

Saint Barnabas Roman Catholic Church

Iglesia Católica Romana San Bernabé

“St. Barnabas Roman Catholic parish, a welcoming and diverse Eucharistic community of faith and stewardship, empowered by the Holy Spirit and in response to Christ’s call to love and serve one another, seeks to bring all people to the knowledge of and union with God our Father.”

“La parroquia de la Iglesia Católica Romana de San Bernabé, una comunidad eucarística, acogedora y diversa de fe y administración, con el poder del Espíritu Santo y en respuesta al llamado de Cristo de amar y servir a los demás, busca llevar a todas las personas al conocimiento y la unión con Dios nuestro Padre”



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 20, 2020

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Front Office Hours - Horario de recepción:
 Mon, Fri: 9:30 am - noon and 1 pm - 4 pm
 Tues, Thur: 9:30 am - 1 pm
 Wed: 2 pm - 6 pm

Diocese of Charlotte - Diócesis de Charlotte
 Most Reverend Peter J. Jugis, J.C.D., Bishop
 Father Adrian Porras, Pastor
 Rev. Mr. Frank Moyer, Deacon
 Rev. Mr. Rudy Triana, Deacon

SEE WEBSITE AND CALENDAR FOR SCHEDULE DURING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

PASTORAL SCHEDULE - HORARIO PASTORAL CONFESSIONS - CONFESIONES
 Confessions by appointment and sign-ups. See website for dates and times.

SUNDAY MASSES - MISAS DE DOMINGO
 Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm, Vigil Mass in English
 Vigilia del sábado 7:00 pm, Misa de vigilia en español
 Sunday 8:30 am & 11:00 am in English

HOLY DAY MASSES - MISAS DE DÍA SANTO
 Vigil and Holy Days
 (See inside of bulletin)

WEEKDAY MASSES - MISAS ENTRE SEMANA
 (Check bulletin and web for changes)
 Monday, Thursday, Friday:
 Mass 9:00 am
 Wednesday:
 Mass 6:30 pm

Adoration on Sundays: 1 pm to 10 pm
Adoration on Wednesdays: 7 pm to 10 pm

New Parishioners are welcomed and invited to join in our worship and many activities. Please register after Sunday Masses or stop by the office. Parishioners who move are asked to notify the office so we can say a fond farewell and assure you of our continued prayers.

Los nuevos parroquianos son bienvenidos e invitados a unirse a nuestra adoración y otras actividades. Por favor regístrense después de las misas Dominicales o pasen por la oficina. Se les pide a los asistentes que se muden que notifiquen a la oficina para que podamos darle buena suerte y asegurarles nuestras continuas oraciones.

Fourth SUNDAY of Advent
 December 20, 2020

The angel Gabriel said to Mary,
 “Do not be afraid, Mary,
 for you have found favor with God.
 Behold, you will conceive in your womb
 and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.”
 Luke 1:30-31

Cuarto DOMINGO de Adviento
 20 de diciembre de 2020

El ángel Gabriel dijo a María:
 “No temas, María, porque has
 hallado gracia ante Dios.
 Vas a concebir y a dar a luz un hijo
 y le pondrás por nombre Jesús”.
 Lucas 1:30-31

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Knights Corner Esquina caballeros Council 8923 / Consejo 8923



Grand Knight / Gran caballero:
Arthur Carder: kofc8923@gmail.com

4th Degree / Cuarto grado:
Albert Navarro, Faithful Navigator - 347-924-7588

The Knights meet the 4th Monday of each month
Rosary at 6:00 pm, Council Meeting at 6:30 pm, followed by social
time.

Los caballeros se reúnen el cuarto lunes de cada mes. Rosario a las
6:00 pm, Reunión del Consejo a las 6:30 pm, seguido por el
tiempo social.

