

Dear Friends in the Lord:

At our Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday we listen to our Easter Exsultet being proclaimed, calling us to “rejoice, that there is now an end to all gloom and darkness, Christ has broken the prison bars of death and has risen victorious from the underworld!” Alleluia!

And so we do indeed rejoice! Not just today or for the Easter season but always. St. Paul tells us in Philippians 4:4, “Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice”. Rejoice always – not just in good times but also in the midst of suffering, pain and hardship. Knowing that in Christ we will also rise triumphantly over all these things – “...in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us” (Rom 8:37).

This Easter as we wish each other a ‘Happy Easter’, let us also renew ourselves as an Easter people. Living in the hope and light of Easter at all times and sharing it with all peoples.

Happy Easter and God Bless,

*Fr. Brendan A. Fitzgerald*

Pastor



**Tithing & Stewardship**

Weekly Goal \$18,000

April 9<sup>th</sup> - \$16,299.57

Thank you for your contributions

**THE POOR BOX** is a silent way the parish begs for people in need. Your donation into the poor boxes located at the doors of the church and chapel are used for those who come to the parish in dire need. Some common requests are food, medicine, travel to find work, some sort of unexpected emergency in their lives which they cannot afford.

**YOUNG ADULT MASS**

We invite all young adults in their 20's and 30's (*little ones welcome!*) to join us for our Young Adult Mass which takes place normally on the **First Sunday** of the month at the 5:00pm in the Main Church. The Mass is followed by a social at The Heritage Restaurant on McLean Avenue. Check out our Facebook Page for more info: [facebook.com/groups/yonkersbronxyoungadults/](https://facebook.com/groups/yonkersbronxyoungadults/).

**SAVE THE DATE**

**NEXT SUNDAY**



**BLOOD DRIVE**



**SUNDAY, APRIL 23<sup>rd</sup>**

*Every two seconds, someone needs blood. Summer marks the height of “trauma season,” the busiest time of the year for emergency room and trauma centers nationwide. But with schools closed for the summer and workers away on vacation, there are far fewer people available to donate blood. Please donate and encourage your friends and family to do the same.*

There will be a Blood Drive on **Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** from **9:00am to 3:00pm** in the **High School Cafeteria**.

*Appointments appreciated!*

*Walk-ins Welcome*

*You must be between 16\* and 75 years of age.*

*16 year old donors require parental permission on New York Blood Center form (available at drive).*

*Please eat and be well hydrated before donating.*

*Please bring identification with photo or signature.*



The Archdiocese is launching an exciting mission and evangelization program called **Revive: Faith Every Day** throughout the parish clusters.

The three-day program will be led by a priest from one of our religious communities that specialize in preaching missions.

The three-day *Revive* mission will be held on:

**Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, (April 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>)  
at 7:00pm in the Main Church**

Please visit [www.FaithEveryDay.com](http://www.FaithEveryDay.com) for more information and to register.

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul



Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter, we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice. It is then that we are truly Easter people!

Know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them Easter hope and joy. Please join our next meeting April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Considine Center - Any questions contact Chris at [acboydc@gmail.com](mailto:acboydc@gmail.com)

We will be holding a second collection the weekend of April 23<sup>rd</sup>. All proceeds will go directly to helping the poor. Please be as generous as your means permit.

**FATHER BRENDAN A. FITZGERALD,**  
Pastor of Saint Barnabas and Dean of the  
Northeast Bronx Deanery  
to Address

The Serra Club of the Bronx and Westchester  
on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### TOPIC: DIVINE MERCY

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The Serra Club is an international organization whose mission is to foster and promote vocations to the ordained priesthood and vowed religious life and through this ministry, fosters and affirms the members' common Catholic faith. Luncheon meetings are held at noon at the Eastwood Manor at 3371 Eastchester Road [corner of Eastchester and Boston Roads] in The Bronx.

