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FROM THE RECTOR:



Play the ground of our Being.

Arguably one of the most pleasant sounds in the world, is the happy cacophony of children playing out of doors. When the children who attend the Irvington Children's Center emerge onto the playground I experience the blessing of hearing them speak, shout and cry out with boisterous glee. It reminds me that we are speech creatures born to talk, interact and be in non-stressful community. I love it that we have a playground in the church backyard.

Interestingly, the first organized and supervised playgrounds in America were introduced in Massachusetts in the 1880's and were no more than simple "sand piles." I would love to see a sandpit in our church yard with plastic diggers, buckets and shovels. My older children learned to exercise patience in the public sandpits they played in, as they learned to wait for other children to finish playing with toys they wanted.

Along with congregation member Greg Kniesel, I've become very interested in renovating a dilapidated playground at Abbot House, where up to fifty children, separated from their parents at our Southern border reside. They range in age from little kids and tweens to teens. Right now there is a golden opportunity to for us to be part of the construction of a new playground as Abbott has recently received a grant from Morgan Stanley and playground equipment from KaBOOM. The missing piece here is "sweat equity" and I believe that we at St. B's can provide a good bit help being such close neighbors. Here's the schedule if you'd like to consider lending a hand:

BUILD WEEK SCHEDULE

Prep Day 1: Wednesday June 26, 2019

30 volunteers are needed

* 8:00 AM - Volunteers arrive and register

* 5:00 PM - All prep work completed (approximate time)

Prep Day 2: Thursday, June 27, 2019

15 volunteers should be on "stand-by" in case they are needed

* 8:00 AM - Volunteers arrive and register

* TBD - All prep work completed

Build Day: Friday, June 28, 2019

75 volunteers are needed

* 6:30 AM - Team Leaders arrive

* 8:00 AM - Volunteers arrive and register

* 8:30 AM - Kick-off ceremony

Lauren Candela-Katz, the Chief Development Officer is expecting about 200 volunteers to help with the project in the various phases of the build and has set up a link for signup on the Abbott House website: go to abbotshouse.net for more details. Lauren has also reached out to me to ask if our church can help with feeding all the volunteers, so please reach out to me if you'd like to lend a hand with the grub. As you might well appreciate many hands make light work.

See you Sunday,

Gareth

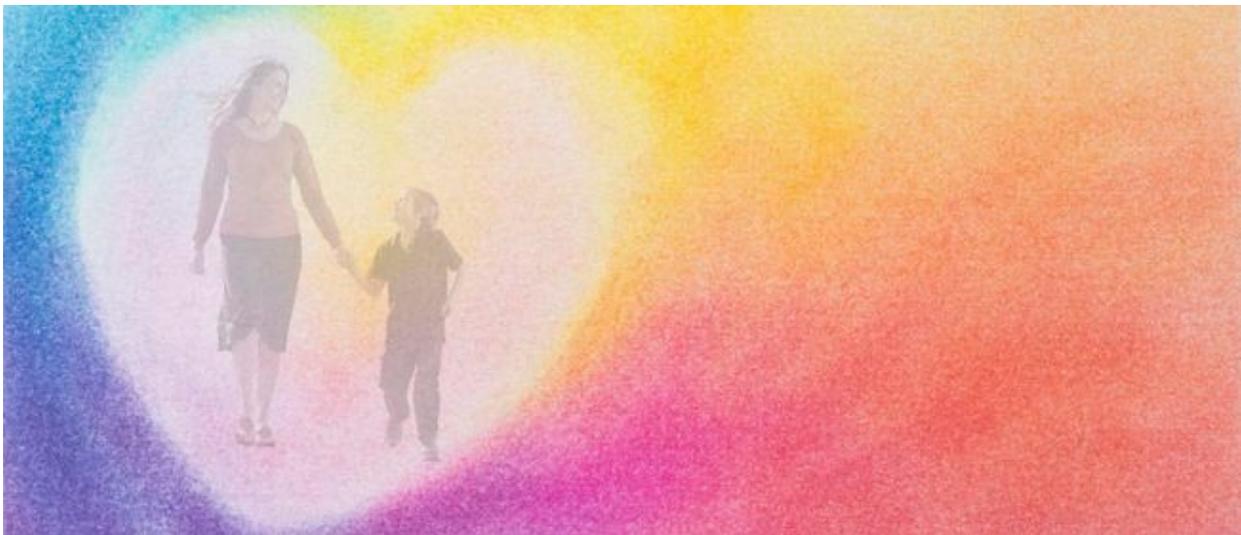
Office Hours:

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

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!

MUSIC CELEBRATION: 6/2



SERVICE OF MUSIC BY THE CANTERBURY CHOIR SUNDAY, JUNE 2

At the 10:00 AM June 2 service the Canterbury Choir will sing two special pieces of music. David Hurd's Music for Celebration will be the musical setting of the Mass on that day.

At the present time Dr. Hurd is Professor of Sacred Music at the General Theological Seminary in NYC and also the organist at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in the city. He is known as a great improviser at the organ and has written much sacred music for the Episcopal Church.

In this setting of the communion service he uses all of the techniques of modern composition, but I am happy to say that it is in a most appealing and likeable way - though there may be a few "ear-opening" moments.

Then the music at the offertory will be "Love Bade Me Welcome," a movement from Ralph Vaughan Williams' Five Mystical Songs. Vaughan Williams uses the poetry of George Herbert for this composition, and the musical setting of this poem is exquisitely beautiful in both words and music.

