21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8/21/16
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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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
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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 & Anointing.
St. Barnabas the Apostle

Twenty First Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mother
  6:30 AM  Rev. William Ratigan
          4th Pastor of St. Barnabas
  9:00 AM  Nancy Stabile
          Paul Dottavio
          Thanksgiving to St. Anthony & Padre Pio
          Edward Turner
          Patricia Reilly
          Carlo R. Mansueto

Tuesday, August 23
  6:30 AM  Don Kuntz
  9:00 AM  Mary Murphy & Bernard O’Neil

Wednesday, August 24 St. Bartholomew
  6:30 AM  Rhiannon Scott
  9:00 AM  Deceased Members of the Dorothy Healy Family

Thursday, August 25
  6:30 AM  Santina Barbarotta Sztabnik
  9:00 AM  Esther & James Leahy & June Leahy Furda

Friday, August 26
  6:30 AM  Eileen Balke
  9:00 AM  Agnes Schmitt & Teresa Kenny

Saturday, August 27 St. Monica
  8:00 AM  Evelyn Rein
  Fr. Charles  4:30 PM  Kevin & Peter Gokey
              Angelo Salamone
              Michael Gilmartin
              Anne O’Dea
              Mary Ann Napolitano
              Louise Massaro
              William Barba
  Fr. Francis  7:00 PM  Francesco Maria &
                Maria Felice Pagnotta Family

Sunday, August 28 Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time
  Fr. Francis  7:00AM  Margaret Quinn
  Fr. Adrian  9:00AM  Jane Lodispoto
  Fr. Kevin  10:30AM  Rose Altomare
  Fr. Charles 12:00PM  For the People of Our Parish
  Fr. Kevin  5:00PM  Elizabeth Gangi

We pray for our recently deceased
Stephen Donohue
Philip McSweeney
Carol Marmo
Edward J. Heyen
Cornelius Clifford

Bread & Wine
The Eucharistic Bread & Wine for the week will be offered in celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Alice & Paul Camillery.

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.

Anointing of the Sick
The Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated on Saturday, August 27th 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.
Looking Ahead

August 22
Pastoral Council

September __
Financial Council

September 7 & 8
‘Chosen’ Meetings for Parents of Religious Education 7th & 8th Grade

September 11
9/11 Mass of Remembrance

September 14 & 15
‘Chosen’ Meetings for Parents of Religious Education 7th & 8th Grade

September 16
SEAS Block Party

September 21
Our first ‘Chosen’ Meetings for Religious Education 7th & 8th Grade students

September 24
Pilgrimage to the National Shrine

September 25
Farewell For Fr. Francis who leaves St. Barnabas on October 9th

October 2
Morning of Prayer & Reflection for all Volunteers and Ministers (From 10:15 Mass to 12:30PM)

October 9
Morning of Prayer & Reflection for all Volunteers and Ministers (From 10:15 Mass to 12:30PM)

October 16
‘Rite of Welcome’ for all St. Barnabas 7th Grade Students at all Masses
Hospitality to follow to be provided by the Knights of Columbus

October 19
‘Chosen’ Meetings for Parents of Religious Education 7th & 8th Grade

November 1
Mass for all those who died this year

November 2
Morning of Prayer & Reflection for all Volunteers and Ministers

November __
Evening of Prayer for World Peace

November 30
Sacrament of Reconciliation for Advent

December 1
Sacrament of Reconciliation for Advent

December 4
Advent Lessons & Carols

December 6
SEAS Advent Sacrament of Reconciliation

December 11
St. Barnabas Children’s Christmas Pageant

December 12
SEAS Nativity Chorus & Christmas Band Concert

December 14 & 15
Sacrament of Reconciliation for Advent
I lost my temper! It happened in the parking lot at the gym. The Irish in me came to the surface and I saw red!

‘Why can’t I park here in this unmarked place?’ I wondered. ‘Others do it and get away with it! After all, I’ll only be here for an hour.’

Well, the young man attending the parking lot was having none of it and announced on the intercom that my car would be towed. I was furious and let it be known. Yes, I had read all the warning signs and I do appreciate he was just doing his job, but why not pick on someone else?

It took me three days to apologize!

Once the dust settled, I was more annoyed with myself that I had lost my temper than I was at having to leave the gym. Just showing up doesn’t guarantee you a space.

Something of that is addressed in today’s gospel when Jesus is asked ‘How many will be saved?’ Would we be turned or ‘towed’ away? Could we expect that to happen to us with God?

