



# THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS

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## FROM THE RECTOR:

### **The Joy of Belonging**

At Christmas I was bowled over by the depth of co-operation between members of our church as the work of preparation, mutual care-taking and celebration took its course. Thank you to everyone who participated in decorating the sanctuary, greeted and welcomed visitors, responded to last minute requests for help and to everyone who prayed, sang and worshipped with us on Christmas Eve. All our combined efforts bode well for the New Year and point to a mounting sense of forward momentum. As your new rector I believe that we are right where we need to be, and I hope that you share this sentiment as you reflect on the joy of belonging.

See you Sunday,  
Gareth

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## Our Christmas Week in Pictures





### Office Hours:

Call the office (914) 591-8194 to make an appointment or if you need Pastoral Care

## ONGOING

### SECURITY DONATIONS

Did you know you can make a security donation to fulfill an annual pledge, or any donation, to St. Barnabas?

If you wish to make such a donation, please contact the church office to get specific instructions so your donation can be properly credited. Alternatively, e-mail Cynthia Ferguson at [ferginvestcf@gmail.com](mailto:ferginvestcf@gmail.com) for instructions.

It's important to let the parish office or Cynthia Ferguson know what security you are donating because St. Barnabas doesn't receive the name of the donor. Only the shares. Let us know what you're donating and we will track the receipt and proper crediting! Thank you.

## UPCOMING IN THE NEW YEAR

**REPAIR MEETING: 1/16**

# REPAIR

Rivertowns Episcopal Parishes  
Action on Inclusion and Race

January 16, 7:30 p.m., at Trinity Church, Ossining

"Know whence you came. If you know whence you came, there is really no limit to where you can go."-James Baldwin.

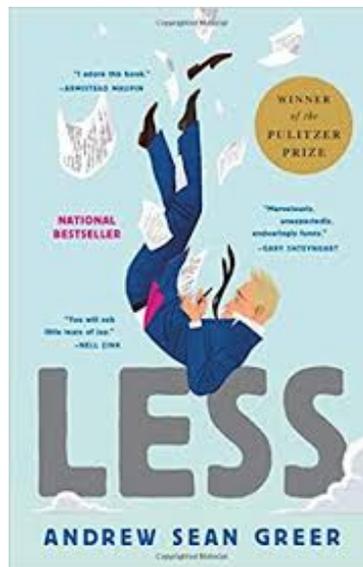
In 1962, James Baldwin wrote "A Letter to My Nephew," a powerful reflection on life in America on both sides of the racial divide. Almost six decades have passed, but Baldwin's essay-which speaks both to those who have survived the crime of racism and to "the innocents" who have yet to grasp its true nature-is as relevant today as ever.

On Wednesday, January 16, at the next monthly meeting of REPAIR, we'll hear a powerful audio presentation of Baldwin's essay. With its "story of self, story of us, and story of now," it's a great example of the "public narrative" concept we've been exploring together. Then we'll share our responses and consider how Baldwin's narrative intersects with our own stories . . . and what we can learn from those connections.

Karl Weber

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## BOOK GROUP: 1/30



The St. Barnabas Book Group will meet on Wednesday, January 30th, to discuss *Less*, a novel by Andrew Sean Greer. We will meet at 7:30 in the lounge.

All are welcome!

If you have any questions please email [Lea Carmichael Richardson](mailto:Lea.CarmichaelRichardson@gmail.com) at [Paintmoth@gmail.com](mailto:Paintmoth@gmail.com)

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## Service Times

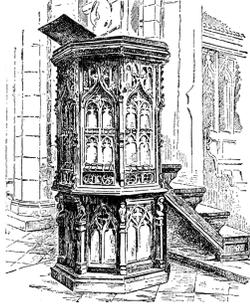
**Sunday, December 30th**

*8:00 am*

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

*10:00 am*

Holy Eucharist, Rite II



## The Readings

- **Isaiah 61:10-62:3**
- **Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7**
- **John 1:1-18**
- **Psalm 147 or 147:13-21**



## Goings On

**Friday, December 28th**

*7:30pm - 8:30pm*

AA in Roane Room

**Saturday, December 29th**

*9:30am - 10:30am*

AA in Colwell Hall

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