Please call 718 671-8915 for additional information and to make reservations by April 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Bread and Wine Memorials

All 60 daily Masses in one month	\$100.00
All 8 Sabbath weekend Masses in one week	\$ 75.00
Four Sabbath weekend Masses in one month	\$ 50.00
All 15 daily Masses in one week	\$ 25.00
One Sabbath Weekend Mass in one week	\$ 15.00

### Sanctuary Lamp Memorial

Weekly \$10.00



### Gifts Of Bread and Wine & Sanctuary Lamp APRIL

60 Daily Masses - In Memory of Ann Wilder Magaw  
Requested by Barbara Gaughan  
Four Sabbath Masses - Thomas & Kitty Fitzgerald  
Requested by Kathleen & Ed DeFino

**Sanctuary Lamp** - McCannon & O'Beirne Families and Joe Foley

### THE FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE RENEWAL



The food collection for April has been moved to the weekend of **April 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for your continued support.

### TASTING EVENT

Join Friends of Troop 102 as they present **An Evening Tasting Event with a Selection of Wine, Hard Cider, and Craft Beers**, a fundraiser benefiting BSA Troop 102 of St. Barnabas, on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 8:00pm to 11:00pm in the St. Barnabas High School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$40. For tickets contact Bea Peel 914-672-8460, or Helen McCullagh 914-237-1595.

Join Friends of Van Cortlandt and Women of Woodlawn  
for Spring Beautification

**Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

10:00am to 1:00pm

Join then to help clean up and improve the northeast section of Van Cortlandt Park and Woodlawn playground. All equipment and tools will be provided.

Earn community service credit!

Email [WomenofWoodlawn@gmail.com](mailto:WomenofWoodlawn@gmail.com)



## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### MONDAY, April 17

- 6:30 Dec. Memb of the Lombardi Family  
 8:30 James Fitzgerald (2<sup>nd</sup> ANN) and Special Intentions of Lawrence Dirrane

### TUESDAY, April 18

- 6:30 Thomas J. Dowd  
 8:30 Robert Famularo and James & Kathleen McNamee  
 7:00 Catherine Gaffney

### WEDNESDAY, April 19

- 6:30 Intentions of Michael Keating  
 8:30 Ed Tolan and The Intentions of Eileen Dirrane  
 7:00 Stephen & Suzanna Spruck (13<sup>th</sup> ANN)

### THURSDAY, April 20

- 6:30 Kathleen J. MacDonald  
 8:30 Dec. Memb. of the Lattuca Family and Richard Burns  
 7:00 Joan & Michael Donoghue

### FRIDAY, DAY, April 21


- 6:30 Mary Paone (1<sup>st</sup> ANN)  
 8:30 Mary Theresa Grant and Ellen Egan Mills

### SATURDAY, April 22

- 8:30 James Burke (6<sup>th</sup> ANN) and Giuseppe & Camilla Ruzzi  
 12noon Patrick & Sarah McGuinness  
 5:00 Liam, Connie, & Eddie O'Driscoll (5<sup>th</sup> ANN)  
 7:00 Michael Roche



Ancient Order Of Hibernians



### BRONX COUNTY BOARD WOODLAWN-WAKEFIELD DIV 5

presents  
**Dr. Ruan O'Donnell**  
*Premier Irish Historian, University of Limerick*  
*America's Fenians and Irish Freedom*  
 1867-2017

**Wednesday, April 19, at 7:30pm**  
 Rambling House Party Room  
 4292 Katonah Avenue at 236th Street  
 Admission: \$10 - Children Free  
 Tickets and info 914.318.1180  
 All Welcome  
 Freedom for Ireland Committee



## Easter Egg Hunt!

**TODAY, Easter Sunday, April 16**  
 Time: 12:00pm  
 Location: Van Cortlandt Park East at the Bocce Courts

For all questions and further information, please contact Kenneth S Wong at (929) 777-0015

Volunteers for this event would be greatly appreciated.

*Hosted by Woodlawn Taxpayers & Community Association*

### Volunteers Needed



**Volunteers**  
The HEART OF The COMMUNITY

**Do you have a few hours to spare? Would you like to volunteer with Aisling Irish Community Center's feed the homeless program on Monday nights?**


As the number of homeless people continues to increase, we need more volunteers, particularly throughout the summer when many of our regular volunteers are on vacation.

Please call 914-237-5121 or e-mail [info@aislingcenter.org](mailto:info@aislingcenter.org) if you would like to volunteer with us to feed the homeless on Monday nights. Even once a month would be a great help. We need volunteer drivers in particular!

