AUTHENTIC JESUS
Mt 16:13-20

WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

August 27, 2017
St. Barnabas the Apostle
Twenty-First Week of Ordinary Time

Monday, August 28
St. Augustine
Julia Gerwataski
Edward Donnelly
David Serio
Lucretia Imparato
Suzanne Wittreich
John Cuccaro

Tuesday, August 29
The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Donna DeFino
Deceased Members of the Grogan and Schmitt Families

Wednesday, August 30
Raymond and Gloria LaBau
Patricia and Arthur Kerley

Thursday, August 31
Frank and Toni Rabitto
William Myers

Friday, September 1
Erick Kurz
Sister Elizabeth Minturn

Saturday, September 2
Darlene Morrone
Wedding: Charles Korn II and Christen Wheatley
Raymond Vogts
William M. Zagarino
Josephine Faiella
Elizabeth Anderson
Hilda Larsen
George Konchak
Nunziato and Angelina Pagnotta

Sunday, September 3
Twenty-Second Sunday OT
Antonio Silveira and the Duarte Families
Joseph Agostinacchio
Maria and Luigi Balestriere
Clarence G. Anspake
Wedding: Jason James McHale and Elizabeth Ruth Onufrey
For the People of Our Parish

MASS TIMES
Monday to Friday: 6:30 and 9 AM
Saturday: 8:00 AM
Vigil: 4:30 & 7:00 PM
Sunday: 7, 9, 10:15, 10:30 AM
12 & 5PM.
Confessions Saturday 12:30 PM
Contact the Rectory for information on the Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony & Anointing.
St. Barnabas Church Door
BOOKS, DVD’s & CD’s

Pick up a free copy of
INTO THE DEEP
Today

For a suggested donation
you could also have these
titles
Surfing the TV channels or scanning the radio, you can’t but notice the different ways people ask questions. Some interviewers ask questions that probe deep into the topic while others ask questions that allow us to see into their guest. Some are like lawyers who only ask questions to test the guest, while others ask questions that cannot be answered, as if to get at their guest. Some ask questions to confirm their own opinions while others ask questions to explore differing opinions.

Teachers use questions all the time to lead their students into new discoveries. Parents ask loads of questions, one right after the other. You rarely get a chance to finish one before they are asking the next one. Husbands and wives ask each other questions that often seemingly unrelated. After several of those questions, they reveal something more and more.

In today’s gospel Jesus asks a couple of questions: ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ ‘Who do you say that I am?’ I wonder how is He asking these questions? Does He have a ‘right answer’ in mind or is it simply an exploration of ideas? Is He giving His disciples a final exam, or is He simply taking a poll to determine the success of getting His story out? Is He verifying His own understanding of events so far or testing the waters to see what needs to happen next? And how do the Disciples feel as He asks the questions? Are they answering over a sandwich or is there sweat beading on their foreheads as if they have been put on the spot?

Those questions are also asked of us who claim a relationship with Jesus, who are His Church. Who do we say He is? And do we know, or care, what our neighbors say about Him and His Church? We share Peter’s belief that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. But we also share Peter’s humanity. The Church is not perfect; it is made up of human beings like Peter who claim faith one day and deny Jesus the next. Yet is was ‘upon this rock’ that Jesus built His church, and ‘the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.’ It was to Peter that Jesus gave the keys to the kingdom of heaven so that ‘whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.’

As keepers of the keys, we need to be careful about who we lock in and who we lock out. When we close our doors or close our hearts or close our minds to people who are outside the walls of our Church, when we cannot answer the question of what our neighbors think about Jesus, then we are denying them the opportunity to experience this relationship with Jesus Christ that brings joy into our lives.

Do we know or care about what our neighbors think about Jesus? What experiences have they had with the Church? We do not want to lock anyone out of heaven, but our hope is that we will unlock our heart so that we may learn to love our neighbor in a way that allows them to experience the love of God.
We Pray for Our Sick

We Pray for Our Deceased
John McDevitt
Philip P. Palase
Gloria C. Meade

Bread and Wine This Week
Presented in loving memory of
Roy Weinman
from Susanne Maiorana.

We Light The Sanctuary Lamp
In loving memory of
Mary Murphy and Bernard O’Neil
from Barbara O’Neil.

