### Masses For The Week
**Week of August 24 - August 30**

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**Save the Date**

- 14th Annual St. Barnabas Golf Outing, Friday, October 9th at the Lido Beach Golf Club.

### Weekly Financial Reports
- **08/16/15 Sunday Collection:** $14,294.00
- **08/17/14 Sunday Collection:** $14,879.50

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### 2015 Catholic Ministries Appeal

**Serving God by Serving Others**

- **Goal Amount:** $109,100.00
- **Total Pledged:** $122,008.00
- **Total Payments Received:** $106,404.50
- **Total # of Donors:** 539

### Presider Schedule for the Weekend of:

- **Saturday, August 29th**
  - 5:00 PM Fr. Christian
  - 7:30 PM Fr. Christian
- **Sunday, August 30th**
  - 7:00 AM Fr. Francis
  - 9:00 AM Fr. Adrian
  - 10:30 AM Fr. Adrian
  - 12:00 PM Fr. Charles
  - 5:00 PM Fr. Francis

### Week of August 23rd at a Glance

- **Sunday:**
  - 1:30 PM, Baptisms, Church
  - 7:30 PM, Al-Anon Meeting, School Cafeteria
- **Monday:**
  - 8:00 PM, Charismatic Prayer Group, Holy Family Chapel
- **Tuesday:**
  - n/a
- **Wednesday:**
  - 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM, Catechist / Volunteer Meeting for Religious Education, REP Room, School
  - 7:30 PM, Al-Anon Meeting, Rectory Meeting Room
- **Thursday:**
  - 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM, VIRTUS Training Program, Holy Family Chapel
  - 7:00 PM, Bible Study, Rectory Meeting Room
- **Friday:**
  - n/a
- **Saturday:**
  - 12:30 PM, Reconciliation, Church

### Please Pray For The Repose Of The Souls Of The Recently Deceased

John P. Tucci & Richard Browne
The phrase ‘would you give my head peace’ was one we heard many times growing up when the noise we created was far above the tolerance of adults. While some noise is acceptable, even necessary, we need periods of quiet and silence if we are to find inner peace.

As children we were always encouraged to be quiet in Church before and after Mass. Such silence has long ago disappeared at special occasion Masses, but one also notices how its demise is possible even at daily and Sunday Mass too. If we treat Church merely as a place for community gatherings it says something of our lack of reverence for the Divine in Blessed Sacrament, as well as a lack of thoughtfulness for fellow churchgoers who might want to pray in silence. This is not a gripe about playful infants or screaming toddlers - this is about the adults who already have many places to chat openly. A Church should be a special place of silence, stillness, reflection, peace, prayer and worship in an age of noise and distraction.

Thomas Merton wrote:

"Silence has many dimensions. It can be a regression and an escape, a loss of self, or it can be presence, awareness, unification, self-discovery. Negative silence blurs and confuses our identity, and we lapse into daydreams or diffuse anxieties. Positive silence pulls us together and makes us realize who we are, who we might be, and the distance between these two. Hence, positive silence implies a disciplined choice, and what Paul Tillich called the 'courage to be'. In the long run, the discipline of creative silence demands a certain kind of faith. For when we come face to face with ourselves in the lonely ground of our own being, we confront many questions about the value of our existence, the reality of our commitments, the authenticity of our everyday lives." (Love and Living P.39)

God communicates his presence to us through the whole fabric of life, but nearly always shyly, without attempting to overwhelm us. Can we be attentive to his presence in ourselves, in others, in silence, in nature, in Church? Give God a chance to speak.

Fr. Adrian
Our Time

One of the unique offerings of our school is a parent and child program called Our Time. This program offers a variety of age-appropriate activities for two and three-year-olds, such as arts and crafts, live music, story time, playtime and prayer. The classes are conducted in a well structured classroom setting and taught by Sabina Lamb, Leader of Family Music at St. Barnabas Church. The session is once a week from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM during the months of September through June, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. For more information call 781-9834. Brochures are available at the rectory.

