



The Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2018

Thank You!

We would like to thank all those who made the Christmas celebrations a moving experience for the many family, friends and visitors who joined us over the Christmas Season.

The Adult and Youth Choirs, under the direction of Shana Mahoney, who set the mood for the season beginning with Lessons and Carols on December 10th followed by our parish Christmas tree lighting. The beautiful decorations in all three churches were prepared by Jon Buhs, Chris Sheridan, Frank Eslinger and Donna McCluskey with help from Colm Brennan, Joan Heenan, Chris Clohosey and Muriel Whelan. To our Sacristan, Anthony Biongiorno for his diligent service in having all three churches set up and ready to go. To the Altar Rosary Society for preparing the altars and linens, the Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers, and cleaning people, all who helped with the preparations for each Mass. To MaryDee McMahon and the Ladies of Charity who ran the successful Giving Tree. To the rectory staff who helped handle all the phone calls and assisted the clergy in preparing the parish for the holidays.

And to our Pastor Father Brendan Fitzgerald, the parish priests Fr. Paul John and Fr. JP Seon and Deacons Vincent Laurato and Eymard Smith, who celebrated the Liturgies and heard so many confessions and helped the people of the parish joyfully celebrate this holy season.

On behalf of all the priests and deacons at St. Barnabas, we wish to sincerely thank ALL parishioners who have given us cards, gifts, and well wishes this Christmas Season. May God bless you all for your heartfelt and sincere generosity! Know that we will all remember each of you and our loved ones in our daily prayers, especially at the altar. May Mary, Our Mother and St. Barnabas our patron be with you and give you peace every day of this New Year! God Bless!

Very Rev. Brendan A. Fitzgerald, Pastor
Rev. Paul John, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Jean-Pierre Seon, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Vincent Laurato
Deacon Eymard Smith



Tithing & Stewardship

December 24 th	\$14,200.81
December 25 th	\$52,899.77
Special Project	\$18,758.72
Flowers	\$1,075.00
December 31 st	\$15,420.97
January 1 st	\$16,765.00

Thank you all for your contributions

Baptismal Instruction Classes

Parents wishing to have their children baptized at Saint Barnabas must attend one of the classes that are held normally on the second and fourth Monday of each month prior to arranging the child's baptism. The classes are held in the **Considine Center** at 7:00pm. Registration is required by calling the rectory office.

The classes for January will be will be conducted on:

Monday, January 8th
Monday, January 22nd



Baptisms are conducted every Sunday at 1:00pm in the Main Church



Your **contribution tax statements** will be arriving in the mail at the end of the month. Please note that they are in a plain white envelope with the return address listed as:
1221 Walt Whitman Road,
Melville N.Y. 11747.

PLEASE BE CAREFUL NOT TO THROW THEM OUT.



Another Opportunity for Family Catechesis for those who missed the Advent Crafts on December 3rd, 2017

Family Cube – The Art of Loving in the Family

DATE: Saturday, January 20th

TIME: 9:30am – 12noon

LOCATION: High School Cafeteria

Conducted by the Focolare Group

Who are trying to live this life of love

BACKGROUND: *Family Matters*”, hosted by the Focolare Movement, brought over 250 participants to Maynooth University for a family day on Saturday, 29th April 2017. A dynamic, interactive program of interviews, panel discussions, talks and personal stories highlighted the challenges and joys of living as a Christian family in Ireland today.

The program was centered on Chiara Lubich’s *The Art of Loving* and Pope Francis’ recent *The Joy of Love* writings with a brief presentation enriched by a cascade of experiences dealing with family relationships, facing illness and death, the challenges of bringing up children at different stages of their lives, issues like bullying and other issues which touched a chord with many.

A Sikh couple, Romi and Harvinder Singh, shared how they have been living the Art of Loving in their family too and despite the challenges of racism, they stated that “it has always helped us to make positive steps in our lives.”

Three interviews enriched the day:

Fr Tim Bartlett, Secretary General for WMOF 2018, spoke about growing up in Belfast during the Troubles and the importance of family in his own faith journey. “Our first faith lessons are learned within our families. The WFOM presents a great impetus for strengthening and re-assuring families in their journey of faith and love”, he said.

Lorna Gold, of Trocaire’s climate justice campaign, spoke about her forthcoming book *Roar – A Mother’s Awakening* in which she shares her experience of coming to terms with the troubled future now awaiting our children as a result of climate change.

Susan Gately, journalist and author of *God’s Surprises – New Movements in the Church* highlighted the inspiring, supportive role of different ecclesial movements in fostering healthy family life and healing difficult situations.

