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FROM THE RECTOR



A new rector expressing gratitude at the 2019 Annual Meeting for the welcome he and his family add received. Photo by Jose Lopez.

We have Divine and Human Resources

All successful organizations have a directional goal, for example the ACME tiddlywinks Company wants to sell more winks and promote the benefits (greater dexterity and flicking ability) of playing tiddlywinks. Churches operate along the same lines: last year St. B's was at A and this year we are at B. We have moved along as a congregation because some of the resources we needed for a renewal

of parish life were put in place (a new rector, a palette of new small groups for Adult learning, a variety of small groups for building deeper relationships among members, a new Sunday School program as well as building our financial capacity for further congregational development). That said, and laying aside silly analogies, we have some unique resources that are tremendously efficacious to our forward momentum:

- **Spiritual:** As your spiritual leader I bring a renewed and deliberate sense of the Holy Eucharist as the focus and locus of our identity and as a basis of everything we do: the Divine meal is our template for understanding ourselves as the body of Christ (St. Paul's language for a congregation). We gather for Eucharist, metabolize it as spiritual food and then embody it in our lives (St. Paul received this tradition and passed along to all the congregations he founded). St. Barnabas, our patron saint, was mentored by St. Paul and received this Eucharistic understanding from him directly). **This makes us the inheritors of a tremendous spiritual legacy that gives us on-going momentum and sense of purpose.**
- **Communal:** I am incredibly grateful to everyone who has committed themselves to building up our life together in community. I know it's a lot to ask for in terms of additional time, energy and financial resources. I try to be very conscious of that and am strategic in terms of not over-burdening our lay leadership or setting unreasonable expectations for participation. Hence it has been a great gift to have members participate in Adult learning, Adult spiritual formation, Adult and Youth fellowship and to see our youngest members embodying a lively faith and enjoyment of church life. It's a sign that we are taking our individual spiritual yearnings seriously and the importance of gathering intentionally for Christian community and spiritual insight. **We are our own best resource for building depth (the direction the Holy Spirit is taking us) into our relationships.**
- **Collective Wisdom and Tradition:** God's loving presence is activated whenever we gather in an appreciative way. I feel that sense of Divine love and appreciation whenever food is part of a collective gathering such as: Bread and Banter, Parenting for Teens, Connected Parenting or the monthly Community Supper or set up for the Sales. **Sharing food together is an expression of Eucharist, the weekly church practice we are called to give expression to in a variety of ways.**

Last year, the Vestry revived a much-loved pattern for the Annual Parochial Meeting: a dinner with church governance baked in. In 23 years of ordained life I hadn't seen this. I could see that was part of the collective longing for fellowship, and it was such a transformative way of being in governance mode from my perspective. Hence, we are adopting this approach again and, to be honest, I can't wait. Yes, I want us to approve the budget; yes I want to cast a vision for the next year, but more than that I want us to connect with one another in an intentionally spiritual and appreciative way. Heck, you can't argue with the Holy Spirit or really good food and conversation. **Please mark your calendars for the Annual Meeting: Sunday January 26th at 5.30pm and watch out for a separate electronic invitation to RSVP.**

In the meantime, I look forward to seeing you Sunday,

Gareth

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*, Saturday, 7:30-9am.

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 Program Sunday in the Newberry Wing. Class orientation at 9:45AM with teaching beginning at 10am.

Adult Learning: "*The Bible*," CANCELLED this week due to a Sunday School teacher meeting.

Children's Formation: *Sunday School Teacher's Meeting*, Sunday, January 12th 11:45-1pm in the Newberry Wing.

Youth Learning: *Confirmation Class*, Sunday, January 12th 4:30-5:30pm.

Hospitality: We host *Al-Anon "Friends, family & loved ones"* every Sunday 7-9PM in Newberry Wing and McCormack Lounge.

NEXT WEEK

Adult Formation: *Women's Prayer and Meditation group* led by Fran Bean, Wednesday, January 15th at 10am.

