



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 4, 2016



We Remember...



Fifteen years ago on September 11th 2001 our lives were most likely altered forever when we realized how vulnerable we truly are. On that date over 3,000 of our people were killed in a terrible assault by terrorists.

Next Sunday, on September 11th at the 11:45am Mass in the Main Church, we will commemorate the fifteenth anniversary of their deaths. To remember them and to pray for their families who continue to live with the horror of that day still within them.

All are cordially invited to join with us in prayer.

Want to be a Catholic?

Do you know someone who wants to become Catholic? Please recommend persons to Deacon Laurato, or any of the priests or staff members in the parish. They will be invited to join our RCIA program. Give us a name, address or phone number and we will be in touch with them.

Already Catholic, but not confirmed nor received your First Communion? The RCIA program is for you as well. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is an easy-going, but structured process where people can learn what it means to be Catholic and living out that faith. **Classes begin in September.**

We will continue to meet on Sunday mornings in the Fall, Winter and Spring and culminate with the reception of the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Since this is a process and not everyone is at the same place in their journey of faith, it is important that one make all the classes once one is enrolled in the program. If you have any questions please feel free to call Deacon Laurato at 718-324-1478 [ext.37].

AARP - WOODLAWN CHAPTER 1147. - meetings will commence again on Thursday, September 15th at 2:00pm (1:30pm for set-up people) at St. Barnabas Elementary School cafeteria. Please remember to bring your deposit for Woodloch Pines. New members always welcome. For information, please call 718-547-7552.



FAREWELL FATHER BENJAMIN

As Father Benjamin moves on to his next assignment please and come and join us for his farewell Mass on September 11th at 10:30am in the High School Cafeteria with a reception to follow in the high school cafeteria.

Our Parish Information is just a click away
Log on to www.stbarnabasbronx.org

St. Barnabas Church (Bronx, N.Y.)

Please Like us and keep up-to-date on any of our upcoming events.



Lectio Divina Reflection: Today's Gospel is **Luke 14:25-33**. What aspects of your life remain "unfinished business"? How can you begin to tie up these loose ends?

Practicing Lectio Divina can be a faith challenge and a faith builder. Consider joining us when sessions resume next Sunday, September 11th in the Considine Center, Room 1-4, 9:00 to 10:15am. Contact Helen McCullagh 914-237-1595 for more information.

The Rectory Office will be closed on
Monday, September 5th – Labor Day.



LEISURE CLUB – The Leisure Club will hold its first meeting on Monday, September 12th, from 1 to 3 pm in the Considine Center, Room 1-6. They would like to welcome back their members with an “Ice Cream Social”. If you are not a member and would like to join them please do, no strings! Bring a friend or come alone and make a new one, give them a try, you have nothing to lose and a pleasant way to spend an afternoon to gain. They are a very informal bunch, cards or conversation and always homemade goodies. Hope to see you on the 12th.



St. Barnabas Bereavement Support Group is being offered to people who experience the loss of a loved one to provide support during the most difficult and painful time. Meetings are held in the Considine Center in Room 1-6 on Wednesdays from September 14th through October 19th at 6:30pm. For further information and questions please call Linda at 718-324-1478 ext 40



SAINT BARNABAS PLAYGROUP

The St. Barnabas Playgroup has been created for parishioners with children from infancy to age of five, where the children can socialize and play with age appropriate toys in our childproof room. Every child must be accompanied by a parent or childcare provider. Playgroup meets twice a week beginning September 12th, in the Considine Center in Room1-4 with four sessions to choose from. The cost of this program is \$130.00 for the year

- Monday & Wednesday 9:00am - 11:30am
- Monday & Wednesday 12:00pm -2:30pm
- Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am -11:30am
- Tuesday & Thursday 12:00 - 2:30 pm

Registration forms can be picked up in the rectory.



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 now being held in the **Considine Center** Room 1-6, at 8:00pm. No registration necessary.

