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Associate Pastor  
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Rev. Sean Magaldi,  
In Residence

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**Baptisms:**
Saturdays at 11:30 AM &  
Sunday at 1:30 PM  
*(when the Church is available).*

**Confessions:**
Saturday 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM in  
the Holy Family Chapel.

**Anointing of the Sick:**
Celebrated on the fourth  
Saturday of the month after  
8:00 AM Mass.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:**
Contact the Rectory for  
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**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School**
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**Music Ministry**
Mr. William R. Dione

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**REVISED MASS TIMES**

**Monday - Friday:** 8:00 AM  
**Saturday:** 8:00 AM & 4:30 PM  
**Sunday:** 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM,  
11:00 AM & 5:00 PM

**Church Hours:**
Open daily until 4:00 PM  
Sundays until 6:00 PM

**Rectory Hours:**
Mon. - Fri.: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Sat. & Sun.: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Priest Emergency**  
(516) 590-9981

**Maintenance & Security Cell:**  
(516) 808-5491

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*August 9, 2020*
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( *) announced during priest’s private mass
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our Catholic schools and the tuition-paying families that support them are facing enormous challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. One month ago I shared with you the sad news that due in part to the pandemic, three of our elementary schools would close and not reopen in September. Our Tomorrow’s Hope Foundation is expecting and planning for what they forecast to be a dramatic increase in requests for tuition assistance due to the effects of the pandemic.

Many of our elected officials recognize that this pandemic is affecting all schools, including Catholic and other non-government schools. And, now the United States Congress is working on another stimulus bill to provide relief from the COVID-19 pandemic for critical parts of the economy and society, including schools.

Catholic and other religious and independent schools must be included in this relief package!

On behalf of the thousands of our Catholic school parents and students, I am urging you to contact our U.S. Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, and your local Congressional Representative to insist that Catholic and other religious and independent schools receive their fair share of funds to safely reopen. These funds are needed so that our struggling tuition-paying families can keep their children enrolled in our Catholic schools.

Time is of the essence, so please I urge you to add your voice today by sending your message to your legislators.

An easy way to act is by visiting the New York State Catholic Conference Website. There, you can send email messages to your U.S. Senate representatives and your U.S. Representative with only a few mouse clicks. Visit https://www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center/

You can also email Senator Schumer by visiting: https://www.schumer.senate.gov/contact/email-chuck

Senator Gillibrand can be emailed by visiting: https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/contact/email-me.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. You and your family are remembered in my daily prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,

[Signature]

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre
Real Holiness

It is very common in the secular world to think that holiness is about being kind to people and helping people out who are in need. While certainly this would be elements of holiness, it is not at the core of what holiness is. In history, there have been notorious figures who actually are very kind and are charismatic but are far from living lives that are considered holy.

Among Catholics there is also a common thought that holiness is doing intense penances out of reparation. Certainly, the Church encourages the faithful to take part in offering penances but not out of the detriment of the person. On the other end of the spectrum, you may hear Catholics say ‘I don’t need to go to confession because I am a good person’. If that person would really examine his soul, he would see that he is, in fact, a sinner who is in need of God’s mercy.

Holiness is centered in conforming one’s life to Jesus Christ. In order to conform ourselves to Jesus we have to be fed by Him in the sacraments and through the grace of the sacraments (Eucharist and Confession), we will have the heart of a suffering servant. Holiness is denying our own wills and conforming ourselves to the will of God in all of the circumstances of our lives whether it is convenient or inconvenient. It is easy to try to be holy when you are with good, loving people. It can be more difficult to be holy when you are with people who entice you to give in to sin by indulging your passions or testing your patience.

In the lives of the saints, they conformed their entire lives to Jesus Christ. John the Baptist had many disciples. He led them away from himself and brought them to Jesus. He was martyred for speaking out on Herod’s sin. John died for the sake of righteousness. Had he kept silent, he would have lived. While other saints, like Thomas More remained silent and refused to take the oath of obedience to Henry VIII as the supreme head of the Church. By keeping silent, Thomas gave his life to Jesus. In either case, the consequences would be inconvenient, but it is a sign of true holiness in staying faithful to God and His Law, which is higher than anyone else.

Being a saint doesn’t mean we have to be a martyr either, but it does mean that we have to live our lives as followers of Jesus in a selfless way. Saints who I have great devotion to such as Padre Pio, Mother Teresa, John Paul II and John Vianney were not martyrs but they surrendered their entire wills to Jesus in trust of His love and tenderness while enduring many crosses. The saints are the true examples of real holiness in participating in the life of Christ that we all share as His brothers and sisters. In a nutshell, real Holiness is the measure of one’s love for God and his neighbor.

In Jesus and Mary,

Father Jeff Gillimone
We Pray for Our Deceased
We will provide an updated list of our deceased in the coming weeks. Thank you.

We Pray for Our Sick
Christina Sumperl, Julie Taylor, Claudia Palumbo, Sandra Fox
We are currently updating our Sick list. At this time, we are asking that you contact the rectory at 785-0054. Names will remain on the list for 6 weeks.
Thank you for your assistance.

Bread & Wine
Is offered in loving memory of Sr. Joseph Richard from the Sisters at St. Barnabas.

Flowers on the Main Altar
Are offered in memory of Frank & Marion Palemire, Philip & Anna Armato and Eloisa Kondogianis on the occasion of the wedding of Charles Palemire and Jessica Kondogianis.

