

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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THE COMMUNITY OF
ST. BARNABAS CHURCH
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND
A CELEBRATION OF THE MINISTRY
OF
THE REV. JAMES R. BOCCHINO



YOUR PRAYERS AND PRESENCE ARE REQUESTED
AS WE JOIN TOGETHER IN THANKSGIVING FOR
FR. JIM'S AND BARBARA'S MINISTRY TO
OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY



CELEBRATION OF HOLY EUCHARIST
SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2017
10 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING
ST. BARNABAS CHURCH
3257 POST ROAD
WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND

*RECEPTION LUNCHEON IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
IN THE PARISH HALL*

A Message from Father Jim

It is difficult for me to believe that when I retire on the 15th of this month my ministry as a full-time priest of the Episcopal Church will be ended. It is kind of surreal to me because being a priest is not a job but a way of life and I well know that although I will no longer be engaged in full-time parish ministry I will not stop being a priest. After taking some down time I will probably fill in at places as Sunday supply or officiate at some funerals for people who don't have a relationship with a specific parish.

The parish leadership has chosen the next Rector for St. Barnabas although all the necessary background checks and a Letter of Agreement need to be finalized before the name will be released. But I have been giving a great deal of thought about ways in which you can develop a relationship with your new Rector that I am sure he will appreciate.

1. It is always encouraging for a priest to know that you are listening to his sermons. Feedback on sermons is important. Let him know if he has said something that has caused you to reflect on an aspect of God or your relationship with God that is new and exciting. Let him know if he has said something that has confused you or maybe even upset you. Better that these things get talked out than perhaps fester and get in the way of your pastoral relationship. At one parish I was at there used to be an adult forum after the service where I would sit with interested adults and we would discuss the sermon. Priests put a great deal of time and effort into preparing their sermons and feedback, both positive and negative is preferable than wondering if anyone is listening.
2. The same thing goes for seasonal letters and articles in the parish newsletter. Let your priest know if something he has written has piqued your interest. Again, there is nothing more disheartening to a priest than wondering if anyone is reading what he has spent so much time thoughtfully writing.
3. Let your priest know what types of study programs are of interest to you. It doesn't do the priest any good to try to come up with Advent and Lenten programs or book groups that no one is interested in. Let his time and effort be channeled into areas where your passions lie.
4. Do not ever think that your priest is too busy to give you the pastoral time and attention you may need. Nothing has saddened me more in my own ministry than to have parishioners say, "Oh we didn't want to bother you." Taking care of parishioners in need of pastoral care is never a bother. It is the bedrock of parish ministry.
5. When there are significant events in your life and the life of your family such as milestone anniversaries, birthdays, baptisms, weddings, etc. invite your priest and his wife to the celebration. Let him be part of the joys of your life and let him get to see you on your turf.
6. As my old friend and mentor Gordon Stenning has often said, "Your parishioners don't care about how much you know; they want know how much you care." And the more you care about your priest, the more he will care about you. Let him know of your affection, as you have done to me over the past three years. Every priest needs that.

Remember that you will always be in my thoughts and prayers.

Jim+

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 and that you will keep us in your thoughts and prayers as you will be in ours.

The 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 Friday 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.

Your Generous Response Was Incredible



As most of you know, we have been engaged in some special seasonal outreach endeavors over the last month or so and your generous response has been just incredible.

First of all we provided Thanksgiving baskets complete with turkeys for 7 families.

The Christmas Giving Tree provided a total of 84 gifts for 6 families.

The Christmas Warmth collection was once again a great success as we purchased or knitted 105 scarves, 66 hats, 53 pairs of gloves, 2 sweaters and 207 pairs of socks. They will be divided between the House of Hope and Crossroads Rhode Island.

We collected 46 boxes of food that we will split between the West Bay Community Food Bank and the food pantry at our sister parish of St. Mark's Church in Warwick.

Fr. Jim teased that he wanted you to "give until it hurt." Well done thou good and faithful servants.

Calling All Cooks



The third Friday of every month, we prepare dinner for the residents at the House of Hope on Jefferson Blvd. We are looking for more volunteers to participate in this ministry. 3-4 people prepare dinner, drinks and dessert for 15 residents. We cook at our own homes and deliver the food ready to eat by 5. You can be reimbursed for your contribution, if you wish, through our Outreach funds. If you'd like to be put in the email group to participate see Julie Mixner. Also, you don't have to participate every month if you volunteer, you can help out whenever it's good for you! And if you cannot cook but would like to donate towards this ministry, see Julie as well.

Music Notes



The word *Opus* is a musical term which comes from the Latin word meaning “work.” In particular, it is a musical composition seen as a work of art – a masterpiece!