Adult Learning: Wednesday study group, "*The Bible: Give us our daily bread*," Wednesday, January 15th at 11am-12pm in McCormack Lounge. *Note new earlier start date.

Spiritual Life: *Midday Prayers*, a new initiative to introduce a pattern of daily prayer into parish life. Noon-12:15pm in Luke Chapel.

Church Housekeeping: Annual Report articles are due in the Parish office, Wednesday, January 15th. You may email them to SStanley@StBarnabasChurch.org or SueRStanley@gmail.com.

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

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.

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

Youth Outreach: All are invited to participate in the next "Midnight Run" clothing and food ministry to the homeless of NYC Friday, January 24th 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 if you would like to volunteer to be part of this heartwarming experience.

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.

Fellowship: "*Bread and Banter*" lunch gathering for those of retirement age. February 4th Noon-1PM in Colwell Hall. Sign up in the McCormack Lounge.

Youth Formation: *Confirmation Class*, February 2nd 4:30-5:30PM in McCormack Lounge.

Youth Fellowship: *Youth Group*, February 2nd 5:30-7:00PM in Colwell Hall.

Adult Formation: *Parenting Teens*, February 2nd 5:30-7pm in McCormack Lounge.

Adult Formation: "*Connected Parenting*" program: a gathering that explores the shared experience and challenges of parenting within a Christian framework. Sunday February 9th 5.30-7.30PM Dinner is served. Childcare provided.

Outreach: *Clothing Sale Grant* application deadline is Sunday February 16; *Grant Committee meeting* date, Wednesday, February 26, 7:00 pm.

Fellowship: *Clothing Sale Dinner*, Wednesday, March 11.

Fellowship: *Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Talent Show*, Tuesday February 25th 5.30-7.30pm in Colwell Hall.

Spiritual Life: *The Imposition of Ashes: Ashes-to-Go* at IRV Train Station, 7.30-9AM, Holy Eucharist w/Ashes Noon-12.30 in the Luke Chapel. Ashes-to-Go at IRV Train Station 4.00-6:30pm and Holy Eucharist w/Ashes 7.00pm-8PM.

EVENT AND PROGRAM DETAILS

ANNUAL MEETING & DINNER



Please mark your calendars for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting and All Parish Supper
Sunday January 26 5.30PM-7.30PM
Colwell Hall

Please plan on attending this All-Parish gathering. Dinner and childcare provided.

Be on the lookout for another email with more information and a link to RSVP.

CLOTHING SALE GRANTS



The St. Barnabas Clothing Sale Outreach program is designed specifically to extend the charitable outreach of our parishioners, so we solicit requests from our faith community for worthy non-profit (501c3) organizations that benefit the local community. If you know of an organization that would like to apply, please complete the Clothing Sales Grant form. You can either print the form using this link ([Clothing Sale Grant Form](#)) or pick up a printed form in the church office.

The due date for forms to be turned in is Sunday, February 16.

Mark your calendars for the The Clothing Sale Grants Dinner which will be on March 11.

Please contact Hanna Gyory with any questions: laura.hanna50@gmail.com.

REPAIR MEETING



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.

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

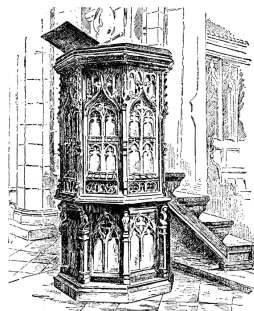
STOCK DONATION INFO

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 if you desire to pledge stock as your financial contribution to this year's stewardship campaign.



Service Times

Sunday, Jan. 12th
8:00 am
Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II



The Readings

- [Isaiah 42:1-9](#)
- [Acts 10:34-43](#)
- [Matthew 3:13-17](#)
- [Psalm 29](#)

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Goings On

Friday, Jan. 10th
6:30pm - 7:30pm
AA in Roane Room

Saturday, Jan. 11th
9:30am - 10:30am
AA in Colwell Hall

Sunday, Jan. 12th
7pm-9pm
AlAnon in Colwell Hall and
McCormack Lounge

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