

# 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 Saturday, June 11th, I had the pleasure and privilege of attending the ordination of the three newest Vocational Deacons of the Diocese of Rhode Island at St. Paul's Church in Pawtucket. With folks there supporting three ordinands the church was pretty full and St. Paul's can seat a sizable congregation. The service of ordination is always a powerful and moving service but suddenly something happened when it came time to recite the Nicene Creed which is the corporate creed of the church. I was literally stunned as the Creed began "We believe....." It continued to be said loudly with power and authority and seemed to get stronger and stronger as it went on.

Once again I realized that the Church – the body of Christ – is so much more than a gathering of like-minded individuals. We are a living, breathing organism which is greater than the sum total of its parts. I literally felt myself vibrating with excitement as the creed went on and I found myself thinking, "My God this is your church at prayer and we have great power to make a difference in the world around us if only we will do so."

Think about this as you respond during the liturgy. Don't mumble your responses in a small voice. Don't be afraid to speak out to God in faith and power. Remember that **YOU ARE THE CHURCH!!**

*Jim+*

## **Fr. Jim Away July 17<sup>th</sup>**

Fr. Jim will be away on the parish White Water Rafting Trip on Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. The Rev. Gary Lemery will be our celebrant and preacher that day. Please give him a warm St. Barnabas welcome.

## **Monthly Healing Service Discontinued New Opportunity for Healing Prayers**

We are discontinuing the monthly Healing Service. Instead, on the first Sunday of each month after both services Fr. Jim will greet the congregation and then go to the altar where he will be available for the laying on of hands and anointing for healing for anyone wishing this.

## Search for New Rector Making Progress (from Kristen Marcks, Communications Team)

The Process has begun! Throughout the past few weeks the newly formed Saint Barnabas Church Portfolio Team has been hard at work. They are the team that has added the questionnaires to our bulletins and left surveys for us to complete at coffee hour. Your feedback has been the most critical component of this team's work as they have the charge of presenting our "personality" to prospective Clergy. No single person is going to decide what we need for our future- **every piece of feedback, from every member of every age is important!** As they continue to survey (yes, more questions in store!), they are adding to the St. Barnabas profile on the Diocesan website where our position will be posted.

The portfolio team members are Eric Simonian, Paul Schofield, Kathy Fraits, Tammy Salisbury, Heidi Seddon and Jessica Iozzi. They have poured over the information and written the answers to many questions provided by the Diocese. The questions range from who we are, what style service is best for us, the demographics of our congregation, what the community is like in our area, what our ministries and outreach are, and where do we feel that God is taking us? As they continue to refine our collective needs and wants for our new Rector, they can add to our profile. Once this team has completed the Portfolio of questions and we receive a few applications, their results will be turned over the Discernment Team for review.

How can you help? Please take a moment to prayerfully consider and return the surveys. Talk about them with your Parish friends, and ask you kids too! We are all the Body of Christ together and together we will walk in God's plan for us to grow in our faith and numbers to serve the Lord.

Thank you!

## Help for the Hearing Impaired



We have installed our new "Hearing Assistance System" in the church. The ushers will know how this system works. You can use either regular headphones or a loop if you have a hearing aid. Those who have used it are amazed at how well they can hear the entire service.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Independence Day.

## Summer Office Hours

The parish office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon during the months of July and August. Fr. Jim will be in and out of the office on Fridays in July expect for July 15<sup>th</sup> and will be on vacation the month of August. Please do not hesitate to leave a message on the answering machine as Fr. Jim will check it regularly. And don't forget that you can always call him on his cell phone in a dire emergency.

## Station Fire Memorial Contributions

You all generously contributed a total of \$600.00 for the Station Fire Memorial. Thank you so very much.

## Music Notes



During the summer months and in this liturgical season of Ordinary Time, there are two obvious changes in the liturgical music at St. Barnabas. First is that, in the Entrance Rite, we will be singing the *Kyrie eleison* (KEY-ree-aye, aye LAY-ee-sohn). The *Kyrie eleison* (or *Kyrie*, for short) is Greek and is translated as “Lord, have mercy” and is the optional song of praise following the Collect for Purity.

Although the *Kyrie* is particularly suitable for Lent because of its penitential nature, it may be used at any time in the liturgical year – even for festivals of Christmas and Easter when used along with the *Gloria*.