### EUCCHARISTIC VIGIL

*For the Holiness of Priests and Holy Vocations*

**Date:** April 28<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 7:00pm – 7:00am  
**Location:** Our Lady of Shkodra  
 261 W. Hartsdale Road, Hartsdale




7:00pm *Thanksgiving Mass to the Sacred Heart and the Most Precious Blood of Jesus*  
*Celebrant: Fr. John Edison*

7:00am *Benediction followed by Thanksgiving Mass to Our Lady of Good Counsel*  
*Celebrant: Fr. Peter Popaj, Pastor*

**Our Parish Information is just a click away**  
 Log on to [www.stbarnabasbronx.org](http://www.stbarnabasbronx.org)

**St. Barnabas Church (Bronx, N.Y.)** Please Like us and keep up-to-date on any of our upcoming events.

 Find us on: **facebook.**



On **Divine Mercy Sunday** (April 23<sup>rd</sup>), we will have a Holy Hour beginning at 2:00pm with Divine Mercy devotions. It will conclude at 3:00pm, the Hour of Mercy, with Benediction.

## Why Participate at Mass?

"Don't Anticipate,  
Just Participate."

Many come to the celebration of the Eucharist week after week and 'go through the motions' of the liturgy. Some even wonder why they are standing, sitting, and kneeling at the prescribed times. Why do I have to sing at Mass? I have a horrible voice. No one wants to hear me sing. Why do I have to shake the hand of my neighbor at Mass? They have a cold, and I don't want their germs! The truth is that our participation in the Mass goes much further than our own personal prayer. The communal gestures we go through during each celebration actually add to the rhythm of prayer that continually builds up our Church and enhances our prayer to the Lord.

Singing is a part of our total participation in the liturgy. As St. Paul tells us, we are to sing the Psalms, hymns, and spiritual canticles (cf. Colossians 3:16) as they too make up the fabric of the liturgy and we are called as Christian faithful to come together as one in expectation of the Lord's coming. (General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), 39) Therefore raising our voices in prayer (as horrible as we may think we sound) is actually adding to the praise and dignity of the Liturgy. The Mass is not a spectator sport, nor is it a form of entertainment – it is a form of prayer. Our participation in every aspect of that prayer edifies our own personal prayer and elevates the quality of the prayer of our community of faith.

Our gestures during Mass (standing, sitting, and kneeling) are also essential parts of the liturgy. When we stand (especially at the Gospel and at the Eucharistic Preface), we give due attention to these essential parts of the Mass for they give direct praise to God. When we sit (as in the readings or after reception of Holy Communion), we are allowing ourselves to recollect our thoughts and to be attentive to the will of God within our own hearts. When we kneel (as in the Eucharistic Prayer or at the reception of Holy Communion), we give reverence to the miracle taking place within our midst – Our Lord transforming ordinary earthly elements into His Body and Blood which edifies our souls and hearts. A common bodily posture (during all of these important times) is to be observed by all taking part and is a sign of the unity of the members of the Christian community gathered together for the Sacred Liturgy, for it expresses the intentions and spiritual attitude of the participants and also fosters that same attitude among others (GIRM, 42,2).

In short, it is the whole community; the Body of Christ unites with its Head (Jesus Christ) that celebrates the Liturgy (CCC, 1140). Therefore, when we go to Mass, we are not going only for our 'individual development', but for the development of the parish community as a whole. Liturgical services have to do with the whole body, the church; they make it visible and have effects upon it. They also touch individual members of the church in different ways, depending on the level of participation. (Sacrosanctum Concilium – Vatican II Document on Liturgy, 26). So when you come to Mass, sit, stand, kneel and sing with pride and vigor – for it is your role and right to do so!

Next Installment: The Liturgical Year: The Seasons and Colors that make up our Church's life.

