THE FREEDOM OF FORGIVENESS

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**Business & Personnel**  
Mr. John G. Nappi

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www.Facebook.com/St-Barnabas
Today the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday. The 2017 theme is "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.

**Prayer for Catechists**

O God, our Heavenly Father, you have given us the gift of these catechists to be heralds of the Gospel to our parish family. We lift them up to you in thanksgiving and intercede for them concerning their hopes and needs. May we be attentive to the presence of your Word in them, a Word that lifts up and affirms, calls forth and challenges, is compassionate and consoles. We pray that our parish family will always be blessed with those who have responded to the call to share in Christ’s prophetic mission as catechists. May we too, be open to the universal call to service that Christ addresses to all of his disciples, contributing our gifts to the communion of faith, the Church. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Bishop John O. Barres has asked for prayers and a special collection be taken in the parishes to assist those suffering from the after effects of Hurricane Harvey.

This second collection will take place at St. Barnabas this weekend.

All funds collected in the St. Barnabas Maintenance & Repair collection, scheduled for this weekend, will go towards the Hurricane Emergency Relief Fund.
Today’s gospel is about forgiveness. According to Jesus, forgiveness cashes out in real life by making us friends with God, family and each other. Forgiveness gives us a new freedom to be and do what God wants us to be and do. Forgiveness creates a new future in which we live in the sure hope that the peace we already experience in Church will one day cover this world.

Friends, family, freedom and a future - that’s what God is all about.

The story is told of President Lincoln who was once asked how he would treat rebellious southerners after the Civil War was over. The questioner clearly expected Lincoln to opt for some form of retribution or vengeance. However he was taken aback when the President replied, “I will treat them as if they had never been away.” We can love like that too.

Too many people believe that God is always holding our sins and misdeeds against us. How tragic! How demoralizing! Not much freedom there? Forgiveness opens up to us a new future. As friends and family of a God who sets us free, we now long for a full experience to that freedom for us as well as for all God’s creation. We know the best is yet to come, so we live joyfully and hopefully, sharing the good news that has come to us.

There’s a story about a Church custodian’s discovery one Monday morning when he went to clean the Church. Instead of finding the usual fare - forgotten umbrellas, glasses and bulletins covered with children’s drawings - he found something very different indeed. In a middle pew on the right side of the Church lay a discouraged man’s anger towards God. On the back left pew sat a woman’s profound disappointment and fear over an uncertain future. Further down the pew lay a middle-aged father’s feelings of failure. Across the aisle the custodian found a young couple’s lukewarm commitment. On the front row he discovered an old man’s fear of death. In the corner, so small he could barely see it, lay a young person’s sins. On other pews he found jealousy, bitterness, pride, fear and doubt. The custodian was not sure what to with all this - but finally he swept it up - all those wounds, hurts, fears and sins - and threw them away.

That story is our story. Or if it isn’t, it can be. Because God has forgiven us and made us His friends and His family, and freed us and given us a new future. We can walk away from all that binds and shackles us. Just walk away. Take this truth to heart. Look into the face of God this day and see here His joyous welcome. You are forgiven - fully and completely. Past, present, and future. You are God’s friends, indeed, His beloved children. You are free, truly free to live for God’s future now, instead of being mired in the ever-repeating cycle of the past.

What will you leave behind today?
We Pray for Our Deceased
Rosemary Grandwilliams
Thomas Walter Lukas

The Sanctuary Lamp
Is lit in loving memory of Bernard O’Neil and Mary Murphy from Barbara O’Neil.