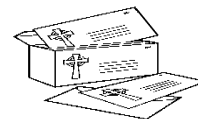
The classes for September will be conducted on

- Monday, September 12th
- Monday, September 26th

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

Tithing & Stewardship

Weekly Goal - \$18,000
 August 28th \$8,775.41



It is a method of sending your weekly donation to the parish via electronics rather than the traditional weekly offertory envelope. (If you use E-Z Pass you know what it is). You can register online or the parish can give you a form to authorize the parish to withdraw donations directly from your bank account or credit card which in turn gets deposited directly into the church account. Advantages are many.

Two easy ways to register

1. You simply go to www.parishpay.com and follow the prompts to register yourself
2. You can pick up a registration form at the rectory office and we can do it for you.

Lady Bowlers – Wanted

Why not join the Westchesterites for bowling on Thursday nights at 7:00pm beginning on September 8th at Paradise Lanes in Yonkers. Beginners and seasoned bowlers welcome.

For more information call Jean at 914 776-1815.

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.

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 SEPTEMBER

- All Daily Masses** In memory of Michael Donoghue
Requested by: Annie & Michael Donoghue, Joan Reilly, Noreen Nezaj & Cathy Rubsam
- Sanctuary Lamp** In memory of Anthony Milone

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE:

A REMINDER that the Respect Life Committee will be having their meeting on next Saturday, September 10th at 10:00am in the Considine Center.

They are working on several projects. Your gifts of ideas and talents as well as your time will be much appreciated. **Keep October 2nd open to join their Life Chain.**

We celebrate life from conception to the moment of death. The debate on assisted suicide is still very much being debated in the political arena. This topic will also be addressed

For all questions and further information please email them at: st.barnabasrespectlife@gmail.com

ROSARY FOR LIFE: Please join them in Rosary For Life every second Saturday of the month at 9:30am in the Lower Church.

Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne

Vocation Discernment

Young women who are discerning a religious vocation are invited for a weekend of sharing, prayer and apostolate at the Sisters Hawthorne location from **November 4 to November 6th.**

For further information and or reservations please contact: Sister Alma Marie 845 745-1319

vocationdirector@hawthorne-dominicans.org

Dare to Love. Dare to Serve.



St. Barnabas Athletic Club

It's time for basketball again! St. Barnabas Athletic Club is having basketball tryouts during the week of September 12, 2016.

The tryouts are OPEN to all members of our school and parish from 3rd to 8th grade. Guardians must sign permission slip. Available at tryout.

TRYOUT DATES & TIMES TBA

Boys Varsity	7 th and 8 th Grade Boys
Boys JV (TYROS)	5 th and 6 th Grade Boys
Bantams	3 rd and 4 th Grade Boys
Girls Varsity	7 th and 8 th Grade Girls
Girls JV (DEBS)	5 th and 6 th Grade Girls
Gidgets	2 nd , 3 rd and 4 th Grade Girls

All teams are coached by experienced coaches. Coaches may require a second tryout - if so players will be notified at above tryout.

For all questions and further information email:

barnabas10470@gmail.com



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

LABOR DAY NO 6:30AM MASS



8:30 Andrew Gilhooley (36th ANN) and
Special Intention of John Cunningham

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

6:30 Mary & Michael Barry
8:30 Maureen Schnell and
Lorraine, Christopher & PJ Regan

7:00 Dec. Memb. of the Hill Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

6:30 Philomena Ryan
8:30 Patrick & Sean Tallon and
Special Intention of John Brosnan

7:00 Sally Jones (1st ANN)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

6:30 Elizabeth Brosnan
8:30 Dominick Ventresca and
Michael Lavin

7:00 Molly, James & Tommy Feeley

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

6:30 Margaret & John Kiernan
8:30 James P. Conway and
Dec. Memb. of the Lattuca Family

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:30 The Fitzmaurice Family and
Joseph Schulok
12:00 Lawrence Levin
5:00 Patrick McGinty
7:00 Dec. Memb. of the Cullen & Shea Families

Scouting Corner



Pack and Troop 102 will be holding their annual Open House on Friday, September 16th. Any boys in grades 1 through 10 (as well as their parents) are invited to come to the Elementary School Cafeteria between 7 and 8 to find out more about the Cub Scout and Boy Scout programs here at St. Barnabas.

