



# THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS

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*Mariandale Center*



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## FROM THE RECTOR



Barry Seaman showed skin in the game by giving last Sunday's Stewardship Address.

Dear All,

As we wrap up this year's stewardship campaign I wish to pay tribute to all the Stewardship Speakers for their inspirational reflections during worship this past month. David Oakes led the charge, followed by Barbara Mahoney, Rich LeBuhn and Barry Seaman. It has been a pleasure working with them and a blessing to have their testimony to the transformational power of the Holy Spirit in various ways, large and small. So, as we end this series of reflections and prepare for pledge "In-gathering" this Sunday, I commend Barry's reflection to you for prayerful perusal and reflection. To paraphrase St. Matthew, "Let us seek to be a blessing to God and to one another as we let our light shine before others and give glory to God in heaven."

I hope to see you Sunday,  
Gareth

### **Barry's Stewardship Address**

I'm one of those cradle Episcopalians who was raised in the church, but, like many, drifted away after college, showing up pretty much only at Christmas and Easter. My wife Laura rejected her Catholic upbringing altogether. Our absence from the membership rolls of any church was abetted by my job as a Time Magazine correspondent, which moved us from one place to another about every three years...until we settled here in Irvington in the late 1980s. Before that, we were never in any place long enough to commit to a church, even if we'd been so inclined.

In the early nineties, by then settled here, I began to feel that something was missing. Maybe it had something to do with the fact that at that point we had three teenage daughters. I remember telling Laura-and it may have been on Christmas Eve-that I wanted to start going to go back to church. Somewhat to my surprise, she said she would go with me. Teenage daughters, perhaps.

And so we began to come here to St. Barnabas, drawn by Charlie Caldwell's welcoming manner and a sense that there were a lot of nice people here. We kind of snuck in-by going to the 8:00 o'clock service, in part because there was no coffee hour afterward, where well-meaning parishioners were likely to come and hover and ask questions that we weren't prepared to answer. We preferred to be the proverbial fly on the wall.

Little by little, the place became more familiar. I got talked into becoming an acolyte and lector for the 8:00 o'clock service. We made friends. Eventually, we both committed ourselves to various church activities. I joined the vestry and eventually served as a warden. Laura threw herself into the thrift sale and joined the Altar Guild, which I always saw as the secret cult that really ran the place.

But much more important than signing up for activities was the sense that St. Barnabas, as a community, was gradually wrapping her arms around us. It became a place of comfort-what I like to call a community of trust.

Responding annually to the pledge drive became natural-not because of any social pressure but much more because the things that went on here that needed money to get done had come to mean something to us. Laura recalls coming to an understanding that when the church asked if it could count on us, there was now an implicit, dare I say, quid pro quo, because we had come to count on the church.

There's an expression that comes out of the world of horse racing and eventually got adopted by the financial industry, one which I think applies here at St. Barnabas. The phrase is "to have skin in the

game." At British horse racing events, if you owned a horse in the race, you were said to have "skin in the game." You were more than just wagering on a race. You owned a piece of it; you were invested.

Venture capitalists and investment bankers use the same phrase to indicate who's committed to the success of an enterprise. You care more that a company succeeds if you have "skin in the game," as opposed to spending other people's money.

I think that same theory applies to our relationship with the church. By making a pledge-however large or small; it doesn't matter-you have "skin in the game," an emotional, hopefully spiritual, investment in the wellbeing of this church.

The earliest Christians really did have skin in the game in that they put their lives at risk in preaching the gospel. Looking back on his own ministry, Paul said in Second Timothy that he had "fought the good fight"...he had "finished the course," like it was a contest, a horse race, a battle, which for him and the other apostles it was.

I'm not asking you to put your life on the line, like Paul. I'm asking that you consider putting a little skin in the game-whatever you're comfortable with-to help keep this spiritual journey we share going.  
Thanks!

### Reach the Rector

Call the office (914) 591-8194 to arrange for a home visit, Holy Communion at home or to arrange to meet at church.

For pastoral emergencies call Gareth directly at (617) 930-3728.

Drop-in hours Wednesday afternoons, 1-3.30PM, no appointment necessary.  
The Rector's Sabbath (Day off) is Monday.

## ST. BARNABAS AT-A-GLANCE

### THIS WEEKEND

**Parish Outreach:** *Annual Outreach Clothing Sale*, Friday 10am-7pm, Saturday 10am-4pm and Sunday 12pm-4pm.

**Ecumenical Outreach:** All are invited to participate in the next "*Midnight Run*" clothing and food ministry to the homeless of NYC this Friday at 6.30PM at the Irvington Presbyterian Church (IPC). Youth members from our church and IPC, accompanied by adults gather to prepare food, toiletries and clothing for distribution. It's an opportunity to connect with members from IPC and with homeless people served through this ministry. Please contact Jean Sears at [jeansears@gmail.com](mailto:jeansears@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer to be part of this heartwarming experience.

