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March 15, 2020

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Saturday 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM
Sunday 8:15 AM - 8:45 AM

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Celebrated on the fourth Saturday of
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The water I give shall provide ETERNAL LIFE.
Whoever drinks of this water, shall never thirst.

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The Salvation of Souls is the Supreme Law

March 15, 2020
Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday Readings Hymnal # 814

To place a notice in our Bulletin email stbapostle@gmail.com.
To place an advertisement on our cover call The Church Bulletin at (631) 249-4994.

Monday, March 16
Fr. Shaju 6:30 AM  Robert & Veronica Young
Fr. Jeff 9:00 AM  Danny Gasparro, Livio Reich, Linda Puccio
5th Grade attending

Tuesday, March 17
Fr. Shaju 6:30 AM  Thomas & Margaret Holian
Fr. Jeff 9:00 AM  Esther Leahy
2nd Grade attending

Wednesday, March 18
Fr. Jeff 6:30 AM  Joseph Valle, Sr.
Fr. Michael 9:00 AM  Intentions of Sarah Abbatangelo
6th Grade attending

Thursday, March 19
Fr. Michael 6:30 AM  Meghan Alice Roach
Fr. Jeff 9:00 AM  Sr. Anne, Mary Fitzpatrick & Sr. Clare Dowling

Friday, March 20
Fr. Michael 6:30 AM  Sister Lumiere
Fr. Shaju 9:00 AM  Dolores Meadows

Saturday, March 21
Fr. Jeff 8:00 AM  Patricia Brennan
Fr. Michael 4:30 PM  Deceased Members of the Andersen Family, Raymond Vogts,
                     Deceased Members of the Martin Family, Jackie Ferriso,
                     Jacoba Cortezis, Joseph McNulty
Fr. Shaju 7:00 PM  Edward Walsh

Sunday, March 22
Fr. Michael 7:00 AM  Joseph Agostinacchio
Fr. Jeff 9:00 AM  Anne Gorry
Fr. Shaju 10:15 AM  Edward Cuchel
Fr. Michael 10:30 AM  Jack Burke
Fr. Jeff 12:00 PM  Mary D’Amico
Fr. Shaju 5:00 PM  For the People of Our Parish
My dear friends in Jesus and Mary,

As we all know, there has been a growing concern and even fear in the last few weeks with the spread of the coronavirus. It is important for everyone to understand that we all must do our part to help contain the spread of the virus.

As it was announced last week, the sign of peace has been removed. All those who serve in Mass in any capacity are expected to wash their hands before and after Mass with soap and water. Eucharistic Ministers are urged to wash their hands before and after they distribute Holy Communion.

If you have any hesitations in serving Mass whether you are a Eucharistic Minister, usher, lector, or cantor, please consider refraining from serving Mass for the time being.

I have asked all altar servers for the time being to not serve Mass. Furthermore, the meetings for the altar servers this month have been postponed.

The hospitality breakfast for St. Joseph’s and St. Patrick’s Day has been canceled.

If you are sick, it would be best to stay home and not attend Mass. Those who are ill are dispensed from their Sunday obligation of attending Mass.

Finally, the most important thing we can do to help contain the coronavirus is to pray and unite ourselves to Jesus in the Holy Mass.

In the midst of this virus, which is a physical evil, diseases have been part of our salvation history from the very beginning. The Church has dealt with diseases, viruses, and even plagues before. This is not something new although the fast spread of it is. The Church will confront this through prayer, fasting, and supplication. In the midst of this virus, there is nothing more powerful and efficacious than the Holy Mass. The prayers of our Lady, the angels, and saints will comfort us and help us to persevere through this. The Heart of Jesus will be with us.

On March 11th, which was a day of fasting for the Diocese of Rome, Pope Francis entrusted the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Health of the Sick, to intercede for the whole world during this pandemic. Here is the prayer of Pope Francis:

O Mary, you shine continuously along our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the Cross were near to the pain of Jesus, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman people, know what we need, and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that, as at Cana of Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us, He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and took up our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

It is through the Cross of our Lord in which we are united closer to Jesus and to one another. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me or any of the priests.

