



# THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS

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Men's Breakfast and Bible Study (every Saturday) - **CANCELLED** this week  
Adult Learning (every Sunday)  
"Godly Play" Program at Church School (every Sunday)  
Clothing Sale Setup (continues through Sunday)

### [New Announcements](#)

*Outreach Clothing Sale Starts Monday - please scroll down for hours and other details!*  
*Nursery Care will be offered at the Rectory on Sunday, Nov. 10th and Sunday, Nov. 17th*



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## FROM THE RECTOR



Rich LeBuhn addressing the 10AM worshippers

Dear All,

This last Sunday we celebrated the Feast of All Saints. For the Gospel I opted for the Story of Zacchaeus, the chief tax-collector at Jericho (technically speaking, the Gospel set for the day). Quirkily,

he climbed a sycamore tree "because he wanted to see Jesus" (19:4). His desire for a new spiritual vantage point leads him to re-think his approach to money. As a result of being at table with Jesus he makes a commitment to give a half of his goods to the poor; and compensate those he has defrauded fourfold (19:8).

On Sunday Rich LeBuhn offered an intriguing perspective on financial giving to St.B's. He spoke about "legacy" and how making a pledge is about joining the great train of generous givers who have contributed to the life of the parish since its inception in the 1850's. Rich urges all of us to see how vital we are to the unfolding legacy of our church's ministry and mission. To which I would add that as, "Saints-in-the-Making" we have a standing invitation to gather at the Lord's table and give of ourselves for the Common Good.

See you Sunday,  
Gareth

### **Rich's Stewardship Address**

Good morning. For those of you who do not know me, my name is Rich LeBuhn. My wife Sarah, our three daughters (Katie, Emmaline, and Johanna), and I have been members of the Church of St. Barnabas since we moved here in 2003. For Sarah, though, her connection goes back much further: she grew up in Irvington, and she and her mother, Cindy, have been long-time parishioners.

Thank you for allowing me to share some of my thoughts about St. Barnabas, stewardship, and why my family gives to the church with our time and financial resources. Our motivation for giving to St. Barnabas is different than our motivation to give to other charities. We give to other charities, like the that schools we attended, because we believe in and want to support those institutions. But at St. Barnabas, there is more; there is faith-based connection that is deeply personal.

As you may know, I led the stewardship drive here at St. Barnabas for several years. Before doing so, I never really thought about the differences between giving to the church and giving to other worthy charities. It just seemed like the right thing to do. However, the difference is really captured in the name: stewardship. As I came to understand the meaning of stewardship, I realized that it was about much more than just making sure that the church had the money needed to operate on a daily basis. Rather, we are stewards of this church, charged with the responsibility to keep it healthy and vibrant for future generations. St. Barnabas was established in the 1850s and remains vibrant and healthy today, more than 160 years later. Our job, our responsibility as stewards of St. Barnabas, is to ensure that it remains so not only today, but also for decades to come.

Much of the health and vibrancy comes from the people who breath life into St. Barnabas on a daily basis, including our rector, Gareth, the staff, and us, the congregants. The commitment of time and faith have helped to create the wonderful community that is St. Barnabas. But the dedication of our time and faith are only two factors that have helped St. Barnabas to survive and thrive since its founding. These are two necessary but not sufficient factors. The third factor, or third leg of the stool if you will, has been the financial commitment of the St. Barnabas community as stewards of the church. It takes a significant amount of money for St. Barnabas to operate every year. As you think about stewardship, though, it is important to remember that funding the day-to-day operations of the church is but one of our responsibilities. Beyond that, we have a responsibility to invest in the future of the church. Those investments are in worship, ministries, and other programs that help grow our community of faith now and in the future. After all, we are here for a relatively short period of time in the life of the church, and we need to ensure that St. Barnabas endures for future generations.

Since I ran the Stewardship campaign in 2012, the number of individuals and families pledging to St. Barnabas has declined from 113 to 79 last year. Times are changing, but thus has always been so. There are many reasons, including the transition from our previous rector. But we now have Gareth and he and his family are investing their faith, energy, and time into helping us to build a healthy spiritual life at St. Barnabas. With your financial support, we can make the necessary investments to ensure that St. Barnabas remains a prosperous, healthy, and safe place of worship and faith for us and the wider community, and for all of god's saints, for decades to come. We can make sure that faith remains an important component in our lives. We can fulfill our responsibility as stewards of this church and faith. As you think your financial commitment to St. Barnabas this year, please consider it as part of our renewal and commitment to god's future here. After all, we are all a part of the legacy unfolding at St. Barnabas.

### 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

**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 set-up*, through Sunday, November 10th in Colwell Hall and Lounge. See below for more details.

### NEXT WEEK

#### Village Life

**Remembrance:** *The Village* will honor all veterans on Monday, November 11th beginning at 10:45AM in front of the Irvington Veterans' Memorial Plaza on Main Street. All are encouraged to attend. The rector to give the Invocation.

**Outreach:** *Annual Outreach Clothing Sale* Monday November 11th-17th in Colwell Hall and Lounge. Sign up to volunteer using this link: [Clothing Sale Sign-up](#).

**Diocesan Outreach:** Episcopal Charities Tribute Dinner, Tuesday, November 12th. As is the tradition, the dinner will be hosted in the transom of the beautiful Cathedral of St. John the Divine (the world's fifth

largest Christian Church) in Manhattan. This year's honorees will be Bishop Michael Curry and former Secretary of State James Baker and Susan Baker. All proceeds from the dinner go to support the 100 programs in the Diocese of NY sponsored by Episcopal Charities. Tickets can be purchased at [www.episcopalcharities-newyork.org](http://www.episcopalcharities-newyork.org).