The culminating moment of the day was the launch of the Family Cube to facilitate the family together to go on this journey of love. The cube is based on the Art of loving and Pope Francis Amore Letizia and contains key phrases which provide a motto for the family to live each day.

The next World Meeting of Families will be held on August 22 through August 26th 2018 in Dublin Ireland

The Manifestation of God's Love

My dear sisters and brothers, as we prepare to conclude the Christmas Season with the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord this weekend, let us turn our attention not only to this feast but to another beautiful feast that gets bumped due to the layout of the season – the Baptism of the Lord. These two feasts (along with Jesus' first miracle at the Wedding Feast of Cana) constitute what the Church calls the "Triple Manifestation (or realization) of God's love". Each in their own way provides a concrete example of how God is not only recognized as Lord but humbled Himself to become like us in everyday, concrete acts.

The Solemnity of the Epiphany draws our attention on the Magi at the surface of the account, but if we take two seconds and look at the story more closely – we see that the Magi coming to visit the Christ child really signifies all nations recognizing two main things: First that God sent his Son to save all of humanity – not just the Jewish people (as previously stated in the Infancy narrative account) and second that the recognition of the Magi of God's love is a parallel for us to recognize Him in our hearts and in every aspect of our own lives. We are called like the Magi to present our gold, frankincense, and myrrh (our hearts, our minds, and our souls) to the Christ-child so that he can permeate every aspect of these our 'treasures' and fortify them as perfect offerings to His Father.

The Baptism of the Lord brings the Christmas season to a close (this year celebrated on Monday January 8) and gives us the first glimpse at the fulfillment of Jesus' mission – the manifestation of the Trinity. One of the few aspects of Jesus' life that is documented in all four Gospel accounts, the highlight here is the revelation of God's pleasure in His Son, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus as he comes up out of the waters. When we are baptized, our sins are washed away and the newness of life comes upon us. In the Early Church, men and women would walk and fully immerse themselves into a baptismal pool (usually octagonal) and enter from the left and exit to the right (to symbolize Christ, the sun that rises in the East and never sets). This immersion into the waters and rising from sin and death is symbolic as Jesus sets the stage for each of us to have the same removal of sin and promise of new life provided for us not only by his Baptism (but eventually through his participation in the Paschal Mystery).

Finally, the account of the Wedding Feast at Cana (John 2:1-12) provides the scene for Jesus to turn water into wine – his first public miracle. Did Jesus have to do this? NO. Did he want to do this – YES. Why? This first miracle provided the people of his time to physically see the divinity of Jesus – but more importantly the inner look to the story shows the humanity (in this case the empathy) of Jesus. Our Lord's compassion for the people at the wedding shows us how much compassion he has for us in our despair and how we are to see the goodness of God even in simple acts. Simple ordinary elements provide the impetus for God's love and mercy, and serve as a precursor for the ultimate act of Love – the Paschal Mystery.

For us as Church, we are called to recognize God's love in our lives and ask ourselves this question for meditation this week – How much of God's love do I really allow to be manifested (recognized) in my life? Do I allow the events of the world to block out the love that God truly has for me and wants to share with me TODAY? A blessed end of the Christmas season to each of you and as we prepare to settle back into (albeit a short) Ordinary Time season this week (beginning on Tuesday January 10). Next week I will also resume my articles on the Celebration of the Mass which took a pause to the Advent/Christmas Season with some reflections on the Preparation of the Gifts and the Eucharistic Prayer/preface. God bless!

Fr. JP

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



JANUARY

60 Daily Masses and all Sabbath Weekend Masses:

Bridget Hanrahan

Sanctuary Lamp: Frank R. Campanaro

Requested By: Angela Campanaro

SAVE THE DATE
MARCH FOR LIFE 2018
FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2018

This year St. Barnabas parishioners are invited to attend the Annual March For Life in Washington D.C. with the parish of Saint Lucy in the Bronx.

All are invited to attend the 6:00am Mass at Saint Lucy's and the bus will leave immediately following.

Seating is \$45.00pp and must be paid by January 12th. To reserve your seat, please call Linda O'Brien at 718-324-1478 ext. 240.

WELCOME TABLE

All in the Parish are encouraged to join in the Welcome Table, Saturday, January 13th from 12noon to 2:00 pm in the Elementary School Cafeteria for fellowship, homemade soups, sandwiches and dessert. Bring a neighbor, ask a friend. See us there!