Attention

Coaches, Catechists and all Volunteers

St Barnabas will be holding a Virtus Training Program this Thursday, August 27th at 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel. This session is 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 summer or fall. 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. Virtus training is mandatory for all parish volunteers in any form of volunteerism. The next training session offered at St. Barnabas will be October 5th in the Religious Education Room of the school. Please plan your session accordingly.

Protecting God’s People

Together we protect the children of God and all God’s people. We are the eyes and ears of the outreach of the Church to care for and protect all God’s people. As the signs in the subway say, “If you see something, say something” could well be the motto of our program to care for our children. For your information, the Diocesan Abuse hot line is 594-9063. For information on the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People you can contact Mary F. McMahon, LCSW at the diocesan office 678-5800 ext. 573 or our pastor.

Catechetical Sunday

Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human Person

September 20th

First Grade Students

If your child is entering first grade in September, now is the time to enroll in Religious Education. Please see the Religious Education page of the bulletin for enrollment information.

Catholic/Private School Students

Children attending Catholic or Private school must register with the Religious Education Office if they would like to receive their sacraments at St. Barnabas.

Back to School Collection

The weekly circulars are advertising school supply sales. With that in mind, The Back to School Collection, a summer tradition here at St. Barnabas has started. To ensure that all of the children we serve have the opportunity to go back to school with needed supplies, we ask for your assistance. Any school supply donations as well as gift card to stores providing student needs, would be gratefully appreciated. Your donations can be left on the lobby benches in church or drop them at the rectory. Please know that every donation received will be of significant help to our needy families. Thank you so very much for your support and generosity.

Holy Family Chapel

The 10:15 AM Mass celebrated in the Holy Family Chapel will resume Sunday, September 20th.

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.
Volunteers Needed
The Wedding Rehearsal Team is in need of members to familiarize our engaged couples with the ceremony so that they feel more at ease with the procedure. Rehearsals are usually held on a Thursday or Friday evening and take about an hour. For further information please call the rectory and leave a message for Jackie Murray.

Banns of Marriage
Andrew Pagano & Jennifer Gembara

50th Anniversary Celebrations
This fall, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at liturgies on Sunday, October 4th, at the Church of St. Rose of Lima in Massapequa and on Sunday, November 8th at the Church of Christ the King in Commack. Both liturgies will begin at 2:30 PM. Couples may register for one liturgy. Registration forms may be obtained at the rectory and must be received by the Office of Worship by September 18th for the October 4th liturgy, and by October 23rd for the November 8th liturgy. There will be additional celebrations in the spring for those who may find that more convenient. Dates for the spring celebrations will be communicated at a later time. Please call 678-5800 ext. 207 for information.

Retrouvaille Weekend Retreat
Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington
Friday, September 11th - Sunday, September 13th
You Can Help 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. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing all types of marital difficulties. For more information or to make reservations call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Widows, Widowers, Divorced & Single Catholics of Long Island
Meeting Tuesday, August 25th at 8:00 PM at St. Frances de Chantal School in Wantagh. For further information call Carol at 794-4933 or Barbara at 798-2858.

Papal Visit
At the present time we have not received information from the Archdiocese of New York regarding tickets for the Papal Mass. The Diocese of Rockville Centre does not know how many tickets the diocese will receive. We have been told tickets will be very limited. Please continue to watch the website of the Diocese of Rockville Centre at www.drvc.org for additional information.

World Meeting of Families Registration
Attention: Anyone wishing to attend “World Meeting of Families” in Philadelphia September 22nd through September 27th (including a Papal Mass on September 27th), contact the following website for our Diocesan Office of Formation to register: www.drvc-faith.org.

Choosing Life
God made us for a reason. His love is our life mission. This mission enables us to find our true identity. If we choose to embrace this mission of the domestic church means that Catholic families will sometimes live as minorities, with different values than their surrounding culture. Our mission of love will require courage and fortitude. Jesus is calling, and we can respond, choosing lives of faith, hope, charity, joy, service and mission.

