The Son of Man will come at an hour you do not expect.

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8/7/16
Rev. Adrian McHugh, Pastor
Rev. Charles Omotu
Rev. Francis Agyeman
Rev. Kevin Gruber
Deacon Bernard F. Sherlock

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School
Principal, Ms. Leeann Grazioso 516-785-5709

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Mrs. Marjorie Lampert 516-785-0130

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Youth Ministry Mrs. Margaret Harnisch
Business & Personnel Mr. John G. Nappi

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Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 8  St. Dominic
6:30 AM  Joseph Biganini
9:00 AM  Nenita Concepcion
            June Leahy Furda
            Intentions of Sr. William Noreen
            Thomas C. Krumpter, Sr.
            Barbara A. Cannon
            Alice Gaudino

Tuesday, August 9
6:30 AM  Mary Puglia
9:00 AM  Joseph Reich

Wednesday, August 10  St. Lawrence
6:30 AM  Joseph Mammone
9:00 AM  Konstatin Petrunoff

Thursday, August 11  St. Clare
6:30 AM  James Clare
9:00 AM  Fr. Francis Agyeman, 15th Anniversary of Ordination

Friday, August 12
6:30 AM  Charlie & Ann Klika
9:00 AM  Mary Cox
3:00 PM  Wedding:
            James Ruescher & Laurie Giandalia

Saturday, August 13
8:00 AM  Fr. Charles Omotu
            22nd Anniversary of Ordination
1:30 PM  Wedding:
            Joseph Bertuglia & Tracy Bohringer
Fr. Charles  4:30 PM  Anthony Persico
            Intentions of Theresa Andersen
            Leonardo Mancusi
            Leonardo Ponturo
            Giuseppina Costanza
            Jeff Meade
Fr. Adrian  7:00 PM  Francesco Marianna & Salvatore Natale

Sunday, August 14  Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time
Fr. Adrian  7:00 AM  Virginia Coschignano
Fr. Francis  9:00 AM  For the People of Our Parish
Fr. Charles  10:30 AM  Adeline & Peter Villella, Jr.
Fr. Francis  12:00 PM  Frances Sampino
Fr. Charles  5:00 PM  James Clare

We pray for our recently deceased

Angelina Scoca
    Lillian Rocco

    May they
    rest in peace

Bread & Wine
The Eucharistic Bread & Wine for the week will be offered in loving memory of Patricia Reilly from Tom & Dorine Kiley.

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

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
The 10:15 AM Mass will resume on Sunday, September 18th.
Sharing our faith with young people is one of the most important things we do at St. Barnabas. Thank you to all those who facilitated and participated in the recent Vacation Bible School. During the week our faith was celebrated and shared through song, crafts, drama and storytelling. It was really amazing to see all our ‘older’ volunteers in their teens and twenties, engage so warmly with the younger children. Many of these volunteers return every year to help the Bible School be the great success it is. Thanks again.

A line from today’s second reading states, ‘Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see’

We discover what this verse means by watching the example of faith-in-action through the Vacation Bible School and all the other efforts we make in St. Barnabas to evangelize. Faith is our passionate conviction to imagine a better future with God and to prepare for it in the present. In a sense that’s what God invites us to do - to envision God’s future kingdom as if it fully existed in our time.

Faith for our congregation is the deep, passionate conviction that God will show us what we need to do to be in mission today in Bellmore. How are we going to change? How can we recognize God’s will for our future here?

When it comes right down to it we’ll never have a no-risk guarantee in ministry. But what we do have is faith. Faith in a God who is with us even when we go through tough times, a faith that strains into the future to see what great purpose God has for us, and we have a faith that pulls us together to work now.

What is faith? Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see’
We constantly find ourselves counting the days until something occurs. When that something occurs, we find ourselves counting the days until something else happens.

Right now we may be counting the days until our summer vacation arrives and we can get away. Then we catch ourselves calculating even the hours left before we can head home again.

