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FROM THE RECTOR:



Animal Magic

I grew up in a menagerie that included domesticated and exotic pets and people. I learned how to look after ponies, care for dogs and watch out for cheeky monkeys. This Sunday we will celebrate the blessing inherent in taking care of pets as we hold our annual Blessing of the Animals at 10:00am.

Although I don't have pets at home at this stage, I invoke the memory of favorite pets all the time and tell my kids about them. I have fun stories like feeding chicken to Oscar (The Oscar fish) who sat on my lap, wrapped in a wet towel. I have sad stories about pets dying. I have crazy stories about monkeys getting up to all kinds of mischief at my expense.

What I take away for caring for pets is that love is deeper than words can express. That God's identity is written into the whole of creation and that finds expression in biology. Animals have a great capacity for emotional understanding that stems from having a limbic system (the gray matter that governs emotions). I have felt forgiven by animals for mistakes that I have made with them. I hold in fond memory particular dogs I have owned that had a tremendous capacity for forgiving my shortcomings.

In both the animal kingdom and in human culture love is a powerful driver for forgiveness and empathy. I believe that God is the source of that love because God is love (1 John 4:16) and that love makes a prior claim on all our affections.

When we care for our pets and they care for us we are entering into a very special expression of God's love that is powerful and life-giving.

See you Sunday with a pet or two,

Gareth

Rector Office Hours:

Call the office (914) 591-8194 to arrange for a home visit or to meet at church.
Drop-in hours Wednesday afternoons, 1-3.30PM, no appointment necessary.
The Rector's Sabbath (Day off) is Monday.

COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY - HOW CAN WE HELP YOU GET INFO?

Dear Parishioner and Friends,

We hope you can take a few minutes to give us some feedback on our communications (including this eNewsletter). How can we better communicate with you about all the wonderful things happening at St. Barnabas?

Your thoughts and ideas are welcome! Please use the link below to take the survey or click on the image.



[Link to Survey](#)

*Printed copies of the survey are available in the Lounge. Please complete them and leave them in the box provided.

ST. BARNABAS AT-A-GLANCE



This Weekend:

Adult Formation: Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, Saturday, October 5th 7:30-9AM in Colwell Hall (every Saturday)

Diocesan: Regional Pre-Diocesan Convention Meeting, Saturday, October 5th, 10am-Noon, Colwell Hall. All are welcome.

Service: Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, October 6th 10am.

Adult Formation: "The Lord's Prayer" a six-week study in the Anna C. Newberry Wing. Sunday, October 6th 11:45am-1pm

Youth Formation: Youth and Parents kick-off, Sunday October 6th, 5:30-7PM, off-site.

Next Week:

Adult Formation: Women's Reflection Group Wednesday, October 7th 10AM-11AM in the Chapel.

Adult Formation: "The Lord's Prayer" a six-week study Wednesday, October 7th 11:30-1PM in McCormack Lounge.

A Memorial Service for Ann Jones: Saturday, October 12th, 1pm at church. Reception in Colwell Hall to follow.

Upcoming Events:

Community: Rivertowns for Refugees at Wednesday October 16th, 6pm

Youth Formation: Halloween Care Package Project after 10am service on Sunday, October 20th

Community: Book Group, Wednesday October 23rd 7:30pm

Community: REPAIR Meeting, Wednesday October 23rd 7:30pm Trinity Church, Ossining

Adult Formation: Day Retreat for Families, Saturday, November 23rd

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: 10/6



The blessing service will be outside. Pet owners are welcome to stay for indoor worship, sitting in the transept (side aisles) with easy access to exits. Side doors will be open and directions given.

REGIONAL PRE-DIOCESAN CONVENTION MEETING: 10/5

Bishop Glasspool will be holding a regional meeting at St Barnabas to present the proposed 2020 diocesan budget and take us through the agenda for the upcoming Diocesan convention (Nov 8th & 9th at the Westchester Marriott). Let us know if you are interested in attending.

ADULT FORMATION: FAMILY AFTERNOON 11/23



THE CENTER AT MARIANDALE

A LIVING LEGACY OF THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF HOPE

Save the Date: Saturday November 23rd Mariandale Retreat Center in Ossining

Fran and Gareth will host a retreat in the afternoon for families who are looking to simplify life during the Christmas season. More info below:

"Too many people have come to dread the approach of the holidays, a season that should -- and can -- be the most relaxed, intimate, joyful, and spiritual time of the year." Exploring the book, *Hundred Dollar Holiday*, Bill McKibben offers some suggestions on how to rethink Christmastime, so that the cultural obsession with present-buying becomes less important than the dozens of other possible more life - giving traditions and celebrations.