We Pray for Our Sick

The Week at a Glance

Sunday:
12:00 PM Catechetical Mass
1:30 PM Baptisms, Church
6:00 PM Pre Cana Opening, HFC
7:30 PM Al-Anon, School

Monday:
7:30 PM Charismatic Prayer Group, HFC

Tuesday:
1:00 PM Friendly Seniors, HFC
4:30 PM Kellenberg Catechist Meeting, Rep Room
7:00 PM Family Music

Wednesday:
7:00 PM Rosary Makers, Cafeteria
7:30 PM Al-Anon, Rectory
8:00 PM Choir Practice, UC

Thursday:
4:30 PM Kellenberg Catechist Meeting, Rep Room
7:00 PM Virtus Training, Holy Family Chapel
7:00 PM Bible Study, Rectory

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

Saturday:
8:00 AM Anointing, Church
12:30 PM Confessions, Church
1:30 PM Baptisms, Church

Our Finances
9/11/16: $18,301 9/10/17: $16,790
Parish Families Registered: 5,005
Envelopes Mailed: 1,218 Used 9/11/16: 574 9/10/17: 602

Catholic Ministries Appeal
Goal: $106,400 Donors: 518
Pledged: $117,617 Received: $102,843

Second Collections in September
This Weekend: Hurricane Harvey Emergency Relief. All funds collected in the St. Barnaba Maintenance & Repair collection, will also go towards the Hurricane Emergency Relief Fund.

September 23rd & 24th St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility
Pre Cana 2017 Fall Schedule

Opening: Sunday, September 17th at 6:00 PM, Holy Family Chapel
FOCCUS Online: Monday, September 18th to Friday, September 22nd
FOCCUS Review: Monday, September 25th to Friday, September 29th
In Home: Sunday, October 1st to Sunday, November 12th
Closing Mass: 5:00 PM Sunday, November 19th.

Father Adrian will officiate and introduce the couples to the congregation and they will receive their gifts.

6:00 PM, Refreshments in the Holy Family Chapel.

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.

Caring for our Senior Priests
Do you ever think about a favorite Pastor or Parish Priest and wonder how they are and where they may be living? Well, for our Senior Priests who are living at St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility in Amityville, life is good and sometimes very busy.

“St. Pius X is an inspiring and friendly place. I am
happy to be here. The care and company are excellent and I am with priests who have done wonderful things their whole lives.” - Rev. Edward Kealey

“Coming here was a very happy surprise!!! The service is wonderful but the human touch is outstanding. It is amazing how attentive the staff is.” - Rev. Peter Liu

Even in retirement our senior priests retain roles as our shepherds, and St. Pius X enables these dedicated men who live there to be fully engaged members of the community. “Still on duty,” they serve as our teachers, counselors, and spiritual leaders.

The special collection for retired priests living at St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility will take place next weekend. Please be as generous as possible! Thank You! www.drvc.org/stpius

**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.

**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.

**Liturical 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

**Widows and Widowers**

New member orientation is on Wednesday, September 27th at 7:30 PM at St. Frances De Chantal School in Wantagh. The meetings are held every 4th Wednesday. Bring proof of single status to join. Refreshments served after meeting. For further information, call Carol at 794-4933 or Barbara at 798-2858.

**Bereavement Support Group**

This Fall, our Bereavement Support Group will meet on Tuesday evenings Beginning October 3rd at 7:30 PM in the rectory meeting room. This is an eight week program, conducted be trained facilitators. If you have experienced the loss of a spouse, please consider being with us, and know that you will be most welcome. The grieving process is often made easier by sharing with others who have been through the same experience For additional information, call Alice Witt at Social Ministry at 785-6243.

**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.
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
The challenge in today's Gospel, is to forget how others have behaved toward us and look to God's way of living and forgiving. Our focus must be on God. Forgiving another - not focusing on our hurt or other's transgression but on the loveableness of the other - is so difficult! The challenge of this gospel is to forget how others have behaved toward us and look to God’s way of loving and forgiving us. May the Lord through the intercession of His Virgin Mother give us the grace of seeing more clearly the need we have of offering and receiving daily forgiveness. Please support St. Vincent de Paul “Walk for the Poor.” All money collected will remain in the parish to help our poor and needy.

