



THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS

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FROM THE RECTOR



St. B's stained glass window detail by member, Caitlin Kelly.

A Primer for St. Valentine's Day

Amid the snarky, zany and quite baffling Super Bowl LIV ads offered up for our amusement this year, one really caught my attention: New York Life's "Love Takes Action" ad which laid out the four words for love, according to the Greeks and as defined by C.S. Lewis' *The Four Loves*, in which he outlines the four types of love mentioned in the Bible.

The ad's narrator puts it this way:

Philia: "The first is 'Philia' Philia is affection that grows from friendship."

Storge: "Next, there's 'Storge' - the kind you have for a grandparent or a brother."

Eros: "The third is 'Eros,' the uncontrollable urge to say 'I love you.'"

Agape: "The fourth kind of love is different. It's the most admirable. It's called 'Agape' - love as an action. It takes courage. Sacrifice. Strength."

As images of people caring for one another flash across screen the narrator seeks to seal the emotional deal: "For 175 years, we've been helping people act on their love, so they can look back, or look ahead, and say - 'we got it right.'" In response I say: "For 2000 years the Church has been helping people act on their love and the Episcopal Church continues to offer Holy Eucharist as an expression of that love: a look back, an enactment of God's love in bread and wine and a look forward in confidence and hope."

In order to add a little intellectual spice into St. Valentine's Day, let's stay with C.S.Lewis: Philia, Storge, and Eros are feelings, Lewis explains, where as Agape is a sacrificial love that comes about as an act of will rather than an emotional response. This is the love that Jesus presents to us in the New Testament. As I enter more fully into my 50's I am committed to the latter as a way of life because this is the kind of love God has for us and is applicable in every situation, not least over a candlelit dinner at the Olive Garden (I'm all about the endless supply of breadsticks and salad).

To end this piece on a principled note: The Christian meaning of Agape love may best be summed up in Jesus' words when asked what was the greatest commandment:

He said, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like unto it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Whether you are coupled or not, know that you are beheld and beloved, known and loved as a member of this church bound by the bonds of Agape.

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.

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 McCormack lounge.

Children's Formation: Please bring your children into church this Sunday. There will be no Sunday School.

Adult Learning: "Church and Kingdom: The Importance of Prayer" led by the rector, following the Coffee Hour, Sunday, Noon-1PM in Colwell Library.

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

Outreach: *Clothing Sale Grant* application deadline is Sunday February 16.

NEXT WEEK

Adult Formation: *The Women's Prayer and Meditation* led by Fran Bean Wednesday at 10AM in Luke Chapel. **CANCELLED** this week due to school break.

Adult Learning: *The Mid-Week study group*, "Church and Kingdom: The Importance of Prayer," Wednesdays at 11AM-Noon in the McCormack Lounge.

Spiritual Life: *Midday prayers*, a new initiative to introduce a pattern of daily prayer into parish life. Wednesdays at Noon-12.15pm in Luke Chapel.

Social Justice: *REPAIR Meeting*, Wednesday, February 19th at 7:30-9PM at Christ Church, Tarrytown.
All are welcome to attend.

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.

LOOKING AHEAD

Adult Formation: "*Connected Parenting*" program: a gathering that explores the shared experience and challenges of parenting within a Christian framework, Sunday February 23rd 5.30-7.30PM
Dinner is served. Childcare provided. Evite: <http://evite.me/YVPGvbc4vr>.

Fellowship: *Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Talent Show*, Tuesday February 25th 5.30-7.30pm
in Colwell Hall. Evite: <http://evite.me/5AgXhxufTW>.

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.

Bread & Banter: Tuesday, March 3rd, noon-1pm.

Fellowship: *Clothing Sale Dinner*, Wednesday, March 11, 6:30-8:30pm in Colwell Hall.

St. Barnabas Book Group: Wednesday, April 15th, at 7:30pm in McCormack Lounge. The book is *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*, by Malcolm X with Arthur Haley. It is just over 450 pages, but we

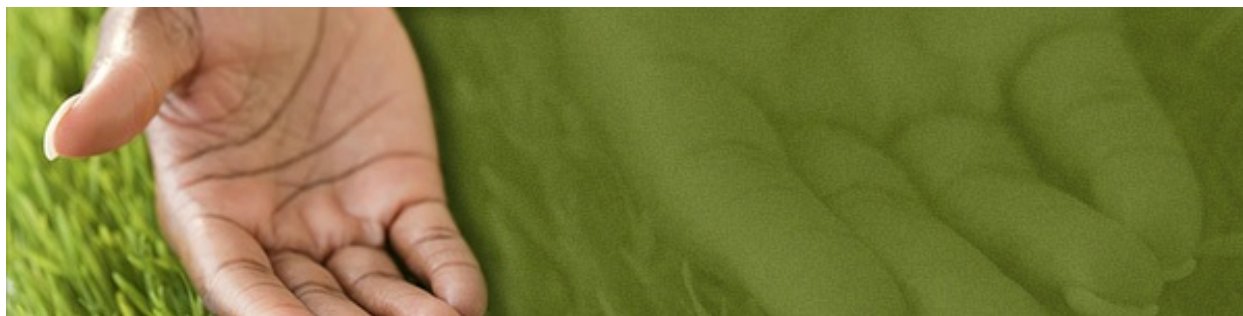
EVENT AND PROGRAM DETAILS

POP-UP DINING WITH KELLI SCOTT



For those of you who expressed interest in attending one of Kelli Scott's upcoming "Pop-up" dining experiences here is the link to all of Kelli's pop-ups: <https://buytickets.at/orchestrax2>
Hope you can make it to one or all of these awesome meals!

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.

CONNECTED PARENTING: 2/23

JOIN US



CONNECTED PARENTING : FOCUS ON RAISING BOYS

Sunday, February 23 from 5:30 PM
to 7:30 PM

Frances Bean
6179537037

St. Barnabas
15 N Broadway Irvington, NY 10533

Our next Connected Parenting event is a special gathering on raising boys- visions and challenges.

Sunday, February 23rd 5:30pm-7:30pm.

RSVP here: [Evite](#)

SHROVE TUESDAY: 2/25



Pancake Supper and Talent Show

Tuesday, February 25 from 5:00 PM
to 7:30 PM

Youth Group

St Barnabas Church
11 N Broadway Irvington, NY 10533

Join us for our annual Pancake Supper and Talent Show
Tuesday, February 25th 5pm-7:30pm

RSVP here: [Evite](#)

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

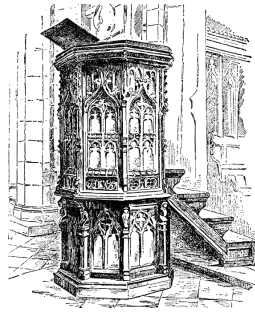
Sunday, Feb. 16th

8:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II



The Readings

- [Deuteronomy 30:15-20](#) or [Sirach 15:15-20](#)
- [1 Corinthians 3:1-9](#)
- [Matthew 5:21-37](#)
- [Psalm 119:1-8](#)

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Goings On

Friday, Feb. 14th

6:30pm - 7:30pm

AA in Roane Room

Saturday, Feb. 15th

9:30am - 10:30am

AA in Colwell Hall

Sunday, Feb. 16th

7pm-9pm

AlAnon in Colwell Hall and

McCormack Lounge

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