BACK TO SCHOOL
St. Barnabas the Apostle

Twenty-Third Week of Ordinary Time

Monday, September 11
6:30 AM  Victims of Terrorism and Their Families
9:00 AM  Victims of Terrorism and Their Families
7:00 PM  Victims of Terrorism and Their Families

Tuesday, September 12
6:30 AM  Charlie and Ann Klika
9:00 AM  Frank Mistretta

Wednesday, September 13  St. John Chrysostom
6:30 AM  Robert Lap
9:00 AM  Carl and Dolly Nobile

Thursday, September 14  The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
6:30 AM  Mary Anne Hill
9:00 AM  Brian Dione

Friday, September 15  Our Lady of Sorrows
6:30 AM  Richard Kuhn
9:00 AM  Seth Kreisler

Saturday, September 16  St. Cornelius
8:00 AM  Pauline Lechner
3:00 PM  Wedding:
Jeffrey LaRocque & GinaMarie Boyce

Fr. Kevin 4:30 PM
Jeanne Eisenhardt
James Sweeney
Raymond Vogts
Eugenio Prisco
Elizabeth Anderson
Michael A. Edwards
Robert and Dolores Cronin

Fr. Charles 7:00 PM

Sunday, September 17  Twenty-Fourth Sunday OT
Fr. Kevin 7:00 AM
Visitor 9:00 AM
F. Kevin 10:15 AM
Visitor 10:30 AM
Fr. Charles 12:00 PM
Fr. Charles 5:00 PM

Marie Eppinger
For the People of Our Parish
Pedro and Margot Rivera
Rosalinda Riley
Adeline & Peter Villella, Jr.
Armando Forte
Charlotte Torchia
The Memorial Mass for the victims of September 11th will take place at 7pm on Monday, September 11th.

Remember, O Lord, those who suffer the loss of loved ones …
Remember all who have died in the conflict with terrorism …
Remember those who are still filled with fear or anger …
Remember this nation …
Stir your Church to declare your peace where there is hatred …
Hold all in your love and justice …

On Monday, September 11th we mark the anniversary of the most devastating terror attack on US soil. These tragic events and the ensuing war on terrorism changed our world. No matter where you live in the world you will likely feel the affect of 9/11/2001. We're all affected by increased security measures at airports and in public places and we still experience the loss of our sense of safety.

At 7:00 PM on Monday, a Memorial Mass will be held in St. Barnabas. The original 9/11 services were funerals of loved ones, where we could express our grief, find closure, and search for signs of hope. Remembering 9/11 sixteen years later gives us an opportunity to reflect, re-evaluate, and affirm our faith. Every Mass gives us the assurance that God is still God, and that life will go on.

During the Holocaust in Nazi Germany an inscription was found on the wall of a dark, windowless cellar penned by the hand of an unidentified Jewish person who was living there in hiding. The inscription read: ‘I believe in the sun, even when it is not shining, I believe in love, even when feeling it not, I believe in God, even when God is silent.’ What a great statement of faith in God and in the goodness of life in the midst of darkness. Can we embrace such a trusting faith? Perhaps some meaning can be found in the utterly meaningless and inhumane events of 9/11; perhaps Mass will help us to affirm the goodness of God and the order of creation once again.

At the end of the day on September 11, 2017, may we be able to pray for and envision world peace once again; may God help us do our part to help make it come true. May God be with us now and forevermore, even through the darkest of nights.
What’s Pastor Thinking?

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Back to school

Best year ever!

Today we pray for all those who begin a new school year. For students, teachers, and school staffs; for young people away at college and the parents who miss them; for wisdom, comfort, safety, and joy. Here is a lovely story I came across in the British newspaper ‘The Telegraph.’ It's a reminder that your kids are smarter than you may think.