Faith in Action. *Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life. As a Knight you have the opportunity to support our parish, give back to our community, grow in your faith and gain exclusive access to our top rated insurance program.*

Fe en acción. *Convertirse en un caballero de Colón puede transformar su vida. Como un caballero, usted tiene la oportunidad de apoyar a nuestra parroquia, a nuestra comunidad, crecer en su fe y obtener acceso exclusivo a nuestro mejor programa de seguros.*

Commissions and Council Heads

Buildings and Facilities	Gaylon Brooks
Community Ministries & Peace and Justice	Susan Chitwood
Ecumenism	Open
Education and Formation	Open
Evangelization/Communication	Joanne Gregory
Liturgy and Worship	Ann Mercer
Parish Life	Kim Owens
Finance Council	Ken Marino
Pastoral Council	Ron Wild

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays after the 11:00 am Mass. Parents must be registered in the Parish and have attended a Baptismal Preparation Class, held the 1st Monday of each month at 6:00 pm in the Oscar Romero room, D Hall. *Pre-registration for this class required.* Call the church office to register. Baptism should be conferred in the first few weeks after the birth of a child. Godparents must be practicing Catholics.

EL SACRAMENTO DEL BAUTISMO

Catalina González. Tel: 828-551-2188.
Para pláticas prebautizmal. Primer Domingo de cada mes.
8 am en el Salón San Juan 23.
Para clases de adultos. Llamar el mismo numero.
Para los sacramentos: Bautizo, Primera Comunión, y Confirmación.

QUINCEÑERA

Por favor póngase en contacto con Padre Adrian Porras para una cita para discutir información sobre la quinceñera. Recomendar al menos tres meses antes de la fecha deseada. La familia tiene que estar registrado en la iglesia.

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST CONFESSION AND FIRST HOLY

COMMUNION - Second grade is the normal time. One year prior Religious Education is required.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS - Men should call the parish priest or the Diocesan Vocation Director to help them discern their call to the Diaconate or Priesthood.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY - Couples should make an appointment with the priest or deacon at the time of engagement and at least six months in advance of any wedding date to begin preparations. No date should be set before that meeting so all canonical requirements are met. One party must be registered and an active Catholic. All weddings take place inside the Church.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF SICK - The anointing of the sick can be administered to anyone suffering from a serious or chronic illness. Please call the church office to make arrangements to be anointed. In an emergency, please use ext. 1, leave a message with your name and phone number. You will be contacted as soon as possible.

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME - Please call the Church office to make arrangements.

Saint Barnabas Couples Club

The Saint Barnabas Couples Club is a social organization that meets the first Tuesday of the month between 7:00 and 7:30 pm in the Saint John the XXIII conference room (followed by refreshments in the social hall). The purpose of the organization is for Couples that are members of Saint Barnabas to join together socially at different venues. If interested in joining the Club or getting more information contact Bob & Margie Riffle, this year's presidents. You can contact them at 828-702-0674 or email them at bobmargier@hotmail.com.

El Club de parejas de San Barnabé

El Club de parejas de San Barnabé es una organización social que se reúne en el primer martes de cada mes. Se reúne a las 7 de la tarde hasta las 7:30 en la sala de conferencias de San Juan XXIII, seguida con refrigerios y bocadillos en el salón social. El propósito de la organización es que las parejas que son miembros de San Barnabé se unan socialmente en lugares diferentes. Si usted está interesado en unirse en el club o si quiere obtener más información, puede comunicarse con Bob & Margie Riffle quienes son la pareja presidente este año. Puede contactarlos por teléfono 828-702-0674 o enviarles un correo electrónico a bobmargier@hotmail.com.