St. Barnabas High School is offering an SAT Prep Class. The six week class will begin on January 30th and will prepare students for the March or May SAT class. The class will be taught by Mr. Tom Caserta. Please contact the school office at 718-325-8800 or www.stbarnabashigh.com for sign up information.

The January Monthly Food Collection



About Feeding Our Neighbors

Feeding Our Neighbors is a united effort to fight hunger. This campaign is a response to Timothy Cardinal Dolan's call that we all do our part to replenish the food pantries and soup kitchens in our community, which so many families in our community rely on to survive. Sponsored by Catholic organizations throughout the Archdiocese of New York and managed by Catholic Charities, 100% of contributions to the campaign will support local food pantries that serve New Yorkers, non-Catholics and Catholics alike.

Organizational participants in Feeding Our Neighbors include all Archdiocesan Catholic schools, local parishes, the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), the Archdiocesan Office of Religious Education, and the Catholic Charities Federation.

There is just one goal for Feeding Our Neighbors: That New Yorkers answer the call to feed those who are suffering in our community

We would like to ask all parishioners to participate in an extra food collection in January. We will receive 'non-perishable' "foods on the 3rd weekend in January (**January 20th & 21st**) after the Masses in the High School Cafeteria.

The recipient of the Food Campaign will go the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal as usual.

Please do **NOT** bring food items to the rectory.

Thank you

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, January 8

- 6:30 Special Intention of Catherine Garvin
- 8:30 Evelyn Grant (63rd ANN) & Giulia Bernardini

TUESDAY, January 9

- 6:30 Joe Pacheco
- 8:30 John J. McVicar & Mary Reilly (7th ANN)

- 7:00 Richard Clohosey

WEDNESDAY, January 10

- 6:30 Pasquale & Betty Casamassima
- 8:30 Levin Family & Patrick Cremin, Sr. and Jr.

- 7:00 Catherine Moran

THURSDAY, January 11

- 6:30 Betty Casamassima
- 8:30 Oliver Maura, Kevin Montgomery
Michael & Mary Regan

- 7:00 Michael Groarke

FRIDAY, January 12

- 6:30 Breege Boyle
- 8:30 Mabel E. Hart & Thomas Gaughan

SATURDAY, January 13

- 8:30 Michelle Mullen
D/M of O'Rourke & Famularo Families
- 12noon Thomas, Julia & Paddy Halloran

- 5:00 D/M of Kelly & Quinlivan Families
- 7:00 John Reilly (3rd ANN)

The **Woodlawn Taxpayers Association** will hold their 1st meeting for 2018 on Monday evening, **January 8th at 7:30pm** in the Rambling House party room. The meeting offers an opportunity to meet your neighbors, learn what's happening in Woodlawn, meet your elected representatives and to hear from interesting speakers. Why not start 2018 by getting more involved in our community? Help keep Woodlawn a great neighborhood to live in, to raise your family in, to retire in and to enjoy the city. Membership is open to all Woodlawn residents - homeowners, renters, co-op - **all are welcome**. Annual dues are only \$15 and you can be part of a group that has helped shape our community since 1895.

Lectio Divina Reflection: Today's Gospel is **Matthew 2:1-12**. The wise men came prepared for their encounter with Jesus. They worshipped him and brought their gifts. What 'gifts' do you think Jesus would want from us today? Lectio Divina uses scripture to help you discover the joy of God's love for you. 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.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Please email the Society of St. Vincent de Paul - barnabassvdp@gmail.com so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate.

PRO LIFE CORNER

Pray for an end to abortion so that God's plan for every life He sends into the world can be fulfilled.

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, January 8

8:00am – 10:00am EMS (CC 2-6)
 9:00am – 11:00am Playgroup (CC 1-4)
 12noon – 2:00pm Playgroup (CC 1-4)
 1:00pm – 3:00pm Leisure Club (CC 1-6)
 3:00pm – 9:00pm Cub Scouts (CC 3-4)
 6:00pm – 9:00pm BAC (HS Gym)
 6:30pm – 8:00pm AA (CC 2-6)
 8:00pm – 9:00pm Baptismal Instruction (CC 1-4)

Tuesday, January 9

8:00am – 10:00am EMS (CC 2-6)
 9:00am – 11:00am Playgroup (CC 1-4)
 12noon – 2:00pm Playgroup (CC 1-4)
 1:00pm – 3:30pm Ladies Of Charity (CC 1-6)
 3:00pm – 6:00pm BAC (ES Gym)
 3:00pm – 9:00pm Cub Scouts (CC 3-4)
 3:00pm – 9:30pm BAC (ES Gym)
 7:00pm – 9:00pm 12 Steps (CC 2-6)
 9:00pm – 11:30pm McNiff Basketball (ES Gym)

