

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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Prayer for the Selection of Our Next Rector

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the hearts and minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

A Message from Father Jim

On April 21st, along with every other priest, deacon, and postulant and candidate for ordination, I attended a day-long training session which primarily dealt with the issue of child abuse in our society. This is an issue that is always on our minds but has once again gained additional news exposure due to the instances of sexual abuse which are being investigated at St. George's School in Middletown, an Episcopal boarding school. Bishop Knisely was so adamant that every ordained or soon-to-be ordained person in the diocese take part in this training that he said he would pull the license to officiate in the diocese or not approve the ordination of anyone not participating.

St. Barnabas has a "Safe Church Policy" as required by the diocese which was adopted by the Vestry on November 18, 2013. This policy will be posted on the bulletin board in Schweitzer Hall along with some other materials that I received at the training session. If you have ever had to deal with someone, or the family members of someone, who had been abused by a member of the clergy or a church worker or volunteer, you know the depth of the hurt and sorrow that comes from this betrayal of trust. The community of faith and house of God should be a place where all of God's children should be safe.

Some of you who work with our children and all of the paid staff have already taken "Safe Church Training" to help identify the signs of child abuse. Now many other members of the congregation such as our lay leaders and those who serve on the altar will be required to participate in this training in order to continue to serve in this capacity. But I hope that all of you will take the time and effort to take a look at the materials which will be posted on the bulletin board.

This is a topic that many of us want to avoid because it upsets us to the very depths of our being. But together we can make our communities a safer and better place in which our children can grow and thrive.

Jim+

Access to Church Office

When coming to the church for any reason you will no longer find the door leading to the parish office unlocked because of safety concerns. There is a doorbell to the left of the door which rings in Robin's office and she will come and let you in.

Monthly Youth Sunday on May 1st



Kids, our monthly Youth Sunday will take place on May 1st. You will be our greeters, take the offering, bring the offering to the altar, read our lessons, 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



We will not have a full Monthly Healing Service on May 1st but Fr. Jim will perform the laying on of hands and anointing following the 10 o'clock service.

May Breakfast



This year May 1st falls on a Sunday and we are going to have a "May Breakfast" following both services on that day. Please join us for a time of fun and fellowship down in Schweitzer Hall.

Dinner and a Movie



Dinner and a Movie will take place on Friday, May 13th. We will watch "The Lady in the Van" starring Maggie Smith. Miss Shepherd, a woman of uncertain origins, "temporarily" parks her van in a man's London driveway. Over the course of fifteen years, what began as a begrudged favor turns into a relationship that will change both their lives. The movie is based on a true story and Alan Bennett's stage play "The Lady in the Van." Any movie starring Maggie Smith is always a treat. So bring something to eat and perhaps a comfortable chair and join us for a great movie and the discussion that will follow.

Diocesan Eastertide Confirmation at St. Barnabas on May 14th



The Diocesan Eastertide Confirmation service will be held at St. Barnabas on Saturday, May 14th at 10:00 a.m. Father Jim will be presenting Pruet Beauregard, Candace Marble, Gianna Quaglieri and Isabella Paola to be Confirmed; Steven Marcks to be Received, and Tammy Salisbury, Amy Salisbury, Gail Frueh and Wendy Norris to Reaffirm Baptismal Vows. We hope that many of you will come to the service and support your brothers and sisters in Christ at this service.

If you have told Fr. Jim you will serve as a greeter at the service you should be at the church by 8:30 a.m. on the 14th as people will be arriving for a rehearsal at 9:00 a.m. We can also use a few more people in this capacity.

Music Notes



The Book of Psalms has been known as the “hymnbook” of the Bible and therefore the psalms are meant to be sung. The Greek word *psalmoi* literally means “songs accompanied by string instruments.” Singing the psalms is a feature of most Episcopal liturgies, from the smallest parish to the largest cathedral.

The Book of Common Prayer outlines various ways in which a psalm can be sung in worship. For ease of singing, verses are split in two with an asterisk * to reflect the original two-part form of the Hebrew text.

