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,

Pastor

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Tithing & Stewardship
Weekly Goal $18,000

April 9th - $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/

SAVE THE DATE

NEXT SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 23rd

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 23rd 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 24th, 25th & 26th)**

at 7:00pm in the Main Church

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

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**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 27th at 7pm in the Considine Center - Any questions contact Chris at acboydc@gmail.com

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

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**Bread and Wine Memorials**

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**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

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**THE FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE RENEWAL**

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

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**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 26th, 2017

**TOPIC: DIVINE MERCY**

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 24th.

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**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 22nd, 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 3rd**

10:00am to 1:00pm

Join them 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
MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, April 17
6:30  Dec. Memb of the Lombardi Family
8:30  James Fitzgerald (2nd 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 (13th 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 (1st ANN)
8:30  Mary Theresa Grant and Ellen Egan Mills

SATURDAY, April 22
8:30  James Burke (6th ANN) and Giuseppe & Camilla Ruzzi
12noon Patrick & Sarah McGuinness
5:00  Liam, Connie, & Eddie O’Driscoll (5th ANN)
7:00  Michael Roche

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

EUCHARISTIC VIGIL
For the Holiness of Priests and Holy Vocations

Date:  April 28th
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
St. Barnabas Church (Bronx, N.Y.)
Please Like us and keep up-to-date on any of our upcoming events.

On Divine Mercy Sunday (April 23rd), 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?

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
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, email jgeideman@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. Please send an email to visialumniday@gmail.com or call 718-796-0463 for further information.

JUMBO FLEA MARKET

Date: Saturday, April 22nd
Time: 10:00am am 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 Solieri

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.

Monday, April 17
8:00am – 10:00am  EMS (CC 2-6)
9:00am – 12noon  Gaelic Classes (CC 1-6)
9:30am – 10:45am  Lectio Divina (PC 1-4)
12noon – 2:00pm  Playgroup (PC 1-4)
1:00pm – 3:00pm  Leisure Club (CC 1-6)
3:00pm – 9:00pm  Cub Scouts (CC 3-4)
3:00pm – 9:30pm  BAC (ES Gym)
6:30pm – 8:00pm  A.A. (CC 2-6)

Tuesday, April 18
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 – 6:30pm  SBHS Drama Club (Chapel)
3:00pm – 9:00pm  Cub Scouts (CC 3-6)
3:00pm – 9:30pm  BAC (ES Gym)
7:00pm – 9:00pm  12 Steps (CC 2-6)
7:00pm – 10:00pm  AOH (CC 1-6)
7:30pm – 10:00pm  SBHS (HS Gym)
7:30pm – 9:30pm  St. Joseph’s Choir (CC 2-4)

Wednesday, April 19
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)
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)
9:30pm – 11:00pm  Gaelic Football (ES Gym)

Thursday, April 20
8:00am – 10:00am  EMS (CC 2-6)
9:00am – 11:30am  Playgroup (CC 1-4)
12:30pm – 2:00pm  Playgroup (CC 1-4)
3:00pm – 3:45pm  Cherub Choir (CC 2-4)
3:00pm – 6:30pm  SBHS Drama Club (Chapel)
3:00pm – 6:30pm  BAC (ES Gym)
3:00pm – 9:30pm  Cub Scouts (CC 3-4)
3:45pm – 4:45pm  Angel Choir (CC 2-6)
4:45pm – 5:45pm  Teen Choir (CC 2-6)
6:00pm – 9:00pm  BAC (ES Gym)
6:30pm – 8:00pm  SBHS (All HS Facilities)
7:00pm – 8:00pm  Woman 2 Woman AA (CC 2-6)
7:30pm – 9:00pm  Adult Choir (CC 2-4)

Friday, April 21
8:00am – 10:00am  EMS (CC 2-6)
10:00am – 12noon  Crafty Ladies (CC 1-6)
3:00pm – 4:30pm  Kids Guitar (ES)
3:00pm – 8:30pm  BAC (ES Gym)
3:00pm – 8:30pm  Cub Scouts (CC 3-4)
7:00pm – 9:30pm  A.A (CC 2-6)
7:00pm – 11:30pm  Kevin Bell Fundraiser (HS Caf.)

Saturday, April 22
8:00am – 10:00am  EMS (CC 2-6)
9:00am – 10:00am  Men’s Group (CC 3-6)
9:00am – 9:30pm  Woodlean (ES Gym)
10:00am – 12:30pm  Respect Life (CC 1-4)
11:00am – 4:00pm  Piano Class (CC 2-4)
6:00pm – 8:30pm  AA – Last Call (CC 2-6)
7:00pm – 11:30pm  BS Wine Tasting (HS Caf.)

Sunday, April 23
8:30am – 10:30am  CCD (ES Aud.)
9:00am – 10:15am  Lectio Divina (CC Library)
9:00am – 3:00pm  Blood Drive (HS Caf.)