To memorialize a loved one
please contact the Rectory Office.

Our Finances
8/21/16: $ 14,907
8/20/17: $ 14,798
Parish Families Registered: 5,005
Envelopes Mailed: 1,208
Used 8/21/16: 513
8/20/17: 514

Catholic Ministries Appeal
Goal: $106,400 Donors: 517
Pledged: $116,712
Received: $99,928

Visiting Speaker & Second Collection
Rev. Peter Omwoyo, A.A
Propagation of the Faith

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:
7:00 PM
Rosary Making, School Cafeteria
7:30 PM
Al-Anon, Rectory

Thursday:
7:00 PM
Bible Study, Rectory

Friday:
8:00 PM
Nocturnal Adoration, Church

Saturday:
12:30 PM
Confessions, Church
1:30 AM
Baptisms, Church
10:15 Mass Returns September 17th

We purchased a new set of Chalices and Ciboria for the 10:15 Mass in the Holy Family Chapel. They were memorialized in loving memory of the following people:

- Clarence G. Anspake, Jr. (Large Chalice)
- Lisa G. Anspake (Small Chalice)
- Living and Deceased Members of the Camillery & Abdilla Families (Small Chalice)
- In Memory of Thomas F. Delaney (Small Chalice)
- In Memory of Anna & Daniel Killien (Small Chalice)
- In Memory of Edna Maniscalco (Ciborium)
- Living and Deceased Members of the Camillery & Abdilla Families (Ciborium)
- In Memory of Barbara Cannon (Ciborium)
- In Memory of Jack Palumbo (Ciborium)
- In Memory of Shawn Mullaney (Ciborium)
- In Memory of Edward & Bridget Mullaney (Ciborium)

Many thanks to all those who memorialized our new vessels.

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors,

Thank you for your service to St. Barnabas. Your commitment to our parish is greatly appreciated. At this time we are updating our lists of ministers. Soon you will receive a letter asking whether or not you are willing to recommit to your ministry in our parish. We also ask that you inform us of your Mass preferences. Please complete the form when you receive it, and return to the rectory by September 8th.

Many thanks, Fr. Adrian

Visiting Speaker Today

We welcome Rev. Peter Omwoyo, from The Assumptionists who will speak at all Masses this weekend for the support of the Propagation of the Faith.

50th Anniversary Celebrations

Couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at liturgies on Sunday, October 22nd, at the Church of St. Rose of Lima in Massapequa and on Sunday, November 19th at the Church of Christ the King in Commack. Both liturgies will begin at 2:30 PM. Registration forms may be obtained at the rectory and must be received by the Office of Worship by October 9th for the October 22nd liturgy, and by November 6th for the November 19th liturgy. There will be additional celebrations in the spring for those who may find that more convenient. Call 678-5800 ext. 207 for information.

Parish Trip to Radio City Music Hall

For the Christmas Spectacular. There is enough interest in a parish trip to Radio City for the Christmas Spectacular. The date of the outing is December 1st and we will attend the 7:30 PM show. The cost of the ticket will be your choice, according to the location you choose. Ticket Prices:

- 3rd Mezzanine: $55.00 per ticket*
- 2nd Mezzanine & Side Orchestra: $65.00 per ticket*
- 1st Mezzanine & Orchestra: $90.00 per ticket*
- Prime (more front and centered in the orchestra and 1st Mezzanine) $105.00 a ticket*
- Premium (these are the best seats in the house in orchestra and 1st Mezzanine) $135.00

*each ticket will have an additional $3.50 service fee.

The charge for the bus will be divided by the number of seats that are sold. The more tickets we sell the lower the cost.

The bus will leave St. Barnabas parking lot at Noon. We will then be dropped off at St. Patrick’s Cathedral on 5th Avenue. The bus will leave us at that point and you will be responsible for your own transportation until after the show. After viewing the new renovation of St. Patrick’s Cathedral, you will be on your own. You may choose to have dinner at a fine restaurant or a simple meal. Others may want to see the window displays on 5th Avenue or would like to see the tree and watch the skaters at Rockefeller Center. It is up to you.