Save the Date
Long Island Family Festival
Saturday, October 10th; 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
440 W. Neck Road, Huntington, NY
Pre-Registration is required and is free. More details will be made available online in the coming weeks at www.drvc.org.

St. Barnabas…

How Do We Do?
Tell Us
Details Next Week…
In Your Prayers Remember the Sick
Nicoletta Russo, John Finelli, Meghan Alice Roach, Kenneth Hubert, Stephen Rich, Jane Siracusa, Rosemary Grandwilliams, Joan Horvath, Patrick Hoyne, Don Davis, Barbara Cannon, Ann DeChiaro, Louis Romano, Kristin O’ Halloran, Patricia Merget, Ann O’Neill, Jacob Daniel Haubeil, Alberto Contreras, Damon Capobianco, Jerry Hefner, Maureen Connolly, Mildred Scalesi, Eugene Ryan, Francis G. Noonan, Terri-Ann Clarke, Jason Todhunter, Alan Guidice, Lottie Smakowski, Terrie Manderson, Marie Rogan, Dolores Young, Dr. Lawton Manderson, Rudolph Vano, Denise Carnabucci, Brian McKenna, Lillian Rocco, John C. Hannan Sr., Gloria Fabisiak, George Stockerl, Barbara O’Neil, Vic Caliguiri, Tom Waters, Matthew Green, John F. Coughlin, Walter Eisenhardt, James P. Corliss Jr, and all the sick of the parish.

Catholic Girl Scout Religious Awards
Groups are being formed for Catholic Girls Scouts in grades 7 to 10 interested in earning the Marian Award (Mary, the First Disciple) and those in grades 9 to 12 interested in earning the Spirit Alive award. For further information or to register please contact Joan Monastero at 783-8567 or you may e-mail Joan at monasteroj@verizon.net.

Girl Scout Religious Awards Workshops
Brownies in 2nd & 3rd grade and Junior Scouts wishing to work on the Girl Scout Religious awards are invited to join the workshops held once a month on Saturday afternoons in the school cafeteria beginning September 19th at 3:00 PM. For pre-registration and/or information, please contact the following: Ave Maria Award - Joan Monastero, 783-8567(2nd grade Brownies), Family of God Award - Pauline Schlenke, 785-5549 (3rd grade Brownies) I Live My Faith & Regina Coeli Awards - Judith Hughes, 781-8040, Joyce Caggiano, 796-9754 (Girl Scouts).

RCIA
September will begin a new group of candidates and catechumens who are interested in becoming Catholic. R.C.I.A. is the process for those who seek full participation in the Catholic Church: those who were never Baptized; and those baptized Catholic, or in another Christian faith, who wish to receive Communion and Confirmation as Catholics. If you are, or know of someone who would like more information, please call the rectory and leave a message for Terry Hubert.

Gennesaret Retreat Weekend
For those Facing Serious Illness
September 18th - September 20th
Montfort Spiritual Center, Bay Shore
This retreat offers the opportunity for persons who face serious illness to come away for a weekend retreat of spiritual renewal and refreshment. Come and celebrate life and the love of the Lord Jesus in a beautiful and comfortable place among caring and generous people. Gentle and attentive volunteer health care professionals are available to you during the weekend to help see that your medical needs are met. Along with our priest and medical team additional volunteers are there to assist you to help make your weekend comfortable. Montfort Spiritual Center is located in Bay Shore south shore of Long Island. It is situated on the Awixia Creek and Pond surrounded by fields and meadows. It is a place of quiet and reflection that both nurtures and renews one’s spirit. It is fully accessible to the handicapped and we can provide some equipment you may need during the weekend. There are semi-private bedrooms with views overlooking Montfort’s spacious property. The Chapel is beautiful and peaceful. The retreat weekend schedule is designed to celebrate the love of the Lord Jesus Christ through prayer times, talks by our priest directors, through quiet time and ample periods of rest. It begins on Friday at 1:30 PM and ends early Sunday afternoon. There is time for sharing, celebrating, prayer together and alone. There is no cost to you for this retreat. Expenses are paid through the generosity of individuals, parishes and church communities who value retreat experiences. Contact Colette Fanelli at (631)665-7052 with questions.

