

The Encourager

The Mission of St. Barnabas Church is to live and spread the Gospel of Christ as disciples making disciples.

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A Message from Father Jim

This is going to be a very important year in the life of St. Barnabas as you will begin the process of seeking a new rector by the end of the year. I will be meeting with Linda Grenz, the Canon to the Ordinary and clergy deployment officer for the diocese this month in order to schedule the steps that will need to be taken to accomplish this. But bear in mind that **YOU** are the most important part of this process. **YOUR** voice and **YOUR** input about what you are looking for in a new priest will be crucial to ensuring that a rector is called who is a good fit for St. Barnabas. So please, please, please, as the process begins make every effort to engage it. Let your opinion be known and your voice be heard.

It is important that you are plugged into the ways in which communication about the process will be disseminated to you. Of course you will be kept in the loop through the *Encourager* and weekly bulletin but we will also use the electronic media to keep you informed. So please make sure we have your email address. Check out the church's website (stbarnabaswarwick.org) and our Facebook page (St Barnabas Episcopal Church, Warwick, RI) on a regular basis to see if there is anything scheduled.

Jim+

Feast of the Epiphany



The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the visit of the three Wise Men to the Christ Child and in many European countries Christmas gifts are exchanged on this day. This holy day is one of the Principal Feasts of the Church and is always celebrated on January 6th which falls on a Wednesday this year. There will be two celebrations of Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring your Christmas season to a prayerful and worshipful close.

A Note from Fr. Jim and Barbara

Barbara and I would like to thank you for the many cards and tokens of affection we received at Christmas. We pray that you will all have a blessed New Year.

Office Closed

The parish office will be closed on Friday, January 1st, New Year's Day, and Monday, January 18th, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Monthly Youth Sunday on January 3rd



Kids, our monthly Youth Sunday will take place on January 3rd. You will be our greeters, take the offering, bring the offering to the altar, have a special talk with Fr. Jim and then join him around the altar rail for the consecration of the bread and wine. We hope all the children will be in church on this Sunday.

Monthly Healing Service Resumes



Our "Monthly Healing Service" will be held on Sunday, January 3rd, at 12 noon. If you would like to have prayers and anointing for healing or feel you have the gift of healing you may find this service a welcome alternative. This is a full Eucharistic celebration so it fulfills your Sunday worship for the day.

Dinner and a Movie



Dinner and a Movie will take place on Friday, January 8th, at 6:00 p.m. We will watch "Chariots of Fire" a 1981 British historical drama film. It tells the fact-based story of two athletes in the 1924 Olympics: Eric Liddell, a devout Scottish Christian who runs for the glory of God, and Harold Abrahams, an English Jew who runs to overcome prejudice. It was nominated for seven Academy Awards and won four, including Best Picture and Best Screenplay. It is ranked 19th in the British Film Institute's list of Top 100 British films. The film is also notable for its memorable instrumental theme tune by Vangelis, who won the Academy Award for Best Original Score. So bring something to eat a comfortable chair and be ready to discuss this great movie.

Christmas Warmth a Huge Success



Your response to our collection of socks, hats and gloves for House of Hope and Crossroads Rhode Island was overwhelming. We collected 246 pairs of socks, 70 hats, 52 pairs of gloves/mittens, 16 scarves and 11 hat and glove sets. Thank you so much for your generous response to those who are lacking these essentials in the cold weather months.

Christmas Giving Tree



Thank you so much for your generosity toward our Christmas Giving Tree this year. There were 132 “ornaments” on the tree representing gifts for families struggling financially at this time of the year and all of them were taken and presents bought.

Outreach Opportunities



A committee of cooks helps prepare dinner once a month for 30 residents at the RI Family Shelter and once a month for the 12 residents at House of Hope. If you'd like to participate in this ministry, see Julie Mixner

We continue to collect full size personal care items, paper goods and cleaning products for the residents at the house of hope. There is box in the back of the church labeled for the donations.

Special thanks for all who donated items for the Christmas giving tree as well as the gifts of warmth!

Thank You

We would like to thank Richard Carr for his hard work in repainting the kitchen and Joe Rodrigues and Stan Schofield for putting new light fixtures in the new drop ceiling in the hallway from Schweitzer Hall to Stevens Hall and in the choir room.

Music Notes



When the angels had left and gone back into heaven...