In the 1995 movie, *Mr. Holland's Opus*, Richard Dreyfuss plays a frustrated high school music teacher who, after setting aside his dream of composing a musical masterpiece, finds himself enthralled in the life of his students. After nearly 30 years as a music teacher, the character of Mr. Holland prepares to end his career seemingly as a failure – never having been able to compose his musical masterpiece. On his last day of teaching, he is surprised to find a gathering of his former students of 30 years, now grown. Hearing that their beloved teacher is retiring, the students have secretly returned to the school, with their musical instruments, to celebrate his career and offer one last performance. The students ask their former teacher to serve as conductor for the premiere performance of *Mr. Holland's Opus* ("The American Symphony"). As Holland conducts the orchestra of his former students, Holland, overwhelmed with emotion, finally realizes his masterpiece – his opus as a teacher who changed lives and gave value to every student he ever taught.

In this article I wish to thank Fr. Jim for the support he has given to the music of the church throughout his priesthood and to acknowledge the support he has given those who served him as organists and music directors. I have known many colleagues who worked with Fr. Jim over the years and they greatly benefitted from his pastoral leadership, spiritual guidance and strong support. He has sung in the choir of every parish he has served (with the exception of Christ Church in Westerly where the choir sang from a loft at the back of the church) and he tirelessly invested his time and energy to insure a vital music program in each of his parishes.

Personally, I am extremely grateful and have felt greatly blessed to have worked with Fr. Jim over the last two years. Along with his wise ministerial leadership, dedication to preaching, tireless devotion to visitation and pastoral care, deep love for the people of this parish, and pouring out his heart in order to make Christ known in the lives of all those he has met, Fr. Jim has passionately and faithfully added his strong voice in giving praise to God. In so doing, he has helped us in the church to find our voice in proclaiming the gospel and to more finely tune our hearts to sing.

Thank you, Fr. Jim, for your *opus* as a priest and a musician – an opus which has helped us all to discover the masterpiece of God's love.

Ted Platt

Director of Music

Help for the Hearing Impaired



Please remember that 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.

2017 Stewardship Update



Thank you to all who have made a pledge of financial support to St. Barnabas Church for 2017. So far we have received 94 pledges totaling \$117,264. This means we need at least \$16,000 more in pledges to meet our projected budget needs for 2017. Our vestry members have been making phone calls this past week to those we have not heard from, but we still have about 15 people who pledged in 2016 that have not yet made their pledge for 2017, as well as many people who have not pledged before. It is critically important to the ministries and continued stability of our church that we have 100% participation in the support of our parish. You can make your pledge for 2017 now by sending in your completed pledge form, by calling the parish office at 401-737-4141, or by calling Treasurer Stan Schofield at 401-556-1350.

Episcopal Conference Center Offerings

In addition to the summer camping program, ECC offers opportunities for youth to get together and explore their relationship with God at other times throughout the years. Here are a few of the offerings for 2017:

- Winter Camp: February 17th - 20th for 7th-11th graders
- Spring Weekend Conference: March 31st - April 2nd for 9th-12th graders
- Happening of RI: May 5th - 7th for 9th-12th graders

Father Jim has had Robin forward the ECC newsletter to the entire parish. You can also see registration information for the above as well as the opportunity to shop online at the ECC store and see the schedule for the summer camping season. It is never too early to register for camp, especially Family Camp.

Healing Prayers on January 1st



If you feel you are in need of healing prayers and the laying on of hands and anointing, we give you this opportunity on the first Sunday of the month. At the end of each service simply move to the front pews of the church. After the priest greets those leaving church he will go to the altar rail and invite you forward for prayers and anointing.

Changing Table



If you have need of a changing table or a visitor to the church is asking where it is located, there is now a changing table in the Ladies Room in Steven's Hall.

Annual Meeting on January 29th



The Annual Meeting of St. Barnabas Parish will be held on Sunday, January 29th, 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:

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| Parish Clerk | Robin Beckwith |
| Treasurer | Stanley Schofield |
| Vestry | Diane Whitehead |
| | Michael Sliney |
| Convention Delegates | Stanley Schofield |
| | David McIntyre |
| Convention Alternates | Heidi Seddon |
| | Joseph Rodrigues |

In accordance with the Parish By-Laws and Robert's Rules of Order, additional nominations may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

Thank You

Thank you to Dave Gagnon for putting the glass pane in the door to the Rector's office. This now makes us totally Safe Church Compliant.

Office Closed



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 2nd, in celebration of New Year's Day and Monday, January 16th, in celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr.

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, Clara (Bocchino) Bianco and the Rev. George and Dottie Chaplin by the Rev. James R. Bocchino and Ms. Barbara E. Fox.

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

George and Claire Richardson by George and Kathy Richardson.

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

Lil and Joe Whitehead, James and Pumpkin Whitehead by Dianne Whitehead.

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

Mary Garvey and Agnes Spearman by Catherine and Michael Spearman.

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

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

Robert D. and Barbara M. Whitaker, Elmer I. and Mildred B. Whitaker, Albert N. and Frieda M. Schmidt and James F. Hackett by Lee R. and Catherine Martha Whitaker.