In Jesus and Mary,

[Signature]
We Pray for Our Deceased
Frank Jacono  
Steve Triola  
Mark Oraa

We Pray for Our Sick

Special Collections
This Weekend - Maintenance & Repairs  
March 22nd - Catholic Relief Services

We Pray for Our Sick

The Week Ahead
Monday:  
7:30 PM Charismatic Prayer Group, HFC  
Tuesday:  
12:30 PM Friendly Seniors, HFC  
6:30 PM - 7:00 PM Confessions  
7:00 PM Lenten Series, HFC

Wednesday:
7:30 PM RCIA, Convent Room  
7:00 PM CHOSEN L7, HFC  
7:00 PM Al-Anon, Rectory  
7:00 PM Lenten Mass, Church  
7:30 PM Choir Practice, Church

Thursday:
7:00 PM CHOSEN L7, HFC  
7:00 PM Bible Study, Rectory  
7:30 PM Men’s Holy Hour, Church

Friday:
1:30 PM Stations of the Cross, Church  
7:00 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Image Event

Saturday:
11:30 AM Reconciliation, L 5 & 6  
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Confessions

Sunday:
8:15 AM - 8:45 AM Confessions  
7:30 PM Al Anon, School

Catholic Daughters Bake Sale - The Bake Sale for this weekend has been postponed.

Our Finances
3/8/20: $16,262  
3/10/19: $15,439

Parish Families Registered: 5,032

Envelopes Mailed: 1,360

Used: 3/8/20: 511  
3/10/19: 532

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2020

Goal: $116,200  
Donors: 224  
Pledged: $48,128  
Received: $33,118
Our Lady of Guadalupe Intercessor of the Unborn

To help stop the anti-life push in the world, the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen encouraged the spiritual adoption of an unborn child. This is done by praying that one particular but unknown child’s life be spared abortion and be allowed to continue to live.

To help accomplish this, it was recommended, an individual say the following daily prayer for a period of one year.

“So Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.”

During your earthly life this spiritually adopted child of yours will be known only to God but in the world to come it is hoped that you will meet the child whose life was spared by your prayers and spend eternal happiness with them.

**Prayerful Witness as a Parish:**

Monthly prayerful presence at **Planned Parenthood**
540 Fulton Avenue, Hempstead 11550

**February 26th thru April 5th** during the hours of 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM - You are invited to join other Christians in peacefully praying for the unborn during a **40-day Vigil** outside Planned Parenthood, 540 Fulton Ave., Hempstead.

**First Saturday of the month:**

Join us here at St. Barnabas at 9:00 AM at the Garden of Our Lady or in the Church, depending on weather.
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Fridays @ 1:30 PM

RECONCILIATION
MONDAY to FRIDAY after 9:00 AM Mass
   Every Tuesday - 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM
   Every Saturday - 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM
   Every Sunday - 8:15 AM to 8:45 AM
   Monday, April 6th - 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM
   Holy Thursday, April 9th - 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM
   Good Friday, April 10th - 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM
   Holy Saturday, April 11th - 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

LENTEN EVENING MASS
Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM - March 18th, 25th, April 1st & 8th

HOLY WEEK APRIL 5th - 11th

PALM SUNDAY, April 5th
   VIGIL: 4:30 PM, 7:00 PM
   7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:15 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM

HOLY THURSDAY, April 9th
   Morning Prayer 9:00 AM
   Children’s Service 3:00 PM
   Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY, April 10th
   Morning Prayer 9:00 AM
   Outdoor Stations 12:00 PM
   The Lord’s Passion 3:00 PM
   Evening Service 7:30 PM

HOLY SATURDAY, April 11th
   Morning Prayer 9:00 AM
   Easter Vigil 7:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, April 12th
   7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:15 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM
MISSIONARY IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF GAUDALUPE
COMING TO ST. BARNABAS

Friday March 20th

7:00 - 8:00 PM  Veneration of Image, Rosary, Confession Available

8:00 - 9:00 PM Holy Mass

9:00 - 10:00 PM Veneration of the Image in the Church
MISSIONARY IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
VISITS LONG ISLAND AND NYC
FEBRUARY 21 TO APRIL 20

Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared in Mexico as the pregnant Mother of God to Saint Juan Diego, a Chicemeca Indian, on December 9, 10 and 12, 1531. She left a Miraculous Image of her appearance on his tilma (cloak), which still exists today for all to see in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City.