The householder in the story is unfair. Seems he let people enter up to a certain point — and then he shut the door in the faces of the next people, and protested that he never knew them. Maybe he once worked in a parking lot! So let’s get an answer ‘how many will be saved?’

Interestingly, Jesus refuses to answer this question directly; he will not give statistics and figures to satisfy human inquisitiveness. His mission was to open the gates of the kingdom to all and urge everyone to enter.

But the door to the kingdom is narrow, and it will take energy and commitment to get in; no question of strolling in by chance.

God was giving Israel a last chance, through the work of Jesus, for He is the final messenger. One day, and not very long from now, the door will be shut, and then it will be too late. If Jesus is refused, there will be no further opportunity.

Those who presume that because they once shared a festive banquet with Jesus they will somehow be all right, will find that there are no promises for those who did not take the chance when it was offered.

And there is more shocking facts! Those Gentiles from east and west, north and south, who had over the centuries oppressed, bullied and harried them - might at this rate end up in God’s kingdom ahead of them. No one is assured of automatic privilege so listen up. Some who are first will be last, and vice versa.

Jesus’ urgent warnings to his own contemporaries were aimed at the particular emergency they then faced at that time. But we should be aware that all human life is not just a game. Our moral and spiritual choices matter for our eternal salvation. It is still possible to stroll past the open gate to the kingdom of God, only to discover later the depth of our mistake.
Financial Reports

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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:
7:00 PM  Family Music, Holy Family Chapel

Wednesday:
7:00 PM  Rosary Making, Holy Family Chapel
7:30 PM  Al-Anon, Rectory Meeting Room

Thursday:
7:00 PM  Bible Study, Rectory Meeting Room
7:00 PM  Knights of Columbus Installation Mass

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

Weekend Collections
Parish Families Registered: 5,016
Envelopes Mailed: 1,536  Used: 509
Envelopes Used 8/16/15: 492

2016 Catholic Ministries Appeal
Goal: $107,900  Donors: 521
Pledged: $114,894  Received: $97,609.25

We Pray for the Sick
**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.

**St. Barnabas Virtus Training**

Virtus Training available for coaches, catechists and all volunteers on Saturday, September 10th at 12:00 PM - 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.

**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.

**Family Music Ministry**

If you are going into 2nd grade or higher and are interested in joining the 10:15 AM Family Mass Choir, please come to our first practice on Tuesday, September 8th at 7:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel. Practices are held weekly on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel.

**Save the Date**

The 15th Annual Monsignor Daniel Potterton Golf Outing takes place on Thursday, October 13th at the Lido Golf Club.

**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 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.

**Rosary Making Group**

If you are interested in joining call Melissa at 221-9821 or email melissa.m.mcdevitt@gmail.com
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.

Respect Life
The Rosary Walk for Life is on Monday, August 22nd. Mass starts at 7:00 PM at Maria Regina Church on Jerusalem Ave., Seaford. The Rosary Walk (approx. 1.5 miles down Washington Ave.) follows with Honor Guard & Police Escort ending with Benediction at St. William the Abbot Church on Jackson Ave., Seaford. The walk is held rain or shine! Transportation is available. For additional information, contact Irene Cassillo at 541-6056.

St. Vincent de Paul Society
In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells us to “strive to enter through the narrow gate.” Our call to be disciples and to follow Jesus’ demands that we learn to live for the sake of others. As we strive to enter through the narrow gate, let us take the time to thank our friends and family members who helped to make us what we are through their conscious or unconscious influence. We can make a difference when we see the face of God in the poor and needy.

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.

Youth Ministry News! Thank you to Fr. Charles for blessing our newly redone Youth Ministry room and the Ham family for all your hard work! This room is complete with new furniture, a flat screen TV and a Wii. We are looking forward to many great times here! Look for our fall schedule coming soon!
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

WEDNESDAY
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
GRADE 7

September 21, 2016
October 5, 2016
October 26, 2016
November 9, 2016
November 30, 2016
January 4, 2017
January 18, 2017
February 1, 2017
February 15, 2017
March 15, 2017
March 29, 2017

or

THURSDAY
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
GRADE 7

September 22, 2016
October 6, 2016
October 20, 2016
November 3, 2016
November 17, 2016
December 15, 2016
January 12, 2017
January 26, 2017
February 9, 2017
March 9, 2017
March 23, 2017

Grade 8

WEDNESDAY
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
GRADE 8

September 28, 2016
October 19, 2016
November 2, 2016
November 16, 2016
December 14, 2016
January 11, 2017
January 25, 2017
February 8, 2017
March 8, 2017
March 22, 2017
April 5, 2017

or

THURSDAY
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
GRADE 8

September 29, 2016
October 13, 2016
October 27, 2016
November 10, 2016
December 1, 2016
January 5, 2017
January 19, 2017
February 2, 2017
February 16, 2017
March 16, 2017
March 30, 2017
• 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.