Before you know it we will be counting how many weeks remain before school reopens. Then it’s how many preparation days until Thanksgiving and shopping days till Christmas. There are so many deadlines to meet, schedules to observe, appointments to keep, and planes to catch. We are constantly crossing off the days on the calendar in the run up to ‘something.’

In this countdown culture our calendars, watches, and date books run our lives. But this way of existing can turn some things into an unpleasant duty that we perform as fast as we can. So life will start again at five o’clock, when we can go home or when the weekend arrives.

This countdown culture makes us experience reality too much in relation to ourselves, alone. There are X number of days before I must attend to such-and-such a job; there are X number of weeks before something else will call for my attention. Each of us then forms the midpoint of his or her own world and does so at a certain point on the time line. I have done such and such; I am preparing myself to do something else next week.

In our countdown culture, we are caught up in the tendency to pursue our own ends, to cultivate our own thoughts and hopes, and to stop ourselves from being broken open to the mystery of our all-loving God. There is the ever-present risk of having time only for myself and my projects.

Sheer busyness leaves us deaf to the good news and blind to the mystery of God. We must take time out for God, and that - surprisingly perhaps - will mean taking time out for our real selves.

Jesus says ‘Stand ready because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.’ You don’t want to miss Him! If, on regular basis, I say no to the countdown culture and take time out for God, I will also begin to understand myself a little better and appreciate more the mystery of God. Nothing can be more important than knowing what is happening to us spiritually and where we are going on our way home to God.
The Week at a Glance

Sunday:  
7:30 PM  Al-Anon, School Cafeteria

Monday:  
7:30 PM  Charismatic Prayer Group, Holy Family Chapel

Tuesday:  
7:30 PM  Respect Life Meeting, Rectory Meeting Room

Wednesday:  
7:30 PM  Al-Anon, Rectory Meeting Room

Thursday:  
7:00 PM  Bible Study, Rectory Meeting Room

Saturday:  
9:00 AM  Rosary for the Unborn, Statue of Mary on Bedford Ave.

12:30 PM  Confessions, Church

Financial Reports
Weekend Collections

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2016 Catholic Ministries Appeal
Goal: $107,900  Donors: 517
Pledged: $114,719  Received: $95,725

Second Collection Next Week
The second collection next week will be our Maintenance & Repair Collection. The convent lighting has been converted to LED in the living room, kitchen and library as well as the rectory kitchen. Thank you for your generous support.

We Pray for the Sick

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

Lilyan Patrice Rushforth
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Parent & Child Program

For children ages 2-3 years old.
Our Time is a class where a child with a parent can become familiar with the classroom environment while singing songs, doing crafts, reading books, and celebrating God’s love together.

Class sessions are offered on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM from September thru June at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School.

Our Time is an affordable way to introduce your child to the classroom environment without the worry of being separated. It allows for the child to be comforted with a parent’s presence and prepare for entering Pre-K.

Our Time is taught by Mrs. Sabina Lamb. Mrs. Lamb is also the leader of the Family Liturgy Music Ministry for Saint Barnabas which performs at the 10:15 AM Family Mass.

Space is limited!
For more information contact:
Sabina Lamb 781-9834
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School
2341 Washington Ave, Bellmore, NY 11710

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

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

**Widow and Widowers Luncheon**
Join us on Thursday, August 11th at 12:30 PM for lunch at Guy Anthony’s, 2208 Jerusalem Ave., Merrick. The cost is $25.00 per person. Please send check to Joyce Quinn, 2463 Freeport St., Wantagh, NY 11793. Please call Joyce with questions at 781-6475.

**Catholic High School Entrance Exam**
Our Lady of Mercy Academy will offer prep classes for the CHSEE for six Saturdays starting September 10th from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. The cost for the program is $300. To register call Mrs. Lucille Fitts at 921-1047 ext. 10.

**Respect Life Ministry**
Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 9th at 7:30 PM in the rectory room.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**
In the Gospel, Jesus said “Do not be afraid any longer little flock for your father is pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your belongings and give alms.”

Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring respite and hope to the elderly who are not able to find relief from the summer heat, and you will indeed find an inexhaustible treasure in heaven.