Wednesday, January 10

8:00am – 10:00am EMS (CC 2-6)
 9:00am – 11:00am Playgroup (CC 1-4)
 12noon – 2:00pm Playgroup (CC 1-4)
 1:30pm – 4:00pm Golden Age (CC 1-6)
 2:00pm – 3:45pm CCD (ES)
 3:00pm – 6:00pm BAC (ES Gym)
 3:00pm – 6:00pm Greenan Music (CC 2-4)
 3:00pm – 8:30pm Cub Scouts (CC 3-4)
 4:30pm – 6:15pm CCD (ES)
 6:00pm – 9:00pm BAC (HS Gym)
 6:30pm – 9:30pm Boy Scouts (ES Gym)
 7:00pm – 9:30pm A.A (CC 2-6)

Thursday, January 11

8:00am – 10:00am EMS (CC 2-6)
 9:00am – 11:00am Playgroup (CC 1-4)
 12noon – 2:00pm Playgroup (CC 1-4)
 3:00pm – 3:30pm Cherub Choir (CC 2-4)
 3:00pm – 6:00pm BAC (ES Gym)
 3:00pm – 9:00pm Cub Scouts (CC 3-4)
 3:00pm – 10:30pm SBHS Winterfest (All HS Facilities)
 3:30pm – 4:30pm Angel Choir (CC2-4)
 4:30pm – 5:30pm Teen Choir (CC 2-4)
 6:00pm – 9:00pm BAC (HS Gym)
 7:00pm – 8:00pm St. Vincent DePaul (CC 1-4)
 7:00pm – 8:00pm Men's Bible Study (CC 1-6)
 7:00pm – 8:00pm AA Women's Group (CC 2-6)
 7:00pm – 8:30pm AA (CC 2-6)

Friday, January 12

8:00am – 10:00am EMS (CC 2-6)
 10:00am – 12noon Crafty Ladies Knitting Club (CC 1-6)
 3:00pm – 9:30pm BAC (ES Gym)
 3:00pm – 9:00pm Cub Scouts (CC 3-4)
 6:00pm – 9:00pm BAC (HS Gym)
 7:30pm – 9:30pm A.A (CC 2-6)

Saturday, January 13

9:00am – 10:00pm Men's Club (CC 1-6)
 9:00am – 11:00am EMS (CC 2-6)
 9:00am – 9:00pm Woodlean (ES Gym)
 10:00am – 12noon Respect Life (CC 1-6)
 11:00am – 1:00pm Brownies (CC 3-6)
 12noon -2:00pm Welcome Table (ES Caf.)

Sunday, January 14

8:20am – 10:00am CCD (El. Sch.)
 9:00am – 10:15am Lectio Divina (CC 1-4)
 10:00am – 11:30am RCIA (CC 1-6)
 11:00am – 1:30pm CCD (HS Caf.)
 2:00pm – 6:00pm Woodlean (ES Gym)



Wedding Engagements: The Christmas and New Year holy days are traditional times when romances are solidified with an engagement ring. Recently engaged couples are urged to contact the parish priest of your choice to book your wedding plans as soon as possible. Just call for an appointment. Congratulations to all our new couples and may God bless you!

When: Thursday nights until May 3rd
Time: 7:00pm
Location: Considine Center (Room 1-6)



Saint Barnabas Men's Group



Join them for coffee and lively discussions on our Catholic faith on Saturday mornings from 9:00am to 10:00am in Room 1-6 of the Considine Center. All men in their 20s-40s are welcome to attend. Please contact Ben Smith at benang2000@yahoo.com

VOCATIONS If you would like to be a priest or have questions about the priesthood please contact Father Christopher Argano at (914) 968-1340 or www.NYPRIEST.COM.



Rosary For Priests Every Thursday following the 7:00pm Mass in the Main Church, several parishioners gather together to pray the Rosary for priests. Please consider joining them in supporting our priests through Our Lady's Rosary.



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:

Daihi Mulvihill, child of Conor and Jane

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

Gerard Krokus	Mary Frankowich	Richard Doyle
Danny McManus	Maura Burke	Mr. Finger

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: **Francisca Lopez, Leonard P. Horn, Michael Hayes, Eileen Finagan, Joan O'Connor, Dorothy Foster, Thomas Tully and Dorothy O'Brien.**