At 7:00 PM we will all meet at Radio City for the show. Following the show the bus will pick us up outside of Radio City. Please call Fr. Kevin at the rectory with any questions.

Widows and Widowers

You are invited to join us for a bus trip to the Tropicana Casino in Atlantic City on Sunday, September 24th leaving at 8:00 AM. The cost is $40...
and you will receive $25 in slot play. Please note there are only 15 seats available and money must be received no later than September 3rd. Send your money to Celine Beazley at 35 Croydon Drive, Bellmore 11710. Her number is 785-7239. We will be meeting at the Friendly Card Store on Wantagh Avenue. Please park your car in the parking lot behind the 5 & 10, on the other side of the street.

**Back to School**
It’s that time of year again. Even as we enjoy summer fun, it’s time to start looking at that ‘list’. Social Ministry will once again assist families with their back to school needs. In the past we have requested general school supplies, but we have found the supply lists to be very specific and varied. This year we are requesting gift cards in place of actual school supplies. This way, students can purchase exactly what is required to start the new school year. Staples, Walmart, Target, CVS, Rite-Aid, Walgreens and Payless are all great places to pick up those necessary items. As always, we thank you for your generosity to those in need and appreciate all you do. Please leave your contribution in the rectory.

**Food Pantry Weekend Next Week**
Many thanks to all those who support our Food Pantry. For the month of July we assisted 50 families in our community with food. The Pantry is low on some items and we ask for you help in replenishing some very needed items. They are: laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, toothpaste, fruit juice and sugar.

**Exercise for Others**
The Diocese of Rockville Centre announces its second annual “Exercise for Others” event. In its inaugural year, Exercise for Others raised more than $30,000 for the needy in our community. The fundraiser will take place on October 28, 2017 and involves teams spinning (indoor cycling) or Zumba (new this year) at three popular Long Island gyms. Money raised will go to Parish Outreach and Catholic Charities’ programs that assist those in need in our community. The event was created not only to raise money for families and individuals who are struggling, but also as a vehicle to build a community-wide activity that would raise awareness of the great need on Long Island.

Exercise for Others will take place at:

- Sports Set, 60 Maple Avenue, Rockville Centre. Zumba: 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Spin: 11:30 am to 2:30 pm
- Gold's Gym Gold's Gym, 100 Landing Avenue, Smithtown. Zumba: 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Gold's Spin: 11:30 am to 2:30 pm
- WRP Fitness, 225 Montauk Highway, Moriches, NY 11955. Zumba: 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Spin: 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Exercise for Others will feature SPIN teams who will sponsor a SPIN bike at one of the three gyms and raise money through solicitation of donations through a peer to peer fundraising website (similar to a walkathon). Individuals can form teams consisting of a 1-4 people riding with one designated team captain. Funds raised will go to diocesan and Parish Outreach programs that serve the neediest in our Long Island community. Individuals can also reserve a ZUMBA spot. Participating parish teams will receive 50 percent of all dollars their teams raise to be used for their local Parish Social Ministry. The remaining 50 percent will be restricted to Catholic Charities’ programs that do the same great work of serving the needy in our Diocese. Individuals, companies and other organizations will have the opportunity to register their Spin or Zumba teams at [https://www.exercise4others.org/](https://www.exercise4others.org/). They can customize their team page and keep a tally of how much they have raised. Prizes will be awarded to the top teams. The funds they raise will be distributed to Diocesan programs that serve families and individuals in need.

You can also just donate to the cause online at [https://www.exercise4others.org/](https://www.exercise4others.org/) or if you would like to donate via check, please make check payable to: Diocese of Rockville Centre, reference "Exercise for Others" in note line. To sign up visit the website: [https://www.exercise4others.org/](https://www.exercise4others.org/). For more information contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 516-678-5800, ext. 264.