If you are in need of assistance or if you have any questions regarding the Society of St. Vincent de Paul please call our Social Ministry at 785-6243. Please remember to pray for the poor and the needy.

**Friends of the Poor Walk.**
Save Saturday, September 24th for the Friends of the Poor Walk. The St. Barnabas St. Vincent de Paul Society will take part in the walk at 9:00 AM in front of the statue of Mary on Bedford Avenue by the Convent to pray the Rosary for unborn babies in danger or being aborted. Please bring lawn chairs as seating is limited.

For more information contact Vin Murray at murray.vince@ymail.com 382-7200.

E-sign “The Pro-Life Declaration.” Go to www.prolife.org and join the hundreds of thousands of Americans who’ve signed this statement of belief in the sanctity and dignity of life from conception to natural death.

**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.
Bethpage Community Park, 1001 Stewart Avenue, Bethpage, (Look for the Town of Oyster Bay Ice Skating Center). Put on your sneakers and walk with us as we become God’s feet, walking to end poverty one step at a time. Watch the bulletin for more information. Keep the poor in your prayers.

**Friendly Visitor Program**
Our St. Vincent de Paul Society is introducing a new program for our homebound seniors and those disabled in the community who would enjoy a visit from one of its members. If you or someone you know is interested and would enjoy the company of a friendly visitor please call the Social Ministry Office at 785-6243.

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

**Rosary Making Group**
If you are interested in joining call Melissa at 516-221-9821 or email melissa.m.mcdeitt@gmail.com

**Andy Cooney Concert**
On Saturday, August 13, 2016 at 7:00 PM, The Church of the Most Precious Blood, Davis Park, Fire Island, will be hosting Andy Cooney in Concert. Andy and his band will be joined by special guests The H.I.M.S. (Hope Inspired Men Sing). Seating is General Admission and the cost is $25. To purchase tickets call (631)928-2377 ext. 22 or (631)513-2167.

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

**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. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on Friday, September 2nd, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit the Retrouvaille website at www.retrouvaille.org.

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

**Youth Ministry at Bethpage Ballpark**
Join the youth of the diocese for an exciting game of baseball! York Revolution vs. the Long Island Ducks. Game time is 6:35 PM on August 27th. Enjoy a great game and beautiful fireworks with good friends! We have reserved tickets for this special game that can be purchased for $12 by contacting either Marianne Sheridan, Director for Youth Ministry at msheridan@drvc.org or Christine Fitzgerald of Good Shepherd Parish at gsygphotoproject@gmail.com. Deadline for purchasing tickets is August 15th. Let’s make it a DRVC Family/Youth Night!
63. Politics is a noble mission to promote the common good. As such, it is about ethics and principles as well as issues, candidates, and officeholders. To engage in "politics," then, is more than getting involved in current polemics and debates; it is about acting with others and through institutions for the benefit of all. The fact that much of our political rhetoric has become very negative and that political polarization seems to have grown should not dissuade us from the high calling to work for a world that allows everyone to thrive, a world in which all persons, all families, have what they need to fulfill their God-given destiny. In our democracy, one aspect of this task for all of us requires that we weigh issues and related policies. In this brief summary, we bishops call attention to issues with significant moral dimensions that should be carefully considered in each campaign and as policy decisions are made in the years to come. As the descriptions below indicate, some issues involve principles that can never be abandoned, such as the fundamental right to life and marriage as the union of one man and one woman. Others reflect our judgment about the best way to apply Catholic principles to policy issues. No summary could fully reflect the depth and details of the positions taken through the work of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). While people of good will may sometimes choose different ways to apply and act on some of our principles, Catholics cannot ignore their inescapable moral challenges or simply dismiss the Church’s guidance or policy directions that flow from these principles. For a more complete review of these policy directions and their moral foundations, see the statements listed at the end of this document.