• Information Meetings With Fr. Adrian will be held on September 7, 8, 14 or 15 @ 7PM in the Holy Family Chapel. You need to attend just one meeting.
**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**

- **5:45 AM** Bus leaves St. Barnabas parking lot
- **11:30 AM** Approximate arrival time in Washington D.C.
- **12:00 PM** The Angelus
- **12:10 PM** Welcome – 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

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:** __________________________________________

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**Parent & Child Program**

**Our Time**

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,
Visit us at: www.steas.com
Call us at 785-5709
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.

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**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:**

**US Coast Guard:**

**US Peace Corps:**
- Patrick Coons
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.

Previous Topics

- Human Life
- Promoting Peace
- Marriage & Family
- Religious Freedom
- Preferential Option for the Poor and Economic Justice
- Health Care
- Migration

Catholic Education

82. Parents—the first and most important educators—have a fundamental right to choose the education best suited to the needs of their children, including public, private, and religious schools. Government, through such means as tax credits and publicly funded scholarships, should help provide resources for parents, especially those of modest means, to exercise this basic right without discrimination. Students in all educational settings should have opportunities for moral and character formation consistent with the beliefs and responsibilities of their parents.

83. All persons have a right to receive a quality education. Young people, including those who are poor and those with disabilities, need to have the opportunity to develop intellectually, morally, spiritually, and physically, allowing them to become good citizens who make socially and morally responsible decisions. This requires parental choice in education. It also requires educational institutions to have orderly, just, respectful, and non-violent environments where adequate professional and material resources are available. The USCCB strongly supports adequate funding, including scholarships, tax credits, and other means, to educate all persons no matter what their personal condition or what school they attend—public, private, or religious. All teachers and administrators deserve salaries and benefits that reflect principles of economic justice, as well as access to resources necessary for teachers to prepare for their important tasks. Services aimed at improving education—especially for those most at risk—that are available to students and teachers in public schools should also be available to students and teachers in private and religious schools as a matter of justice.

Promoting Justice and Countering Violence

84. Promoting moral responsibility and effective responses to violent crime, curbing violence in media, supporting reasonable restrictions on access to assault weapons and handguns, and opposing the use of the death penalty are particularly important in light of a growing "culture of violence." An ethic of responsibility, rehabilitation, and restoration should be a foundation for the reform of our broken criminal justice system. A humane and remedial rather than a strictly punitive approach to offenders should be developed. Such an approach includes supporting efforts that justly reduce the prison population, help people leaving prison to reintegrate into their communities, combat recidivism, promote just
sentencing reform, and strengthen relationships between the police and the communities they serve.

**Combatting Unjust Discrimination**

85. It is important for our society to continue to combat any unjust discrimination, whether based on race, religion, sex, ethnicity, disabling condition, or age, as these are grave injustices and affronts to human dignity. Where the effects of past discrimination persist, society has the obligation to take positive steps to overcome the legacy of injustice, including vigorous action to remove barriers to education, protect voting rights, support good policing in our communities, and ensure equal employment for women and minorities.

**Care for Our Common Home**

86. Care for Creation is a moral issue. Protecting the land, water, and air we share is a religious duty of stewardship and reflects our responsibility to born and unborn children, who are most vulnerable to environmental assault. We must answer the question that Pope Francis posed to the world: "What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?" (Laudato Si’, no. 160). There are many concrete steps we can take to assure justice and solidarity between the generations. Effective initiatives are required for energy conservation and the development of alternate, renewable, and clean-energy resources. Our Conference offers a distinctive call to seriously address global climate change, focusing on the virtue of prudence, pursuit of the common good, and the impact on the poor, particularly on vulnerable workers and the poorest nations. The United States should lead in contributing to the sustainable development of poorer nations and promoting greater justice in sharing the burden of environmental blight, neglect, and recovery. It is important that we address the rising number of migrants who are uprooted from their homeland as a consequence of environmental degradation and climate change. They are not currently recognized as refugees under any existing international convention and are thus not afforded legal protections that ought to be due to them.