**Catholic Charities Meals on Wheels**
Catholic Charities is looking for an Office Assistant/Driver for the Meals on Wheels Program in Amityville. Monday - Friday, 10:00 AM - 1:45 PM. To apply, send resume and cover letter via email or fax. Please reference “MOW Office Asst/Driver” in the subject line. Fax - (516) 733-7038. Email: jobs@catholiccharities.cc.
Open House

Catholic Charities is always looking for individuals to be part of their faith-based ministry and offer “Care with Dignity & Life with Hope” to clients in 13 group homes across Long Island. An open house for Support Professionals for Developmentally Disable Adults will be held on Tuesday, August 29th and Tuesday, September 12th, from 3:00 PM-7:00 PM at 147 Schleigal Blvd., in Amityville. Part time & Full time positions are available. Call 733-7000 for an Open House interview. To view all employment opportunities visit www.catholiccharities.cc.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Like Peter in today’s Gospel, we can find when we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and our heart to experience Jesus’ presence in our daily lives, God reveals himself to us. Jesus revealed himself to Peter through his experience where, in spite of his doubt, fear, and sinking, he was saved from the raging seas. Peter had a gripping and personal experience of the saving power of Jesus, and so answers from a faith stance that Jesus is indeed the Christ, the Son of the living God. We only need to have faith. In the midst of an age of skepticism, God gave us the grace to be born in the true faith. Please pray and support the poor and needy in the parish.

Bellmore Knights Fundraiser

Bellmore Knights of Columbus is hosting a blood drive at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School on Sunday, September 10th from 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Bring ID with signature or photo. Ages 16 - 75, weighing at least 110 lbs. Eat well and drink fluids prior to coming. Please, no tattoos for the past 12 months. Receive a coupon for McDonald’s for donating!

Bellmore Knights Fundraiser

Help St. Jude Children’s Hospital … We are now in the fundraising phase of the Knights Fourth Annual St. Jude Bicycle Ride for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. We have a goal of $15,000 to help the St. Jude children. No family ever receives a bill for services rendered. Please help by visiting www.walkrun.stjude.org/biketour to join the team or select a current team member to sponsor. All donations are appreciated. Raffle tickets are 3 for $20 if you donate $10 you will receive a raffle ticket for some great prizes. Call Ken Yager at (516) 554-7575 with questions.

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.

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.

Father Charles and Laurie Mangano

Present a Night of Reflection, A Night of Song, Night of Inspiration. St. Francis de Chantal Church, Friday, September 15th at 7:30 PM. For information call (516) 785-2333. Topic: God's Mercy. This powerful program has been a tremendous source of
strength to those who need to be refueled with the fire of faith. Not only learn about the A, B, C's of God's Mercy and how it affects our lives, but EXPERIENCE IT! .....through songs that tug at your heart strings, testimony and preaching which inspires your soul.

During the evening, we reflect on attributes of Christ's Divine Mercy and refer to Saint Faustina, the apparitions of our Lord, and the beautiful words of Mercy spoken to her by Jesus. We have the great gift of Eucharistic Adoration during the program, adoring Christ through Divine Mercy prayers, readings and songs. Let the Spirit of peace enter your soul as you experience God’s unfathomable Mercy.

Catholics for Freedom of Religion
Pope Francis Warns: There is a "polite persecution" in America and the world that "takes away from man and woman their freedom as well as their right to conscientious objection." "Polite persecution" is "disguised as culture, disguised as modernity, disguised as progress."

‘Catholics For Freedom of Religion’ is dedicated to educating all Americans about the facts of First Amendment and has developed the following materials and programs to assist in this goal:

⇒ Empower our Children: "Free to Be - Students of Faith": "Public Schools are not God-Free Zones" - Video and guide.
⇒ Educational Bulletin Items: "Focus on Religious Freedom": Emailed weekly to parishes and individual upon request.
⇒ Rosary Meditations: For the blessing of religious liberty and the preservation of Catholic Healthcare.
⇒ Religious Freedom 101: 6 session, small group study course with materials an guide - basic facts. For more information visit www.cffor.org.

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.

Bereavement Support Groups
Good Shepherd Hospice Bereavement Services are opened to anyone in the community who has experienced a loss through death, at no charge. Upcoming Bereavement Support Groups, led by a Bereavement Specialist, include: Spousal/Partner Loss Group from September 13 - November 1 from 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM. Adult Loss of Parent or Sibling Group from September 13 - November 1 from 6:45 PM - 8:15 PM. Both groups are held at Mercy Medical Center, 100 North Village Ave., Rockville Centre. Please call (631) 828-7629 to register.

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. Call Anne at 546-1004.

