



THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS

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FROM THE RECTOR



Bard Bunes with pre-loved suits and jackets that are destined to be re-loved by job seekers.

Dear Friends,

I am writing on Thanksgiving Eve with great anticipation for tomorrow's feast and also with deep appreciation for all that we have achieved as a congregation this Fall. In obvious and hidden ways we have pulled together to do a litany of significant things. I'll share three stories just from this past week alone, to illustrate the point.

Last Wednesday, long time member and regular "Eight o'Clocker" Bard Bunaes, came by the church to go through racks of men's suits and jackets put to one side for him after the Clothing Sale. Bard volunteers with a program called, Exodus Transitional Community that provides services to formerly incarcerated men and women as they seek to re-enter the job market. Bard explained how much it meant to the program participants to look their best for job interviews. He also said that he was more interested in the jackets than the suits because wearing a suit to an interview is not expected by many of the employers the men would be interviewing with. He left with a few dozen top notch pieces, and I was left with the sense that he, like so many of you, get on with living the Christian life in unassuming and yet impactful ways.

Last Saturday, a group of friends and strangers gathered for a day Retreat at church called, "Simplify Christmas, Reveal the Joy." Fran and I led a dozen participants in a spiritually reflective program that centered on the wisdom found in Luke 12:22-34 ("Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ...) Here's a link to the whole passage: www.biblegateway.com. We peeled back the layers of this text through writing, listening to a podcast and sharing with each other. We examined what it meant to stand at the intersection of abundance, generosity, scarcity and anxiety, and we made commitments to offer the gifts of the spirit during Advent and Christmas.

Yesterday, a check for over \$400 from St. B's Turkey Drive winged its way to Iglesia Episcopal San Andres in Yonkers thanks to the generosity of so many of you. I also know that others sent checks directly. By supporting San Andres mission we are helping to ensure that Yonkers residents-in-need get to enjoy a proper Thanksgiving.

So thank you all for making church such a generative and creative place to belong to this fall and I look forward to seeing you all during the season of Advent, beginning next Sunday.

May you enjoy a blessed and lovely Thanksgiving with family and friends,
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

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.

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

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 celebratory Coffee Hour, 11:45AM-1PM in the Newberry Wing.

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

Ecumenical Worship: Irvington Presbyterian Church *Messiah* on Sunday, December 1st 4-5pm.

NEXT WEEK

Fellowship: *"Bread and Banter"* lunch gathering for those of retirement age. December 3rd Noon-1PM in Colwell Hall. Sign up in the McCormack Lounge.

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

Adult Learning: *Wednesday study group, "The Bible"*. 11:45AM in the Newberry Wing.

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, Dec. 7th 7:30-9AM in Colwell Hall.

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

Fellowship: *"Bread and Banter"* lunch gathering for those of retirement age. December 3rd Noon-1PM in Colwell Hall. Sign up in the McCormack Lounge.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ecumenical Worship: *Christmas Festival* on Sunday December 8th 1PM at The Church of the Immaculate Conception. Lunch is served with Santa Claus.

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

Youth Formation: *Youth Group and Teen Parenting Group*, Sunday, December 8th 5:30-7:30pm at the rectory. Sign up using this link: [Evite](#).

Leadership: *Vestry meeting* on Tuesday, December 10th at 7:30PM in the McCormack Lounge.

Church Worship: *Reflections - 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 on Sunday, December 22nd 3-6pm. All are welcome. RSVP here: [Evite](#).*

Church Worship: *Christmas Eve Nativity Pageant Service at 4PM and Christmas Mass at 9PM*

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.*

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

EVENT AND PROGRAM DETAILS

STEWARDSHIP 2020 SURVEY



Under the leadership of Jane Gunnison and David Oakes, we've worked hard to make the 2020 stewardship campaign both spiritually and practically meaningful to all members of the St Barnabas community. We are asking for your feedback, which we will use to help build on the strength of this year's campaign and provide future enhancements. You can help by providing responses to the following five-minute survey. Please indicate if you would like a call back for further conversation as the Stewardship co-encouragers would love to hear from you!

[Link to Stewardship Survey](#)

Please complete survey by this Sunday, December 1st!

**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AT IRVINGTON
CHURCHES**

2019

**THREE CHURCHES,
THREE CELEBRATIONS,
ONE CHRISTMAS!**

IRVINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Annual Messiah Concert

Sunday, December 1 at 4PM

All who can carry a tune and love to sing are welcome to join the choir for this fun-filled event!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Christmas Festival & Brunch

Sunday, December 8 at 1PM

Come brunch with Santa Claus and friends. Featuring live music, a reading of "The Night Before Christmas", Main Street Sweets ice cream, brunch buffet, cash bar with adult beverages, arts and crafts, and more!

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH

Reflections

Sunday, December 15 at 5PM

Join our Christian brothers and sisters in an evening of reflection and celebration!

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE RECTORY: 12/22



We welcome you at the rectory for a festive gathering to celebrate the season.
Childcare is on site all ages welcome!

RSVP at [Evite](#)

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: 12/24



Join us on Christmas Eve as we celebrate the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ!

4pm Christmas Eve Nativity Pageant Service
9pm Christmas Mass

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



Service Times

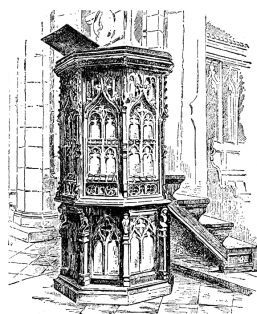
Sunday, Dec. 1st

8:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II



The Readings

- **Isaiah 2:1-5**
- **Romans 13:11-14**
- **Matthew 24:36-44**
- **Psalm 122**

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Goings On

Friday, Nov. 29th

6:30pm - 7:30pm

AA in Roane Room

Saturday, Nov. 30th

9:30am - 10:30am

AA in Colwell Hall

Sunday, Dec. 1st

7pm-9pm

AlAnon in Colwell Hall and
McCormack Lounge

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