



THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS

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FROM THE RECTOR



Barbara Mahoney addressing the 10AM worshippers

Dear All,

In last Sunday's sermon, I asked the question how do we measure success and when do we know that we have enough? I explored this dilemma through the parable of the Pharisee (who believed he was successful) and the Tax Collector (who believed he was worthless). The Good News of the Gospel is that "we are enough" in God's eyes (to hear the sermon click [here](#)). Regardless of the marks of success we measure ourselves against and the inadequacies we feel we are beloved in God's sight. At this time of year we gather the resources we need to shine as a church named after the Son of Encouragement, St. Barnabas. Our Stewardship speaker, Barbara Mahoney did a brilliant job drawing together the various facets of her spiritual experience with her love of our church to explain why she has committed to increasing her pledge for 2020. Here is her reflection for your discernment and encouragement.

[The God Hack](#)

See you Sunday,
Gareth

Barbara's Stewardship Address

I give - because I LOVE our church.

I grew up in a loving church like this one. Sundays we went to church, on the way home we always stopped for warm bagels and my Dad made brunch for us. In the afternoon we did something together as a family and later my Mom cooked a big Sunday dinner. It was a peaceful day - a time to rest and be together. I grew up loving church and Sundays!

I received a religious education in a progressive Lutheran church in the Bronx. I was confirmed and taught Sunday School and Confirmation Class, sang in the choir, and served as a leader of the youth group. I learned to pray, read the bible, grew in my faith and learned to turn to God.

I'm grateful to God for the many blessings in my life and also for carrying me through major challenges, including a debilitating car accident.

So, here's my Top Ten List - of things I love about the Church of St. Barnabas and why I give my financial support (it was hard to limit it just to 10)"

1. I love the church itself. The first time I walked into St. Barnabas I was struck by the beauty of the church and the "FEELING" I had that it was a holy and sacred place. Even when I'm alone doing altar guild work - I feel the spirit of our church. I believe St. Barnabas holds the all the prayers and energy of the faithful people who've come through our doors since 1864.
2. I love Communion at our church - it is a "thin place" for me - its a place where the divine comes close to hand. I sometimes come into church feeling weighted down from the challenges of my week and after receiving communion I feel transformed - I feel lighter - it feeds my soul.
3. I love that the members care for and love one another - we pray for each other, bring meals to one another, and our rector visits and brings communion to those in need.
4. I love when Gareth preaches a sermon that seems tailored for me that day. A message I really needed to hear. That happens a LOT!
5. I love that we say "The Episcopal church welcomes you!" I love that we are inclusive, no exceptions! I experience great joy working as a greeter - it is the perfect ministry for me. I love welcoming visitors to our church and our sales. I try to give out "love" at the door!
6. I love our music. I love when Donald Butt plays a song that speaks to me & I look at the date

and it is 100 years old - but it is timeless and meaningful right now. I give thanks for our choir! I know the commitment it takes to bring forth such beautiful spiritual music each week.

7. I love serving the community through our sales. Before I joined our church, my first experience here was shopping at a Clothing Sale where Linda Pierpont gave me a warm welcome at the door.

The Clothing Sale is in its 24th year and has raised over \$800,000! That is amazing! It has helped so many charitable organizations and individuals.

One customer said it best "I just got all the winter clothing I needed for me, my husband, and my 2 children - all for under \$100. It is all I had to spend - and there is no where else I could have gotten all of this for that price. Plus, everyone working here was so nice to me. God bless this church and all of you" (and she really meant it!).

8. I love that the church and community help me to continue to learn and grow in my faith. I am grateful for the adult learning and formation opportunities that Gareth and Fran have introduced. These new small group gatherings are helping me connect with other members.
9. I love the children of the church and see them as our future. I love when they participate in worship - reading the lessons & performing in the Christmas pageant. It is lovely to see families where several generations have faithfully attended our church and to hear how much they loved growing up here. I also love seeing new families join us.
10. I love coming to St. Barnabas because it is a peaceful way to begin my Sunday and as I've learned from Fran Bean in the Women's Group - coming to church on Sunday is a way to honor the Sabbath as God told us to do. I like the idea of returning to my roots and moving back toward making Sunday more of a full "Sabbath Day" - a day of rest - like I experienced and enjoyed as a child.

I love that in the coming year, ALL of us will have the opportunity to support our new rector and his ministry. I am planning to give MORE MONEY this year than last year to show my support. I'm also planning to be supportive of the new events Gareth and Fran have introduced - by actually attending them. I've enjoyed the Retirement Age Member's Lunch, the Community Supper and the Women's Group. I feel blessed to have these new ways to connect with other members and grow in my faith.

When you love something - you take care of it. I give my time and money out of love and gratitude to God, our church, and the wider community. I give because I love and appreciate the gifts I have received. I want St. Barnabas to be here long after I am gone....welcoming newcomers, helping children and adults grow in their faith and continuing to do great work in the community!

Thank you for welcoming and loving me these past 10 years. Here's to God's future here at St. Barnabas!