**Notice to All Parishioners**
We are generating an email list to more effectively communicate with our parishioners.

Please drop off your email address in the rectory mailbox. Thank you!

Catholic Ministries Appeal -

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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.
*WELCOME BACK*

**Please Note: New Mass Schedule**
Monday - Friday 8:00 AM  
Saturday -  8:00 AM & 4:30 PM  
Sunday -  7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 5:00 PM

**Please Follow Safety Measures While Attending Mass:**
- Those who are attending Mass are required to wear a face mask or face covering, except for those under two years of age.
- Hand sanitizers are available for your use by the entrances of the Church.
- In order to keep social distancing, please sit in the marked areas even if you attend with your family, unless you have a child that must be by your side.
- The Church building will be disinfected daily during the week. On Saturday and Sunday, the Church will be disinfected between Masses by our staff.
- You can place your Sunday envelope in the baskets located at the exits of the Church.
- As a reminder, the Bishop has dispensed Catholics indefinitely from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass. Those who are sick or vulnerable due to age or medical condition are encouraged to watch Mass on TV.

**Confession Schedule:**
Every Saturday - 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM in the Holy Family Chapel.  
Confession line is formed in the lower church vestibule.

**New Rectory Hours:**
The Rectory will be open from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Monday thru Friday and from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Saturday and Sunday.
Food Pantry

Many, many thanks to all our parishioners who have supported the Food Pantry through these last few months with food, gift cards and monetary donations. The number of families we serve has increased and we have been so fortunate to have kept a well stocked pantry and been able to provide for them. As always there are some items that go quickly, that we are in need of. Please help by donating one or two of these items: *instant potatoes, canned chicken, salad dressings, juice, oil, mayonnaise (small jars are fine), laundry detergent and paper towels.* God bless you for your support of the Food Pantry and your concern for the needy.

RCIA News

September 16th will begin a new group of candidates and catechumens who are interested in becoming Catholic. R.C.I.A. is the process for those who seek full participation in the Catholic Church; those who were never baptized; and those baptized Catholic, or in another Christian faith, who wish to receive Communion and Confirmation as Catholics. If you are, or know of someone who would like more information, please call Fr. Jeff Yildirimaz, Pastor at 785-0054, ext. 115.

Engaged Encounter

Do you need to fulfill your Marriage Prep Requirement? *Engaged Encounter* is an effective PreCana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Couples are given the opportunity to explore many aspects of their relationship through a series of presentations, writings and dialog. Our next scheduled weekend will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington on August 7th, 8th & 9th. For information call Lenny and Pat Walker at (631) 563-1032 or visit www.engagedencounterli.org.

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).

The Bellmore Knights of Columbus donates tens of thousands of dollars to St. Jude, raising money via our charitable events and an annual bike ride. If you are interested in donating money or riding in our annual bike ride, please visit our website at www.bellmoreknights.com for more information.

It is now much easier to join us using the online application. Go to www.kofc.org and follow the “join” buttons. Our Council is #3689. Please visit our website www.bellmoreknights.com for contact information and other questions you may have.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a virtual marriage experience called *Restore - Rekindle - Renew.*

This Enrichment Experience will meet via Zoom for seven sessions on Monday evenings, September 14th to October 26th from 7:00 PM- 9:30 PM. Couples explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God’s plan for their marriage, and learn to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a $50 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call John & Toni Torio at (718) 344-3700 or visit them at www.wwmenyli.org.
Focus on Religious Freedom

Christian Persecution - Renounce Your Faith or No Food!

China: The Chinese Communist Party is forcing Christians to renounce their beliefs and replace religious symbols and imagery of Jesus with portraits of Chairman Mao and President Xi Jinping or be cut off from welfare payments, according to a recent U.S. State Department publication. “The government is trying to eliminate our belief and wants to become God instead of Jesus.”

“All impoverished religious households can’t receive money from the state for nothing - they must obey the Communist Party for the money they receive,” said a communist official.

Kenya: A pastor in northeastern Kenya reports Christians are being denied food relief during the COVID-19 crisis. “The sad state of Christians in Kenya is being unpublish...Many Christians are suffering at the hands of the local chiefs who oversee the fair distribution of the government’s relief food...”

Pakistan: Christian leaders are reporting Christians were denied government food aid amid the coronavirus crisis. “There was an announcement made through a mosque’s loudspeaker...inviting citizens to collect government’s announced foodstuffs,” a local pastor reported. “When Christians reached the distribution point and presented their national identity cards, they were asked to get out of line claiming the foodstuff was only for Muslim citizens.”

The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom condemned the rejection of Christians and Hindus for food aid. “These actions are simply reprehensible,” said the Commissioner. “As COVID-19 continues to spread, vulnerable communities within Pakistan are fighting hunger...”

“The inconvenient truth,” reported British foreign secretary Jeremy Hunt in 2019, is “that the overwhelming majority (80%) of persecuted believers are Christians. In the Middle East the population of Christians used to be about 20%; now it’s 5%...We’ve all been asleep on the watch when it comes to the persecution of Christians.”

Banass of Marriage:

Luke Byrnes &
Sarah Defino

Alex Liriano &
Jenny Jorrge
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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School is an AdvancEd Accredited Parochial School providing a top-quality education for thousands since 1992. At SEAS the goal for our students is to thrive in an environment that upholds the best aspects of a traditional education while students are immersed in a technology forward environment. SEAS focuses on the development of the whole child academically, physically, and spiritually. Students find happiness rooted in our mission of Respect, Responsibility, and Reverence.