



# THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS

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## FROM THE RECTOR



Nativity Pageant Tableau taken by Janine Thompson on Christmas Eve.

### **An Epiphany Meal fit for a King**

The Church in her wisdom takes the season of Christmas and threads it joyfully through the successive Sundays of Epiphany, beginning on the Feast of Epiphany January 6th. This year we are trying something new by holding a family-friendly agape dinner on the Feast of Epiphany to celebrate

the visit of the far-travelled magi who followed the Star of Bethlehem at Jesus' birth. In addition to Epiphany readings, prayers and good food by candlelight, the event will include an opportunity for our younger members to dress up in the king's outfits and join a holy band who follow the Bethlehem star. Interestingly the Gospel of Matthew doesn't specify how many magi from the east there were, so the more the merrier as far as I am concerned. (See footnote)\*

So here's what to expect if you are able to attend:

\* A beautiful candlelit dinner framed by liturgical elements in Colwell Hall.

\* Bread and Wine blessed and broken as we enjoy table fellowship together (known as an Agape meal from the Greek word for "love," celebrated in the first few centuries of the Church).

\* Dress-up for the children starting at 6pm with pre-dinner mingling for the adults. The Agape meal will start at 6:30pm. We will be well-fed and on our respective ways by 7.30pm.

St.B's kitchen will provide two main course dishes (meat and vegetarian), plus juice, soda, wine, and coffee. The cost will be \$5 per person with a family maximum cost of \$20. You are welcome to bring side dishes (something savory or sweet) but not at all obliged to do so. Your presence is your present! RSVP here: [Evite](#).

*\*Later tradition fixed the Magi's number at three and made them kings (commonly known as Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar).*

### 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

**Fellowship:** *Men's Breakfast and Bible Reflection* will recommence this Saturday, January 4th 7:30-9am.

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

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

**Children's Formation:** "*Godly Play*" Church School Every Sunday in the Newberry Wing. Class orientation at 9:45AM with teaching beginning at 10am.

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

**Youth Formation:** *Youth Group and Parenting Teens* gathering, Sunday, January 5th 5:30-7:30pm at the Rectory. RSVP here: [Evite](#).

**Hospitality:** We host *Al-Anon "Friends, family & loved ones"* every Sunday 7-9PM in Colwell Hall.

## NEXT WEEK

**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. RSVP here: [Evite](#).

**Fellowship:** *"Bread and Banter"* lunch gathering for those of retirement age. January 7th Noon-1PM in Colwell Hall. Sign up in the McCormack Lounge.

**Adult Formation:** *Women's Prayer and Meditation group* led by Fran Bean will recommence on Wednesday, January 8th at 10am.

**Adult Learning:** Wednesday study group, "The Bible" will recommence on Wednesday, January 8th at 11am in McCormack Lounge. Note new earlier start date.

**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, 7:30am-9am in Colwell Hall.

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

## NEW YEAR LOOKING AHEAD

**Youth Learning:** *Confirmation Class*, Sunday, January 12th 3-4:30pm.

**Church Housekeeping:** Annual Report articles are due in the Parish office, Wednesday, January 15th.

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

**Fellowship:** *The Saint Barnabas Book Group* will meet on Wednesday, January 22nd, at 7:30pm, to discuss "Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine", by Gail Honeyman. All are welcome. If you have questions please contact Lea Carmichael Richardson at [Paintmoth@gmail.com](mailto:Paintmoth@gmail.com)

**Youth Outreach:** *Midnight Run* packing, Friday, January 24th 6-8:30pm.

**Church Governance:** *Annual Parochial Church Meeting and All Parish Supper*, Sunday January 26th 5.30PM-7.30PM in Colwell Hall. Please plan on attending this All-Parish gathering. Dinner and childcare provided.

## EVENT AND PROGRAM DETAILS

### REPAIR MEETING

# REPAIR

## Rivertowns Episcopal Parishes Action on Inclusion and Race

Please come to the next meeting of REPAIR at 7:30pm on Wednesday, January 15th at St. Barnabas. Our guest speaker will be Robert Marchant, author of WESTCHESTER: HISTORY OF AN ICONIC SUBURB. We'll hear stories of Dr. Errold Collymore, the crusading dentist sometimes dubbed the Martin Luther King of Westchester; the cruel reception given to baseball hero Jackie Robinson when he tried to buy a home in Westchester; and the lasting legacy of residential segregation in a politically liberal county that is still tainted by the persistence of racism. All are welcome for an informative presentation and discussion.

Please contact Karl Weber with any questions: [karlweberliterary@yahoo.com](mailto:karlweberliterary@yahoo.com).

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### HOME COMMUNION VISIT

Home Communion Visits on last Tuesdays and Thursdays of the month.

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

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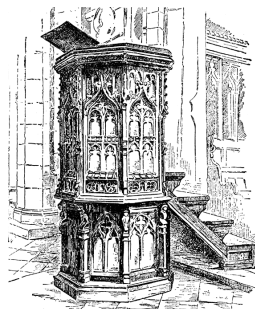
### STOCK DONATION INFO

Instructions for Stock donations have been revised. The account at TDAmeritrade is now closed. We are now using diocesan services. The updated securities letter of instructions is available from the Church Office. Please be in touch with Cynthia Ferguson at 914-631-7188 or at [ferginvestcf@gmail.com](mailto:ferginvestcf@gmail.com) if you desire to pledge stock as your financial contribution to this year's stewardship campaign.



#### Service Times

**Sunday, Jan. 5th**  
8:00 am  
Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
10:00 am  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II



#### The Readings

- [Isaiah 60:1-6](#)
- [Ephesians 3:1-12](#)
- [Matthew 2:1-12](#)
- [Psalm 72:1-7,10-14](#)



#### Goings On

**Friday, Jan. 3rd**  
6:30pm - 7:30pm  
AA in Roane Room

**Saturday, Jan. 4th**  
9:30am - 10:30am  
AA in Colwell Hall

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**Sunday, Jan. 5th**  
*7pm-9pm*  
AlAnon in Colwell Hall and  
McCormack Lounge

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