Apparently the Natural History Museum in London was forced to change a dinosaur display after a 10-year-old boy pointed out a mistake. Charlie Edwards was enjoying a birthday sleepover at the world famous attraction when he noticed the error. Charlie realized a silhouette display which was meant to represent an Oviraptor - a small carnivore with a parrot-like beak - was in fact a completely different dinosaur. Museum staff had mistakenly used a silhouette of a Protoceratops which was a sheep-sized herbivore.

Charlie told his parents - Justin and Jade, both 29, about what he had spotted but their initial reaction was uncertainty as they could not believe it would be the museum's mistake. But the passionate amateur paleontologist refused to back down and after returning home Charlie's family e-mailed The Natural History Museum to see if he was correct.

Jade was delighted to receive a reply confirming that Charlie's instinct was spot-on and the museum even sent him a letter thanking him for his efforts. She said her boy was delighted with his find at the Dino Snores for Kids sleepover which gives youngsters a chance to stay for the night at the world famous museum. She said: “The boys were taking part in the dinosaur trail where the lights are turned off and they go in there with their torches. They look for clues as to what dinosaurs the fossils belong to. Charlie was reading the signs whilst his brother was hunting for the clues and there was what was supposed to be an Oviraptor silhouette next to a human silhouette to show the size difference.”

Charlie said - “That's wrong” - and I said “What do you mean? “ He said, “This part here is not right - that's not an Oviraptor.” I said to him, “This is the Natural History Museum - I know you're really good with your dinosaur information but I'm not sure if you're right.” He was adamant though, saying “I'm telling you, I'm right!” Jade, a full-time mother, added: “They sent him a lovely letter saying that Charlie was correct and they are going to change it. We should have realized he would have been right, he loves his dinosaurs. I am really, really proud of him. Charlie has Aspergers syndrome.”
The Week at a Glance

Sunday:
10:00 AM  Blood Drive, School Cafeteria (til 2:00 PM)
1:30 PM  Baptisms, Church
7:30 PM  Al-Anon, School

Monday:
4:00 PM  Catechist Meeting, Rep Room

Tuesday:
9:30 AM  Prayer Shawl Meeting, Rectory
4:00 PM  Catechist Meeting, Rep Room
7:00 PM  CYO Basketball Sign up, School Lobby
7:30 PM  Respect Life Meeting, Rectory

Wednesday:
4:00 PM  Catechist Meeting, Rep Room
6:30 PM  CYO Basketball Sign up, School Lobby
7:00 PM  8th Grade Parent & Catechist Meeting, HFC
7:00 PM  Rosary Makers, Cafeteria
7:30 PM  Al-Anon, Rectory
8:00 PM  Choir Practice, UC

Thursday:
4:00 PM  Catechist Meeting, Rep Room
6:30 PM  CYO Basketball Sign up, School Lobby
7:00 PM  8th Grade Parent & Catechist Meeting, HFC
7:00 PM  Bible Study, Rectory

Friday:
1:30 PM  Lectio Divina, Rectory
7:00 PM  Lectio Divina, Rectory

Saturday:
8:30 AM  Men’s Prayer Group, HFC
12:30 PM  Confessions, Church
1:30 PM  Baptisms, Church

Our Finances

Parish Families Registered: 5,005
Envelopes Mailed: 1,208  Used 9/4/16: 9/3/17: 539

Catholic Ministries Appeal

Goal: $106,400 Donors: 518
Pledged: $117,617 Received: $102,598

Second Collections in September

This Weekend: Catholic University of America
Next Weekend: Hurricane Harvey Emergency Relief. All funds collected in the St. Barnabas Maintenance & Repair collection, scheduled for that weekend, will also go towards the Hurricane Emergency Relief Fund.
Offering Our Assistance After Hurricane Harvey

Bishop John O. Barres has asked for prayers and a special collection be taken in the parishes to assist those in the Gulf Coast region suffering from the after effects of Hurricane Harvey. This collection will take place in St. Barnabas on the weekend of September 16th and 17th. All funds collected in the St. Barnabas Maintenance & Repair collection, scheduled for that weekend, will go towards the Hurricane Emergency Relief Fund.