This verse from the Christmas story of Luke's gospel is fitting for this time of year. With the Christmas season over and while we are still taking apart, taking down, removing and recouping, we are in the process of getting things back to normal and continuing with our daily lives. While the Christmas music and the "Glorias" are still ringing in our ears, I want to thank the members of the choir for their hard work this past Christmas. They are just as busy as everyone else during the holidays, and yet they choose to offer their time and talent in order to make our music and worship of St. Barnabas a joyous, festive occasion. I deeply appreciate their hard work and the joy that they bring in their music.

After the angels had left and gone back into heaven, there was still much to do – in fact, the work of giving praise to God was just beginning. So it is true with our lives as well. Christmas is over, but the praise and worship continues. Essentially, our lives take over where the angels left off!

Many of us are now contemplating resolutions for the coming year. May I add one more resolution to your list? *Make music a bigger part of your life.* Consider some of these suggestions: Attend more concerts; take time each day to do nothing but listen to music; in your personal prayer and devotions, read the text of a hymn; join the St. Barnabas Choir (I had to sneak that in!); If you are in church and not a singer, *read the text of the hymn* while others around you are singing. Or if you are in church and encounter a new hymn, rather than closing the hymnal and refusing to sing, listen to the melody and ponder the poetry of the verses – remember, the song which the angels sang to the shepherds was a *new hymn!*

Christmas is over and the angels have left, so may our lives continue to echo their song: *Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

Ted Platt

Director of Music

Mandatory Acolyte Training



We have several youth who are new to our Acolyte Corps and those of you who are already acolytes can use a refresher. A training session has been scheduled for Saturday, January 9th, at 2:00 p.m. A second training has been scheduled for Sunday, January 10th following the 10 o'clock service. ***Attendance at one of these sessions is mandatory.*** If for some reason your family is going to be out of town on this weekend please speak to Fr. Jim or Paul Schofield who is our new Acolyte Director.

Especially for Kids in Grades 7 to 12

Kids you can attend some great conferences at the Episcopal Conference Center this winter. Please remember that we have some monies available to help with the cost of kids attending ECC programs so don't let lack of money be your reason for not attending. See Fr. Jim if you need a "campership." Registration forms may be found on the table at the back of the church.

Comic Prayer Conference: January 15th to 17th for those in grades 7-9, Cost \$100

The three day comic intensive will introduce campers to the art of using comics to tell stories, to facilitate prayer, and to examine what God and popular culture have in common. We'll design the characters, develop plots, and create individual and group comics. No artistic experience is necessary.

Winter Camp: February 12th to 15th for those in grades 7-11, Cost \$150

Spend Valentine's Day at camp! This camp typically allows for experiencing the ECC property in the snow. Take a long walk to snowy Echo Lake, then come inside and warm up with games, small groups, and activities. Winter Camp is a great way to spend a long weekend.

March Winter Conference: March 11th to 13th for those in grades 9-12, Cost \$100

This senior high weekend will explore how we fill our cup through the lens of Psalm 23. We'll consider how we spend our time and what helps us to feel full and refreshed. This meaningful weekend will provide needed respite during a busy time in high school.

What Is Your Birthdate?



You will notice that in church on Sunday we pray for those members of the parish who are celebrating birthdays during the coming week. In this way we pray for each member of the parish by name during the course of the year. If you are a newer member would you please email the office (parishadmin@stbarnabaswarwick.org) or drop us a note. You need only give us the month and day.

Emergency Notification Cards

If you are new to St. Barnabas you might not know about Fr. Jim's "Emergency Notification Cards." Because of the Federal HIPAA Law dealing with patient confidentiality, hospitals and nursing homes no longer call churches to let them know that parishioners have been admitted. Fr. Jim has had cards printed up with his personal contact information and we give three of these cards to each person: one to be placed by the primary telephone in your home, one to go into your purse or wallet and one to be given to the person who is your responsible party in case of emergency or hospitalization. These cards can be found on the table near the main entrance to the church. If you don't have any please take some so that Fr. Jim can be notified and provide pastoral care as it is needed.

2016 Stewardship Campaign



Stewardship

A Way of Life

As of December 20th we have received 94 pledges totaling \$129,006. We need to reach last year's total of \$130,000 in order to present a balanced budget. If you have not yet made your pledge for 2016, please do so as soon as possible.

Annual Meeting on January 24th

The Annual Meeting of St. Barnabas Parish will be held on Sunday, January 24th, in Schweitzer Hall following the 10 o'clock service.