At St. Barnabas, we use the most common method of chanting known as *Direct recitation*, using a *Simplified Anglican Chant* which based on an 8-note melodic pattern. It is made up of what is called a *reciting tone*, which incorporates the main body of a sentence or phrase, and the *moving tone*, which accompanies the final word or words completing a sentence.

Psalms are meant to be sung, yet it is the *text* of the psalm which dominates, not the music. Therefore, all punctuation is observed – breaking at commas, semi-colons and periods. As a rule of thumb, our practice is to move from the reciting tone to the moving tone on the final word of a sentence or phrase. However with the text dominating, there are some cases in which a word may be divided by a syllable, or perhaps the final two words of a sentence may be sung on the moving tone. The music *accompanies* the meaning, style and emphasis of the text, moving with its natural flow.

As a preparation to worship, adopt the habit of reading through the psalm while listening to the organ prelude. Observe the natural rhythm and flow of the text to become more aware of how the psalm will be sung in worship.

Although the psalms were historically attributed to King David, we do not know who wrote most of them. Many psalms date back to the early years of Israel and may have been written as early as 900 BCE. Compiled into their present form, they have been used in worship for well over two thousand years. So, give voice to the church of today by echoing the worship practice of singing the psalms with those of our ancestors who gathered long ago to give praise to God.

Ted Platt

Director of Music

Teams for the Search Process

The Vestry spent an entire day with Linda Grenz, the Canon to the Ordinary, who is overseeing the search process for the new rector. After much prayer and discernment the following persons will comprise the different teams taking part in this important process.

TRANSITION	
Convener	Team Members
Fr. Jim	
	Bonne Simonian
	Joan Schofield
	Heidi Seddon
	Joe Rodrigues
	Cheryl Marble
FAREWELL	
Convener	Team Members
Joan Newell	
	Eleanor Menzies
	Richard Budlong
	Dianne Whitehead
	B.J. Lynch
	Cheryl Marble
	Marilyn Davis
	Julie Mixner
	Joan Schofield
WELCOME	
Convener	Team Members
Mike Marsh	
	Christine Lindopp
	Gail Frueh
	Richard Budlong
	Ron Bonenfant
	Joan Schofield
	Audry McIntyre
COMMUNICATIONS / WEBSITE	
Convener	Team Members
Kristen Marcks	
	Pete Fontaine
	B.J. Lynch
	Emily Seddon
	Stephen Colella

PRAYER	
Convener	Team Members
Robin Beckwith	
	Norma Barker
	Peter Michaelson
	Wanda Michaelson
	Amy Salisbury
	Kathy Fraits
	Sheila Laurenza
	Marilyn Davis
	Jean Suppappola
	Maureen Volk
	Steve Marcks
	Susanne Berry
	Megan McGoran
PORTFOLIO	
Convener	Team Members
Eric Simonian	
	Paul Schofield
	Kathy Fraits
	Tammy Salisbury
	Heidi Seddon
	Jessica Iozzi
DISCERNMENT	
Convener	Team Members
Stan Schofield	
	David McIntyre
	Joan Newell
	Angie Marcks
	Jim Mixner
	Beth Marsh
	Christine Lindopp
	Stephanie VanPatten

A Note from Father Jim



I want to thank you for my surprise birthday party in the parish hall after the 10 a.m. service. It was a wonderful celebration, especially playing “Pin the Cross on Fr. Jim” with the children. The party hats and pins made for a real festive occasion.

Episcopal Conference Center Brochures



Brochures for the summer camping season at ECC are available on the table at the back of the church. There are camps for children as young as entering the 2nd grade in September and as old as entering the 12th grade. There is even a camp for an entire family. Camperships are available. Just speak to Fr. Jim.

Help for the Hearing Impaired



Even with our very good sound system, we are aware that some of you have trouble hearing in church during services. We applied for and have received a grant from a diocesan fund which is used solely for enabling parishes to minister to the hearing impaired. With this grant we have purchased a Centrum Sound Hearing Assistance System. This system will be hooked to our regular sound system and there will be receivers and headphones through which you can directly hear the service as long as one of our microphones is being used. There will also be some neck loops that can be used with the receivers which work directly with those who may have hearing aids. We hope that the purchase of this system will enhance and enrich your participation in the liturgy and your relationship with God.