Gennesaret Retreat
A retreat especially designed for persons who live with a serious illness is planned for September 22nd - 24th at 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 at (631) 665-7052.

Our Lady of Grace Center
Our Lady of Grace Center located at 29 Shelter Rock Road in Manhasset offers monthly programs that helps deepen your spirituality.
⇒ DeMello Spirituality - Mondays at 1:00 PM.
⇒ Joan Chittister Study Group - Wednesdays 1PM.
⇒ Divine Mercy - Wednesdays at 7:00 PM.
⇒ Spiritual Practice - Thursdays at 10:30 AM.
Call 627-9255 or visit www.olgretreat.com.

St. Joseph Renewal Center
The following programs are being offered at St. Joseph Renewal Center at Montfort Retreat Center, 26 S. Saxon Ave., Bay Shore.
⇒ Living with Alzheimer’s and Dementia Program on the 1st Wednesday of the month beginning September 6, 2017 through June 6, 2018. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM. Free will offering.
⇒ Enduring Spirituality for Senior Men & Women:
**Girl Scout Pray and Play Day**
Join us for a day of prayer, handicrafts and fun! Saturday, September 30th from 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island in Eastport. Call 678-5800 ext. 245 or email scouting@drvc.org.

**Eagle Scout Fundraiser**
Eagle Scout John Benson is sponsoring an All You Can Eat Pasta Dinner on Friday, September 8th at 7:00 PM in the Bellmore VFW Post 2770 located at 2400 Bedford Ave., Bellmore. Tickets are $10 for adults and $6 for children under 6 yrs old. The meal includes pasta, meatballs, bread, salad and dessert. Space is limited and reservations are required. To reserve your seat call John Benson at 221-3757 or email babypeanut01@hotmail.com. If you would like to contribute but cannot attend the dinner, for a $10 donation we will invite a veteran in your place.

**Regis High School Open House**
Regis High School, an all scholarship Jesuit secondary school for Catholic boys, will be holding an open house for students and their parents on Columbus Day, Monday, October 9th from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM. For information call Eric DiMichele, Director of Admissions at (212) 288-1100 ext. 2057 or email edimichele@regis.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 admissions@stdoms.org or call 922-4888 ext. 5325 for more information.

**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.

**Regular Sacrificial Giving**
You can contribute to St. Barnabas with on-line banking and bill paying services. Call the rectory to request the service. Send a check to St. Barnabas with your weekly collection donation indicated. Include your Name, Address & Envelope Number. Each week this amount will be credited to your account. This eliminates using weekly envelopes and guarantees that your donation will be received.

**St. Dominic Alumni Dinner Dance**
On Saturday, September 23rd, St. Dominic High School will be sponsoring the 2017 Alumni Hall of Fame Dinner beginning with Mass at 5:00 PM in the St. Dominic Church. The honorees are Stephen Dannhauser ’68, Al Carey ’69, Tim Kempton ‘82, Jay Hernandez ‘96, Distinguished Alumni Mercedes Quinn ‘43, Young Alumni Maria Ehlinger ’05, Honorary Alum Coach Tom Capozzoli (Post Humous). For information visit HS.STDOMS.ORG/HALLOFFAME or call 922-4488 ext. 2225.

**To place a notice in our Bulletin email**
Bulletin11710@aol.com.

**To place an advertisement on our cover call**
The Church Bulletin at (631) 249-4994.
Statement by Bishop Barres on the situation in Charlottesville

Over the past few days, our nation has been forced to confront the evil effects of racism. The violence in Charlottesville did not develop in that moment or in one day. Rather the seeds of Saturday’s tragedy had been planted long before, going back far in the history of our nation. We can look upon last Saturday’s tragedy with a sense of great sadness and defeat. Or we can look at these events with the vision the Paschal Mystery brings us - a vision of healing, a vision of new life.

The measure of our commitment to the Gospel will shine forth in the days and weeks to come. The Catholic Church believes and teaches that every human life is sacred. It is my prayer that the tragedies in Charlottesville will inspire each one of us to an examination of conscience that will help us better recognize our role in bringing about and restoring that dignity and sanctity in our world, nation and local communities, particularly here in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

We know, too, that this reflection can only happen after a full examination of our own hearts. Let us pray that the Lord may help each one of us to see “what we have done and what we have failed to do.”