The Missionary Images of Our Lady of Guadalupe are the only four images in the world commissioned by the Basilica Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City to journey as Missionary Images on a Mission in the New Evangelization to bring conversions and a Culture of Life and Civilization of Love, for which St. John Paul II prayed. He also named Our Lady of Guadalupe as the Star of The New Evangelization.

On March 12, 2001, Msgr. Diego Monroy Ponce, Vicar General and Bishop of Guadalupe and Rector of the Sanctuary, blessed four new digital, not photographic, Missionary Images and Dan Lynch “hoping that he will have fortitude in his mission of promoting the culture of life, of love and sanctity of the family, and the solidarity of the Church of America.” He also certified that these images are “exact copies in measurements and they are replicas of the blessed original Tilma of Blessed Juan Diego. There are many images of Our Lady of Guadalupe, but the Missionary Images are the only ones in the world with this special title, mission and certification.

So, these images are rare, special and extraordinary! Because of Our Lady of Guadalupe’s special mission, they have traveled the world bringing many signs, wonders, conversions, healings and graces. The images have manifested signs such as detections of a heartbeat of an unborn baby in her womb, confirmed by doctors and nurses with stethoscopes, and the shedding of tears of oil and holy glitter. God manifests these signs at his pleasure and delights to give them to help to strengthen our faith and our confidence in the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

However, these are not just images. They represent the spiritual presence of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Missionary Images may also be considered as icons because they are authentic copies of the original miraculous image, an icon painted by God and not by human hands. We may believe that the Missionary Image makes present the Virgin Mary who is represented by it and that it is charged with the energy of faith of all those who have venerated it.

Her presence that is brought with the Missionary Image will be on Long Island and New York City and available for prayer and veneration.

The Image will visit our parish on Friday, March 20. The schedule for the evening is as follows:

TBD

* Refer to the Bulletin for additional specific information for these events.
TUESDAY LENT SERIES

HEART OF JESUS, THE KING AND CENTER OF OUR HEARTS

MARCH 17th - JESUS IN THE HOLY MASS - Father Jeff Yildirmaz

MARCH 24th - JESUS IN HIS MERCY - John Isnardi, St. Barnabas Confirmation Coordinator and Youth Minister

MARCH 31st - JESUS IN OUR ACTIONS - Father Chris Sullivan, Associate Pastor of Our Lady of Victory, Floral Park

APRIL 7th - JESUS IN THE FAMILY LIFE AND EVANGELIZATION -
Father Sean Magaldi, Director of Vocations & Nolan Reynolds, Director of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Rockville Centre

Talks begin 7:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel in the Lower Church of St. Barnabas.
MEN'S HOLY HOUR

MARCH 19, 2020

St. Barnabas Roman Catholic Church
2320 Bedford Avenue, Bellmore

7:30PM · REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW
PRESIDED BY FR. SEAN MAGALDI

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Lent: Giving, Not Giving Up

Lent is often thought of as a time of sacrifice...a time to “give up” things such as candy, bad habits and maybe even the internet. Although these challenges help us to prepare for larger sacrifices in life, Lent does not have to be a time of “giving up”. Rather, we can make it a time to “give” alms and add something to our daily lives and the lives of others. When it comes to almsgiving or helping the poor, the Church makes it easy for us through our Lenten program called “Giving, Not Giving Up”. During the five weekends of Lent, every household is encouraged to bring their alms to Mass or bring them to the rectory office. This act of generosity is a tangible sign of our Lenten efforts to feed the hungry.

