



THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS

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FROM THE RECTOR:



Bearing the Image of the Creator: it's a tender and courageous thing.

During the third trimester fetal learning happens in the womb. Before we are born we learn to recognize the voice of our parents and hear words. Speech is foundational to who we are as human beings. Interestingly, Genesis Ch.1 paints a picture of God creating the world with words. With a whisper God creates humans out of the dirt. The Image of God within us is an expensive and exquisite gift whispered into the dirt, the mess, the physicality of humans.

All of us bear the image of the Creator and the ability to communicate with words. We are speech creatures whispered into being. Thus, we are creatures who in turn whisper and weep and speak things into being. When understood in the context of our God-given identities, speaking is a "supernatural act." It has the power to build up or destroy. We must choose our words carefully, because they are powerful. I want put a few words in your ear that are "spiritual" and, I believe, vital for all of us to reflect upon regardless of our particular political affiliations:

Love
Mercy
Healing
Grace
Kindness
Compassion

I offer you these words in light of so much punishing language that has been wrapped around the abortion debate in our country this past week. I encourage us to stand with the women in our lives and offer them spiritual words of healing and hope rather than condemnation when faced with intimate questions of life and death. I invite you to take a little time to reflect upon how you can integrate spiritual words into your everyday speech and articulation of the world you want to live in. The world needs us to do so given how broken and divided our nation is on the status of women, their rights and their physical presence as bearers of the image of God.

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 Monday

UPCOMING

Women's Meditation Wednesdays 10:00-11:00am in the Chapel

Setting aside time to invite the Spirit of the living God into our hearts is essential to a Christian Practice.

In quietness, I believe we are drawn toward the ultimate love which surpasses all understanding.

Join me to sit, listen and receive the Spirit.

-Fran Bean



THRIFT SALE WRAP-UP MEETING: Rescheduled for 5/21

Join us to discuss the 2019 thrift sale so we can make notes for future years! For next year, please think about what you'd want to change, add or highlight from either your department or your general experience of the sale. This is super-valuable. For example, Barbara Mahoney's insights from last year allowed us to promote the sale even more effectively this year!

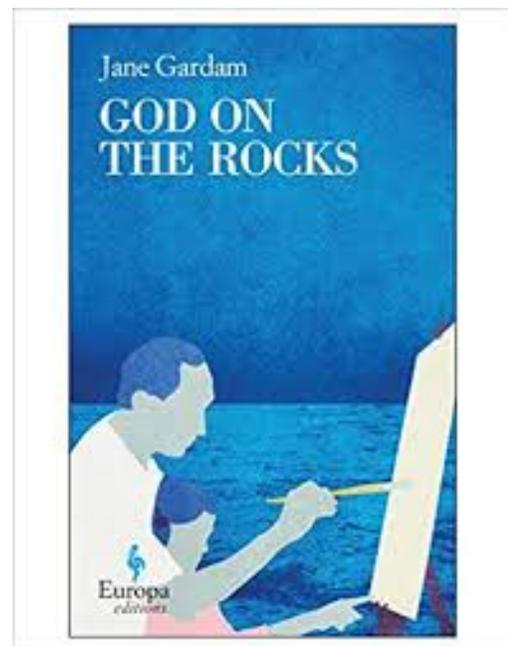
Please note that this meeting will now be held on Tuesday, May 21st at 6:30pm in McCormack Lounge.

BOOK GROUP: 5/22

The Saint Barnabas Book Group will be meeting on Wednesday, May 22nd at 7:30, in the lounge to discuss *God on the Rocks*, by Jane Gardam.

All are welcome.

If you have any questions please contact Lea Carmichael Richardson a Paintmoth@gmail.com



YOUTH PROGRAMMING: 5/31 & 6/7

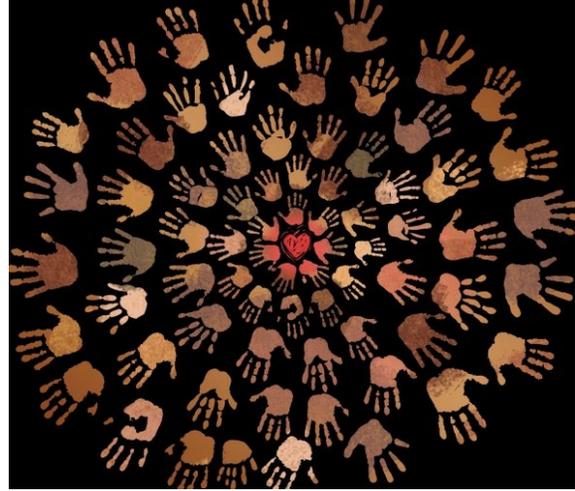
Fran and Gareth are hosting two Youth Group events to close out the program year:

Towards a deeper understanding of Race and

Racism.

Friday May 31st 6-8PM Special Guest: Carla Burns is chair of the Diocesan Anti-Racism Committee and former Secretary of The Episcopal Church's (T.E.C.) Executive Council Committee for Anti racism and Reconciliation.

Carla will show a short documentary on the crucial role of young people played in the Civil Rights Movement and then lead a discussion. Carla is a retired public High School librarian.



Friday June 7th 6-8PM Special Guest: Karl Weber, committee member of REPAIR (Rivertown Episcopal Parishes Action for Inclusion and Race) and member of our parish. Karl is a book editor, publisher and writer. We will watch a short documentary on the science of racial difference in order to dispel commonly held myths that seek to separate and divide us.

CONNECTED PARENTING BRUNCH: 6/1



Fran and Gareth would like to invite parents over to the Rectory on Saturday June 1st 11-1PM for brunch and conversation on the topic of how the economy and money affect our parenting styles, given the conscious and unconscious messages we convey to our children about these things in our approaches to parenting.

Children are welcome, of course. We'll bring in the necessary number of caregivers based on need.

Please RSVP by emailing Gareth at garethcevans@gmail.com. Thanks!



Service Times

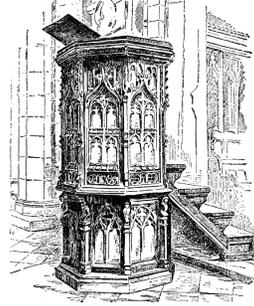
Sunday, May 19th

8:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II



The Readings

- **Acts 11:1-18**
- **Revelation 21:1-6**
- **John 13:31-35**
- **Psalm 148**

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Goings On

Friday, May 17th

7:30pm - 8:30pm

AA in Roane Room

Saturday, May 18th

9:30am - 10:30am

AA in Colwell Hall

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