For this piece the soloist will be Kirk Dougherty, our tenor section leader. Kirk is often away from us, as he is pursuing a career in opera and, when not with us, is fulfilling opera engagements with regional opera companies throughout the United States. So here we catch him when we can, and it is quite likely that you will be able to say some day that you heard him when....

There will be other music of Vaughan Williams for this service.

It should be a wonderful morning of music, and it might be a perfect excuse to invite a music-loving friend to visit with us then.

-Donald Butt

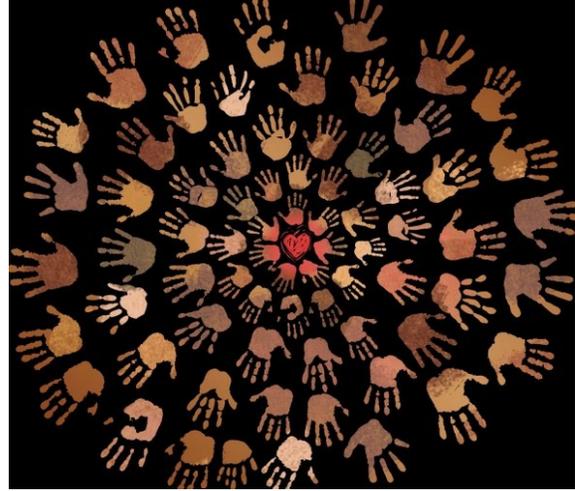
YOUTH PROGRAMMING: 6/7

Fran and Gareth are hosting one final Youth Group event to close out the program year:

Towards a deeper understanding of Race and Racism.

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.

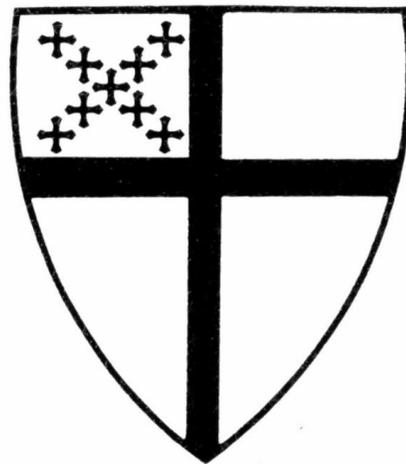


CONFIRMATION SERVICE: 6/8

Confirmation Service at the Cathedral.

Saturday June 8th

Congratulations to James, Walter, Elizabeth, Jonathan, Isabella, Jack, Anna and Atticus.



ST. BARNABAS DAY: 6/16

St. Barnabas Day: Sunday June 16th

Celebration of the Newly Confirmed and Festive BBQ to follow the 10AM service.

Our Patronal festival marks the end of the program year and a time to celebrate our life together.

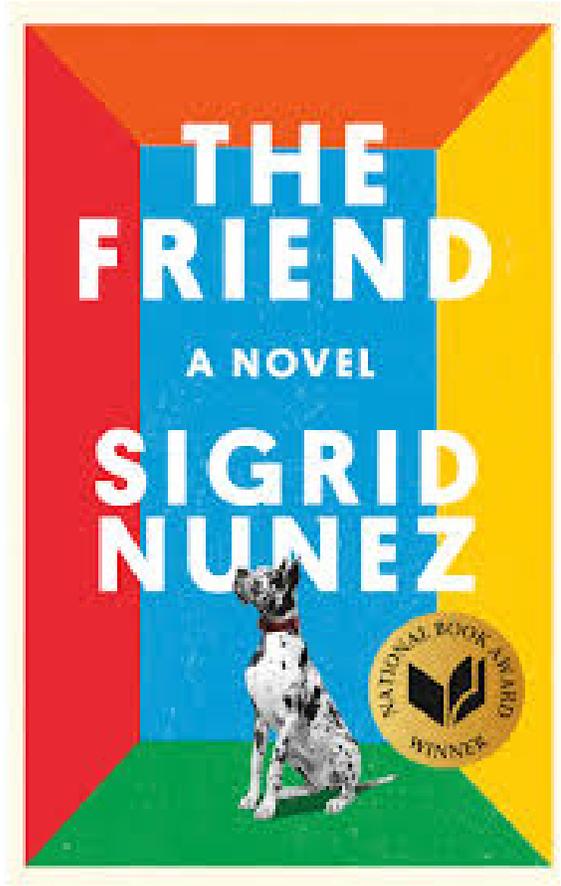


BOOK GROUP: 6/22

The Saint Barnabas Book Group will be meeting on Wednesday, June 26th at 7:30, in the lounge to discuss "The Friend", by Sigrid Nunez.

All are welcome.

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



ONGOING

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.

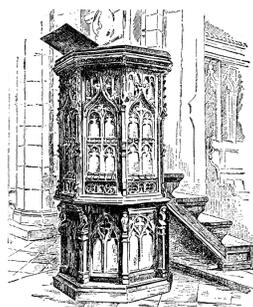
In quietness, I believe we are drawn toward the ultimate love which surpasses all understanding.

Join me to sit, listen and receive the Spirit.

-Fran Bean



Service Times



The Readings



Goings On

Sunday, Jun 2nd
8:00 am
Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

- **Acts 16:16-34**
- **Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21**
- **John 17:20-26**
- **Psalm 97**

Friday, May 31st
7:30pm - 8:30pm
AA in Roane Room

Saturday, June 2nd
9:30am - 10:30am
AA in Colwell Hall

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