Fr. JP



Please show your support for the *Appeal* by making your pledge today. Your commitment will help us reach our parish goal of \$167,500. Please pick up a pledge envelope as you leave today. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

### The Matthew Wallace Foundation **DESIGNER BAG BINGO**

on **Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

at Mount St. Michael Academy 4300 Murdock Avenue Bronx

Doors Open at 6:30pm First Game at 7:00pm

Admission: \$40 / \$45 at Door Buy a Table of 10 for \$350.00

Includes: 1 BINGO board for each game, dauber (marker), door prize ticket, light fare, and water (you are welcome to BYOB/ice available)

50/50 Raffle & Basket Raffle

Contact Teresa O'Sullivan at 914-536-6139 / Jeni at 914-290-0204

### **RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE**

For further information please email: [st.barnabasrespectlife@gmail.com](mailto:st.barnabasrespectlife@gmail.com)

### **Pioneer Total Abstinence Association Dance**

Date: Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

Place: St. Margaret of Cortona Gym (6000 Riverdale Avenue)

Donation: \$20.00 Music: Tara Gold

For further information: Terence Reynolds at 914 237-6749 or  
Bernadette Groarke at 914 237-6928.

**BABY SHOWER**  
Weekend of May 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>  
TIMES: 5pm-8pm-Saturday  
9am-2pm-Sunday  
PLACE: H S Cafeteria  
We are collecting Babies and Toddlers clothing, wipes, baby blankets, burp cloths, books, shampoo, soap and small toys, also Dollar for Diapers. All contributions will be given to the Pregnancy Care Center in Yonkers, also there will be a sale of brand new baby blankets.  
Your support will be greatly appreciated.

### St. Barnabas High School **Film and Drama Club**

presents



Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm & Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm  
Doors open half an hour before curtain. All tickets are \$10.  
Entrance on McLean Ave, for information please call 718-325-8800

**The Barnabas High School  
Giving Tree!**



The Giving Tree provides our community the opportunity to honor a Barnabas alumnae, beloved family member or friend - living or deceased, and even yourself.

Giving opportunities start from \$150 to \$500 for either a silver, bronze or gold leaf or \$1,000 and up for different sized stones. Proceeds benefit the Saint Barnabas High School Annual Fund.

For more information visit [www.stbarnabashigh.com](http://www.stbarnabashigh.com), email [igeideman@stbarnabashigh.com](mailto:igeideman@stbarnabashigh.com) or call 718-325-8800 ext. 11.

**Lectio Divina Reflection:** Today's Gospel is **John 20:1-9**. *Jesus is risen! The promise of new life is spoken, but many of us have not yet heard it. Bring the message of life to someone who needs to know it through you: visit someone homebound, comfort a friend whose world is darkened by grief, forgive a trespass against you.*

Lectio Divina uses scripture to help you be aware of God in your life. Contact Helen McCullagh 914-237-1595 for more information. Join us for a Session on Sunday morning from 9-10:15am in the Considine Center.

**Calling All Visitation School Alumni**

After 85 years of academic excellence, Visitation School will close this June. An Alumni Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, May 13 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm at Visitation School. Tickets are available for purchase on [evenbrite.com](http://evenbrite.com). Please send an email to [visialumniday@gmail.com](mailto:visialumniday@gmail.com) or call 718-796-0463 for further information.

**JUMBO FLEA MARKET**

Date: Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Time: 10:00am to 4:00pm

Location: Saint Paul the Apostle Parish (McLean Avenue)

For information please call 914 965-9333

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

We welcome into the Roman Catholic Church and our parish community the following children who were recently baptized here at St. Barnabas:

**Seamus Kevin Wallace, child of Desmond & Kathleen**

**Annie May Dwyer, child of Mark & Marie**

**Ryan Jax Rodas, child of John & Saletaire**

**Banns Of Marriage**

For the Second Time: Brian Stiene & Kristen Slattery

**Prayer Requests For The Sick & Endangered**

Please submit names of all those who are in need of prayer, cut this box out and return to the rectory office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Due to limited space, we can only publish for 2 weeks

**Martin M. McNulty Jeffrey Krokus Carol Solierli**

**REST IN PEACE:** Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, benefactors, relatives, members of the Armed Forces, for those who are most forgotten and for those who recently died especially: **Vincent Dolan and Jack Conway.**

**Parish Calendar**

**Monday, April 17**

8:00am – 10:00am  
9:00am – 12noon  
9:30am – 10:45am  
12noon – 2:00pm  
1:00pm – 3:00pm  
3:00pm – 9:00pm  
3:00pm – 9:30pm  
6:30pm – 8:00pm