Catholic University of America

This week is the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Every dollar given directly supports aid for students from dioceses across the country, including our diocese. Please be generous. The Catholic University of America, located in Washington D.C., is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States. CUA offers students an excellent education in a faith-filled atmosphere that is grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition. Some of our own diocesan priests have received education and have specialized in different ecclesiastical courses and are now serving our Diocese.

Bishop Perez Installed in Cleveland

The day before he left for Ohio, Bishop Nelson Perez, celebrated Mass at St. Isidore parish, Riverhead, where he has resided for the past five years. In July, Pope Francis appointed Bishop Perez, 56, as the new bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland. His installation Mass was held on September 5th at 1:30 PM at St. John Cathedral in downtown Cleveland.

Two Interim Episcopal Vicars

The Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre, appointed two new Interim Episcopal Vicars for the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Reverend Monsignor Richard G. Henning, Rector of the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception and Director of the Sacred Heart Institute and Father Edward Sheridan, Pastor of the Parish of Saint Rosalie, Hampton Bays were appointed Interim Episcopal Vicars. Msgr. Henning will serve as Interim Vicar for the Central Vicariate and Father Sheridan will serve as Interim Vicar for the Eastern Vicariate. They will continue with their current responsibilities. Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski, Auxiliary Bishop, will continue his work in the Western Vicariate and will oversee the work of the Regional Vicars.

Rev. Msgr. Richard Henning is a native of Holy Name of Mary Parish in Valley Stream. He holds a doctorate in Biblical Theology from the University of Saint Thomas Aquinas in Rome. Since 2002, he has served served on the faculty of the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception. In 2012, he was named Rector of the Seminary and Director of the Sacred Heart Institute for the ongoing formation of clergy for the Archdiocese of New York, the Diocese of Brooklyn and the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Msgr. Henning assists on weekends at Saint Patrick’s Church in Bay Shore and administers the summer mission church, Our Lady of the Magnificat at Ocean Beach in Fire Island. Father Sheridan is in his eighth year as Pastor of Saint Rosalie's Parish. He is a graduate of Cathedral College, with a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy and completed his theology at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington with a Master’s Degree in Theology in 2006 and a Master’s Degree in Divinity in 2007. In 2014, he was elected and appointed Dean of the Peconic Deanery with 16 parishes including the North and South Forks of Eastern Long Island. He is a Chaplain and 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, and Chaplain of our Ancient Order of Hibernians at Saint Rosalie’s. He is also Chaplain for the New York State Troopers.
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 list of ministers. A letter asking whether or not you are willing to recommit to your ministry in our parish has been mailed. We also ask that you inform us of your Mass preferences. Please complete the form and return to the rectory.

Liturgical Ministry Training

If you are interested in serving as an EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER TRAINING contact Fr. Adrian.

1. TRAINING is required for all those who are beginning as Ministers.
2. Session “A” is required of ALL Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.
3. Those who minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to homebound persons are required to attend Session “B” in addition to Session “A”.

In Nassau: EM “A” Session and Lectors
October 14, 2017; 9 AM—1 PM
St. Agnes Parish Center, Rockville Centre

“B” session for Extraordinary Ministers
November 4, 2017; 9 AM—1 PM
St. Agnes Parish Center, Rockville Centre

In Suffolk: EM “A” Session and Lectors
October 21, 2017; 9 AM—1 PM
St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays

“B” Session for Extraordinary Ministers
October 28, 2017; 9 AM—1 PM
St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays

EVENING SESSIONS for Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors at St. Elizabeth, Melville
“A” - Wednesday, October 4, 2017; 7:00—10 PM
“B” - Wednesday, October 18, 2017; 7:00—10 PM

RCIA

September begins with a new group of candidates and catechumens who are interested in becoming Catholic. Contact Terry at the rectory for information.