For a sneak peek of what our Scouting program has to offer, check out our website: www.stbarnabasscouts.org or our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/PackTroop102

Help Wanted

Pack 102 is looking for new volunteer leaders for our Tiger (1st grade) and Wolf (2nd grade) dens. If you are a St. Barnabas parishioner, have a son in either of those grades and would be interested in finding out more about the lifelong benefits of becoming a Cub Scout leader, please e-mail woodlawnscoouts102@gmail.com or call 914-659-1776.



RAFFLE TICKET INFORMATION

You can return your raffle tickets to the collection basket, by mail or to the rectory office

Please Note: Only submit the part of your ticket that has your name, address & telephone number. The other part of the ticket (*which lists the prizes*) is your receipt. Thank you for participating.

Tickets may also be purchased following Masses this weekend or at the rectory office

The drawing will take place at the "Meet Me on McLean" Festival on September 17th

Register Now

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Re-Registration for 2016-2017

Forms can be obtained in the vestibule today or you can download a copy on our website at www.stbarnabasbronx.org. Please direct all questions to the Religious Education office at **718 324-0865**.

Please return the completed form with payment to the Religious Education office or you may drop it off in a sealed envelope to the rectory office with Religious Education clearly marked on it. We ask if you are paying in cash to please have the right amount.

The Religious Education Class times are as follows:

Wednesday	2:00 to 3:45pm	Grades 1 through 5
Wednesday	4:45 to 6:15pm	Grades 1 through 8
Sunday	8:45 to 11:30am	Grades 1 through 8

CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St. Barnabas Religious Education Program is in need of Catechists for next year. We are looking to cover classes on Wednesday from 4:45 to 6:15. If interested call Sharon Traditi at 718-324-0865. You do not need to be a teacher, just someone who loves our Lord and is willing to pass on the Catholic faith to our young people.

Wednesday Session I **2:15pm to 3:45pm** there is a need for a 2nd, 7th and 8th Grade Teacher
Wednesday Session II **4:45pm to 6:15pm** there is a need for a 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Teacher
Sunday there is a need for a 3rd and 7th grade teacher.

First Communion and Confirmation Pictures for 2016 please call the Religious Education Office and make an appointment to pick them up.

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:

Blaithin Ursula McShane, child of Connell & Michelle
 Lilybeth Godines, child of Lubeth & Brenda
 Tiffany Amelia, Tifara & Tafari Freeman, children of
 Henry and Amelia
 George Edward Stephenson, child of Andrew and
 Deanna

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

*Andreas Manuguerra Robert Ahlers
 Donna DeFeo Jeanne Handren*

Rest In Peace Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, benefactors, relatives, members of the Armed Forces, and for those who recently died especially: **Thomas Gregory and Marilyn Moran**

JESUS and the DEVIL



Dear Padre,

What is the relationship between Jesus and the devil? Does the devil ever win, or is it a constant losing battle? What do you think is the best way to stay away from evil?

A Devil Watcher

Dear Watcher,

Angels are spiritual beings created by God with incredible powers of intellect and will. Some angels, however, have rebelled against God and are known as devils or demons. They are personified in the Bible as Satan, Lucifer, or Beelzebub. God does not annihilate those who misuse their freedom, and so demons have entered human history in an effort to get people to join in their rebellion. The refusal of demons and of human beings to obey God is sin, the source of all evil in the universe (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #391-395).

Jesus' power over demons is proof that God is present in him. Jesus explains in today's gospel that he has come to conquer the devil. That is why the enemies of Jesus commit such a horrible sin when they accuse him of being in league with Satan. They deny goodness, and they cannot be forgiven because they reject the Holy Spirit sent by Jesus.

As human beings, we are asked to choose between Jesus and Satan, between good and evil. Since our eternal destiny depends upon whether we follow Jesus or Satan, we must, as you say, "stay away from evil." The best way to do this is to center our lives on Jesus. Today's second reading tells us how to do this. We must put our faith in God who has raised Jesus from the dead. We can rely on the grace God bestows in abundance through Jesus. Even though we may sometimes fail, we must not lose heart, because God renews us each day as we turn to Jesus in prayer and walk in his way.

The Padre
Fr. Oscar Lukefahr, C.M.