Altar Server Training
Training is scheduled to begin in September. If you are in the 4th grade or higher, and would like to serve as an Altar Server, please complete the form below and return it to Fr. Charles at the rectory. You may also call Fr. Charles at 785-0054 or email charlesomotu@yahoo.com.

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Altar Server Training
Name:__________________________
Grade:___
Phone #:________________________
Parent’s Names:__________________
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Bellmore Knights of Columbus

Blood Drive
Sunday, September 13th; 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School Cafeteria

Pray for Our Armed Forces
Keep in your prayers all the women and men who currently serve in our military.


US Coast Guard: Ensign Robert M. Scaduto, Jr.

Charity Bike Tour Event
Saturday, September 26th
The Bellmore Knights are sponsoring a Bike Tour of the South Shore to benefit the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. The routes have been established for all riders of all abilities. The day’s activities will end at the Bellmore Knights Council building with prizes and a BBQ. Whether you are able to participate as a rider with sponsor donations or not, your contribution to the cause would be greatly appreciated. Visit www.fundraising.stjude.org/bellmoreknightsbiketour to make a donation and read the story of the St. Jude Children’s Hospital. For more information call Ken Yager at (917) 952-3603. The Bellmore Knights of Columbus remains active in the community and thanks you for your support.

Lymphoma Fundraiser
In memory of his mother, Maria Borowski, AJ Borowski will be bicycling across the country beginning August 30th, in an effort to raise $5,000 to benefit the Lymphoma Society. Donations may be made at http://pages.teamintraining.org/li/yourway16/aborowski.

Magnificat
The Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapter of Magnificat invites you to attend our upcoming women's breakfast on Saturday, September 12th, The Feast of the Holy Name of Mary, at The Hofstra Club in Hempstead from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Our speaker will be Bernadette Gorycki who will share her inspiring testimony of how God set her free from fear and anxiety. The cost is $35 per person and reservations are required by September 8th. Send your check made out to Magnificat to: Judy Murphy, 42 Pinehurst St., Lido Beach, NY 11561. For additional information, call Angela at 659-7945.

Church Hours
From time to time people ask about the hours of the day that the Church is opened. From Monday through Friday the Church opens at 6:00 AM and closes by 4:00 PM. On Saturday morning the Church opens at 7:30 AM and closes after the 7:30 PM Mass and on Sunday morning the Church opens at 6:00 AM and closes after the 5:00 PM Mass.

Word of Life
“For the Lord, Your god, is the God of gods, the Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who has no favorite, accepts no bribes, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow and loves the resident alien, giving them food and clothing”
~Deuteronomy 10:17-18

Divine Mercy
Please join us to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy following the 9:00 AM Mass every Monday through Friday and after the 8:00 AM Mass on Saturdays. This powerful devotion takes only a few minutes.

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St. Barnabas...
7th Annual
FRIENDS OF
THE POOR®
5K WALK
Saturday,
9/19/2015
(rain or shine)

New Location:
BETHPAGE COMMUNITY PARK
(1 Stewart Avenue, Bethpage, NY 11714)
The walk will begin in the park and then we will be led onto the streets of Bethpage by the Nassau County Police Department to complete the 5K Walk.