Working through their local churches, McKibben and his colleagues found that people were hungry for a more joyful Christmas season. For many, trying to limit the amount of money they spent at Christmas to about a hundred dollars per family, was a real spur to their creativity -- and a real anchor against the relentless onslaught of commercials and catalogs that try to say Christmas is only Christmas if it comes from a store.

As written about this book, "McKibben shows how the store-bought Christmas developed and how out of tune it is with our current lives, when we're really eager for family fellowship for community involvement, for contact with the natural world, and also for the blessed silence and peace that the season should offer. McKibben shows us how to return to a simpler and more enjoyable holiday."

"Christmas is too wonderful a celebration to give up on, too precious a time simply to repeat the same empty gestures from year to year."

The gathering on Nov 23, led by Gareth and Fran, will include an in depth look at the lessons from this book, which will serve as a road map to a Christmas far more joyful than the ones you've known in the past.

ABBOTT HOUSE FUNDRAISER

Please support the mission of Abbott House by simply buying a raffle ticket or two (or three!) Abbott House volunteers and parishioners Rachael Maglienti and Pam Mitchell will be selling them during coffee hour over the next few weeks.

REPAIR MEETING: 10/23



REPAIR, our inter-parish group dedicated to racial justice and inclusion, continues exploring our year-long theme of Hidden History. On Wednesday, Oct 23, at 7:30 p.m., join us at Trinity Church, Ossining, to meet journalist David Margolick, author of the acclaimed book *Elizabeth and Hazel: Two Women of Little Rock*. He'll describe how he has grappled with stories that reveal unknown sides of our nation's fraught racial history.

For carpool information, speak to Karl Weber or Mary-Jo Weber.

CREATION CARE: REUSABLE BAGS NEEDED

Reusable shopping bag collection project for the Tarrytown Food Pantry. Please support this effort to cut out plastic bags from our food chain by adding our donation to the basket in the McCormack Lounge.



HALLOWEEN CARE PACKAGE PROJECT

Halloween Care Package Project after the 10AM service, Sunday, October 20th. Frightfully nice treats will be sent to parish children and youth away at school or college. A box will be available in the Lounge to collect supplies of candy, decorations, gum, chap sticks, or other goodies or tchotchkes for our young parishioners away from home. \$\$ for supplies



will also be welcomed.

Please send your student's address to LindaPierpont@optonline.net or sstanley@stbarnabaschurch.org.

CLOTHING SALE: FLYERS AVAILABLE

It's time for the 2019



Quality Fall/Winter Clothing, Shoes & Accessories for Women, Men & Children
Christmas Room & Café
Bargains Galore!

Donors Only: Mon., Nov. 11, 10-2pm & 7-9pm	
Tues., Nov. 12: 10-7pm	Fri., Nov. 15: 10-7pm
Weds., Nov. 13: 10-7pm	Sat., Nov. 16: 10-4pm
Thurs., Nov. 14: 10-7pm	Sun., Nov. 17: 12-4pm

proceeds from this sale support the outreach efforts of our parish

The Church of St. Barnabas
15 N. Broadway, Irvington, NY
914-591-8194
www.stbarnabaschurch.org

Designer Clothing Sale: Printed flyers are available in the Lounge. Please help yourself. Also consider posting a flyer on community notice boards.

BOOK GROUP INFO

The St Barnabas Book Group will meet at 7:30 on Wednesday, October 23rd, in the lounge, to discuss "The Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse", by Louise Erdrich.

All are welcome.

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

HOME COMMUNION VISIT

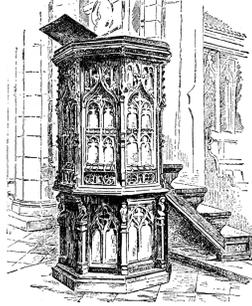
Home Communion Visits on last Tuesdays and Thursdays of the month, except for November - visit will be on Friday instead of Thursday.

Contact the Parish Office if you or a loved one would like to receive communion at home due to a recent or long term illness (914) 591-8194



Service Times

Sunday, Oct 6th
8:00 am
 Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 10:00 am
 Holy Eucharist, Rite II



The Readings

- **Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4**
- **Psalm 37:1-10**
- **2 Timothy 1:1-14**
- **Luke 17:5-10**

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Goings On

Friday, Oct. 4th
7:30pm - 8:30pm
 AA in Roane Room

Saturday, Oct. 5th
9:30am - 10:30am
 AA in Colwell Hall

Sunday, Oct. 6th
7pm-9pm
 AlAnon in Colwell Hall and
 McCormack Lounge

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