



# THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS

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**FROM THE RECTOR:**



### **This Sunday: A Right Royal Celebration**

There is some confusion about when to take Christmas decorations down. Tradition has it that they should be taken down on the Twelfth Night after Christmas, which logically falls on January 5th. While I appreciate the logic of having a "cut off" date for Christmas I also like the tradition of marking the arrival of the Magi on the Feast of Epiphany which falls on the following day, January 6th.

Therefore during worship on Sunday we will mark this "right royal" feast day with all the color and brightness of the Christmas season. Interestingly, the 17th Century English diarist Samuel Pepys recalls filling his house with friends, as well as, "extraordinary Musick" and "good fires and candles" on this particular day. He adds this to his entry for January 6th, 1668, "And so to dancing again, and singing, with extraordinary great pleasure, till about two in the morning." While I am not recommending we follow Mr. Pepys' raucous approach to hosting, I am suggesting that we gather in the after-glow of Christmas to enjoy extraordinary music, candle light and a dollop of good cheer at church this Sunday!

See you then,  
Gareth

See you Sunday,  
Gareth

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

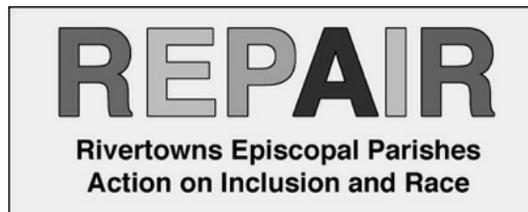
## UPCOMING IN THE NEW YEAR

### MIDNIGHT RUN: 1/12

High school students: Midnight Run is happening Friday, January 12th, at St. Barnabas. We'll meet in Colwell Hall for pizza and gathering, sandwich-making and sorting clothes until about 8:30pm, and into early Saturday morning if you would like to go distribute goods to homeless folks in Manhattan.

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### REPAIR MEETING: 1/16



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.

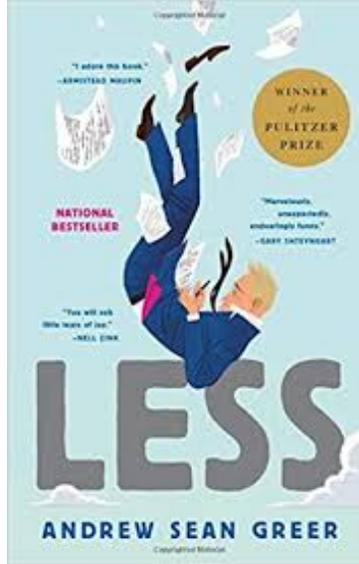
In 1962, James Baldwin wrote "A Letter to My Nephew," a powerful reflection on life in America on both sides of the racial divide. Almost six decades have passed, but Baldwin's essay-which speaks both to those who have survived the crime of racism and to "the innocents" who have yet to grasp its true 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 at [Paintmoth@gmail.com](mailto:Paintmoth@gmail.com)

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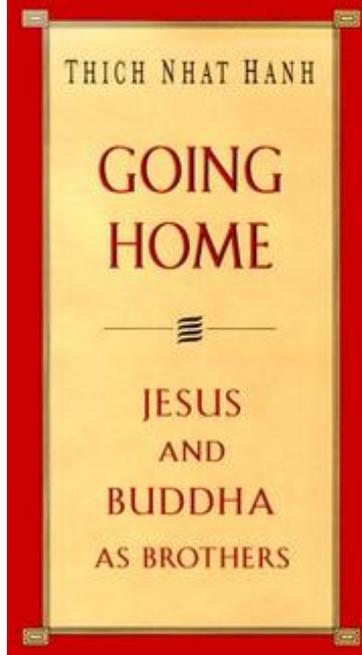
## ONGOING

### 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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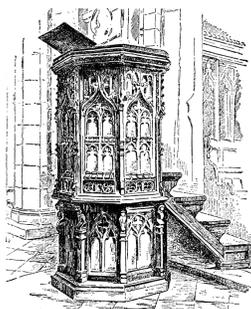
*Thank You*



The staff of St. Barnabas thanks you for the generous Christmas present, and wish you all a Healthy Happy New Year. Donald, Ron & Sue



**Service Times**



**The Readings**



**Goings On**

**Sunday, January 7th**

*8:00 am*

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

*10:00 am*

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**Friday, January 5th**

*7:30pm - 8:30pm*

AA in Roane Room

**Saturday, January 6th**

*9:30am - 10:30am*

AA in Colwell Hall

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