### AT CHURCH ON SUNDAY

**Adult Learning:** "*All Set for the Day*" conversation about Sunday's Scripture readings led by the rector every Sunday 9-9.30AM in the McCormack Lounge.

**Children's Formation:** "Godly Play" Program Sunday 9:45AM-10:30AM in the Newberry Wing.

**Adult Learning:** "Bible", a six week course led by the rector, following Coffee Hour, Sunday 11:45AM-1PM

**Hospitality:** We host *Al-Anon "Friends, family & loved ones"* every Sunday 7-8PM in Colwell Hall.

**Outreach:** *Annual Outreach Clothing Sale*, runs through Sunday, November 17th in Colwell Hall and Lounge. See below for more details. Please stay to help cleanup the sale starting around 4pm.

## NEXT WEEK

**Adult Formation:** *Women's Prayer and Meditation group* led by Fran Bean on Wednesdays at 10AM.

**Adult Learning:** *Wednesday study group, "The Bible"*. 11:30AM in the Newberry Wing.

**Hospitality:** We host the *AA "Old-Timers" group*, every Friday, 7.30-8.30PM in the Newberry Wing

**Fellowship:** *Men's Breakfast and Bible Reflection*, Saturday, Nov. 16th 7:30-9AM in Colwell Hall.

**Hospitality:** We host the *AA "Lighten-Up" group*, every Saturday, 9.30-10.30AM in Colwell Hall.

**Annual Campaign:** *Ingathering Sunday, November 17th* when all pledge cards received will be presented at the Offertory. Celebratory Coffee Hour will be held, the following Sunday, November 24th.

**Social Justice:** *Refugee Re-settlement Program Meeting*, November 19th 6PM in the McCormack lounge.

**Fellowship:** "*Community Supper*" a new monthly parish-wide gathering with a spiritual reflection given by Barbara Mahoney of the congregation. Next gathering: Wednesday November 20th 6PM-8PM. Commuters are welcome to arrive when they can! Sign up in the Lounge on online at: [Evite](#)

**Spiritual Formation:** *A Day Retreat* for everyone who is looking to simplify their approach to the Christmas Season, Saturday, November 23rd, 10AM-3PM at St. Barnabas. Led by Fran and Gareth

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Adult Formation:** "*Connected Parenting*" program: a gathering that explores the shared experience and challenges of parenting within a Christian framework. Sunday November 24th 5.30-7PM Dinner is served. Childcare provided.

**Ecumenical Worship:** Annual Interfaith Service for Thanksgiving to be held on Tuesday, November 26th at 7PM. Irvington Presbyterian Church is hosting and our rector is preaching. Jewish and Roman Catholic congregants and clergy will also be participating.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Church Worship:** *Jessie Tree decoration* on Advent Sunday, December 1st at the 10AM service.

**Fellowship:** "*Bread and Banter*" lunch gathering for those of retirement age. December 3rd Noon-1PM in Colwell Hall. Sign up in the McCormack Lounge.

**Ecumenical Worship:** *Christmas Festival* on Sunday December 1st 1PM at The Church of the Immaculate Conception. Lunch is served with Santa Claus.

**Youth Formation:** *Confirmation Class for 8th Graders*, beginning on December 8th at 3-4.30PM in the McCormack Lounge.

**Ecumenical Worship:** *"Messiah" Concert* on Sunday December 8th 4PM at Irvington Presbyterian Church.

**Church Worship:** *A Service of Poetry and Sacred Music for Advent*, Sunday December 15th at 5PM at St. B's.

**Fellowship:** *Setting up Christmas trees in the Sanctuary*, Saturday December 21st at 8-10AM.

**Children's Formation:** *Nativity Pageant Rehearsal*, Saturday December 21st 10-Noon.

**Fellowship:** *The Greening of the Sanctuary* right after the 10AM service, December 22nd.

**Fellowship:** *Christmas Party at the Rectory* Sunday December 22nd 3-6PM. All Welcome.

**Church Worship:** *Christmas Eve Nativity Pageant Service* at 4PM and *Christmas Mass* at 9PM.

**Church Worship:** *The Feast of the Epiphany* celebrated at both Services January 5th in lieu of January 6th.

**Fellowship:** *Epiphany Day Dinner*, a heart warming festive feast. Children's activity at 6, dinner begins at 6.30PM. Commuters are welcome to arrive when they can. Monday January 6th 6PM-8PM in Colwell Hall.