- **4th Weekend**: March 21st/22nd - Coffee, tea, boxed or powered milk
- **5th Weekend**: March 28th/29th - All paper products: toilet tissue, paper towels, napkins, tissues

CRS Rice Bowl for Lent

Please take home a CRS Rice Bowl for Lent. CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten faith-in-action program. It offers opportunities for your family to engage daily with the spiritual pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. And it’s an opportunity for us as a parish/school to come together as a community and reflect on what it means to live out our Gospel call to go out and encounter those most in need. During the 40 days, we will encounter the stories of people in Guatemala, Uganda, Gaza and other places around the world where CRS is at work. We’ll be invited to eat simple, meatless meals each Friday from these countries. And, through the stories, we’ll learn about the principles of Catholic social teaching - and ways we can put them into action during Lent and beyond. We will see how our prayers, fasting and almsgiving can give hope to those worldwide who are most in need.

Easter Baskets

Social Ministry will begin preparing Easter Food Baskets for the many families we serve in our community. Your help with this project is a sure and visible way to share the Good News of Jesus’ Resurrection and celebrate His Gift of New Life. Our baskets provide families with the foods they will need starting with breakfast through dinner. Please donate an item or two to fill these baskets. Suggestions include: a ham, instant potatoes, cake/muffin mix, pudding/jell-o, pancake mix/syrup, canned fruit, coffee, cookies, Easter napkins and Easter candy. Donations can be left at the Tree of Life or brought to the Rectory Office by April 1st. Many thanks for your kindness and generosity toward the less fortunate.

Altar Servers

*Postponed* - Correspondence has been sent out to all Altar Servers advising of a mandatory meeting on Monday, March 23rd or Monday, March 30th at 7:00 PM in the church.
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MOTHER & CHILD
LOVE SAVES LIVES

Pro Bikers For Life will be sponsoring a 40 Days For Life Campaign on Long Island February 26th through April 5th.

You’re invited to join other Christians in peacefully praying for the unborn during a 40-Day Vigil outside Planned Parenthood. Located at 540 Fulton Ave., Huntington, NY 11743.
The vigil takes place 7 days a week, between the hours of 6am - 9pm.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

KICK OFF
40 Days For Life opening Mass at St. Lodestou Catholic Church February 22th, Saturday 9am
Located at 18 Richardson Pl., Huntington, NY 11743.
Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Tom McDonald & Fr. Thomas Noonan, CFR.
There will be a Pro Life rosary led by the young people of St. Croix Parish following Mass.
After Mass there will be a short procession to Planned Parenthood: “Held for Life” and “The Rosary”.

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JANUARY 31-MARCH 24

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The sign-up sheet for Easter Sunday is available after mass in the sacristy or call the rectory during the week.

Knights Korner
- **Hall Rental** - Looking for a Hall? Please consider the Bellmore Columbus Club where the Bellmore Knights of Columbus hold meetings. Hall rentals for all occasions (engagements, birthdays, Communions, Christenings, anniversaries, baby showers, bridal showers, graduations, etc). For details and availability call 785-9407. Mention the bulletin to get $100 off (excluding April and May).

It is now much easier to join us using the online application. Go to [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) and follow the “join” buttons. Our Council is #3689 and is needed to complete the application.

St. Patrick & St. Joseph Celebration - Wednesday, March 18th
*This celebration has been canceled.*

Charismatic Prayer Group
St. Barnabas Charismatic Prayer Group is a Spirit-filled prayer group with praise, song, scripture reading and sharing. We provide and encourage continuing support for personal growth and discovering Christ in your daily life. Come and hear about the changing experiences and how the Holy Spirit is working in our lives. How Scripture comes alive, prayer life becomes renewed and faith is uplifted. Experience that personal relationship with Jesus Christ that makes Liturgy come alive. Our meetings begin with a Spirit-filled time of Praise in song led by our Music Ministry “In the Way.” Come, taste and see the goodness of the Lord. Join us every Monday evening from 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM to see and hear what Jesus is doing. Fellowship and refreshments after. For further information contact Ellen O’Malley at 221-0574.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst.” Let Jesus fill your thirst for a bless marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are June 26th - 28th and November 6th - 8th in Huntington. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at (877) 697-9963 or visit them at [www.wwmenyli.org](http://www.wwmenyli.org).
Catholic Relief Services Collection
- March 21st & 22nd
On the weekend of March 21st and 22nd, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Please give generously and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Remember your loved ones, living and deceased, this Easter by having flowers placed on the sanctuary in their honor. The offering is $15.
Fill out this form and return it to the rectory or place in the collection basket.