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

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/.

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.

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.

**Blood Drive**
Sister Edward Joseph, CSJ Parish Social Ministry  
Semi-annual blood drive will be held on Sunday, October 29th from 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM at Sacred Heart School Auditorium, 730 Merrick Avenue. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call Maureen at 379-8123.

**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.

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.

**St. Joseph’s Seminary and College Master of Arts Program**
Programs open to qualified lay men and women, consecrated religious, and priests. Four locations to meet the needs of students in Yonkers, Huntington, Douglaston, and Poughkeepsie. All new students receive a 50% discount on their first class. Visit our website at www.dunwoodie.edu or contact our Associate Deans in the Academic Office, Donna Eschenauer at (914) 367-8280 or Christine Hammill-Cregan at (631)423-0483, ext. 130.

**Part Time School Aide Needed**
St. William the Abbott School in Seaford is seeking a Part Time Preschool Aide. If you have the energy, are faith-filled and love little ones, please contact Mrs. Elizabeth Bricker, Principal at 785-6784.

**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  
Monday, October 9th, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Regis High School  
Saturday, October 14th, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Kellenberg Memorial 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

**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**
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.

**Sisters of St. Dominic Annual Gala**
Many of you know the Dominican Sisters of Amityville through their ministry in schools, health facilities, parish affiliations, etc. This year, we celebrate and honor those whose daily dedication and hard work foster the creation of a caring community. The Dominican Gala will be held on October 26th, at the Crest Hollow Country Club, to benefit the ministries of our Sisters. For further information about our 50/50 raffle or a listing in the 2017 Dominican Gala Journal, please contact Mary Fuchs, Director of Advancement, at (631) 842-6000 ext. 241.

**Dominican Village Chinese Auction**
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**
- 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.

**Desert Bread**
Join the friends of the Seminary on Sunday afternoons in October for a workshop series presented by Professor Annabelle Moseley. Just as the Israelites were nourished in the desert with bread from heaven, we will nourish the soul as well as the body, exploring the rich treasure trove of art, literature and music unique to our Catholic faith.
From 2:00 - 4:30 PM; October 1st, 22nd and 29th. Cost is $25 per session or $60 for all three in advance. For information and reservations contact the Seminary Development Office at (631) 423-0483 ext. 102 or email bmalone@icseminary.edu.

**Stand Up For Life**

On Respect Life Sunday – October 1st 2:00 to 3:30 PM join Long Island’s Premier Pro Life Event. In only an hour you will help save a life! Join us at our 20th Anniversary. Stand Up For Life in front of the Walt Whitman Mall at Routes 110 & 25 in Huntington, in Manorville, LIE Ex. 70S on County Rd. 111. Family Friendly event. Rain or Shine Signs are provided at site (no graphic signs) as we stand in peaceful witness on the public sidewalk. For more info: Huntington call Jack O’Brien 516-724-6821, Manorville call Peter Bertran 631-289-2095. Sponsored by L.I. Coalition for Life

**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.

**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.

**Catholics for Freedom of Religion**

Gov. Sam Brownback, KS, has been nominated as ambassador - at - large under the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998, designed as a “champion of conscience rights, helping government officials in the U.S. and abroad recognize the link between religious freedom and peace.” “The position is necessary to maintain American leadership in assisting millions of individuals and minorities suffering religious persecution around the world.” “Three quarters of the world’s population live in countries with significant restrictions on religious freedom,” said Rabbi David Saperstein, recent ambassador-at-large. As rates of religious persecution rose around the world, he pushed to get prisoners of conscience released, blasphemy laws repealed and the Islamic State’s actions in Iraq and Syria classified as genocide. “There’s a lot of work to be done, and country by country we do make improvements.” “Religious Freedom is the first freedom; the choice of what you do with your own soul. I am honored to serve such an important cause,” said Gov. Brownback.