EMS (CC 2-6)  
Gaelic Classes (CC 1-6)  
Lectio Divina (PC 1-4)  
Playgroup (PC 1-4)  
Leisure Club (CC 1-6)  
Cub Scouts (CC 3-4)  
BAC (ES Gym)  
A.A. (CC 2-6)

**Tuesday, April 18**

8:00am – 10:00am  
9:00am – 11:00am  
12noon – 2:00pm  
3:00pm – 6:30pm  
3:00pm – 9:00pm  
3:00pm – 9:30pm  
7:00pm – 9:00pm  
7:00pm – 10:00pm  
7:30pm – 10:00pm  
7:30pm – 9:30pm

EMS (CC 2-6)  
Playgroup (CC 1-4)  
Playgroup (CC 1-4)  
SBHS Drama Club (Chapel)  
Cub Scouts (CC 3-6)  
BAC (ES Gym)  
12 Steps (CC 2-6)  
AOH (CC 1-6)  
SBHS (HS Gym)  
St. Joseph's Choir (CC 2-4)

**Wednesday, April 19**

8:00am – 10:00am  
9:00am – 11:00am  
12noon – 2:00pm  
1:30pm – 4:00pm  
2:00pm – 3:45pm  
3:00pm – 6:00pm  
3:00pm – 6:00pm  
4:30pm – 6:15pm  
6:00pm – 9:00pm  
6:30pm – 9:30pm  
7:00pm – 9:30pm  
9:30pm – 11:00pm

EMS (CC 2-6)  
Playgroup (CC 1-4)  
Playgroup (CC 1-4)  
Golden Age (CC 1-6)  
CCD (ES )  
BAC (ES Gym)  
Greenan Music (CC 2-4)  
CCD (ES )  
BAC (HS Gym)  
Boy Scouts (ES Gym)  
A.A (CC 2-6)  
Gaelic Football (ES Gym)

**Thursday, April 20**

8:00am – 10:00am  
9:00am – 11:30am  
12:30pm – 2:00pm  
3:00pm – 3:45pm  
3:00pm – 6:30pm  
3:00pm – 6:30pm  
3:00pm – 9:30pm  
3:45pm – 4:45pm  
4:45pm – 5:45pm  
6:00pm – 9:00pm  
6:30pm – 8:00pm  
7:00pm – 8:00pm  
7:30pm – 9:00pm

EMS (CC 2-6)  
Playgroup (CC 1-4)  
Playgroup (CC 1-4)  
Cherub Choir (CC 2-4)  
SBHS Drama Club (Chapel)  
BAC (ES Gym)  
Cub Scouts (CC 3-4)  
Angel Choir (CC 2-6)  
Teen Choir (CC 2-6)  
BAC (ES Gym)  
SBHS (All HS Facilities)  
Woman 2 Woman AA (CC 2-6)  
Adult Choir (CC 2-4)

**Friday, April 21**

8:00am – 10:00am  
10:00am – 12noon  
3:00pm – 4:30pm  
3:00pm – 8:30pm  
3:00pm – 8:30pm  
7:00pm – 9:30pm  
7:00pm – 11:30pm

EMS (CC 2-6)  
Crafty Ladies (CC 1-6)  
Kids Guitar ( )  
BAC (ES Gym)  
Cub Scouts (CC 3-4)  
A.A (CC 2-6)  
Kevin Bell Fundraiser (HS Caf.)

**Saturday, April 22**

8:00am – 10:00am  
9:00am – 10:00am  
9:00am – 9:30pm  
10:00am – 12:30pm  
11:00am – 4:00pm  
6:00pm – 8:30pm  
7:00pm -11:30pm

EMS (CC 2-6)  
Men's Group (CC 3-6)  
Woodlean (ES Gym)  
Respect Life (CC 1-4)  
Piano Class (CC 2-4)  
AA – Last Call (CC 2-6)  
BS Wine Tasting (HS Caf.)

**Sunday, April 23**

8:30am - 10:30am  
9:00am – 10:15am  
9:00am – 3:00pm

CCD (ES Aud.)  
Lectio Divina (CC Library)  
Blood Drive (HS Caf.)