On this feast of St. Maximillian Kolbe, one whose life was offered during the Holocaust on behalf of another, let us seek his intercession for the prayerful reflection and courage we need to be a more powerful people of compassion, mercy and justice.

Check drvc.org, the Diocese of Rockville Centre website, for more from Bishop Barres, Bishop Brennan & Msgr. Vlaun, on the Church’s response to racism and violence.

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:
Major James McLean, AIC James Mikowski, Airman First Class Thomas Ruggiero.

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
RCIA News

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 would like more information, please call the rectory 516-785-0054 and leave a message for Terri Lyons.

How do I become Catholic?

While many are initiated into the Catholic faith when they are infants, thousands of individuals each year knock on the doors of the Church as adults. It can be a time of great joy for a soul searching for the truth. Here are some helpful tips for those curious about the Catholic faith, but do not know where to begin.

Visit your local parish Church

One of the first steps for a soul interested in becoming Catholic is to simply attend Sunday Mass at your local parish. You may already know people who attend St. Barnabas, or it could be that this is the only Church nearby, whatever the case is, your journey into the Catholic faith will begin in a local parish. You are welcome to attend Mass, but as a non-Catholic you cannot receive Communion, because sharing in the Eucharist is reserved for those who have been fully initiated (received the sacraments of Baptism and, as an adult, Confirmation) and are in a state of grace.

Call the parish office about RCIA classes

If, after attending Mass for a period of time, you still feel called to join the Catholic Church, call the parish office about RCIA and leave a message for Terri Lyons. RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is a process that follows what happened in the early Church when someone wanted to be baptized a Christian. Terri Lyons will help you determine whether you are un-baptized or have been baptized as a child as a Catholic or a member of another Christian denomination whose baptisms the Church recognizes. The RCIA classes at St. Barnabas last from September to May. The early Church had a process that could take between 2-3 years before an individual was baptized. The goal was not to convert people who had no idea what they were doing, but to carefully make sure that the person knew what they were entering into. The goal of these RCIA classes is to answer any remaining questions you have and to give you the fullness of the faith. If for some reason you have a bad experience or don’t feel ready, you can simply discontinue the classes and take them up at another time. It is usually advised to not become Catholic if you feel rushed or inadequately prepared. If you feel any hesitation, you
Baptism at St. Barnabas

If you wish to arrange a baptism, please contact the rectory at 516-785-0054. Once your request is received you will be invited to meet one of the priests. This meeting offers parents an opportunity to review the baptism ceremony and set the date. The meeting is more conversational than instructional. Forms need to be completed giving information on the parents, child’s date and place of birth, as well as the names and religious affiliation of the sponsors. At least one sponsor must be a practicing Catholic.

Baptisms are held on Saturday at 11:30 AM, and Sunday at 1:30 PM when the Church is available.

If you wish to hold a private baptism you must bring a visiting priest to perform the baptism service. Private baptisms may be held on Saturday at 1:30 PM and 3:00 PM and on Sunday at 3:00 PM, if these times are available.

Baptism Class Schedule 2017-2018

First time parents need to attend a Baptism Class. A classes will be held in the Upper Church at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, September 5. Beginning in October Baptism Classes will be held in the Holy Family Chapel on Agape Sunday, the second Sunday of the month. Crying babies and noisy children are welcome. Godparents are invited to class, but not required to attend. We begin with Mass at 10:15, when your baby will be welcomed to St. Barnabas, followed by refreshments and the class. You need attend only one class. The dates are October 8, November 12, December 10 for 2017.

In 2018 Classes are on January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, (10:30 Mass for July 8, August 12 and September 9) October 14, November 11, December 9.

Whatever you do, don’t stop asking questions!

You may annoy the priest or instructor, but it is vital that all of your questions be answered before making the big leap.

Pick a sponsor/godparent

Whether you need the sacrament of Baptism (full initiation) or are coming into the Church through the sacrament of Confirmation, you will need to find a practicing Catholic who can offer spiritual guidance. This person should be chosen not simply because of a relation (i.e. Grandma), but because of a strong conviction of faith. They should be someone whom you can rely on and ask questions as you progress on your journey. If you simply don’t know anyone, ask the RCIA instructor to assign you a sponsor/godparent. They will know people in the parish who would be a good fit and in this way, you can make new friends in the parish community.

