

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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Some FatherLee thoughts . . .

“Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God.”

Philippians 1:3

The letter to the Philippians has been called *the Epistle of joy*. As one theologian said, “The whole point of the letter is I rejoice, you rejoice.” It is a picture of Christian joy. Joy for what God has done for each of us, and joy in the fellowship we have with one another. The natural response to this joy is to spontaneously give thanks.

I give thanks to God for the way that you have welcomed me into the family at St. Barnabas. I am deeply grateful for the Silver Tea, the Welcome Team’s efforts, the prayers, the remodeled rectory, the gifts of paper towels and soap, the hard work of so many individuals, and the overall kindness that I have experienced from you as I transitioned to Rhode Island. Wow! It fills my heart with joy, which moves me to give thanks. Thank you! Each of you, all of you, and I give thanks to God.

What I have realized is that the outpouring of welcome that I received from you is a direct result of the joy in your life and the life of St. Barnabas. You gave to me a gift of thanksgiving because of the joy and hope that is at the core of our church family. It is not to say that everything has always been wonderful at St. Barnabas, and it is not to say that we will not face adversity in the future, but the interesting thing about joy is that it is present regardless of circumstances. Happiness, by contrast, is present when times are good, then dissipates when things get tough, but joy is present no matter what. In fact, we cultivate joy not when things seem perfect, but when we look back and realize that the Living God, in the fellowship of others, carried us through those tough times. That fills us with joy, and moves us to give thanks.

So, thank you for supporting one another, thank you for welcoming me into the family, and I know we will welcome and support many people in the years to come. Since the letter to the Philippians, *the Epistle of joy*, seems to describe St. Barnabas, I pray that we become known as the Parish of joy, and from that joy, we give thanks.

Gratefully,
Fr. Scott Lee

Some FatherLee thoughts for our younger members . .

“I am with you always” Matthew 28:20

I love the Jesus doll! I love that it reminds us that Christ is always with us. On Palm Sunday, we will keep the Jesus doll at church because he has some very important work to do during Holy Week. After that, the Jesus doll will remain at church, and that is a place that you can always find Christ. We will resume the tradition of sending the Jesus doll home with someone every Sunday next Advent through Palm Sunday. If someone is going through a particularly difficult week then the Jesus Doll can always go with you. This doll is a tradition we need to keep, and it is my hope this will help keep special.

Peace,
Fr. Scott

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday (April 9th)

Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist

8:00 a.m. (Rite I)

10:00 a.m. (Rite II)

We will meet in Schweitzer Hall at 10:00 for the blessing of the palms, and then we will proceed together up to church. You are more than welcome to go directly to church if you choose not to be in the procession.

Maundy Thursday (April 13th)

Holy Eucharist

7:00 p.m.

Good Friday (April 14th)

Holy Eucharist

12:00 noon

7:00 p.m.

There will be no Stations of the Cross.

Easter Vigil (April 15th):

Holy Eucharist,

7:00 p.m.

Easter (April 16th)

8:00 a.m., Rite I

10:00 a.m., Rite II

Healing Prayers on April 2nd



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.

Monthly Youth Sunday on April 2nd



Kids, our monthly Youth Sunday will take place on April 2nd. Kids will be greeters, take the offering, bring the gifts to the altar and have a special talk with Fr. Lee. We hope all the children will be in church on this Sunday!

Thanks from the Silver Tea Celebration Committee



Our chairpersons Ron Bonenfant and Joan Schofield want to thank all of our volunteers for a great job they did to make the occasion such a success.

Our pourers; Tammy Salisbury, Bonne Simonian and Richard Budlong. Our runners and Clean-up Crew; Marilyn Davis, Therese Beauregard and son Pruet, Eric Simonian, Stan Schofield, Paul Schofield, Diane Whitehead and Marge Pollard and to Ted Platt for providing the musical portion. Great job people!

Joan and I can't find the words to express our appreciation and gratitude to the following people for their time and generosity in filling up our buffet table with delicious food.

Bernadette Tetreault
Gail Frueh
Eleanor Menzies
Marilyn Davis
Joan Schofield
Heidi Seddon

Sheila Laurenza
Audrey McIntyre
BJ Lynch
Maureen Volk
Beth Marsh
Wanda Michaelson

Jim Turner
Eric Simonian
Dave McIntyre
Ron Bonenfant
Richard Budlong

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The Annual Spring Ingathering of the United Thank Offering and Luncheon



Saturday, May 6, 2017
St. Barnabas Church
3257 Post Road, Warwick, RI

11:00 Service of Thanksgiving, with Eucharist
The Rev. Dennis Bucco, Guest Preacher

Presentation of Parish United Thank Offerings
Luncheon to follow

Prior to the service, coffee will be served during registration beginning at 10:30 a.m. **Fr. Bucco, founder of the Rhythms of Grace Church at Church of the Advent, Coventry** will be speaking about **“Evangelism through the Eyes of Autism.”** It is an opportunity to learn more about this wonderful ministry that serves to strengthen the faith of the autistic community. During lunch, there will be additional information available about this program. We look forward to seeing you!! Thank You!!

