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FROM THE RECTOR:



Liturgy Defined in the Season of Epiphany

I am absolutely loving conversations this week with parishioners about what it means to worship together. The conversations have been about the small, but significant changes made to the liturgy

since the beginning of December. For instance, the liturgy I prepared for the Feast of the Epiphany, last Sunday focused on standing and de-emphasized the role of kneeling. In an effort to make the season of Epiphany distinctive we will consciously adopt standing as the most natural posture for worship and receptivity to the divine manifestation of God in Christ. I am intentionally using strong theological language here to reflect the experience of being immersed in Episcopal Liturgy with its rigorous pattern of seasons and feasts that rest on a substantial and repeatable historical structure (go ahead read this sentence again, it's a biggie). The liturgy at St. Barnabas is very cool because it is very traditional, quite beautiful and a powerful invitation to a sacred meal. Above all (and here I am betraying my bias) I believe that liturgy is a public and social event, with moments for quiet reflection and personal piety. It engages our lives, feelings, emotions and hopes because it mirrors back to us an image of God's Kingdom centered on Jesus of Nazareth's unique insight: breaking bread around a table with non-biological kin is a sign that God is at work within us and in the world. Eucharist is our job description and the basis of everything we do at St. B's. So, let's enjoy this Season of Light, bask in one another's company as we trust that God's Spirit is with us.

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!

We're bringing back 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.

A personal invitation and more details will follow, but please mark in your calendars!

UPCOMING

MIDNIGHT RUN: 1/11

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.

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.

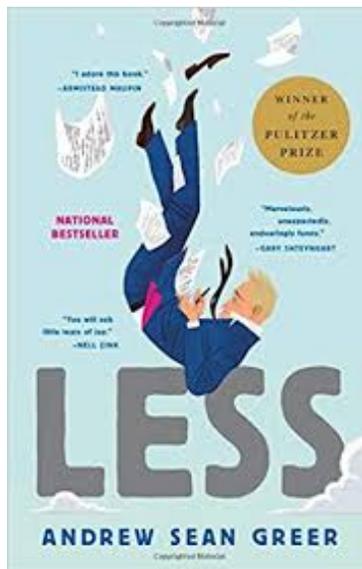
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REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT: 1/16



Our 'Helping Hands' are helping new Americans families, granted official status by the US government, settle into our community. Find out how we are helping our newest family on Wednesday, Jan 16th at 7pm in Colwell Hall.

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

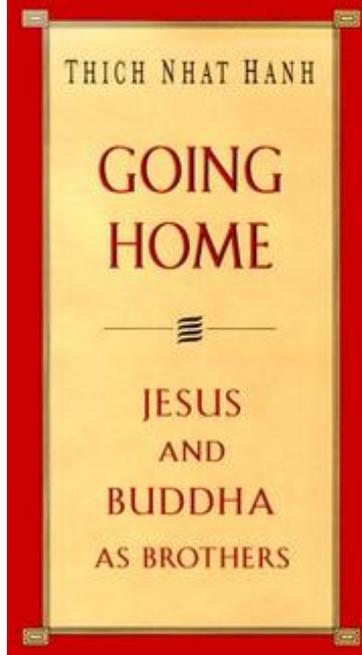
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SECURITY DONATIONS - NEW INFO

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.

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

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Service Times

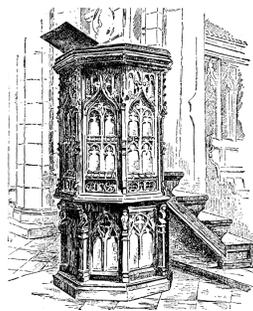
Sunday, January 14th

8:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II



The Readings

- **Isaiah 43:1-7**
- **Acts 8:14-17**
- **Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**
- **Psalm 29**



Goings On

Friday, January 12th

7:30pm - 8:30pm

AA in Roane Room

Saturday, January 13th

9:30am - 10:30am

AA in Colwell Hall

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