



THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS

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FROM THE RECTOR



Plastic ties post-Clothing Sale speak of the deeper ties that bind us together

The Ties That Bind Us Together

With each passing week and month life in our parish gives fresh expression to God's creativity and generosity. This past week saw another tremendously successful Outreach Clothing Sale with all its attendant joy, hospitality and exhaustion as volunteers truly served the needs of others. The Annual Campaign is very close to wrapping up and declaring victory after a tremendous outpouring of generous giving from our members. This weekend we will mark the end of the Church year with the Feast of Christ the King and Ice Cream Sundaes at Coffee hour. Add Thanksgiving Day into the mix, and we have an over-abundance of things to give thanks to God for.

Lest you imagine that we are "all done" for the season, let me add that this weekend is rich with parish programming to further strengthen the bonds of spiritual affection that exist between us:

First up on Saturday morning: Men's Breakfast and Bible Reflection. 7.30AM-9AM. Feel free to come at 8AM if you prefer to skip the breakfast portion of the gathering.

Then at 10AM Fran and I are hosting a Day Retreat on how to "Simplify our approach to the Holiday Season" based on Bill McKibben's, "One Hundred Dollar Holiday." This will be held at church. Childcare provided and not too late to sign up!

Sunday morning between services I will host, "All Set for the Day.," A look at the readings and Gospel set for Sunday.

After church at 11.45AM I will lead the third in a six week learning series on the Bible. This week we will explore how the Bible nourishes our faith.

Then to cap the weekend off, Fran and I will host, 'Connected Parenting' for mutual conversation and spiritual reflection on the art of raising children. This will be held at the rectory and childcare will be provided.

These are great days to belong to mighty St. B's! I give personal thanks to everyone who has participated in formation and learning opportunities this past year. I really appreciate having companions on the journey of faith! Thank you to everyone for all the many ways in which our energies, goodwill and spiritual intentions are combined to ensure that we SHINE as a parish.

See 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.

THIS WEEKEND

Fellowship: *Men's Breakfast and Bible Reflection*, Saturday, 7.30-9AM. A great small group gathering for Men to Eat, Reflect and Pray. Breakfast served at 7.30AM. Discussion begins at 8AM. Arrive when you can!

Adult Formation: "*Simplify Christmas*" Day Retreat at St. B's. Saturday 10-3PM. All are welcome to enter into a reflective, sacred space in order to approach the holiday season more mindfully. Led by Fran and Gareth. Childcare provided. RSVP here: [Evite](#).

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 Program Sunday, 9:45AM-10:30AM in the Newberry Wing.

Stewardship: Stewardship Co-Encouragers David and Jane, invite everyone to a celebratory, "*Ice Cream Sundae*" Coffee Hour in Colwell Hall following the later service.

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

Adult Formation: "*Connected Parenting*" program: a gathering that explores the shared experience and challenges of parenting within a Christian framework. Sunday November 24th 5.30-7.30PM Dinner is served. Childcare provided.

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

NEXT WEEK

Ecumenical Worship: *Annual Interfaith Service for Thanksgiving* to be held on Tuesday, November 26th at 7:30PM. Irvington Presbyterian Church is hosting and our rector is preaching. Jewish and Roman Catholic congregants and clergy will also be participating.

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

Adult Learning: CANCELLED *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: CANCELLED *Men's Breakfast and Bible Reflection*, Saturday, Nov. 23rd 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

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.

PLANNING AHEAD 2020

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

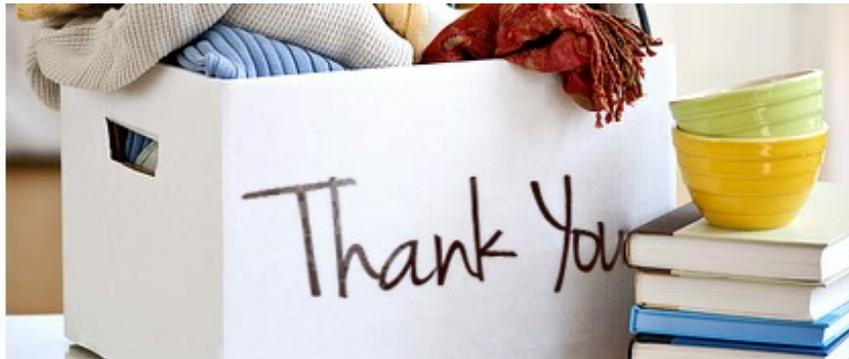
Fellowship: *Epiphany Day Dinner*, a heart warming festive feast. Children's activity at 6, dinner begins at 6.30PM. Commuters are welcome to arrive when they can. Monday January 6th 6PM-8PM in Colwell Hall.