VIRTUS Training

Coaches, Catechists and all Volunteers. St. Barnabas will be holding a VIRTUS Training Program on Thursday, September 21st at 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 year. 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”, and when prompted for the organization select “Rockville Centre, NY” then the session you wish to attend.
Blood Drive
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 McDonald’s coupon for donating!

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.

Catholic Girl Scout Awards
Our parish has a Girl Scout Religious Award program for 1st grade Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors. Daisies work on their award with their families and all others meet with an advisor. Daisies and Brownies receive their medals on Girl Scout Sunday in March and the other levels receive their medals from the Bishop at the Girl Scout Convocation in May. For information please contact Judith Hughes at 781-8040 for grades 4 thru 6 and

Girl Scout Pray and Play Day
Join us for a day of prayer, handicrafts and fun on 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.

Back to School
It’s that time of year again 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.

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 28th 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.
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, 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
Individuals, companies and other organizations will
have the opportunity to register their SPIN or Zumba teams at https://www.exercise4others.org/. You can also just donate to the cause online at 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/. For more information contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 678-5800, ext. 264.

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 Disabled Adults will be held on 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
In today’s Gospel, Jesus says: “Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Giving and receiving corrections is one of the hardest things we can do. Some strong motivation usually has to be present in order for corrections to be given or received and true reconciliation take place. The last line of the gospel gives us a clue as to what underlying motivation is really the strongest. Our strongest motivation urging us to chartable correction is the fact that we share a common identity of being the body of Christ. If you know of anybody living in the parish who is in need of assistance, please call 785-6243. St. Vincent de Paul is waiting to help.

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 554-7575 with questions.

Catechetical Congress 2017
‘Living as Missionary Disciples’. Registration for the Catechetical Congress is still 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.’ Remit payments to: Diocese of Rockville Centre, Attn: Carolann Malinowski, Office of Faith Formation, 50 North Park Avenue, Rockville Centre.

St. Barnabas Rosary Makers
The St. Barnabas Rosary Makers are dedicated to promoting the mission of our Blessed Mother which is the message of the Rosary. Our goal is to teach and spread this sacred devotion, first by making rosaries, and then sending them to different countries throughout the world. We are looking to invite new members to join our group. The St. Barnabas Rosary Makers meet every Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM in the School cafeteria.

The Year of Fatima
100 years after the last appearance in Fatima by Our Lady, she still encourages us to pray the rosary as a family. A beautiful pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima is now available to anyone who would like to invite her into their home for a week to pray the rosary with their family. Please call Vin Murray at 781-7846 to reserve a time.

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.

The Men of the Way of the Light
In today's readings, we learn that God commands us to love one another and to help each other turn away from sin. But how do we do this without judging and without pushing people further away? Join the members of the St. Barnabas Men's Prayer Group on
Saturday, September 16th, as we discuss the ways we can keep each other on the right path and how we can reach out to those around us. We are not alone, and together, great things can happen! "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Mt. 18:20. We will be meeting in the Nazareth Room in the lower church immediately after the 8:00 AM Mass. Please join us for Christian fellowship and spiritual renewal (and a bagel breakfast!). If you can't, please pray for our group. For more info contact Fred Kreuder: 987-5350; email: stbampg@aol.com Visit our facebook page: "The Way of Light - The St. Barnabas the Apostle Men's Prayer Group."

Fr. 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 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.

The Pope's Choir is Coming to NYC
The oldest, most famous choir in the world is coming to St. Patrick’s Cathedral on Saturday, September 16th at 7:00 PM! This is the first time in over 30 years! Suggested donation is $50. Get your tickets at www.sistinechapelustour.com.

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.

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.