Scam Alert



We recently received a letter from Carpenter-Jenks Funeral Home alerting us to scams that are being perpetrated upon unsuspecting families and persons. The first is a "Grieving Family Insurance Scam." After a death has been published people are being called by someone purportedly from the loved one's place of employment or an insurance company. The Second is a caller who claims to be a grandchild who has been in an accident. We have posted a flyer detailing these scams on the bulletin board in the parish hall so that you may read about how to protect yourself from them.

Happy Mother's Day May 8, 2016



We would like to wish a Happy & Blessed Mother's Day to all Mom's here at St. Barnabas.

Office Closed



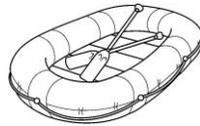
Parish Office will be closed on Monday May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.

Outreach Opportunities

We continue to cook for the House of Hope and RI Family Shelter once a month. We could use new cooks to participate in this ministry. Many months we are not able to cook for both houses due to not enough people to help. If you'd like to participate you'd be assigned to be with a team of people to contribute to just part of the meal. We typically need 3-4 people assigned to each date so it's not too heavy of a burden on just one person. The RI Family Shelter houses about 25 adults and children that are temporary homeless and the House of Hope houses 12 adults that reside there permanently. If you would like to participate in this ministry, see Julie Mixer for details.

There are boxes in the back of the church for a few on-going collections. We collect nonperishable food items for the West Bay Market Place which is a local food pantry in Buttonwoods. There is also a box for full size personal care items, paper goods and cleaning items for the residents at the house of hope.

White Water Rafting Trip Scheduled for July 16th



It is time for you to let Fr. Jim know if you will be taking part in the white water rafting trip in July. He has to give the outfitter an estimate of how many they need to prepare to serve. Please let him know no later than May 15th if you are planning on going on the trip.

Lawn Care Team



Now that spring has arrived, we need volunteers for our lawn cutting teams. We provide all the equipment, we just need YOU. If you're interested in helping, or need more information please contact Joseph Rodrigues at 738-3505, soundlab@cox.net or after Sunday services.

All Roads Lead to Rome but not Stevens Hall

"All Roads Lead to Rome" is an old adage that teaches that many different roads can lead to the same destination. But in the future not all roads are going to lead to Stevens Hall and the stairway to the front of the church or the elevator. We expended a great deal of time and effort to clean out and paint the hallway between Schweitzer Hall and Stevens Hall so that people would not have to go through the kitchen. It is difficult for those working in the kitchen when people are using this as a road to church or the coffee hour so we will be keeping this door closed on Sunday mornings. So please use the open hallway for this. If you are not sure where it is, it is the hallway behind the restrooms. Thank you.

Bazaar Organizational Meeting



Sunday, June 5, 2016. We will meet in the Guild Room following the 10:00 a.m. service. Goals – Welcome all bazaar participants, gather contact info email, phone, etc., Decide on date of bazaar, choose main raffle prizes; bring new items to the table. All are welcome!

Plants for the Church and the Park



This spring we'd like to increase the plantings around our church and in Dorothy Mayer Park. While you're out working in your yards, please consider dividing your hardy perennials and sharing your plants with St. Barnabas Church. We're particularly looking for hostas as they're known for their hardiness. Please bring your plants to church on Sunday mornings for the next few weeks. We'll have a designated space outside where we'll be collecting your beautiful plants. Dianne Whitehead has agreed to plan and coordinate the planting. We'll also be looking for more volunteers to help!

If you don't have plants to divide in your yard but would still like to contribute, we'll also be planting some new azaleas. Those will need to be purchased, so funds to defray that cost will also be most appreciated. Thank you!

Food Donations



During these hard economic times, hunger is on the rise. Thanks to your ongoing support, the Community Food Bank has made a difference in the lives of many Warwick residents! Donations of non-perishable foods are gratefully accepted at St. Barnabas Church on Sunday mornings. You may hand your donation to one of our ushers or place it in the Food Basket at the back of the church. All of the food collected is then brought to the West Bay Community Food Bank in Buttonwoods. Many thanks to Dave Hartley who delivers these food items to the Food Bank on our behalf!