**Social Justice:** *REPAIR Meeting*, Wednesday, January 15th at 7:30-9PM, here at St Barnabas.

## EVENT AND PROGRAM DETAILS

### CLOTHING SALE - IS HERE! HELP STILL NEEDED!

The 2019 Outreach Clothing Sale has been very successful so far! There's still time to help:

- **Spread the word** about the sale to you friends, neighbors and co-workers.
- **Stop by to help** during the sale, especially this weekend (see below for hours).
- **Clean up** - we need a fantastic crew to help clean up starting at 4pm on Sunday.

Sign up to volunteer on the pink sheets on the windows outside the nursery or using our online link: [Clothing Sale Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

\*Questions can be directed to Linda Pierpont ([lindapierpont@optonline.net](mailto:lindapierpont@optonline.net)) or Cathy Hansen ([catherine.s.hansen@gmail.com](mailto:catherine.s.hansen@gmail.com))

It's time for the 2019

**Outreach  
CLOTHING  
SALE!**

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

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

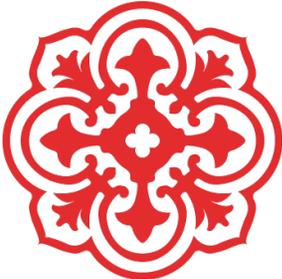
*proceeds from this sale support the outreach efforts of our parish*

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## HELPFUL TIPS FOR VOLUNTEERS

1. **Reusable Water Bottles:** please bring your own bottle with your name on it
2. **Handbags/Coats:** please leave what you can in your locked car or use a cross-body bag to hold personal items like phones and keys
3. **Parking:** please park in the lot by the rectory during the week of the sale. During setup, use the rectory lot if the church lot is full.

## CALL FOR LAY LEADERSHIP



We'd like to invite you to consider taking part in the lay leadership of St. Barnabas. It's a wonderful opportunity to share your talent and insights with our community, and we'd love to make you part of it. There are no secret handshakes or arcane rituals involved and the roles available are many.

In particular, there are several committees that play a significant role in maintaining the church's vitality, financial stability and growth, so please consider whether you feel called to serve on one of the following:

- Vestry
- Finance Committee of the Vestry
- Buildings & Grounds Committee of the Vestry
- Memorial Garden Committee (Columbarium)
- Clothing Sale Grants Committee

If any of the above catches your eye and imagination, please reach out to either of our wardens for more information. Their emails are below:

[steve.grieder@gmail.com](mailto:steve.grieder@gmail.com)

[burnett.hansen@gmail.com](mailto:burnett.hansen@gmail.com)

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## FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT



**CHOIR INVITATION:** On this coming Thursday night and for the next several weeks the choir will be rehearsing music for our annual service of REFLECTIONS ON CHRIST'S NATIVITY and for CHRISTMAS EVE.

If you would like to join the choir for these events only, we would be delighted to have you. With the regular rehearsal beginning at 7:30 PM, you should come to rehearsals on Thursday evenings at around 8:00 PM, when we will begin work on the Christmas music.

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## 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.



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## ADULT FORMATION: FAMILY AFTERNOON 11/23



Save the Date: Saturday November 23rd, 10am-3pm, Mariandale Center can no longer accommodate us so we will now host the retreat at St. Barnabas.

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.

*Please note that this retreat is for all families - whether you're a family of one or more.*

**Please contact Fran at [franbeanevans@gmail.com](mailto:franbeanevans@gmail.com) for more information.**

Click [here](#) to RSVP.

# HOME COMMUNION VISIT

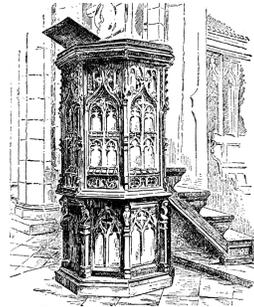
Home Communion Visits on last Tuesdays and Thursdays of the month, except for November - visit will be on Friday instead of Thursday.

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, Nov. 17th**  
8:00 am  
Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
10:00 am  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II



## The Readings

- **Malachi 4:1-2a**
- **Psalm 98**
- **2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**
- **Luke 21:5-19**

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## Goings On

**Friday, Nov. 15th**  
6:30pm - 7:30pm  
AA in Roane Room

**Saturday, Nov. 16th**  
9:30am - 10:30am  
AA in Colwell Hall

**Sunday, Nov. 17th**  
7pm-9pm  
AlAnon in Colwell Hall and  
McCormack Lounge

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