Saturday, December 19, 2020
Vigil: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 05:00 PM» Vigil Mass in English
 07:00 PM» Vigil Mass, Spanish
 08:00 PM» Bookstore Open



Sunday, December 20, 2020
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 08:30 AM» Mass in English
 09:30 AM» Bookstore Open
 11:00 AM» Mass, English
 12:00 PM» Bookstore Open
 03:00 PM» Byzantine Mass » Church
 06:00 PM» Adoration in Church

Monday, December 21, 2020
Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 09:00 AM» Mass (English)
 10:00 AM» Divine Will Study » JXXIII
 11:00 AM» Charity Knitting Group » LB
 04:00 PM» St. Vincent de Paul » WR
 06:00 PM» Spanish RICA » JXXIII

Tuesday, December 22, 2020
Advent Weekday
 Nothing scheduled

Wednesday, December 23, 2020
Saint John of Kanty, Priest
 06:30 PM» Mass in Spanish

Thursday, December 24, 2020
VIGIL: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
 Office is closed
 4:00 PM» Christmas Vigil Mass(English)
 7:00 PM» Christmas Vigil Mass(Spanish)

Friday, December 25, 2020
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
 MIDNIGHT: Mass in the Night
 10:00 AM» Christmas Mass (English)
 Office is closed

Saturday, December 26, 2020
Vigil: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
 05:00 PM» Vigil Mass in English
 07:00 PM» Vigil Mass, Spanish

Sunday, December 27, 2020
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
 08:30 AM» Mass in English
 11:00 AM» Mass, English

Of Special Note:

All weekend Masses are via sign-up and maximum attendance is 125 per Mass. Details and sign-up links www.saintbarnabasarden.org.

Mass Intentions The Week

Date	Time	L/D	Intention For	Requested By
Sat: 12/19/20	5:00 PM	†	Dennis Porter	Paula & Joe Bolick
Sat: 12/19/20	7:00 PM	Int	The Hispanic Community	Parish Schedule
Sun: 12/20/20	8:30 AM	†	Robert Belanger	The Belanger Family
Sun: 12/20/20	11:00 AM	Int	Special Intention of Catherine Holzworth	Parish Schedule
Mon: 12/21/20	9:00 AM	†	Deacon Mike Stout	Cathie Stout
Tue: 12/22/20	9:00 AM	No	No Mass	
Wed: 12/23/20	6:30 PM	Int	For the Hispanic Community	Parish Schedule
Thu: 12/24/20	4:00 PM	†	Kellie Curran	Richard & Barbara Edwards
Thu: 12/24/20	7:00 PM	Int	For the Hispanic Community	Parish Schedule
Fri: 12/25/20	12:00 AM	Int	For our parishioners	Parish Schedule
Fri: 12/25/20	10:00 AM	†	Roy Jensen	The Torres family
Sat: 12/26/20	5:00 PM	†	Marget Helen Leach	Marylyn Seyler
Sat: 12/26/20	7:00 PM	Int	The Hispanic Community	Parish Schedule
Sun: 12/27/20	8:30 AM	Int	For our parishioners	Parish Schedule
Sun: 12/27/20	11:00 AM	†	Bob & Jane Meherg	Julie Kelly

Envelope Givers: 112 - Online Givers: 42 (of 888 registered families)		Total Attendance for weekend: 548	
	Collection	Budgeted Weekly Offering	+ or - to Offertory Budget
Totals for Dec. 12 & 13, 2020	\$33,321	\$13,707	+\$25,614
Envelopes and Checks \$33,766 Electronic Giving \$3,217 Youth Envelopes \$0 Non-Envelopes & Visitors \$1,521 Holy Day \$817		2020 DSA Pledge Progress Report: December 14, 2020 Our Goal: \$81,833 Our Pledged/Goal: 99% Pledges Paid: \$74,440 Diocesan Pledged/Goal: 98.0% Pledge Balance: \$2,755 Give online! Over/Under: (\$4,638—adj.) https://charlottediocese.org/dsa	
Offertory Total	\$39,321		
Building & Facilities	\$290		
Diocesan	\$2,149	Priests' Retirement: Goal: \$16,676 - - Collected to date: \$9192	

Bookstore & Gift Shop Schedule for December

The store will be open after Masses as follows:

- Dec. 19: Open after Spanish Mass
- Dec. 20: Open after both Masses



Schedule For The Week of Dec. 20

- ◆ Sunday, Dec. 20: Adoration begins at 6 pm instead of 1 pm due to the Byzantine Mass at 3 pm
- ◆ Monday: Confessions from 6:30—8:00 pm (see website for link)
- ◆ Wednesday: No Adoration after 6:30 pm Mass
- ◆ Thursday and Friday: Office is closed
- ◆ Sunday, Dec. 27: No Adoration

Signing up for Christmas Masses: Things to know

- ⇒ **There will be no automatic signups.** Even if you are on a list to be signed up by staff it will not apply to any Christmas Masses.
- ⇒ **Please make every effort to sign up yourself rather than calling the office.** Calling is intended for people who do not have access to computers or the internet.
- ⇒ **Sign ups for Christmas Masses are limited to seven people in your household.** (Subsequent regular weekend Masses will be limited to five). This is due to some people registering as much as a dozen people and others not able to come at all.
- ⇒ **Please be prepared that if you have several people in your party you may not all be able to sit together.** Arrive early for best chance to do so.

Here is the link to sign up for Christmas Masses:
<https://tinyurl.com/barnabaschristmas>

St. Barnabas Church Is Now In The Loop!

A wonderful feature available on many hearing aids is called the "telecoil". It's also referred to as a "t-switch" or "t-coil". It's nothing more than a tiny coil of wire around a core that will induce an electric current in the coil when it's in the presence of a changing magnetic field.

A telecoil, can therefore, be an alternate or supplemental input device for a hearing aid. Normally, a hearing aid "listens" with its microphone, then amplifies what it "hears". But with a telecoil used as the input source instead of (or in addition to) the microphone, the hearing aid can "hear" a magnetic signal which represents sound. St. Barnabas church is now equipped to allow those with T-Coil equipped hearing aids to take advantage of this technology and enjoy the benefits of enhanced and clearer sound. Let us know if it helps you!



We Offer Thanks To...

Thank you to all who so generously contributed to make the 2020 Angel Tree Program a success this year. With your financial generosity and the help of dedicated staff and volunteers, we were able to help make Christmas extra special for twelve families, including 37 children, within our parish. Thank You!

Thanks to all the volunteers who showed up to move our sanctuary back into our church after the renovations. There was a lot of heavy lifting, disassembling, and major cleaning that had to happen. Though we are not 100% complete with the renovation, we are close enough to be able to enjoy our new surroundings for Christmas.

St. Barnabas prays for...

Our Parishioners

Catherine Holzworth, Elaine Lichtenstein, Robert Aversano, Bill Lilly, Jim Ellis, Charles Lewis, Barry McDonagh, Cindy Barkei, Teresa O'Neill, Ed Rice, José González, Vincent Indelicato, Doris Kickham, Audrey Dimenna, Hilde Ivanov, James Taneyhill, Mary Zorovich, Chuck Babin, Helen Rice, Elaine Des Roches, Brad Owens, Lucille Carrier, Dolores Constantino, Gloria Winburn, Gail Davison, Gianna Janecek, Emily Tunstall.

Our Friends & Loved Ones

Mary Ann Ankoviak, Mark Buske, Pauline Fahy, Thomas Fahy, Bruce Schultz, Pat Luczynski, Tonya Thomas, Deana Williams, Joan Ganguzza, Wilma Cruz, Kathleen Bailey, Beberly Loomis, Sophie M., Miguel Gamez Castro, The Orr family, Sue Morris, Jesse Morris, Mike Brooks, Greg Peck, Lucy Farrow, Sophia Farrow, Jessie Morris, Henrietta Cutler, Jennifer Gaudette, Joanne Harris, Diana Casteel, Dianne Petkas, Jerry Harris, Janet McGovern, Bob & Robin Naida, Anne McKibbin, Ann Albert, All who serve in the Police or Military.