**Walk Across Long Island**

Join Good Shepherd Hospice for our annual walks: Saturday, October 21st in Long Beach and Sunday, October 22nd in Port Jefferson. For more information, call Anna at 425-1914 or email Krista at Krista.Sarubbi@chsli.org.

**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.
- 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.

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 our 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. Classes are 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, (10:30 Mass for July 8, August 12 and September 9) October 14, November 11, December 9.
10:15 Mass resumes today, 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. Greeters 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.

Check the information table in the Holy Family Chapel on Sunday, September 17th if you would like to sign up for any of the activities above.

stbarnabasfamilyliturgy@gmail.com
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
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
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Welcome Back!

Religious Education Classes for levels Kindergarten through 6th will begin the week of September 25th. Placement letters for all families that registered were mailed.

We are also looking for adults to work one on one or in a small group environment.

We have a few students that need either a one-on-one learning environment or a small group environment that needs someone to work with them. Please call the Office of Christian Formation (516) 785-0130 to volunteer or to receive more information.

We are also looking for Adult Volunteers to be 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 without volunteers to teach, hall monitor, and help at the attendance table in the lobby.

Thank You.

Catechists Needed

Mondays 4:30 - 5:30pm

Catechist for Level 2
Catechist for Level 3
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
October 26, 2017
November 8, 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

Confirmation Retreat, January 27th 2018
January 31, 2018

Rite of Enrollment, February 10th & 11th 2018
February 14, 2018
March 14, 2018
April 11, 2018
April 25, 2018

Confirmation May 2018
What a busy first week of school we have had!

It was exciting to watch the school building transform in preparation for the new year. Thank you to the teachers, administrators, janitors, and parents for all your hard work. It is truly a blessing when the school comes alive with happiness, anticipation, and love as the students return and reunite. Keep us in your prayers as we EMBRACE our new school year and all the exciting things to come!
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!
The Servant Who Would Not Forgive

A king was collecting what was owed him. One man could not pay. The king forgave him his debt.

Circle the differences in the 2nd picture.

The servant found another person who owed him. But he would not forgive him his debt.

Find and count. 2 or 3? 4 or 5?
Across
2. The servant owed the king ____ thousand bags of gold.
3. When he saw his fellow servant, he grabbed him by the _____, demanding that he repay his debt.
5. The king had compassion on the servant and ______ all of his debt.
6. Because the servant could not pay back his debt, the king wanted to turn him and his family into _____.

Down
1. The unforgiving servant had his fellow servant thrown into _____ until his debt could be re-paid.
2. The king was furious and threw the servant into jail, and had him _____ until he could repay every last cent.
4. “You _____ servant,” the king said. “I canceled all of your debt because you begged me to.”
6. The servant’s fellow servant owed him a _____ amount of money.
7. The king expected the servant to treat his fellow servant in the _____ way.

Forgiving Makes Us Happy
The Servant Who Would Not Forgive

Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” How did Jesus answer?

Add and subtract letters to find out.

1. pencil = __________

2. himbl + aligat + - amp = __________

3. arn + frg + mg = __________

4. un + las + dou +Arn + kot = __________

Then Jesus told a story.

Use the bank of word parts to complete the story.

hea_______ vants set_______

ow_______ ter ught

pi_______ im bt

ab_______ ted dom

The king_______ of_______ven is like a king who wan_______ to_______ile accounts with his ser_______ . A man who ed him was bro_______ to him. He was not____le to pay.

The mas_______ took____ty on him, canceled his de_______ and let h_______ go.

But the servant was not so kind to one of his debtors. The master called the servant in again. What did he say?

Use the numbers on the coins to find the correct words to write on the lines below.

_______

21 9 13 2 7

24 26 12 11 14

17 27 10 6 8

4 1 16 20 19

18 5 22 15 23

_____ 25

Find the underlined words in the word search below.

They can be ________

“This is how My heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive each other from your heart.”