Don’t stop learning!

After you go through all the RCIA classes and arrive at the Easter Vigil to be immersed into the Catholic faith, don’t stop learning more about the faith you now profess. Many converts to the Catholic faith fall through the cracks after being initiated and soon after cease to go to Mass on Sunday. Becoming Catholic is not a “once and done” type of ceremony, but is a continual call to conversion. It is a long journey and many who were baptized into the faith as infants continue to learn as adults. The goal is not to become “lukewarm” Catholics, but to be set on fire with God’s love.

So, if you are contemplating becoming Catholic, please call the rectory and leave a message for Terri Lyons. Allow God to move your heart and discover the truth that you are searching for.

may need some extra time of preparation.
10 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND
NOVEMBER 12 - 21, 2017
Visiting
HAIFA * TIBERIAS * NAZARETH
BETHLEHEM * JERUSALEM
Hosted by
Fr. Kevin Gruber

$3529 from NEW YORK
(Air/land tour price is $2829 plus $700 government taxes/airline surcharges)

Clockwise from above left: Sea of Galilee; Dome of the Rock ~ Jerusalem;
Mount of Beatitudes; Via Dolorosa ~ Jerusalem
Please note registration material is available online. Please go to our parish website: www.stbarnabasny.org and click on the “Religious Education” tab. Once on the Religious Education page please click on “Registration Material.” Please make sure you 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 and include a copy of their Baptismal Certificate.

We are looking for 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. We cannot start classes in September without volunteers to teach, hall monitor, and help at the attendance table in the lobby. We are also looking for adults to work one on one or in a small group environment.

**Catechists Needed**

- **Mondays 4:30 - 5:30pm**
  - 2 Catechists for Level 4

- **Tuesdays 4:30 - 5:30pm**
  - 1 Catechist for Level 1
  - 1 Catechist for Level 5

- **Wednesdays 4:30-5:30pm**
  - 2 Catechists for Level 4
  - 2 Catechists for Level 6
  - 1 Co/Catechist for Level 6

- **Thursdays 4:30 - 5:30pm**
  - 1 Catechist for Level 2
  - 1 Catechist for Level 3
  - 1 Catechist for Level 4
  - 1 Catechist for Level 5
  - 1 Catechist for Level 6
St. Barnabas 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Preparation
Register before September 1st

**GRADE 7**

**WEDNESDAY** 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM  
- September 27, 2017  
- October 11, 2017  
- **Rite of Welcome October 14th & 15th 2017**  
- October 25, 2017  
- **Seventh Grade Retreat, November 4th 2017**  
- November 15, 2017  
- December 6, 2017  
- December 20, 2017  
- January 10, 2018  
- January 24, 2018  
- February 7, 2018  
- March 7, 2018  
- March 21, 2018  
- April 18, 2018

**THURSDAY** 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM  
- September 28, 2017  
- October 12, 2017  
- October 26, 2017  
- November 16, 2017  
- December 7, 2017  
- December 21, 2017  
- January 11, 2018  
- January 25, 2018  
- February 8, 2018  
- March 8, 2018  
- March 22, 2018  
- April 19, 2018

**GRADE 8**

**WEDNESDAY** 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM  
- October 4, 2017  
- October 18, 2017  
- October 26, 2017  
- November 8, 2017  
- November 29, 2017  
- December 13, 2017  
- January 3, 2018  
- January 17, 2018  
- Confirmation Retreat, January 27th 2018  
- January 31, 2018  
- Confirmation May 2018

**THURSDAY** 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM  
- October 5, 2017  
- October 19, 2017  
- November 9, 2017  
- November 30, 2017  
- December 14, 2017  
- January 4, 2018  
- January 18, 2018  
- Rite of Enrollment, February 10th & 11th 2018  
- February 1, 2018  
- March 1, 2018  
- March 15, 2018  
- April 12, 2018  
- April 26, 2018
Dear Parents and Guardians

Raising a child is both an amazing blessing and a huge responsibility. We want to give them the best! We wish them joy, peace, love, health, good values, and, of course, as Catholics, we want them to have a faith life. But how do we share our faith in a way that will make sense to them and remain with them for a lifetime?