The Annual St. Agnes Lecture
In Pastoral Theology

TRUE REFORMERS
THE CATHOLIC COUNTER REFORMATION 500 YEARS LATER

Lecture by Dr. Tim Gray
President of the Augustine Institute

Augustine Institute
Understanding, Living, and Sharing Your Faith

Sunday, September 24th at 4pm
Chaminade H.S. Hearst Auditorium
Located in the Chaminade Activities & Athletic Center

For information and registration, please call the Sacred Heart Institute at 631-423-0483 or office@cor-jesu.org

Sponsored by the Sacred Heart Institute, The Education Department of the Diocese of Rockville Centre and Chaminade High School
Life Center of LI Job Opportunity
The Life Center is looking for a full time fundraising professional as their Director of Development. Criteria includes, but is not limited to, sharing our life-affirming beliefs; leading our efforts to generate revenue with new partners by executing a disciplined new business development strategy, such as: annual giving, special events, outreach to new and existing individual donors, business and corporate fundraising, civic and foundation support, workplace giving. Create and implement annual development plan and planned giving program. To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to Gloria Schreiber, Executive Director at gschreiber@lifecenterli.org or mail to 35 East Willow Street, Massapequa 11758.

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.

Eucharistic Retreat Day
Join the Missionaries of The Most Holy Eucharist for a Eucharistic Retreat Day on Sunday, September 17th from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington. The day includes Hot Breakfast & Lunch, Rosary, Spiritual Meditations, Holy Mass, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction. Space is limited and registration is required and may be done by emailing MostHolyEucharist@gmail.com or call (631)629-6514. The offering is $35.

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 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.
Offering various retreats:
⇒ Word Alive: Praying with the Words of Christ -
on Monday, September 18th from 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM. Reflect on the words of giants of faith who light the path to spiritual living. $20.

⇒ Finding God in the Story of Your Life - Thursday, September 21st from 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM. Come explore the movement of the spirit of God in the story of your life. Discover how sharing that story can multiply your blessings! $50 (includes lunch).

⇒ Faith & Film Festival: Romero on Thursday September 28th; two showings at 12:30 PM & 7:00 PM. $10.

⇒ Praying with St. Ignatius: Introduction to Ignatian Prayer. A unique eight-week, guided prayer experience for small groups, modeled on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Each meeting teaches and reinforces specific prayer practices. Tuesdays, September 19th & 26th, October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st and November 7th at 7:30 PM. $120.

For further information, call 627-9255. Call 627-9255 or visit www.olgretreat.com.

**Catholics for Freedom of Religion**

Religious Persecution - 2016 Worst Year on Record!

Before that, the worst year was 2015 and before that, 2014, reported the Center for Studies on New Religions. Christians killed for their faith have been in the tens of thousands and as many as 600 million were prevented from practicing their faith through “intimidation, forced conversions, bodily harm or even death.” Persecution is at historic levels and getting worse. North Korea tops the list of offenders but Islamic countries account for nearly all major persecution of Christians. Some of the world’s oldest Christian communities are simply going extinct due to the continuing Syrian civil war and the aggression of ISIS throughout the Middle East. Now Russia has been included in a new global report from the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom. “Not only has Russia continually intensified its repression of religious freedom at home,” the commissioners wrote, “it has also expanded its repressive policies to territories of a neighboring countries (Crimea and eastern Ukraine) where ‘religious freedom is at the whim of armed militias not beholden to any legal authority.’ “The right to practice any faith, or have no faith, is a fundamental human right of all people, no matter where they live,” said Sen. James Lankford. He is concerned that America’s hostility to religious liberty at home has led to incredible indifference abroad.

**Catholic High Schools Open Houses**

You are invited to explore the benefits of a Catholic High School Education. Please feel free to visit the following schools during the times and dates listed.