The *Kyrie* is a significant historical part of what is known as the “Latin Mass” and has its roots in many of the penitential psalms which plead for God’s mercy. It is the only prayer in the liturgy (other than the phrase, *Hosanna*) which uses the Greek language, simply because it is a hold-over from the earliest years of the Church when Greek was the language of worship until about the middle of the 3<sup>rd</sup> century when liturgical language became Latin. Since 1549, Anglicans have normally sung or said the *Kyrie* in English, but the 1979 Prayer Book provides the option of singing or reciting it in Greek.

The second obvious change in our summer liturgy is that we will recite the appointed Psalm rather than singing the text to a chant. Since our choir has the summer off, the beautiful words and imagery of the Psalms will be read by the congregation. Hopefully this will allow two things to occur: One is that reciting the words of what is known as the “hymnal” of the bible, we will more prayerfully allow these words to become engrained in our prayer life. Second is that speaking the words of the psalm will hopefully help us to appreciate even more the richness of singing Anglican chant as part of our liturgical practice in the Episcopal Church.

**Ted Platt**  
Director of Music

## Please Keep Up Your Pledge This Summer



As you know, the church must pay its bills all throughout the year. We ask that you do your best to keep up your pledge during the summer months as we primarily rely on our pledges to meet our commitments.

## We are Seeking to Hire a New Sexton

Our sexton, Frank Adams, has had to tender his resignation because of a change in his full-time employment. We are seeking to hire a new sexton to work part-time for about 12 hours per week. According to Diocesan regulations we cannot hire a parishioner for this position but if you know anyone who is retired, or a young mom who is looking to make some extra money while the kids are in school please have them call Fr. Jim.

## Imagine a Life in Which You Can Say:

**Yes!** to God, **Yes!** to Your Neighbor, **Yes!** to Your Self

This workshop is offered by The Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island and conducted by our Archdeacon, The Venerable Janice Grinnell.

**Yes!** was developed to help you create that life.

*Yes!* uses appreciative inquiry and conversation to help you awaken to the life-giving purpose that is already within you.

*Yes!* is based on several assumptions:

- We are made for a purpose.
- We have been fully equipped with gifts and talents to fulfill that purpose.
- We most closely manifest our purpose when we are at our best, being and doing those things that flow from the core of our being and bring deep satisfaction.
- Life and the abundant life that Jesus promised comes from what we deeply and profoundly say yes to, for it is in what we say *Yes!* to that we manifest our God given purpose.

Yes! was an incredible experience of self-understanding as well as a time of grace to offer understanding to another. The questions of our "purpose" in life as children of God that we sometimes avoid were there to wrestle with ... we became "seekers" on a journey with others. With hearts willing to open and listen and understand, Yes! was a singularly compelling adventure. There was as much laughter as introspection ... it became a life lesson to the witness of our common humanity. I would encourage anyone to be part of Yes!

~VC, 2015 participant reflects on the *Yes!* Program

### 2016 Workshop Dates:

Session 1, September 21st - Wednesday evening 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Session 2, September 28th - Wednesday evening 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Evening of Discovery, October 5th - Wednesday evening 6:30 - 9:30 pm

Evening of Discovery, October 19th - Wednesday evening 6:30 - 9:30 pm

Session 3, - October 26<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday evening 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Session 4 November 2<sup>nd</sup> - Wednesday evening 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Session 5, November 9<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday evening 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Workshop Location: St. Columba's Chapel,  
55 Vacluse Avenue, Middletown, RI 02842

Workshop Fee: \$100.00. Limited scholarships available. To learn more, or if you have any questions concerning the course please contact Canon Betsy Fornal, Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, at 401-274-4500, ext. 225

Register Online

<http://yes-workshop.eventbrite.com>

## Preparing for Our New Rector

We have just purchased a new church software program that will help us to better track our parishioners and make the job of the new rector much easier when he or she begins ministering at St. Barnabas. In addition it also tracks giving information, allows us to send out mass emails, can actually print a parish directory and will allow the annual Parochial Report to be filled out in a matter of minutes. But in order for us to use this program in the optimal manner we need to make sure we have all your personal or family information and that it is up-to-date. So could you please fill out the following form and either mail it to the church or place it in an envelope and put it in the offering plate. Thank you.

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Head of Household First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Head of Household DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or Partner First Name if Applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or Partner DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Children and DOB \_\_\_\_\_

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Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Related to Other Parishioners, Name and Relations \_\_\_\_\_

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