IN MEMORY OF ______________________________________________________
MY NAME ___________________________________________________________

The Men of the Way of Light
“Water, water everywhere, nor any drop to drink,” was the lament of the Ancient Mariner. We, like him, live in a world with over a million gallons of water per cubic mile. But alas, only 3% is drinkable, fresh water, and 3/4 of that is frozen solid.
We must have water to live. When our body is really dehydrated, craving water, a little water on our lips and in our throat will cause the craving to go away, briefly. But if our deep inner organs are not refreshed, the craving thirst will quickly return. Like the Ancient Mariner many of us are dying of thirst -
not a thirst for H2O, but a spiritual thirst for Living Water.

Like the people of Israel in this week’s first reading, sometimes our thirst is expressed negatively. We grumble and complain about our situation in life rather than being thankful for all God is doing to sustain us. At other times we try to satiate our thirst by merely wetting our lips with things spiritual rather than drinking deeply at the Wellspring of Life. Or like the woman at the well, we try to quench our spiritual thirst by artificial means, drinking of that which never can satisfy our inner thirst. And all the time the Living Water from which we could drink deeply, and satisfyingly is right at our fingertips.

In Isaiah 55:1-3 the Lord extends to us a question, and an invitation: “All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what fails to satisfy? Hedd me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully; listen, that you may have life.”

How do we drink of the Living Water? This week's Responsorial Psalm tells us to “sing to the Lord,” to “come into His presence with thanksgiving,” to “worship and bow down,” and to “hearken to His voice.” Pope John Paul II has reminded us that “Christ is always in our midst and wants to speak to our hearts. We can listen to Him by meditating with faith on Sacred Scripture, recollecting ourselves in private and communal prayer, pausing in silence before the tabernacle, from which He speaks to us of His love.” We may feel somewhat ill at ease as we participate in something new, but as we develop our ability to think, listen and express our love, we will find our soul refreshed with Jesus, the Living Water. As we reach the midpoint of Lent, let’s respond to our Savior and make a lifetime commitment to drink deeply of Him through private and public worship.

Let’s put a halt to trying to quench our thirst through artificial means and turn to Christ, who is the thirst-quenching Living Water we really need and desire. He is free for the asking. (Excerpts from the Emmaus Journey Reflections)

Need to make real changes in your life? We are a group of men, striving to live as Jesus taught us. Join our Scripture/Faith discussions at our next meeting on Saturday, March 28th, immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass. We meet in the Nazareth Room of the Holy Family Chapel. Bagels and coffee served. Our meetings run until 10:30 AM. For more information, visit our Facebook page.

Divorced or Separated Catholics of Long Island

A New Member Orientation Meeting for single persons, including divorced, separated, widows, widowers and singles is taking place on Tuesday, March 17th at 7:30 PM, Knights of Columbus Council #6526, 1869 Wantagh Avenue. Parking in rear of building. All are welcome! Bring proof of single status to join. Annual dues are $30. Refreshments following the meeting. For further information, please call Carol at 794-4933 or Fran at 889-5790.

Diocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary Liturgy

This spring, couples who have been married fifty years will be honored at a Mass on Sunday, May 3rd at St. Patrick’s Roman Catholic Church in Smithtown. Mass will begin at 2:00 PM. Bishop Robert J. Coyle will
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preside. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory. Space is limited. Registration will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. The forms can also be found on www.drvc-faith.org. If you have any questions, you may call 678-5800, ext. 223.

Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast
You are invited to a Flapjack Fundraiser breakfast to support Glen Cove/Hicksville/Syosset Mercy League on Saturday, March 28th from 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM at Applebee’s, 938 S. Broadway, Hicksville. The Mercy League is a volunteer organization that raises money for enrichment activities and equipment at Mercy Medical Center. For information, contact Marge Kelly at 587-7387 or mercyleague.copresidents@gmail.com.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
We thirst. We thirst for the living God. Like the Samaritans who beg for Jesus to stay with them awhile, we long for living water, to have our thirst assuaged forever from God’s inexhaustible spring. Who would not? But this gospel opens with Jesus thirsting. Not only for water but for us. God is seeking believers. Jesus tells the woman that God is looking for those who “will worship Him in Spirit and in truth.” We may long for God, but God longed for us first. In reflecting on this gospel, St. Augustine suggested that the water Jesus sought was the woman’s faith. What is Christ seeking in us? A living faith, a faith entirely subsumed into His life, a faith that overflows into our community. A faith that brings with it gifts to be used for the good of Christ’s Body, for the church. Living water isn’t stagnant, it flows, and what we are flows into these inexhaustible waters, to be brought to life in its currents, carried to places we cannot imagine, satisfying the thirst of Christ’s Body with gifts He has given us. Consider asking God for the grace to become living water. Christ is the “gift of God” who gives us “living water” of His own preaching, dying, and rising. A sure way for a Christian to grow rapidly in holiness is a conscientious effort to carry out God’s will in all circumstances. Please keep the poor and needy in your prayers. Thank you.

Choir Members Needed
The Music Ministry of St. Barnabas Choir plays a vital part in liturgical celebrations throughout the year. Lessons and Carols, Christmas, Lent and Easter Services are sung by our choir. The choir sings at 10:30 AM Mass on Sundays. Our liturgies are enriched by their musical participation. St. Barnabas Choir is continually welcoming new members. The choir is in need of Soprano, Alto and especially male voices, Tenor and Bass. No audition is necessary and the ability to read music is not required. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM in the Church. For more information, please contact Mr. Dione, our Choir Director at the Rectory Office at 785-0054.

Focus on Religious Freedom
Military Bans Bible Verses on Dog-Tags but Allows Non-religious Sayings: A Texas-based jeweler is challenging the military’s trademark office which pulled the company’s trademark licenses saying they can no longer display military...
insignia and Bible verses on the replica dog-tags it has sold to service members since the 9/11 attacks. For about 20 years, Shields of Strength has provided service members with memento dog-tags featuring inspirational messages based on verses in scripture such as Joshua 1:9, “Be strong and courageous...” or Psalm 27:3, “Though my enemies attack me, I will not fear:...I will still trust in God.” In addition to sales, a few hundred thousand of these items have been donated to military units and personnel. In July, the anti-religious, Military Religious Freedom Foundation, demanded the military branches stop allowing Shields of Strength to use a military emblem, saying it “poisons the constitutionally-mandated separation of Church and State...” The fact that separation of Church and State is not in the Constitution and the First Amendment protects Freedom of Religion and Freedom of Speech, did not deter the Pentagon from canceling the trademark licenses. They cited “Negative Press” as their motivation. A Constitutional Law attorney said, “While I would absolutely oppose the military issuing such tags...it is outrageous that service members can’t voluntarily inscribe their own tags. From a legal point of view, if the military allows any inscriptions at all (like “I love you Mom”) then banning religious ones is content discrimination.” At present, anyone can order dog-tags online with military insignia an a non-religious saying such as “The difficult we do immediately, the impossible takes longer.”

“A government that roams the land...scrubbing away any reference to the divine will strike many as aggressively hostile to religion. - Supreme Court Justice, Samuel A. Alito

Hope House Ministries
Beta Sigma Phi - Xi Master Chapter invites you to their Annual Fashion show to benefit Hope House Ministries on Wednesday, April 1st at Villa Lombardi’s in Holbrook. Cost is $60 per person and includes a gourmet buffet and fashion show. Your Choice Auction and fashions by Chico’s, White House/Black Market. For tickets call Peg at (631) 928-2628 or Barbara ar (631) 698-0140.

Molloy College Open House
Sunday, April 26th at 1:00 PM, 1000 Hempstead Avenue, Rockville Centre.

Spring Craft Sale
St. William the Abbot, 2001 Jackson Avenue, Seaford is having a craft sale on Sunday, March 29th from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Artisans and more for the entire family. In addition to wonderful items, we will offer Easter plants, raffle baskets, grand 50/50, baked goods, hot & cold food, and pictures with the Easter Bunny.

St. Andrew’s Pascha Bake Sale
A fundraiser to help meet the needs of the Parish expenses. Enjoy ethnic baked goods, basket raffles and boutique items on Saturday, April 4th from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM at 275 Ellison Avenue, Westbury.