Saturday, September 23rd,
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM: Our Lady of Mercy Academy

Saturday, September 30th,
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Sacred Heart Academy

Sunday, October 1st -
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM: St. Anthony’s HS
12:00 PM - 2:30 PM: Holy Trinity Dioc. HS

Saturday, October 14th -
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Kellenberg Memorial HS
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM: Chaminade HS

Sunday, October 15th -
2:00 PM - 4:30 PM: St. Mary’s HS

Saturday, October 21st -
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM: McGann-Mercy Dioc. HS

Sunday, October 22nd -
10:30 AM - 2:00 PM: St. John the Baptist Dioc. HS
1:00 PM - 3:30 PM: St. Dominic HS

**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.

**Wine Tasting Expo**

Kellenberg Memorial High School will sponsor this event on Saturday, September 30th from 6:00 PM -
9:00 PM. It will be an evening of delicious food from some of Long Island’s eateries, fine wine tasting and craft beers. The cost is $40 (advance purchase) and $50 at the door. There will also be various raffle prizes. Visit www.kellenberg.org/expo to purchase tickets. For more information call 292-0200 ext.245.

**Bishop McDonnell HS Reunion**
The Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School Class of 1952 will be celebrating it’s 65th Reunion with a Mass and Luncheon at Our Lady of Mercy Academy, Syosset on October 15th. For information, please contact Fran at 798-6684 or email frances1960@msn.com by October 1st.

**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 (Posthumous). For information visit HS.STDOMS.ORG/HALLOFFAME or call 922-4488 ext. 2225.

**Dominican Village Chinese Auction**
Come Celebrate with us on Friday, October 6th at the 11th Annual Chinese Auction from 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM at Dominican Village located at 565 Albany Ave., Amityville in the Helen Butler, O.P. Hall. Dinner tickets are $45 and the Wine & Pull is $10 per pull.

**St. Raphael Support Groups**
- Cancer Survivors Support Group: How do I cope with Cancer? How do others cope? Join a warm, supportive group of people who are dealing with all types of cancer and stages, with a trained facilitator. COME and meet some friends on Tuesday afternoons (every OTHER week starting September 5th from 1:30 - 3:00 PM in the Church). Call 308-3088 for more information.
- Initial Bereavement Support Group: For death of a spouse, or other family member. GENERAL group. Starting the week of September 17th on Wednesday afternoons, for 7 weeks.
- Support Group for Families of Loved Ones Struggling With Mental Health: Tuesday, September 26th from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Led by trained facilitators. The group is for support of a family member or friend ONLY. For information call 221-6168. All take place at St. Raphael Church, East Meadow.

**Parish Trip to Radio City Music Hall**
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.

**Birthright**
Pregnant? Need Help? Birthright has a 24 hour hotline for anyone needing assistance and loving support during pregnancy. Call (800) 550-4900. The following locations have direct numbers: Wantagh 785-4070; Islip (631) 277-3888; Hampton Bays (631) 728-8900; Southhold (631) 876-5138; and Rocky Point (631) 821-9727.

**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.

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.

Please Support our Bulletin
Baptism at St. Barnabas

If you wish to arrange a baptism at St. Barnabas, 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**

First time parents need to attend a Baptism Class. A class 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 to attend only one class.

The dates for class 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.

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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:**

**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
WELCOME BACK

10:15 Family Mass resumes September 17th

The family Mass is a great place to introduce young children to Mass. Here are a few ministries. Why not get involved and join our family?

Lector
Lectors proclaim the Word of God. Children must be age 10 or older to participate as a Junior Lector. Lead Lectors need to be age 14 or older. All lectors need to attend a brief training session.

Greeters
We need to meet welcoming people when we arrive at mass, who hand out books and bulletins. Children age 7 and up are welcome to participate.

Ushers
Assist with the collection and other activities. Adults or children age 16 and older are welcome.

Music Ministry
We are always looking for new singers and instrumentalists (adults and children, ages 6 and up).

Hospitality Sunday
On the second Sunday of every month parishioners are invited to enjoy coffee, tea, juice, milk, bagels as well as other tasty treats purchased or made by parishioners. Hospitality Sunday is a great place to reconnect with old friends and make some new ones as well. Each month on Hospitality Sunday we will have a special craft or activity for children that relates to the liturgical season.