**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.

**Outreach:** The next meeting of *REPAIR*, our interparish group dedicated to racial justice and inclusion, continues our theme for the year-*Hidden History: How It Shapes Our Present and Our Future*.

On Wednesday, November 13, at 7:30 p.m. you're invited to Warner Library in Tarrytown for a special event featuring author Jeffrey Sterling. One of the nation's few Black CIA agents, Sterling sued the agency for discrimination, then was accused and convicted of violating the Espionage Act. Hear him tell the story behind his new book *Unwanted Spy: The Persecution of an American Whistleblower*. REPAIR meetings are free and open to all; snacks will be served. For carpool information, speak to Mary-Jo Weber or Karl Weber.

**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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Ecumenical Outreach:** All are invited to participate in the next *"Midnight Run"* clothing and food ministry to the homeless of NYC Friday, November 15th 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.

**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 a member of the congregation. Next gathering: Wednesday November 20th 6PM-8PM. All welcome, especially commuters, who plan to arrive sometime after 6PM. Sign up in the Lounge or online at [Evite](#).

**Spiritual Formation:** A Day Retreat for Families looking to simplify their approach to the Christmas Season, Saturday, November 23rd, 10AM-3PM at "The Center at Mariandale" More details below.

**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.

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

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

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

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

**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.

## EVENT AND PROGRAM DETAILS

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

It's time for the 2019



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*

The Church of St. Barnabas  
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www.stbarnabaschurch.org

## Please Mark Your Calendars:

### Setup Week:

- Thursday, Nov. 7th 10am-3pm and 7pm-9pm
- Friday, Nov. 8th 10am-3pm
- Saturday, Nov. 9th 10am-1pm
- Sunday, Nov. 10th finishing touches after church

### Sale Week: November 11th-18th

Sign-up sheets are outside the nursery, please sign up to work a shift or many shifts!

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

## 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.

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## SOUPS NEEDED!

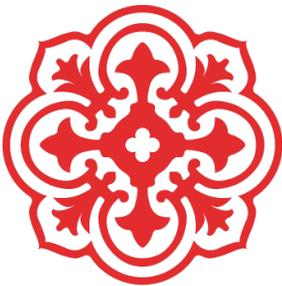


We need soups to sell at our café. Please consider making soup to sell or sign up to provide a soup of the day. Containers are outside the office.

Please contact Susan Watson with any questions or if you'd like to make a soup of the day: [rs\\_watson35@yahoo.com](mailto:rs_watson35@yahoo.com). You can also use our online link to sign-up: [Soup Sign-Up](#)

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## 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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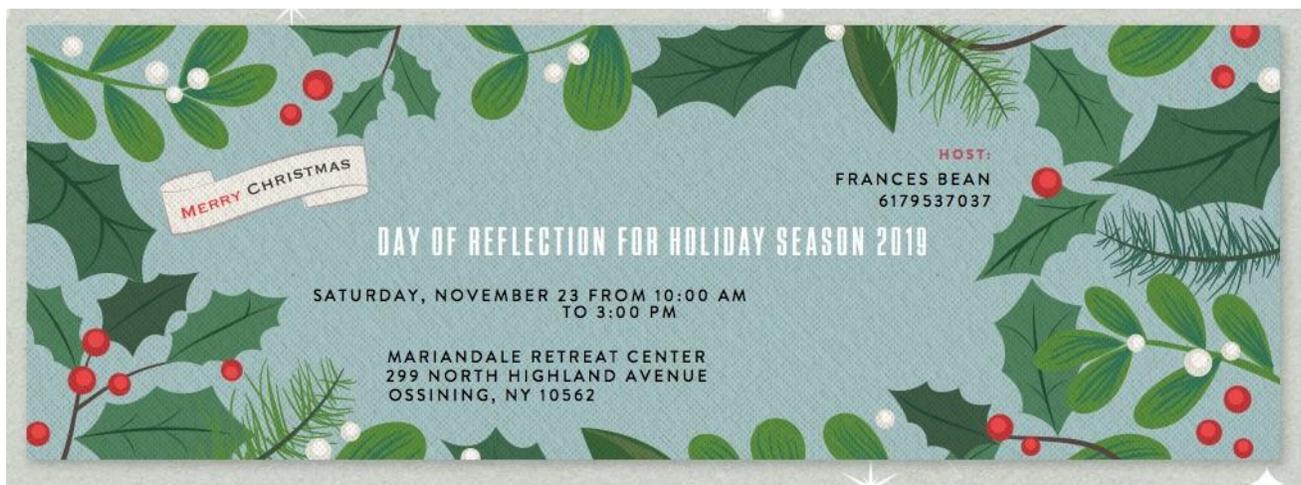
### **CREATION CARE: REUSABLE BAGS NEEDED**

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 Mariandale Retreat Center in Ossining, 10am-3pm

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.**

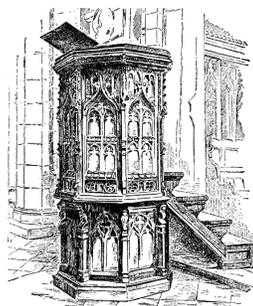
**Click [here](#) to RSVP.**

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## 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. 10th

8:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

## The Readings

- Job 19:23-27a
- Psalm 17:1-9
- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
- Luke 20:27-38

## Goings On

### Friday, Nov. 8th

6:30pm - 7:30pm

AA in Roane Room

### Saturday, Nov. 9th

9:30am - 10:30am

AA in Colwell Hall

### Sunday, Nov. 10th

7pm-9pm

AlAnon in Colwell Hall and

McCormack Lounge

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