The Nominating Committee is presenting the following slate of candidates for the Officers, Vestry and Convention Delegate and Alternate positions that are subject to election at this year's meeting.

Sr. Warden	Heidi Seddon
Jr. Warden	Joseph Rodrigues
Parish Clerk	Robin Beckworth
Treasurer	Stanley Schofield
Vestry	James Mixner
	Barbara-Jean Lynch
	Kristen Marcks
	Tammy Salisbury
	Beth Marsh
	Joan Newell
Convention Delegates	Stanley Schofield
	William Barker
Convention Alternates	Heidi Seddon
	Paul Schofield

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Diocesan Eastertide Confirmation at St. Barnabas



The Diocesan Eastertide Confirmation service will be held at St. Barnabas on Saturday, May 14th at 10:00 a.m. If you wish to be Confirmed or Received at this service please speak to Fr. Jim so that he can arrange instruction.

St. Mary's Church Sanctuary Window

The sale of the St. Mary's Church property, with the exception of the rectory and the Memorial Garden, is being finalized. It is being sold to Heritage Christian Fellowship which has been renting the former parish hall for their worship space for some years now. Many of the furnishings in the church proper have been sold and the organ was given to another church that could use it. As part of the finalization of the merger, the St. Mary's Sanctuary Window has been restored and put into shadow boxes which can be seen in the hallway coming up from Schweitzer Hall.

Poinsettias Decorating the Church for Christmas Were Given to the Glory of God and

In Loving Memory of:

Tom and Ann Fox, Ann Marie (Fox) Gutowski, Joan (Fox) Kilgariff, John Bocchino, Josephine Bocchino and Clara (Bocchino) Bianco by the Rev. James R. Bocchino and Ms. Barbara E. Fox.

Raymond and Fannie Dexter, Raymond and Catherine Dexter, Charles H. Dexter Sr., Barbara Dexter Rusack, Raymond C. Dexter Sr., Inez Clausen, Edward Frail, and John and Helen Germond by Helena Dexter.

Teresa Turner, Jerry Turner, Ada and Joseph Turner, Ollie and Joseph Sheets, and William Gardner by Erma and Jim Turner.

Morrison E. Horridge II by Jane Horridge.

Edgar W. Parks, Frank E. Gregory, and Christina A. Gregory by Dorothy M. Parks.

Ella K. Mitchell, Hedwig Kenyon, Alton and Helen Conn, William S. Suessbrick, Christopher Mitchell, Tamison Snow, William S. Riley, and James Conn by Emily M. Riley.

Stanley W. Schofield Sr. , Dorothy I. Schofield, Leslie I. Gomes, John and Elizabeth Slaven, Jr., John and Susan Slaven, Sr. , George and Gertrude Schofield, William B. and Gertrude Colburn, Eleanor and Robert DeAvilla, Frederick and Florence Smith, Sr., Skip Smith, William and Carmen Oehrle, John and Esther Shaw, Larry O'Connor by Stan and Joan Schofield.

Joyce Whitford and Hayden Bentley by Shirley Bentley.

John Fraits, Ralph Fraits, Elizabeth Lloyd and Peter Penta by Kathy Fraits.

Edward F. Fletcher, Phylis M. Taylor, B. Buck Taylor, Florence E. Taylor, Schuyler J. Taylor Sr., and Hope L. Thornton by Sandy Fletcher.

Mary Garvey and Agnes Spearman by Catherine and Michael Spearman.

Joyce Talabay and Robert White by Wendy Norris.

Harold and Hannah Hayes, Elia and Marion Centracchio. Don A. Centracchio, Lewis and Esther Carpenter and Alan Carpenter by Donald and Marcia Carpenter.

Wellesley Barrington, Eva Klosowski and Christopher Klosowski by the Salisbury Family.

John C. Menzies, George and Marjorie Tyler, the Rev. Charles and Betty Tyler, George and Madalyn Tyler, Audrey Ann and Malcolm Scott, George and Marion Menzies, Charles L. Tyler and Lois Lombardi by Eleanor T. Menzies.

Richard Spinney by Carolyn Spinney.

Alice Hohler, Robert and Edith Barrie, Emily and Lester Hohler, Lillian Hohler, Hope Maynard and Rod Blue by R. Barrie.

Nancy Lou Urquhart by Richard Urquhart.

Lillian, Joseph and Pumpkin Whitehead and Sally Schofield by Dianne Whitehead.

Ann M. Picard by Stephen J. Picard.