Loved ones in the military

Charles Barrett, US Army, (son of John & Emily Barrett)
Andrew Patrick Beard, Jr. US Army (Grandson of Charlotte and Andrew Beard)
Darian Dudney, US Coast Guard (Grandson of Patricia Talbot)
Michael Franco, US Marine Corps (Son of Emil & Becky Franco)
Tanner Gordon, US Air Force (grandson of Don and Donna Hendricks)
Zachary Grasberger, US Air Force (grandson of Nick and Marlene Grasberger)
Matthew Gray, National Guard (Grandson of Charlotte and Andrew Beard)
Jacob Greco, US Army (Grandson of Larry Greco)
Alicia Hendricks, US Air Force (niece of Don and Donna Hendricks)
Les Jarvis, US Navy (Son of Deborah Carson, Grandson of Ruth Carson)
Erik Klueber (Nephew of Chris & Theresa Beck)
Billy Moody, US Army (Son of George and Mary Jo Moody)
Hunter Myers, US Marine Corps (Grandson of Patricia Talbot)
Jacob & Jamie Naber, US Air Force (Grandson and Wife, of Ted and Mary Naber)
Joseph Naber US Air Force (Grandson of Ted and Mary Naber)
Brooklynn Porter, Air National Guard (Daughter of Paul and Julie Wojcik)
Brianna Pajak, US Air Force (daughter of Paul and Joan Pajak)
Luke Schulze, Army National Guard (Grandson of José and Myriam González)
Jaeger Souphab - Airforce (son of Milee Souphab)
William Talbott, Navy (grandson of Pat Talbot)
Mario Vergara Quiroz (Marines) son of Mario Vergara & Maria Quiroz
Gregory Wardwell, US Army (Son of Dana & Paulette Wardwell)
Michael Wright, US Air Force (Son of Dave and Mary Wright)
Alex Zorich, US Air Force, (Son of Dave & Kim Zorich)

Loved ones and friends discerning religious vocations

Seminarians:

Aaron Huber (*The Athenaeum of Ohio*)
Nicholas Kramer (St Joseph College Seminary)

Religious Ed. & Youth Ministry

Simeon Willis

Advent is the season of expectant waiting and preparation for the coming of God. Please think and pray about what your family should do this year in preparation for Jesus' coming at Christmas. We have some Advent materials to assist you. You may pick them up in the social hall.

Please Donate:

- Salsa
- Canola Oil
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit



The best time to bring your donations to the Pantry is when they are open on Thursdays. Otherwise bring them during open office hours.

St. Barnabas 2020 Christmas Schedule

Thursday, December 24

Office Closed

4:00 pm: Vigil Mass, English

7:00 pm: Vigil Mass, Spanish

Midnight (12 am):

Mass in the Night at Midnight

Friday, December 25 - Christmas Day

Office Closed

10:00 am: Christmas Mass, English

(Live Streamed)

Monday, December 28

Office closed

Thursday, December 31

7:00 pm: Vigil Mass: Mary, Mother of God, Bilingual

Friday, January 1

Office Closed

10:00 am: Mass: Mary, Mother of God, English

Christmas Masses will be via sign-up.

Call Church Office for link to sign up or listen for it at Mass. It will be public late next week.

Mary, Mother of God Masses will not require sign-up but maximum attendance capacities will be observed.

FEAST OF FAITH

Gathering

When Pope Benedict XVI visited the United States in 2008, tens of thousands gathered in Yankee Stadium to celebrate the Eucharist with him. What made them different from all the other excited crowds who have assembled there through the years? When they began to sing together, to listen together, to pray together, they ceased to be a crowd, and became a liturgical assembly. It was not where they were but what they did that set them apart.

The Gospels speak of many instances when Jesus prayed alone to his Father. But Jesus also put a special value on communal prayer. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name," he told his disciples, "there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). Jesus gave his own mission to his followers, sending them forth to do everything he did: to heal, to teach, to proclaim the kingdom. Jesus wants us to meet God in and through each other. So the Christian community continues to gather, Sunday after Sunday. When we get up on Sunday morning and come to Mass, we respond to Jesus' invitation, and we express our trust in his promise that whenever we come together, he comes, too.