The Church recognizes that you, as parents, are the primary educators of your children in matters of faith and morals. We thank you for setting down good values for them at home, for taking them to Church, for praying together and sending them to class. Regardless of where you find yourself on your own spiritual path, as Pastor I thank you for your time and interest in this important stage of your child’s spiritual development.

St. Barnabas wants to support you in every way we can. Our Confirmation preparation process called ‘Chosen,’ runs for twelve nights on Wednesdays or Thursdays from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. (See the list of dates on the other side). If you have not already done so, please register your child before September 1st by contacting the Christian Formation Office at 516-785-0130.

An ‘Introduction to Chosen’ meeting for parents of Seventh Grade will be held on Wednesday, September 6th or Thursday, September 7th. At this information meeting, you will receive a summary of the program, which allows you to follow along and play an active role in your child’s faith journey. You need only to attend one meeting.

Our Eighth Grade Parents are invited to a meeting on Wednesday, September 13th or Thursday, September 14th to discuss what the candidates need to do before they receive the sacrament in May 2018.

All parent meetings are held in the Holy Family Chapel from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. I am looking forward to seeing you there and to introducing you to Mr. Kieran Maelia, our new coordinator for ‘Chosen’ and Youth Ministry.

The Holy Spirit has great plans for you and your family. Let the fire of the Spirit’s love warm the heart of your home and enable your family to be a light to the world that brings everyone who meets you a little closer to Christ.

Sincerely,
Fr. Adrian, Pastor of St. Barnabas
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Regional Catholic School

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.

Are you or your child unhappy with their school environment?
At Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School we are committed to nurturing every child’s faith identity. By giving your child the gift of a strong faith identity, you are giving them a gift of God’s grace.

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 19:14

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
Parent & Child Program

Our Time is the perfect way for you and your child to 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, or Wednesday from 10am to 11am from September thru June at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School.

For more information or to enroll contact:
Sabina Lamb (516) 781-9834
Or the School Office.

FALL ENROLLMENT AVAILABLE!
Jesus asked His disciples, “Who do you say I am?” Peter answered Jesus correctly.

What did Peter say?

“Y____ ___
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S____ N ___F G___D.”

Jesus blessed Peter.

Find and count the hidden keys and locks.

5 or 6? 6 or 7?
What else happened?

Fill in the missing vowels.

“B_t wh_t b_t y_?”
J_ s_ s__ sk_d. “Wh_ d__
y_ s_y_ m?”
S_m_n P_t_tr nsw_r_d,
“Y_ r th Chr_st,
th_ S_n f th_
I_v_ng G_d.”

How did Jesus respond to Peter?

Going from left to right, write all the 1-words in order.
Then return to the top and write all the 2-words in order.
Then return to the top and write all the 3-words in order.

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“Who do you say that I am?”

ACROSS
1. The followers of Jesus were called ________.
5. Others thought Jesus was one of the Old Testament ________.
6. “You are the Christ,” answered ________.

DOWN
2. Jesus asked what other ________ were saying about him.
3. Jesus said Peter’s answer came from the heavenly ________.
4. Some people thought Jesus was ________ the Baptist.

Words used in the puzzle.

disciples                John                Peter
people                   John                Peter
prophets                 Peter
ACROSS
1. Persons; men, women, and children; human beings
4. A large stone that sticks up out of the ground or the sea
7. A male parent
8. The Messiah, as foretold by the prophets
10. An adult male human being

DOWN
2. The name that Jesus called Simon
3. A persons who speaks for God
5. To speak
6. The whole body of believers in Christ
9. A male child in relation to his parents

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Cross out every word that starts with “d” or “k.”
Write the remaining words on the lines below.

some  day  say  drink
kit  baptist  doing  others  dent
say  dimple  Elijah  still  dog
dump  others  kite  Jeremiah  doubt
or  damage  one  kitten
of  kitchen  the
prophets  kind

“_______  _______  _______  _______  _______:  _______  _______  _______  _______  _______:  _______  _______  _______  _______  _______.”

Who do I say I am? Who do you say I am?