Nassau County Helping Hands
Catholic Home Care announces the expansion of its innovative Helping Hands program into Nassau County. Helping Hands provides light housekeeping
Volunteer for Catholic Charities
Catholic Charities has volunteer opportunities for our “Friendly Visitor Program” to offer bi-monthly companionship to homebound senior citizens in our Meals on Wheels program in the Freeport, Franklin Square and Plainview areas. A friendly companion would offer socialization and conversation for seniors and would NOT include cooking, housekeeping or transportation. If you are available to offer volunteer hours, please contact Mary Ellen Kwiecinski, Volunteer Coordinator at 733-7044.

Cure of Ars Mother’s Group
Come join Merrick’s Best Kept Secret...The Cure of Ars Mother’s Group, for coffee, snacks, prayers, fellowship, charity events, outings and laughter. Our goal is to offer support to each other in a caring, relaxing, non-judgmental environment. Feel free to stop by and see what we are all about. We meet every Monday when school is in session - 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM in the Conference Room in the school building of Cure of Ars. We have experienced babysitters available to watch toddlers in a safe and enjoyable playroom. Moms of infants are encouraged to bring their infants to the meeting as well. This group is great for moms on maternity leave. All moms are welcome! For information please call Isabel Donis at 395-2784.

March is National Nutrition Month. If you are looking for some recipes for healthy living, check out: www.chsli.org/recipes-healthy-living. Some of the recipes you’ll find include - teriyaki salmon, orecchiette with chicken sausage and broccoli rabe, plus chocolate avocado pudding. Enjoy!

Regular Sacrificial Giving
Contribute to St. Barnabas with on-line banking and bill paying services. Call your bank to request the service. Send a check to St. Barnabas with a weekly donation indicated. Include your Name, Address & Envelope Number.

Estate Planning
When preparing your estate plan, please consider a bequest to The Parish of St. Barnabas, Bellmore. You can make a contribution to support ongoing operations of the Church or contribute to a particular project. Your legal counsel can help you refine the bequest language to suit your specific wishes for The Parish of St. Barnabas. Thank you.

Hymnals
There are still hymnals available to memorialize a loved one. The dedication is placed on the inside cover. The donation is $25. Please stop by or call the rectory at 785-0054 if you would like to dedicate a hymnal.
Daisy and Brownie Girl Scouts received the *Jesus Love Me, Ave Maria* and *Family of God* medals on Girl Scout Sunday.

Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School
Monday, July 27 through Friday, July 31
Get ready to board the train for a wonderful faith filled adventure!
Be on the lookout for more information.

Interested in volunteering this year? We need Adults and Students in 7th grade and above.

Please come to preview the program and see how you can make this an amazing experience for the campers.

**Our Volunteer Meeting on Wednesday,**
May 13th – 7:00pm in the Holy Family Chapel.

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**Brunch Bingo**
Hosted by Ladies Auxiliary Council #3689

**Sunday, June 28, 2020**
12pm-3pm
101 Frederick Avenue
Bellmore, NY, 11710
$35.00 per person

All guests will receive hot/cold buffet, Cocktails, one set of bingo cards
Raffles and extra bingo cards will be available for purchase
Reservations only
Please RSVP by 6/20/2020
Donna: (516) 221-9656
Teresa: (516) 551-918
Our Mission is to Encourage Evangelize & Educate