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Need a prayer, a listening ear?

Compassionate Callers are always here.

You can reach us at 828-684-6098 ext. 1309

FIESTA DE LA FE

Pedimos perdón

Como el amor de Dios es algo tan obvio, es posible que nos resulte un poco difícil explicarlo. Resulta aun más difícil explicarlo cuando en nuestra vida no nos hemos sentido amados por Dios, así como somos, en nuestra humanidad más plena. Si el amor es lo único que basta, si sólo Dios basta, como escribió santa Teresa, ¿cómo es que ese amor no nos llega? Pues sí nos llega, a todos y todas, lo que muchas veces sucede es que no siempre estamos abiertos a ese amor, en cierta forma, nos negamos a él, o bien, no respondemos a ese amor tan grande que recibimos de Dios. Por eso pedimos perdón durante la celebración de la Misa, porque no hemos amado a Dios como él nos amó; porque no hemos seguido su mandato de amar al prójimo como a nosotros mismos; porque no hemos caminado humildemente ante su presencia y tampoco hemos vivido la justicia. Porque no hemos dejado todo para seguirlo. Le pedimos perdón mediante el Acto Penitencial, el Señor ten piedad o durante la Pascua, con la aspersion del agua bendita. Experimentamos así la gran misericordia de Dios, cuyo amor por nosotros es ilimitado.

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December 26 & 27 2020	5:00 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Lector 1st Reading	Catherine Osada	Maureen Kennedy	Mary Torres
Lector 2nd Reading	Marcia Torres	Paul Pajak	Valarie Brooks
Altar Servers	Salvador Ozun-Diaz Michael Ramirez-Guzman Jaeger Souphab	Nathaniel Edwards Charles Reyes	JP Torres Jake Brogdon
Head Greeter	Margi Alvarez	Fred Petrazio	Gaylon Brooks
Greeters	Bill Carter	Cindy Barkei	Bob May
	Dan Alvarez	Kathy Miller	Victoria Cambron
	Stephen Forrest	Mike Hinman	Morgen Lance
	Rey Romualdo	Darlene Penland	Frank Dezzutto
Door Keepers	Gina Babor	Lissa Loosemore	Harriet Dezzutto
	Caryl Richardson	Kathy Trull	Gabriella Torres



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(704) 370.3219 / (336) 714.3212

alfernandez@charlottediocese.org

masolano-rodriguez@charlottediocese.org

Síguenos en Facebook: @immigrationccdoc

<https://www.ccdoc.org/en/services/immigration>

FREE BACKGROUND CHECKS!!

The Diocese of Charlotte is using a new company to perform the required background checks. All volunteers are required to have a background check every 5 years, and St. Barnabas pays for these. But now, through the end of the 2020, Sterling Volunteers is offering free background checks to thank us for switching over to their company. You can go to this website to get started:

<https://www.virtusonline.org>. If you have questions or problems, please email Valarie Brooks at: volunteer@saintbarnabasarden.org. Valarie can assist you if you have any issues.

15th Annual MARCH FOR LIFE in Charlotte: Jan. 8, 2021

The day will begin with a Mass for the Unborn at 9:00am at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church at 6828 Old Reid Rd. Charlotte, NC 28210. At 11:00am we will start to gather at the parking lot across the street from the Diocese of Charlotte Pastoral Center at 1123 S. Church St. Charlotte, NC. At 12:00pm we will march to Trade and Tryon where Fr. Noah Carter, Pastor of Holy Cross Catholic Church will preach. After the pro-life testimonies we will pray the Most Holy Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Please join others to march and pray for an end to abortion and save babies lives!

