as a nation and as a global community cannot be addressed solely by choosing the "best candidate" for political office. No, in addition to forming our consciences, we must fast and pray, asking our loving and gracious God to give us the ability to effectively proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ through our daily witness to our faith and its teachings. Let us all take to heart the urgency of our vocation to live in the service to others through the grace of Christ and ask humbly in prayer for an outpouring of the grace of the Holy Spirit on the United States of America.

73. Economic decisions and institutions should be assessed according to whether they protect or undermine the dignity of the human person. Social and economic policies should foster the creation of jobs for all who can work with decent working conditions and just wages. Barriers to equal pay and employment for women and those facing unjust discrimination must be overcome. Catholic social teaching supports the right of workers to choose whether to organize, join a union, and bargain collectively, and to exercise these rights without reprisal. It also affirms economic freedom, initiative, and the right to private property. Workers, owners, employers, and unions have a corresponding responsibility to work together to create decent jobs, build a more just economy, and advance the common good. We also note with growing concern the increase in "excessive social and economic inequalities," as the Catechism of the Catholic Church refers to it, and the shrinking middle class.

74. We support legislation that protects consumers from the excessive and exploitative rates of interest charged by many payday lenders. "Although the quest for equitable profits is acceptable in economic and financial activity, recourse to usury is to be morally condemned" (Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, no. 341).

75. Welfare policy should reduce poverty and dependency, strengthen family life, and help families leave poverty through work, training, and assistance with child care, health care, housing, and transportation. Given the link
between family stability and economic success, welfare policy should address both the economic and cultural factors that contribute to family breakdown. It should also provide a safety net for those who cannot work. Improving the Earned Income Tax Credit and child tax credits, available as refunds to families in greatest need, will help lift low-income families out of poverty.

76. Faith-based groups deserve recognition and support, not as a substitute for government, but as responsive, effective partners, especially in the poorest communities and countries. The USCCB actively supports conscience clauses and other religious freedom protections, opposes any effort to undermine the ability of faith-based groups to preserve their identity and integrity as partners with government, and is committed to protecting long-standing civil rights and other protections for both religious groups and the people they serve. Government bodies should not require Catholic institutions to compromise their moral or religious convictions to participate in government health or human service programs.

77. Social Security should provide adequate, continuing, and reliable income in an equitable manner for low- and average-wage workers and their families when these workers retire or become disabled, and for the survivors when a wage-earner dies. The lack of safe, affordable housing requires a renewed commitment to increase the supply of quality housing and to preserve, maintain, and improve existing housing through public/private partnerships, especially with religious groups and community organizations. The USCCB continues to oppose unjust housing discrimination and to support measures to meet the credit needs of low-income and minority communities.

78. A first priority for agriculture policy should be food security for all. Because no one should face hunger in a land of plenty, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP or Food Stamps), the Special Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), and other nutrition programs need to be strong and effective. Farmers and farm workers who grow, harvest, and process food deserve a just return for their labor, with safe and just working conditions and adequate housing. Supporting rural communities sustains a way of life that enriches our nation. Careful stewardship of the earth and its natural resources demands policies that support sustainable agriculture as vital elements of agricultural policy.

Health Care

80. Affordable and accessible health care is an essential safeguard of human life and a fundamental human right. Despite an increase in the number of people insured, millions of Americans still lack health care coverage. Health care coverage remains an urgent national priority. The nation's health care system needs to be rooted in values that respect human dignity, protect human life, respect the principle of subsidiarity, and meet the needs of the poor and uninsured, especially born and unborn children, pregnant women, immigrants, and other vulnerable populations. Employers, including religious groups and family-owned businesses, should be able to provide health care without compromising their moral or religious convictions, and individuals should be able to purchase health care that accords with their faith. The USCCB supports measures to strengthen Medicare and Medicaid. Our conference also advocates effective, compassionate care that
reflects Catholic moral values for those suffering from HIV/AIDS and those coping with addictions.

**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! Contact Sabina Lamb 781-9834

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School**

2341 Washington Ave, Bellmore, Visit us at: www.steas.com Call us at 785-5709

Mirroring Catholic moral values for those suffering from HIV/AIDS and those coping with addictions.

### Migration

81. The Gospel mandate to "welcome the stranger" requires Catholics to care for and stand with newcomers, authorized and unauthorized, including unaccompanied immigrant children, refugees and asylum-seekers, those unnecessarily detained, and victims of human trafficking. Comprehensive reform is urgently necessary to fix a broken immigration system and should include a broad and fair legalization program with a path to citizenship; a work program with worker protections and just wages; family reunification policies; access to legal protections, which include due process procedures; refuge for those fleeing persecution and violence; and policies to address the root causes of migration.

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REGISTRATION IS STILL GOING ON!!
Spaces are still available for the 2016-2017 School Year.
Please contact the Main Office for details and to setup a tour of our school. (516) 785-5709

Do you know what happens at SEAS?

Every Spring at SEAS we celebrate our health, athleticism, & sportsmanship on Field Day! It is a great day of fun and excitement held at Hofstra University. Through individual & team competition we learn to celebrate each other's strengths & support each other through teamwork!

SPIRIT Committee - Please consider using your time & talent to support our school!
See available positions on our website or email Daryl Fallon at: dfallon9356@steas.com
The Religious Education Office closes at 1:00 PM on Fridays for the summer.

Attention those now going into Level 8: Your Stage 1 projects from Level 7 are past due. Please hand in all outstanding projects.

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 and 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 1
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.

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
In this, The Year of Mercy, you are cordially invited to join us at St. John Vianney, Cure of Ars Catholic Church in Merrick 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 Monday, August 15th from 7:45pm - 10:15pm at St. John Vianney, Cure of Ars Catholic Church, 2323 Merrick Avenue, Merrick, New York 11566. Phone #: (516) 623-1400
The people did not recognize Jesus as the Messiah.

Match the letters.

S I A H S

M E S S

MESSIAH

Connect the dots. ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQR

People understood the earth and sky but not the signs of the times.

In each row, circle the 2 that match.

Jesus said that families would be divided against each other. What did He mean?

Use the code to find the answer.

\[\heartsuit = e \quad \square = o \quad \circ = u\]

S___m___  p___ __pl___
[  ]  [  ]  [  ]

w___ ___ld  f____ll____w
[  ]  [  ]

J___s___s.
[  ]  [  ]

S___m___
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w___ ___ld  n___t.
[  ]  [  ]
The people were good at reading weather and sky “signs.” But Jesus said some missed an important sign for their lives.

Write the names of these pictures in the boxes. The letters in the dark outline will spell what the people missed.

Not Peace, But Division

Jesus came to bring a time of judgment on Earth.

Use the table graph to find Jesus’ words.