DONATIONS CAN BE SENT TO:
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
St. Barnabas Conference
Att: Friends of the Poor Walk
2320 Bedford Avenue
Bellmore, NY 11710
Questions? Call (516) 822-3132

WWW.FOPWALK.ORG
JOIN THE CONVERSATION: #WALK4THEPOOR
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

*Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet, on earth but yours.*
*Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on the world.*
*Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.*
*Yours are the hands with which he blesses the world.*
*Yours are the hands. Yours are the feet.*
*Yours are the eyes. You are his Body.*
*(St. Teresa of Avila)*

Please reflect on these beautiful words from St. Teresa of Avila, pray on them and PLEASE answer the call and volunteer to share your time and talents with the children of the parish in assisting with the Religious Education Program. Remember YOU are his hands, feet, eyes – YOU ARE HIS BODY - THE BODY OF CHRIST! Please answer HIS call!

Please don’t assume that someone will step forward to help – YOU are that someone. We are always in need of adults to help. Please consider helping by teaching a class, being a substitute, or helping by being a hall monitor.

REMEMBER ALL VOLUNTEERS NEED TO ATTEND A VIRTUS TRAINING as well as have all the necessary volunteer forms submitted. St Barnabas will be holding a Virtus Training Program this Thursday, August 27th at 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel. If you have any questions on the VIRTUS training or need assistance finding an alternative training session please call Margie Lampert at the Office of Christian Formation at 785-0130.

Thank you to the volunteers who answered our call to teach Kindergarten classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays!

**Catechists Needed**

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We are now on Facebook! We will now be able to post to Facebook so you will all be aware of what is going on in Religious Ed. as well as send out reminders and any changes to the calendar, and class cancellations! Please “LIKE” us on Facebook – St. Barnabas Religious Education.

**Registration Information**

We can NOT guarantee placement and/or that your registration will be processed in time to begin classes if your registration paperwork is not in the Office of Christian Formation by Friday, September 11th!

You can read and download all materials from our website. Please go to [www.stbarnabasny.org](http://www.stbarnabasny.org) and click on the Religious Education website tab in the left side menu. Once in the Religious Education website click on “Registration Materials” to read and/or print out all the information and forms you need to register. **We do not accept e-mailed or faxed registration forms. Please be sure to read the Registration Parent Letter and the Parent Handbook BEFORE you fill out the Registration Form.** When you sign the Registration Form, you are agreeing to abide by all of the information presented in both the Handbook and on the Registration Form.

The Office of Christian Formation Summer Hours:

*Monday through Thursday* 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
*Fridays* 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Hi everyone!
This is the page for St Barnabas Life Teen. I’m Peggy Harnisch your youth minister!!

Hi Everyone,

Who do you serve? That might be a strange question in the culture and society we live in. Our first reading today comes from Joshua. Some time before God had given Moses the Ten Commandments. People of the time were not always listening to what God wanted. Sounds a lot like today! Joshua calls everyone together and asks them who do you serve?

One of my favorite verses, in fact I have it in my kitchen is, As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord”. Jos 24:13. To me it’s a great reminder of what comes first. We all have a tendency to get caught up in things of this world. That’s okay because this is the world we live in right now. The problem comes in when we are serving the things of this world. What I mean by that comes down to how important certain things are to us. For instance, do you really live for sports? Do you love a sport so much that it comes before getting to Mass on Sunday? Have you had to sacrifice family life because of it? Maybe there is an activity or club at school that you feel that way about.

We should have those things in our life for sure, but this reading gives us a lot to think about. As we go into the last full week of summer vacation for most students, what will this year bring? I hope it brings great opportunity for each of our teens, but always remember who we serve. As Peter says at the end of today’s Gospel - After many have left not understanding Jesus’ teaching, Jesus asks Peter are you going to go also and Peter says to whom shall we go?

That’s a great thought for us too!

Have a blessed week!
~Peggy

If you are an adult who might enjoy working with teens, maybe you would like to be a part of our Core team! Email Peggy for information!! We need you! stbarnabasyouthministry@gmail.com

What’s your plan for your life?...what if God has a better one?

Coming Soon!!
Dates and events for our Fall Semester!