



# THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS

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## FROM THE RECTOR:



### Repair of the World

Wednesday night I attended a gathering of REPAIR: Rivertowns Episcopal Parishes Action on

Inclusion and Race along with members of our church. The meeting was co-led by Karl Weber who invited the gathering into a meditative reading of African-American Activist, James Baldwin's, "A Letter to My Nephew." In the letter, written to his nephew, in light of his brother's death, Baldwin writes:

"Try to imagine how you would feel if you woke up one morning to find the sun shivering and all the stars aflame. You would be frightened because it is out of the order of nature. Any upheaval in the universe is terrifying because it so profoundly attacks one sense of one's reality. Well, the black man has functioned in the white man's world as a fixed star, as an immovable pillar, and as he moves out of his place, heaven and earth are shaken to their foundations."

Driving home from the meeting I was glad that I had heard these words and had stood, if you like, beneath them, condemned and convicted. That said, I have a Theology of Cross and it is this: God's judgment of my flawed humanity is also co-mingled with God's incarnate love for all Creation. It seems to me that we are called to repair this world, exercising our critical judgement as we bring God's love to those who need it most. In Liberal Jewish circles the term, "tikkun olam" refers to acts of "world repair" made by human beings. There's so much in our world that needs to be healed, restored and repaired. May we continue in small and large ways to add our collective weight at St. Barnabas to the moving of heaven and earth in the direction of racial equality and inclusion.

See you Sunday,  
Gareth

#### Office Hours:

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

\*Please note that the Rector's Sabbath Day (Day off) is Friday\*

## ANNUAL DINNER: 1/27



### Save the date!

**The Vestry is reviving a much loved tradition.  
Join us for the ANNUAL MEETING dinner!  
Sunday, Jan 27th 5:30-7:30p in Colwell Hall**

Our Annual Meeting will be a dinner on Sunday, January 27, from 5:30PM to 7:30PM.

Feel free to bring the kids!

We will have a separate children's supper with fun activities and supervision.  
Adults will enjoy wine, fellowship, and food on top of our annual meeting.

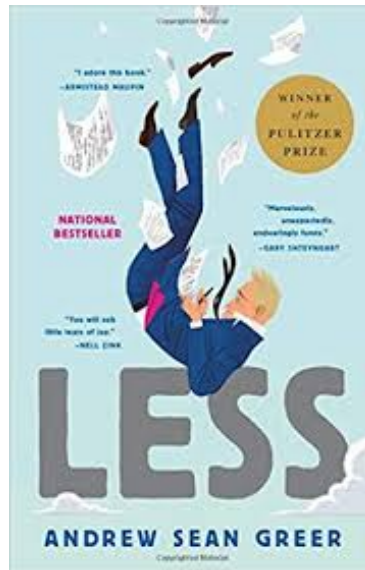
This meeting promises to be special as we collectively explore a new spiritual life together with our new rector Gareth and his family.

As usual, we will elect vestry members, review the budget, and celebrate our parish community.

Kindly RSVP using this link: [RSVP Form](#)

## UPCOMING

### 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 at [Paintmoth@gmail.com](mailto:Paintmoth@gmail.com)

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## CLOTHING SALE GRANT APPLICATIONS: Due March 3rd

### APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!



**Deadline:** e-mail completed application (click [Here](#) for application) no later than Sunday, March 3, 2019 to Hanna Gyory at [laurahanna50@gmail.com](mailto:laurahanna50@gmail.com).

Paper forms are available in the office.

Grants application decisions will be announced at the Clothing Sale Dinner on Wednesday, March 27, 2019; and disbursed in April.

### GRANT GUIDELINES:

The St. Barnabas Clothing Sale Outreach program is designed specifically to extend the charitable outreach of our parishioners, so we solicit requests from our faith community for worthy non-profit (501c3) organizations that benefit our community. In order to be eligible for grant consideration, at least one St. Barnabas parishioner must volunteer or be connected to the organization. Further, the requested grant (most grants are between \$500 and \$1,500, rarely more than \$5,000) must meaningfully impact on the program and the community.

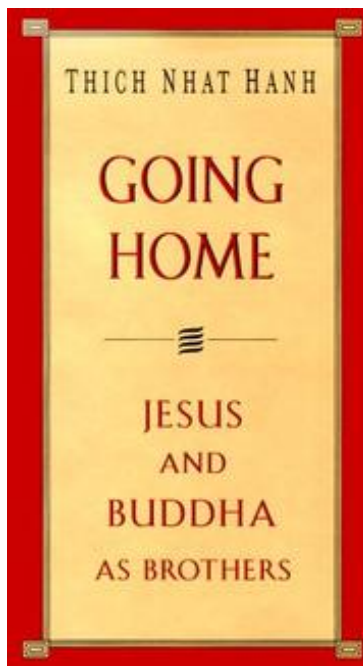
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### SECURITY DONATIONS - NEW INFO

Instructions are being changed. We will be using the Diocesan services. Securities letter of instructions will be revised shortly. Account at TDAmeritrade will be closed. Contact Cynthia Ferguson at 914-631-7188 or [ferginvestcf@gmail.com](mailto:ferginvestcf@gmail.com).

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### WEDNESDAY BOOK GROUP



The Wednesday Book Group meets every Wednesday from 11:30 - 1:00. We are currently reading *Going Home* by Thich Nhat Hanh. All are welcome and the group is set up so that people can 'pop in and pop-out' - no previous reading required.

If you have any questions please email Sue Robinson at [susanbriggsrobinson@gmail.com](mailto:susanbriggsrobinson@gmail.com)

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## Service Times

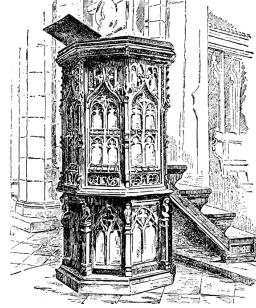
**Sunday, January 20th**

*8:00 am*

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

*10:00 am*

Holy Eucharist, Rite II



## The Readings

- **Isaiah 62:1-5**
- **1 Corinthians 12:1-11**
- **John 2:1-11**
- **Psalms 36:5-10**



## Goings On

**Friday, January 18th**

*7:30pm - 8:30pm*

AA in Roane Room

**Saturday, January 19th**

*9:30am - 10:30am*

AA in Colwell Hall

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