64. Our 1998 statement, Living the Gospel of Life, declares, "Abortion and euthanasia have become preeminent threats to human life and dignity because they directly attack life itself, the most fundamental good and the condition for all others" (no. 5). Abortion, the deliberate killing of a human being before birth, is never morally acceptable and must always be opposed. Cloning and destruction of human embryos for research or even for potential cures are always wrong. The purposeful taking of human life by assisted suicide and euthanasia is not an act of mercy, but an unjustifiable assault on human life. Genocide, torture, and the direct and intentional targeting of noncombatants in war or terrorist attacks are always wrong.

65. Laws that legitimize any of these practices are profoundly unjust and immoral. Our Conference supports laws and policies to protect human life to the maximum degree possible, including constitutional protection for the unborn and legislative efforts to end abortion, assisted suicide, and euthanasia. We also promote a culture of life by supporting laws and programs that encourage childbirth and adoption over abortion and by addressing poverty, providing health care, and offering other assistance to pregnant women, children, and families.
66. The USCCB calls for greater assistance for those who are sick and dying, through health care for all and effective and compassionate palliative care and hospice care. The end of life is a holy moment, a moment that marks a preparation for life with God, and it is to be treated with reverence and accompaniment. The end of life is as sacred as the beginning of life and requires treatment that honors the true dignity of the human person as created in the image of the living God. We recognize that addressing this complex issue effectively will require collaborative efforts between the public and private sectors and across party lines. Policies and decisions regarding biotechnology and human experimentation should respect the inherent dignity of human life from its very beginning, regardless of the circumstances of its origin. Respect for human life and dignity is also the foundation for essential efforts to address and overcome the hunger, disease, poverty, and violence that take the lives of so many innocent people.

67. Society has a duty to defend life against violence and to reach out to victims of crime. The Catholic Church has accepted the death penalty in the past for particularly egregious crimes when there was a serious continuing threat to society and no alternative was available. But our nation's continued reliance on the death penalty cannot be justified. Because we have other ways to protect society that are more respectful of human life, the USCCB supports efforts to end the use of the death penalty and in the meantime to restrain its use through broader use of DNA evidence, access to effective counsel, and efforts to address unfairness and injustice related to application of the death penalty.

Promoting Peace

68. Catholics must also work to avoid war and to promote peace. This is of particular importance, as there is a danger in the present time of becoming indifferent to war because of the number of armed conflicts. War is never a reflection of what ought to be but a sign that something more true to human dignity has failed. The Catholic tradition recognizes the legitimacy of just war teaching when defending the innocent in the face of grave evil, but we must never lose sight of the cost of war and its harm to human life. Nations should protect the dignity of the human person and the right to life by finding more effective ways to prevent conflicts, to resolve them by peaceful means, and to promote reconstruction and reconciliation in the wake of conflicts. Nations have a right and obligation to defend human life and the common good against terrorism, aggression, and similar threats, such as the targeting of persons for persecution because of their religion, including Christians. In the words of Pope Francis, people are being killed "for the sole reason of being Christians" (Homily, Feb. 17, 2015), and there are "more martyrs in the Church today than there were in the first centuries" (Homily, June 30, 2014). "The blood of our Christian brothers and sisters is a testimony which cries out to be heard by everyone who can still distinguish between good and evil. All the more this cry must be heard by those who have the destiny of peoples in their hands" (Message of Pope Francis to Patriarch Abuna Matthias of the Ethiopian Tewahedo Orthodox Church, April 20, 2015). Indeed, the duty of nations to defend human life and the common good demands effective responses to terror, moral assessment of and restraint in the means used, respect for ethical limits on the use of force, a focus on the roots of terror, and fair distribution of the burdens of responding to terror. The use of torture must be rejected as fundamentally incompatible with the dignity of the human person and ultimately counterproductive in the effort to combat terrorism. The Church has raised fundamental moral
concerns about preventive use of military force. Our Church honors the commitment and sacrifice of those who serve in our nation's armed forces, and also recognizes the moral right to conscientious objection to war in general, a particular war, or a military procedure.