Costume Ministry
We have a large selection of children’s costumes for annual presentations including The Story of the First Christmas, Holy Thursday for Children, Good Friday – Stations of the Cross for Children, as well as other activities. The Costume Ministry helps sew, repair and maintain St. Barnabas costumes. Many are in need of repair and we could really use some helping hands.

Hospitality Ministry
We need families to sign up to bring a homemade or store brought treat for Hospitality Sunday and/or help with set up/clean up.

There will be an information table in the Holy Family Chapel on Sunday, September 17th if you would like to sign up for any of the activities above. You can also email stbarnabasfamilyliturgy@gmail.com for information.
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.

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 17, 2017. The 2017 theme will be "Living as Missionary Disciples." Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Catechists Needed

Mondays 4:30 - 5:30pm
1 Catechist for Level 3

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 6
Eighth Grade Parents Meeting: ‘Preparing for Confirmation 2018’
7 PM Wednesday, September 13th or Thursday, September 14th

GRADE 7

WEDNESDAY
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
or
THURSDAY
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

GRADE 8

WEDNESDAY
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
or
THURSDAY
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

October 4, 2017
October 18, 2017
November 8, 2017
November 9, 2017
November 29, 2017
December 13, 2017
January 3, 2018
January 17, 2018
Confirmation Retreat, January 27th 2018
January 31, 2018
Rite of Enrollment, February 10th & 11th 2018
February 28, 2018
March 14, 2018
April 11, 2018
April 25, 2018
Confirmation May 2018
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.

This past week we welcomed back our students and their families. It is truly exciting to watch the school come alive! Please pray for our school community as we embark on the new school year. This year is planned for success! We are embracing our faith while embracing the challenges and experiences of a new school year. We have new technology, students, teachers, programs and more to EMBRACE!

“He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”
Isaiah 40:29-31 29

Upcoming SEAS Events

September 11 - First Day of Kindergarten  
9/11 Remembrance Service
September 12 - Nursery Class Begins
September 13 - SEAS Father’s Club Meeting @ 7:30
September 15 - Block Party @ 6pm
September 21 - D3 Dress down Day
September 27 - SPIRIT Board Meeting @ 7pm
Yankee Candle Fundraiser begins

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!
Back to School Word Search

SCHOOL  BOOKS  COMPUTERS
TEACHER  CRAYONS  PLAYGROUND
STUDENT  READING  CLASSROOM
DESK  MATH  BUS
PENCIL  SCIENCE  GYM
PAPER  ART  LUNCH
RULER  MUSIC

Connect the dots.
A  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  I  J  K  L  M  N  O

Find and circle these hidden letters.
CHRIST

[Image of a cartoon teacher and student]
Jesus said, “If 2 of you agree about anything you ask, it will be done by My Father.”

How do we ask God for things?

Prayer

“...or 2 people along to help sort things out.”

Back to School Crossword Puzzle!

Across:
2 midday meal
6 person you learn from
8 tool for writing; has an eraser
11 time when you just have fun!
12 a little meal
14 get some exercise in this class
16 a, b, c,...
17 class where you make pretty things
18 helps you if you are sick or hurt

Down:
1 measure with this
3 blank book to write in
4 class that involves experimenting
5 book you learn from
7 tell stories on paper
9 fellow students
10 place with lots of books
13 you are in school to
15 class that involves equations
Where Two or Three Come Together

Jesus taught His disciples a lesson about getting along with other people.

Fill in the missing portions of the letters to read a lesson Jesus told.

If another member of the church sins against you, talk with that person privately.

What if the person doesn’t listen?

Use the code to find out.

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On each line, write the letter that is missing from the series below it.

K L N W X Z L M O C G U V H R S I U G J

Where should you go if the person still does not listen?

Shade in all the blocks with a ◆.