Our nation's efforts to reduce poverty should not be associated with demeaning and sometimes coercive population control programs. Such an approach is condemned by Pope Francis: Instead of resolving the problems of the poor and thinking of how the world can be different, some can only propose a reduction in the birth rate. At times, developing countries face forms of international pressure which make economic assistance contingent on certain policies of "reproductive health." Yet "while it is true that an unequal distribution of the population and of available resources creates obstacles to development and a sustainable use of the environment, it must nonetheless be recognized that demographic growth is fully compatible with an integral and shared development" (Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, no. 483). To blame population growth, instead of an extreme and selective consumerism on the part of some, is one way of refusing to face the issues. It is an attempt to legitimize the present model of distribution, where a minority believes that it has the right to consume in a way which can never be universalized, since the planet could not even contain the waste products of such consumption. Besides, we know that approximately a third of all food produced is discarded, and "whenever food is thrown out it is as if were stolen from the table of the poor" (Catechesis, June 5, 2013). (Laudato Si’, no. 50) Our efforts should, instead, focus on working with the poor to help them build a future of hope and opportunity for themselves and their children.

**Communications, Media, and Culture**

87. Print, broadcast, and electronic media shape the culture. To protect children and families, responsible regulation is needed that respects freedom of speech yet also addresses policies that have lowered standards, permitted increasingly offensive material, and reduced opportunities for non-commercial religious programming.

88. Regulation should limit concentration of media control, resist management that is
primarily focused on profit, and encourage a variety of program sources, including religious programming. TV rating systems and appropriate technology can assist parents in supervising what their children view.

89. The Internet offers both great benefits and significant problems. The benefits should be available to all students regardless of income. Because access to pornographic and violent material is becoming easier, vigorous enforcement of obscenity and child pornography laws is necessary, as well as technology that assists parents, schools, and libraries in blocking unwanted or undesirable materials.

Global Solidarity

90. The increasing interconnectedness of our world calls for a moral response, the virtue of solidarity. In the words of St. John Paul II, "Solidarity is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good" (Sollicitudo Rei Socialis, no. 38). A more just world will likely be a more peaceful world, a world less vulnerable to terrorism and other violence. The United States has the responsibility to take the lead in addressing the scandal of poverty and underdevelopment. Our nation should help to humanize globalization, addressing its negative consequences and spreading its benefits, especially among the world's poor. The United States also has a unique opportunity to use its power in partnership with others to build a more just and peaceful world.

The United States should take a leading role in helping to alleviate global poverty through substantially increased development aid for the poorest countries, more equitable trade policies, and continuing efforts to relieve the crushing burdens of debt and disease. US policy should promote religious liberty and other basic human rights. In particular, US policy should promote and defend the rights of religious minorities throughout the world, especially in regions where people of faith are threatened by violence simply because of their faith.

The United States should provide political and financial support for beneficial United Nations programs and reforms, for other international bodies, and for international law, so that together these institutions may become more responsible and responsive agents for addressing global problems.

Asylum should be afforded to refugees who hold a well-founded fear of persecution in their homelands. Our country should support protection for persons fleeing persecution through safe haven in other countries, including the United States, especially for unaccompanied children, women, victims of human trafficking, and religious minorities.

Our country should be a leader—in collaboration with the international community—in addressing regional conflicts. Leadership on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is an especially urgent priority. The United States should actively pursue comprehensive negotiations leading to a just and peaceful resolution that respects the legitimate claims and aspirations of both Israelis and Palestinians, ensuring security for Israel, a viable state for Palestinians, respect for Lebanon's sovereignty, and peace in the region. Defending human life, building peace, combating poverty and despair, and protecting freedom and human rights are not only moral imperatives—they are wise national priorities that will make our nation and world safer.
The Narrow Door

Jesus was heading to Jerusalem.

Help Jesus get to Jerusalem.

People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

Find the 4 compasses in the picture below.

Jesus said, “Enter through the narrow door that leads to God’s kingdom.”

Connect the dots.

Someone asked Jesus …

Use the code to fill in the missing letters.

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| \text{S} | \text{V} \\
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How did Jesus answer?

Break the code below. Then fill in the blanks.

Fill in the blanks in alphabetical order. The A is given to you.

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the 1 stand 2 will 3 owner 1 outside 2

answer of 1 knocking 2 I 3 the 1

and 1 don't 2 house 1 pleading 2 know 3

gets 1 Sir 2 you 3 up 1 open 2

or 1 and 2 the 3 where 1 closes 3

door 2 you 3 the 1 for 2 come 3

door 1 us 2 from 3 you 1 But 2

Jesus told a story to explain what He meant.

Write all of the 1’s in order. Then return to the top and write all of the 2’s in order. Then return to the top and write all of the 3’s in order.

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