69. Even when military force can be justified as a last resort, it should not be indiscriminate or disproportionate. Direct and intentional attacks on noncombatants in war and terrorist acts are never morally acceptable. The use of weapons of mass destruction or other means of warfare that do not distinguish between civilians and soldiers is fundamentally immoral. The United States has a responsibility to work to reverse the spread of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons, and to reduce its own reliance on weapons of mass destruction by pursuing progressive nuclear disarmament. It also must end its use of anti-personnel landmines and reduce its predominant role in the global arms trade. The use of military force confronts us with urgent moral choices. We support the proportionate and discriminate use of military force to protect civilians in a way that recognizes the continuing threat of fanatical extremism and global terror, minimizes the loss of life, and addresses the humanitarian and refugee crises in war-torn regions, and the need to protect human rights, especially religious freedom. Though we recognize the justifiable use of military force, we encourage the reallocation of resources from armed conflict to the urgent needs of the poor and the root causes of violence. Further, we support policies and actions that protect refugees of war and violence, at home and abroad, and all people suffering religious persecution throughout the world, many of whom are our fellow Christians.

Marriage and Family

70. The family founded upon marriage is the basic cell of human society. The role, responsibilities, and needs of families should be central national priorities. Marriage must be defined, recognized, and protected as a lifelong exclusive commitment between a man and a woman, and as the source of the next generation and the protective haven for children. The institution of marriage is undermined by the ideology of "gender" that dismisses sexual difference and the complementarity of the sexes and falsely presents "gender" as nothing more than a social construct or psychological reality, which a person may choose at variance with his or her biological reality (see Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, no. 224). As Pope Francis has taught, "the removal of [sexual] difference creates a problem, not a solution" (General Audience, April 22, 2015). "Thus the Church reaffirms . . . her no to 'gender' philosophies, because the reciprocity between male and female is an expression of the beauty of nature willed by the Creator" (Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Pontifical Council Cor Unum, Jan. 19, 2013). This affirmation in no way compromises the Church's opposition to unjust discrimination against those who experience "deep-seated homosexual tendencies," who "must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2358).

Policies on taxes, work, divorce, immigration, and welfare should uphold the God-given meaning and value of marriage and family, help families stay together, and reward responsibility and sacrifice for children. Wages should allow workers to support their families, and public assistance should be available to help poor families to live in dignity. Such assistance should be provided in a manner that promotes eventual financial autonomy.

71. Children, in particular, are to be valued, protected, and nurtured. As a Church, we affirm our commitment to the protection and well-being of children in our...
own institutions and in all of society. Pope Francis has stressed, "Children have a right to grow up in a family with a father and a mother capable of creating a suitable environment for the child's development and emotional maturity" (Address on the Complementarity Between Man and Woman, Nov. 17, 2014). Children who may be placed in foster care or with adoptive parents have a right to be placed in homes with a married man and woman, or if not possible, in environments that do not contradict the authentic meaning of marriage. Child welfare service providers, consistent with their religious beliefs, have a right to place children in such homes rather than in other environments. We oppose contraceptive and abortion mandates in public programs and health plans, which endanger rights of conscience and can interfere with parents' right to guide the moral formation of their children.

**Religious Freedom**

72. US policy should promote religious liberty vigorously, both at home and abroad: our first and most cherished freedom is rooted in the very dignity of the human person, a fundamental human right that knows no geographical boundaries. In all contexts, its basic contours are the same: it is the "immun[ity] from coercion on the part of individuals or of social groups and of any human power, in such wise that no one is to be forced to act in a manner contrary to his own beliefs, whether privately or publicly, whether alone or in association with others, within due limits." (Dignitatis Humanae, no. 2). In the United States, religious freedom generally enjoys strong protection in our law and culture, but those protections are now in doubt. For example, the longstanding tax exemption of the Church has been explicitly called into question at the highest levels of government, precisely because of her teachings on marriage. Catholics have a particular duty to make sure that protections like these do not weaken but instead grow in strength. This is not only to secure the just freedom of the Church and the faithful here but also to offer hope and an encouraging witness to those who suffer direct and even violent religious persecution in countries where the protection is far weaker.
What did Jesus tell the disciples about being prepared?