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

Fellowship: "*Community Supper*" a monthly parish-wide gathering with a spiritual reflection given by a parish member. Gathering this Wednesday January 22nd 6PM-8PM. Commuters are welcome to arrive when they can! Sign up in the Lounge.

Church Governance: *Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Dinner*, Sunday January 26th 5.30PM-7.30PM in Colwell Hall.

EVENT AND PROGRAM DETAILS



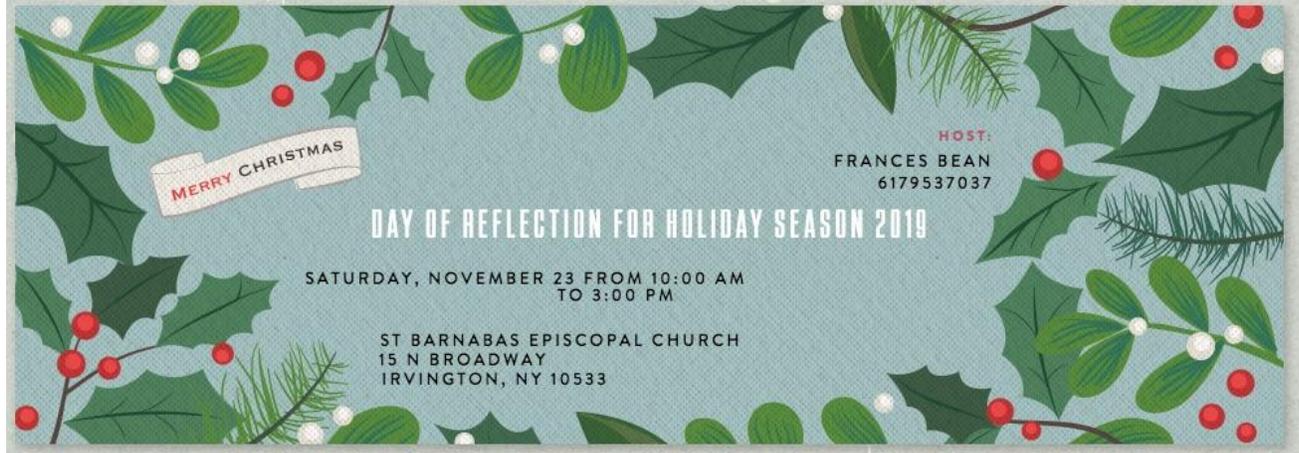
Clothing Sale was a Great Success!

Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped during the sale! Thank you to our setup, cleanup crews and to all those who baked or made delicious soups!

Before IOUs, we've made \$77,500!

Friendly reminder to please remember to pay your IOUs!

ADULT FORMATION: DAY RETREAT 11/23



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 those 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.

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.

CREATION CARE: REUSABLE BAGS NEEDED

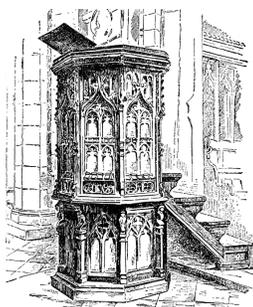
Reusable shopping bag collection project for the Tarrytown Food Pantry. Please support this effort to cut out plastic bags from our food chain by adding our donation to the basket in the McCormack Lounge.



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. 24th

8:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Readings

- **Jeremiah 23:1-6**
- **Psalms 46**
- **Colossians 1:11-20**
- **Luke 23:33-43**

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Goings On

Friday, Nov. 22nd

6:30pm - 7:30pm

AA in Roane Room

Saturday, Nov. 23rd

9:30am - 10:30am

AA in Colwell Hall

Sunday, Nov. 24th

7pm-9pm

AlAnon in Colwell Hall and

McCormack Lounge

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