Barbara Mahoney
October 27, 2019

[Stewardship Brochure](#)

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 Formation: *Men's Breakfast and Bible Study*, Saturday, November 2nd 7:30-9AM in 1 Hall (every Saturday)

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: *"The Lord's Prayer,"* 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.

Youth and Adult Formation: *Youth Group gathering in conjunction with "Parenting Teens" program:* a new small group exploring the shared experience of parenting teenagers within a Christian framework. Sunday November 3rd 5.30-7.30PM Dinner is served. Childcare provided. Click on the Evite to sign up: [Evite](#).

NEXT WEEK

Outreach: *Annual Outreach Clothing Sale set-up week*, November 2nd-10th in Colwell Hall and Lounge. Details below.

Fellowship: *"Bread and Banter" lunch gathering for those of retirement age.* November 5th Noon-1PM in the rectory dining room. Sign up in the Lounge or online at [Evite](#).

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

Adult Learning: Wednesday study group, "The Lord's Prayer." 11:30AM in the McCormack Lounge.

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*, every Saturday 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

Outreach: *Annual Outreach Clothing Sale* Monday November 11th-17th in Colwell Hall and Lounge.

Diocesan Outreach: *Episcopal Charities Tribute Dinner*, Tuesday, November 12th. As is the tradition, the dinner will be hosted in the transept 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. Last year we had 3 tables of St. Barnabas people. Let's try for 4 this year!! Tickets can be purchased at www.episcopalcharities-newyork.org.

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.

Ecumenical Outreach: All are invited to participate in the next "*Midnight Run*" clothing and food ministry to the homeless of NYC. Youth members from our church and Irvington Presbyterian, 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 if you would like to volunteer to be part of this heartwarming experience.

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.

Annual Campaign: *Ingathering* Sunday November 24th. Pledge Cards presented at the Offertory with celebratory Coffee Hour.

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.

LOOKING AHEAD

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.

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: *Advent Reflections and Carol Service*, 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 - HELP NEEDED!



It's time for the 2019

**Outreach
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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: November 3rd-10th

Many hands are needed to help turn our space into a clothing sale boutique!

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](#)

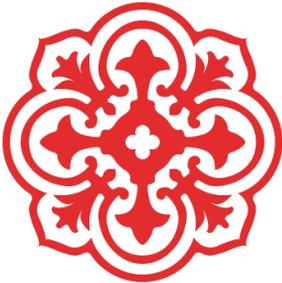
SOUPS NEEDED!



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. You can also use our online link to sign-up: [Soup Sign-Up](#)

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:

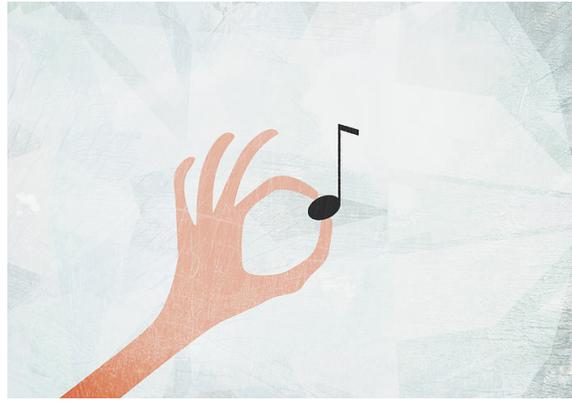
- Vestry
- Finance Committee of the Vestry
- Buildings & Grounds Committee of the Vestry
- Memorial Garden Committee (Columbarium)
- Clothing Sale Grants Committee

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

burnett.hansen@gmail.com

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.

SPECIAL RECITAL: Sandy Summer-Parks, our soprano section leader, will be giving a voice recital of music by the women composers, Alma Mahler, Lili Boulanger, and Libby Larsen. If these names are not familiar to you, they should be, as these women were/are composers of quite beautiful music.

Their music, however, is little known, and so this program, researched and performed by Sandy, should be a nice introduction of a few works of these talented women. Sandy has worked quite hard on this program. It will be beautifully sung.

The recital date is Saturday, November 2 at 2:15 PM in the auditorium at Kendal on Hudson, the retirement community, 1010 Kendal Way, Sleepy Hollow, NY.

The recital is open to the public. You may bring friends. Admission is free and no tickets are required.

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.



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 for more information.

Click [here](#) to RSVP.

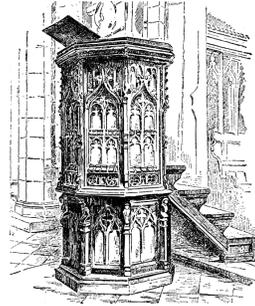
Home Communion Visits on last Tuesdays and Thursdays of the month, except for November - visit will be on Friday instead of Thursday.

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. 3rd
8:00 am
Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II



The Readings

- **Isaiah 1:10-18**
- **Psalms 32:1-8**
- **2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12**
- **Luke 19:1-10**

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Goings On

Friday, Nov. 1st
6:30pm - 7:30pm
AA in Roane Room

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

Sunday, Nov. 3rd
7pm-9pm
AlAnon in Colwell Hall and
McCormack Lounge

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