Reservations for the catered luncheon are required. Cost: \$10.00 per person. Deadline is April 29, 2017. Please mail your reservation, with check made payable to ECW-Diocese of RI to:

Mrs. Carol Blackinton, 20 Judy Terrace, West Warwick, RI 02893

Name _____

Parish _____

Music Notes



A *doxology* is a short song of praise which is often added to the end of hymns, canticles, psalms and prayers. The word doxology comes from the Ancient Greek which translates: “saying (giving) glory” to God. A familiar “prayer” doxology is the one added at the end of the Lord’s Prayer: “*For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.*” The *Gloria in excelsis Deo* (“Glory to God in the highest”) is sometimes called the “Great Doxology” as it was the hymn the angels sang when the birth of Christ was announced to the shepherds in the Gospel of Luke.

Each week, many churches sing what is known as “The Doxology” at the time of the presentation of the gifts, following the Offertory:

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

These words were first composed by Anglican Bishop Thomas Ken (1637–1711) who, prior to becoming a bishop in 1684, spent most of his ministry working with the students of Winchester Cathedral and College. In 1674, Ken published *A Manual of Prayers for the Use of the Scholars of Winchester College*. In it, he charged his readers to “be sure to sing the Morning and Evening Hymns.” The “Doxology” we sing today was written by Ken as the closing verse of each of these hymns.

Beginning on Easter Sunday, we will return to singing the doxology following the Offertory and choir anthem as the gifts are presented at the altar. This well-beloved hymn verse may be found in hymn #380 of the Hymnal 1982.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Ted Platt

Director of Music

Crop Hunger Walk



Save the Date: The West Bay CROP Hunger Walk will be held the afternoon of Sunday, May 21, 2017 we are finalizing specifics and will be in touch regarding registration materials. CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local congregations or groups to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world.



House of Hope Is a Community Development Corporation!
We have renovated and restored the historic Fair Mansion!

The building, which is located in the quaint Pawtuxet Village section of Warwick, was built in the early 1800's on the grounds where agriculture and cattle fairs were held for over 20 years. The building's original purpose was for the exhibits of the participants in the fair. Since then, the building has been a meeting hall, a school, a private residence, and retirement and nursing homes.

House of Hope CDC purchased the property in 2012 and has developed it into 10 units of affordable housing. Before the new residents move in, we invite the public to come and see this transformation for yourself! Tour the building and see the beautiful detail, some original, some refurbished by professional artisans, near and far.

We invite you to toast this beautiful "new" building with us!

Tickets are \$30 per person. Proceeds will be used to purchase furniture, linens, household goods, and other items for the new residents. Monetary and in-kind donations are also gratefully accepted.

Hors d'Oeuvres and beverages will be served.
Raffles will be held.

Sponsorships Available - Please call 401-463-3324 ext 101

Fair House Warming

Thursday, April 20th | 5 - 8 pm

69 Fair Street, Warwick RI | Tickets \$30

Come and see how we've transformed this historic home into 10 units of affordable housing. Tour the home and toast this special occasion with hors d'oeuvres and beverages.

To purchase tickets, please click the EventBrite button below.

Sponsorship Opportunities are available!
Please download the form below and return to House of Hope CDC

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS

The Sanctuary is decorated at Eastertime with beautiful plants and spring flowers given as memorials for our deceased loved ones or in thanksgiving for significant events or persons in our lives. Easter Memorials and Thanksgivings are typically \$25. However, we graciously accept any donation you wish to make. Please print the names of loved ones whom you would like remembered or those persons or events you would like to give thanks for this Easter.

Please submit no later than Sunday, April 9th.

In Memory of _____

In Thanksgiving for _____

Easter Memorials and Thanksgiving Memorials Given By:

Name _____

Telephone _____ Pledge Number _____

*Kindly make check payable to St. Barnabas Church and note
"Easter Flowers" on memo line.*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Fifth Sunday in Lent 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Youth Sunday Laying on of hands and anointing for healing will follow each service.	3 6:30 pm Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm AA Meeting	4 10: 00 a.m. Mornings with Mary 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting	5 10 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir	6 10: 00 a.m. Mornings with Mary	7 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross and Study of the Stations.	8
9 Palm Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 am Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist	10 7:30 pm AA Meeting	11 10: 00 a.m. Mornings with Mary 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting	12 10 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir	13 Maundy Thursday 10: 00 a.m. Mornings with Mary 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and stripping of the Altar	14 Good Friday 12:00 noon Holy Eucharist 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist	15 Easter Vigil Holy Eucharist 7:00 p.m.
16 Easter Day 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	17 7:30 pm AA Meeting	18 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting	19 10 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir	20 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	21	22 Vestry Retreat
23 Second Sunday of Easter 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist ----- 30 Third Sunday of Easter 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	24 7:30 pm AA Meeting	25 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting	26 10 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir	27 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	28	29