Robert D. and Barbara M. Whitaker, E.I. and Mildred Ballou Whitaker, Albert N. and Freida M. Schmidt and James F. Hackett by Leer and C. Martha Whitaker.

William and Thelma Lindopp, Arthur and Grace Smith, Edward and Hazel Newell, Howard and Mildred Killion, Harold and Hope Bonnell, Michael Rocha, Carol Walker, Augusto and Maria Rocha, Joseph and Maria Thomas, Alfred Teolis and Angelina Teolis by the Lindopp and Newell Family.

Jason Pari by Melissa Orlando

Robert Frueh by Gail Frueh.

Joseph Salisbury by the Salisbury Family.

Robert Walker, Margaret J. Walker, Denise M. Walker, Moron E. Wakem, Margaret Hodgson and Frank Hodgson by Frank and Carla Walker.

Claire and George Richardson and Krista Weller Burns by Kathy and George Richardson.

Alfred and Janice Van Patten, Johann and Maria Greim, Joseph and Johanna Zampini, Edward and Shirley Bouclin, Maria Greim and Lillian Villatico by Beatrice Van Patten.

Doris M. Clipston, Frank M. and Ruth Crowther, Frank M. Crowther Jr., Anna and Denis Dejarlais, Barbara J. Meinel, Edward Carpentier, Joseph Coffey, George and Helen Wells, George Wells Jr., The Rev. William and Majorie Kite and John and Olga Pashkovshy by Betty Pashkovsky.

Edith Costa, Joseph Costa, Jeannette Gravelin and Arthur Gravelin by George and Carol Gravelin.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dale and Mr. Augustine Perry by Alan and Kim Dale.

Emma Bourbeau, Alphonse Bourbeau, Fleur-Ange Hurdis, E.B. Hurdis, Jr., Paul Shehan, III, Violet Loftus, Elvis Presley, Robert Bowron, Ellen Shurygalio, Charles E. Hays, Jr., Debra Hays, Stacy Hays, Ronald Piatek, Barbara Higgins and for all the people that died in 9-11, Bless their souls by Patricia and Jerome T. Loftus.

William F. Nicholson, Barbara Watson Nicholson, Louis A. Watson, Doris Redman Watson, Everett R. Jones, Sr., Beverly Watson Jones, William L. Smith, III, Jerry L. Marcus, Harriet, Deborah and Hollis Tripp, Barbara A. Matteson, Robert P. Swenson, Albert and Elinor Conde, Molly, Bridgett, Daisy, Zoe, Victoria Amalfetano, and Rose and Ed McQueeney by Beverly Nicholson Smith.

Albert Suppappola, Domenic & Speranza Suppappola, Annie B. and Albert Jones, Norma and Bill Briggs, Lawrence Jones, Herbert Jones, Richard Jones, Marcia Bowers, Eleanor Seddon by Heidi Seddon.

Larry Bayles, John and Phyllis Simonian, Vahan and Santook Simonian, Abraham and Betty Simonian, John and Helen Kirkman, Rev. Bjarne & Florence Erickson, Alan and Muriel McCoy, David and Lois Macaulay Robert Macaulay, Edgar and Mabel Pierce, Donald Shaw, Myra and Donald E. Shaw, Florence and Edwin Jenkins, John Mikowski, Peter Patrick Cannon, Carrie and Henry Maksymowicz, Cooper, Kingston, Oreo and Missy by the Simonian Family.

Maureen Eichholz, William Beckwith, William F. Mellin Jr., Frederic H. Hien, and Florence and Frederic A. Hien by Robin Beckwith.

Alice and Jack Lederman, Domenic Malveto and Virginia Malveto by Alice M. Malveto.

Elizabeth Speirs Johnson by Agnes and Leonard Johnson.

Arthur Hartington Sr., Hazel and Ross D. Walcott, Barbara and Paul Costigan and Ross T. Walcott by Abbie L. Hartington.

Frederick Smith Jr., Ana Rodrigues, Louise Macomber, Florence Smith, Frederick Smith Sr., Spunky, Tinker, Scott Francis, Sean Eagan, Charolette Rodrigues, Elizabeth and Walfred Nyman, and Barbara and Wilbur Bridge by the Rodrigues Family.

In Thanksgiving for:

Our grandchildren, Jacen, Samuel, June and Theodore by the Rev. James R. Bocchino and Ms. Barbara E. Fox.

Morrison E. Horridge II by Jane Horridge.



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