See schedule details at www.marchforlifecharlotte.org

Tuesday, January 12: 10 am—11 am: Assistive Technology for Vision and Hearing

This session will include demonstrations, pictures and videos of various adaptive devices that can assist with vision or hearing challenges. The visual items will either magnify items or change the color or even read to you. We will see items to amplify sound as well as items for alerting to common sounds such as doorbell, alarm clock. Register in advance for this webinar here: www.saintbarnabasarden.org/technology-January-12



Wednesday, January 13: 10 am—11 am: Using Adaptive Devices in Our Everyday Activities

This session will include demonstrations, pictures and videos of various adaptive devices that can assist with every day activities such as bathing, dressing, grooming, cooking and house cleaning. These items will show safer ways to accomplish the tasks while maintaining your independence. Register in advance for this webinar here: www.saintbarnabasarden.org/technology-Jan-13

Thursday, January 14: 10 am—11 am: Using a Computer or Phone for Independence

This session will include tips and tricks to use your computer or cellphone easier. We will see demonstrations of using an Alexa/Google home device to turn on the lights as well as control a television. Register in advance for this webinar here: www.saintbarnabasarden.org/technology-January-14

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

For additional informational, please contact Sandra Breakeld, Program Director Elder Ministry at 704-370-3220 or sbreakeld@charlottediocese.org

How We Can Communicate During Coronavirus

Our Website: Critical or time-sensitive notices will appear in a yellow box near the top of the page. Here you will find notices of future Confession opportunities, Mass sign-ups, live-streamed Masses, and other important news. You can also go to the [About Menu >> Staff Directory](#) to reach any staff member by email via contact form.

Facebook: We have two options for facebook.

◆ **Our GROUP** page, which is private, for registered parishioners only. This is so we can post parishioner news or pictures without it being open to the public. If you are a facebook member, we urge you to request access to the group which you can do here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/stbarnabasarden/>

◆ **Our Public Page**, which is open to anyone, even if you don't have a facebook account. You will need a direct link to access it if you do not have a facebook account, and be prepared for pop-up requests to join facebook. You can access the public page here: <https://www.saintbarnabasarden.org/fb-public>

Office Hours: Our normal office hours resumed June 8, and you are welcome to call at any time and leave a message. Please note that the front door will be locked at all times, but you can use the buzzer system on the outside wall to buzz Wanda if you come during **open office hours:**
Mon, Fri: 9:30 am - noon and 1 pm - 4 pm
Tues, Thur: 9:30 am - 1 pm
Wed: 2 pm - 6 pm

Telephone: Please call in at any time to leave a message

for a staff member or St. Vincent de Paul. Please note that response times may be somewhat delayed as staff working at home will not immediately know that a message has been left. They are checking messages however and will get back to you.

Our Parish Directory: Yes, the directory is a bit dated, but we encourage you to pick it up and reach out to each other during this time!

Mail: If you are sending in your Offertory donation please send to: PO Box 39, Arden, NC 28704.

Online Giving: Many of you are set up for online giving, which has proven invaluable during these times. For those not enrolled in online giving please review how it works and sign up at [https://](https://www.saintbarnabasarden.org/electronic-giving)

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Celebration of Masses at St. Barnabas Catholic Church: During church renovation we are celebrating Masses in the social hall (with overflow in JXXIII via streaming). Masses are via sign-up and details are on our website home page.

Weekend Masses (and some special Masses and events) are now available via live-stream on our Youtube Channel. You can get the link at www.saintbarnabasarden.org, or go directly to www.saintbarnabasarden.org/youtube

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Monthly Themes for the Year of St. Joseph

The monthly themes for the Year of St. Joseph are taken from St. Joseph's virtues and titles as prayed in the Litany of St. Joseph (see below).



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December - Chaste Guardian of Virgins and Pillar of Families

Due to his chastity and vocation, Joseph has further been entrusted to continue his mission of guarding the pure ones of God and of the integrity of the family. This power flows through him now as a reward of his perfect fidelity. All religious and families should have recourse to this most powerful intercessor.