Fit the words into the crossword puzzle.
Then transfer them to the numbered lines.

door   lamps   banquet   servants
good   keep   ready   dressed   watching
open   comes   master   service   immediately
return   3

“Be __________ ________ for

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to _________ from a

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and _________ they can

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_________ the ________ for him.

5   13   12

It will be _________ for those _________ whose

11   16 Across

_______ finds them _________ when he _________.”

Find and circle the 2 lamps in each row that match.

Find the hidden objects in the picture.
Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help prepare our Catholic youth in the parish in the Confirmation preparation process called ‘Chosen.’ Thirty five people have already signed up …. Fifteen more are needed….

If you are interested please read on...

Many parents, grandparents and parishioners today are really concerned about the decline in faith among younger people and their families. How do we reach this fast-paced, tech-savvy generation with the love of Christ.

How do we communicate the teachings of the Church in a way that ‘speaks’ to those caught up in an increasingly secular world?

Whether or not they know it, teens today have hearts and minds made to dive in to the Good News of the gospel. Just as the God of the universe transformed human history two thousand years ago, he wants to transform the hearts of young people, here and now.

This life-changing ‘divine encounter’ isn’t a flashy event or a new philosophy; it is a person: Jesus Christ. Instead of encountering God on the crowded streets of Jerusalem, our young people will encounter him in the sacraments, in the teachings of the Church, in their parish community, in experiences of service, and, in a special way, in you.

It’s our prayer that by participating in ‘Chosen’ you will help facilitate an encounter with God himself. As you prepare young people for the Sacrament of Confirmation, you will help empower them to be the saints and kingdom builders they are called to be, as you become a saint and kingdom builder yourself.

The youth are the Church of today

We do this not because of what we have to give young people, but because of what they have to give to the Church and the world when they open their hearts to God. The young people we serve are not the Church of tomorrow any more than you are the Church of yesterday. The youth are the Church of today!

This is the most important work in human history: echoing the Good News that God has revealed to every generation.

- All ‘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.
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Then return this form to St. Barnabas

**My name is ______________________________  My phone number __________________________**

Information meetings for volunteers & parents will be held on September 7, 8, 14 & 15 at 7PM.
You need attend just one information meeting.

You know we wouldn’t ask you unless we believed YOU could do this!
US Army:

National Guard:

US Navy:

US Marines:

US Air Force:
Capt. McLean G. Bethea, Nicholas P. Wright, Rev. Major Timothy Hirten

US Merchant Marine:
Lt. J.G. Eric Stumpel.

US Coast Guard:

US Peace Corps:
Patrick Coons

The Religious Education Office closes at 1:00 PM on Fridays for the summer.

Attention Level 7: Stage 1 projects 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.
Through our students’ hard work and our teachers’ devotion not only are students’ God-given talents developed, but they are also encouraged to use their gifts for others. Saint Elizabeth Ann Seaton develops the whole person—spiritually, intellectually, morally, physically and socially—in an environment that recognizes faith and learning as intricately woven together.

We are proud to say that our students are accepted to prestigious Catholic High Schools often with many accolades and scholarships. We thank God for being with us along our scholarly journey, guiding us and giving us strength.
In this, The Year of Mercy, you are cordially invited to join us at St. John Vianney, Cure of Ars Catholic Church in Merrick for Mercy Night. It will be a beautiful candlelit evening filled with adoration, contemplative worship and Taize chant. Selected excerpts from the Diary of St. Faustina will be read intermittently throughout the evening and the sacrament of reconciliation will be available.

Whether you are looking to deepen your faith or even if you haven’t been to church in years, you are encouraged to join us for an evening of quiet refuge and private prayer. Think of it as a mini-retreat for the weary pilgrim.

Mercy Night will be held Monday, August 15th from 7:45pm - 10:15pm at St. John Vianney, Cure of Ars Catholic Church, 2323 Merrick Avenue, Merrick, New York 11566. Phone #: (516) 623-1400