Ann M. Picard by Stephen Picard.

Joyce Whitford and Hayden Bentley by Shirley Bentley.

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 and Jean Lavoie by Stan and Joan Schofield.

Larry Bayles, John and Phyllis Simonian, Vahan & Santook Simonian, Abraham and Betty Simonian, John and Helen Kirkman, Rev. Bjarne and Florence Erickson, Alan and Muriel McCoy, David and Lois Macaulay, Robert Macaulay, Edgar and Mable 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.

Alberico Suppappola, Domenico and Speranza Suppappola, Annie B. and Albert Jones, Lawrence Jones, Richard Jones, Marcia Bowers, Norma Briggs, Herbert Jones, Elenor Seddon, Zenaida Basauri, Desiree Mesolella, Andrew Gauthier, John Stone, Joseph Coffey, Deborah Walker, Shoris Papadreou by Emily Seddon.

Alberico Suppappola, Domenico and Speranza Suppappola, Albert and Annie B. Jones, Norma (Jones) and William Briggs, Lawrence Jones, Herbert Jones, Richard Jones, Marcia (Jones) Bowers, Eleanor Seddon, Tisha Jones, by Heidi Seddon.

Wayne and Patricia Nauman by Barbara J. Nauman.

Joyce Talabay and Robert White by Wendy Norris.

Doris Newell, Arthur and Grace Smith, Edward and Hazel Newell, William and Thelma Lindopp, Howard and Mildred Killion, Harold and Hope Bonnell, Michael Rocha, Carol Walker, Joseph and Maria Thomas, Augusto and Maria Rocha, Robert Gasse and Bella Andrade by Christine Lindopp and Joan Newell.

Morrison E. Horridge Jr., by Jane Horridge.

Robert Frueh, Bessie and Jean Ricci by Gail Frueh.

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

Mildred Croteau by Richard Budlong and Ronald Bonenfant.

Teresa Turner, Jerry Turner, Ada and Joseph Turner, Ollie and Joseph Sheets, Anne and Art Richard and Bill Gardner by Erma and Jim Turner.

Doris M. Clipston, Jared Coffey, Joseph Coffey, Frank M. and Ruth Crowther, Frank Crowther Jr., Edward Charpentier, Anna and Denis Desjarlais, The Rev. William and Marjorie Kite, Barbara J. Meinel, John and Olga Pashkovsky, Amy O. Prado, George and Helen Wells and George Wells Jr. by John and Betty Pashkovsky.

Jeanette Murphy, John and Muriel Murphy, Bob and Hazel Robinson, Rick Robinson, George Baney and Mr. Neilson by Rod and Jean Robinson.

Frederick (Skip) T.R. Smith, Jr., Frederick T.R. Smith Sr., Florence Smith, Louise Macomber, Wilber Bridge, Barbara Bridge, Esther and John Shaw, Walfred and Betty Nyman, Ana Rodrigues, and Spunky and Tinker by Carolyn Smith.

Emma and Alphonse Bourbeau, Fleur-Ange and Edgar Hurdis, Jr., Wm. Paul Shehan, III, Elvis Presley, Claire and Arthur Gifford, Ellen Shurygalio, John Stackow and Violet Loftus by Jerome T. and Patricia Loftus.

Ralph L. Pratt Sr. by Fleurette D. Pratt.

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, Mark and Hollis M. 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.

Alfred and Janice VanPatten, Johann and Maria B. Greim, Maria Greim, Joseph and Johanna Zampani, Edward and Shirley Bouclin and Lillian Villatico by Beatrice VanPatten.

Donna Jean Winter and Charles Chevian by Charles W. Winter, Sr.

Nancy Urquhart by John and Laurie Kirchmeyer.

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

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

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

Ella K. Mitchell, Hedwig Kenyon, James Conn, Alton and Helen Conn, Benjamin and Marion Meady, William Sues Brick, Tamison Snow, Christopher Mitchell and William S. Riley by Emily Riley.

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

In Thanksgiving for:

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

Carolyn Smith—the greatest Mom and Nana in the world, Joseph Rodrigues, Ashley Rodrigues and Joseph Rodrigues Jr. for being a loving family by The Rodrigues Family.

My family, especially my mom and grandmother by Emily Seddon.

The blessing of a loving family by Heidi Seddon.

Heather, Joe, Ashley and J.R. Rodrigues, Stan, Joan, Paul and Peter Schofield and Donald and Carol Bridge by Carolyn Smith.

The Rev. Howard and Betty Olsen by Jerome T. and Patricia Loftus.

Bill Chevely by Charles W. Winter, Sr.

London Nancy Hinz (her healing – blessing!!) by John and Laurie Kirchmeyer.

Our children and their spouses, our grandchildren Henry, Nina, Michaela, and Pearl by Robin Beckwith and Charles Hien.



January 2017

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