**US ARMY:**

**NATIONAL GUARD:**
Major James McLean, A1C James Mikowski, Senior Airman Third Class Thomas Ruggiero.

**US NAVY:**

**US MARINES:**

**US AIR FORCE:**
Rev. Major Timothy Hirten, Nicholas P. Wright.

**US MERCHANT MARINE:**

**US COAST GUARD:**
SA Kieran Baisley.
ST. BARNABAS THE APOSTLE:
2020 Holy Hours

Men and Women’s Night:
1/30/20

Ladies Night:
2/27/20

Men’s Night:
3/19/20

Men and Women’s Night:
4/16/20

Ladies Night:
5/14/20

Men and Women’s Night:
6/25/20

ADORATION, LIVE MUSIC, AND A TALK W/ A SOCIAL TO FOLLOW
Thursday Nights @ 7:30PM
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School (SEAS) is an AdvancED Accredited parochial school for Nursery through 8th Grade providing a top quality education for thousands since 1992. We offer an Early Childhood Program that consists of 3 or 5 half-day Nursery, 3 or 5 day Pre-K and full-day Kindergarten, as well as “Our Time”, a two-year old child and parent transitional program. SEAS provides a comprehensive curriculum that includes: World Language, Music, Art, Computer Technology, Academic Intervention Services, Sports, After School Clubs, and an After School Care program. SEAS strives to create a nurturing educational environment of Academics, Faith, and Service. We are conveniently located in Belmore. At SEAS we learn and grow in Respect, Responsibility, and Reverence.

We are a Regional Catholic School serving our five parishes: St. Barnabas, Cure of Ars, St. Raphael, St. Frances de Chantal, and Sacred Heart.
Parent & Child Program
For children ages 2-3 years old.

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 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School.

For more information or to enroll contact: Sabina Lamb (516) 781-9834 or the School Office 516-785-5709.

Religious Education

Upcoming Important Dates:

Saturday, March 21st -
Levels 5 & 6 Reconciliation @ 11:30 AM

Thursday, March 26th -
First Holy Communion Parent Meeting.
Please choose either 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM OR 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Thursday, April 2nd -
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM classes cancelled.

Monday, April 6th through Thursday, April 16th -
NO 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Classes.

We are still in need of Adult Volunteers to be Hall Monitors and Substitute Catechists. Please call the office for more information.
785-0130

The following are the dates for CHosen:

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DRVC YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS:

L.I. CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY

"ARISE"

4.4.20
ST. ANTHONY’S HIGH SCHOOL

FEATURING
JOEL STEPANEK

REGISTER HERE:

FOR MORE INFO:
YOUTHMINISTRY@DRVC.ORG
WWW.DRVCYOUTH.ORG

The Parish of
St. Ignatius Loyola
and Pastor, Fr. James Stachacz
welcome all to a
Mass of Healing
St. Ignatius Loyola Church
129 Broadway, Hicksville
Monday, March 16, 2020
7:30 PM
Celebrant: Fr. Jeffry Dillon

Bellmore Knights of Columbus
and
Ladies Auxiliary
presents

STARS AND STRIPES BBQ
All American Themed

May 30, 2020
7:30 pm
101 Frederick Ave
Bellmore, New York 11710

$40 per person. Includes Food, Beverages, Entertainment and Music

RSVP by 05/15/20:
Tommy 516-649-7600
Anthony 516-792-9407
Teresa 516-551-9118

BATTLE PRIZES

1 out of every 5 students report being bullied.  
(National Bullying Prevention Center)

Up to 75% of workers report being affected by bullying in the workplace.  
(University of Phoenix)

The rate of cyberbullying is growing rapidly for all ages.  
(National Bullying Prevention Center)

STOP BULLYING

Join us to learn more and raise awareness.

SPEAKER:
YES Community Counseling Center
YES Community Counseling Center is a non-profit organization whose mission is to increase awareness about personal and community issues, prevent and heal substance abuse, and to promote healthy families and a safe community.

WHEN: Wednesday, March 18 at 7 p.m.

WHERE: St. Kilian Parish Center, 485 Conklin Street, Farmingdale
(Parish Center is located in church basement; enter from outside staircase facing Cherry St.)

SPONSORED BY ST. KILIAN SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE
If you wish to arrange a baptism, please contact the rectory at 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. (See the list of dates below).

First time parents are required 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. We begin with Mass at 10:15 AM, when your baby will be welcomed to St. Barnabas, followed by refreshments and the class.

Available Dates

**APRIL:**
- Saturday
  - 18th
- Sunday
  - 19th & 26th

**MAY:**
- Sunday
  - 3rd & 17th

**JUNE:**
- Saturday
  - 13th
- Sunday
  - 7th & 21st

The 10:15 AM Mass & Class will be held on - April 19th, May 17th, and June 14th.
Lent is for growing closer to Jesus

By Judith Costello