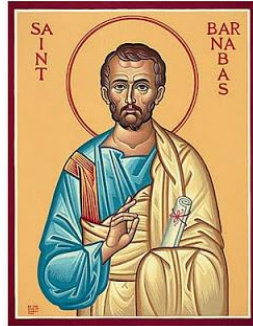


The Encourager

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 . . .

*“Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest . . . for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”*

Matthew 11:28-29

What makes you weary? What is draining the life from you? What burdens are you carrying? If you're like me, you may not want to explore those questions because to answer those questions honestly often leads to the realization that I am carrying burdens that need not be carried, engaged in activities that drain my life rather than fill it, and I am weary because I choose to spend my energies in ways that are not fruitful.

Some of the best advice I ever heard was to look at everything in life and ask one simple question: Is this life-giving or death-dealing? If this brings fulfillment and joy and love, spend more time with that person or doing that activity. However, if it sucks the life out of you and is discouraging, then begin to avoid and distance yourself from that person or activity.

Jesus entered this world, and enters into our individual lives, with an invitation, “Come to me!” In the presence of Christ there is refreshment for our souls, strength for our struggles, and a reordered list of priorities. Our Savior invites us to abundant life by gently removing the shackles of burdens that restrain us from the joy God intends for us, replacing them with the light burden of faithfulness to the God who sets us free.

Summer is a perfect time to reflect on life, determining what brings meaning and joy, and what drains you and breeds despair. God brings forth life, the Holy Spirit sustains life, and Jesus brings abundance to the life we have. Look at everything in your life and ask yourself: Is this life-giving or death-dealing. Let go of the burden from things that don't bring life, receive the rest that Jesus offers, and pursue what brings the abundance that God intends for you.

Faithfully,
Fr. Scott Lee

Youth Group



Youth group has begun! Sunday evenings in Schweitzer Hall all middle and high school students are invited for food, fun and conversations about faith. We will meet at 5:30 p.m. and end between 7:30 p.m./8:00 p.m. depending on the topic of conversation. Contact Fr. Scott if you have any questions or **if you would like to provide a meal** for the budding Youth program.

Monthly Youth Sunday on July 2nd



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

Healing Prayers on July 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.

Parish Office Closed



The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

Save the Date:



Please join us for a Celebration of New Ministry as we welcome Fr. Scott as our new Rector on Sunday, October 1st 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Survey Children in Sunday School



To all Sunday school teachers and those who entrust their children to the Sunday school program, please take a few moments and send an email to Robin at parishadmin@stbarnabaswarwick.org briefly answering these three questions: If you'd prefer to call the office to leave your answers that is fine as well.

1. What do you like about Sunday school?
2. What do you think we can do to improve Sunday school?
3. Any additional comments for suggestions.

ECC Camp



Fr. Scott will be away at the Episcopal Conference Center (ECC) July 10th – July 14th serving as Chaplain for one of the youth summer camp sessions. He will be available on his cell phone 806-640-4708. Don't hesitate to call if needed. Please pray for him, the campers, and the staff.

Church Upgrades



If you look at the church you may notice a new roof. Also, we are in the process of replacing the boiler system. These things will insure that St. Barnabas will be safe & reliable for years to come.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. Rite I 10:00 a.m. Rite II 5:30 p.m. Youth Group	3 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting	4 Independence Day Office Closed 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting	5	6 10: 00 a.m. Mornings with Mary	7	8
9 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. Rite I 10:00 a.m. Rite II 5:30 p.m. Youth Group	10 6:30 p.m. Vestry 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting	11 10: 00 a.m. Mornings with Mary 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting	12	13	14	15
16 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. Rite I 10:00 a.m. Rite II 5:30 p.m. Youth Group	17 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting	18 10:00 a.m. Mornings with Mary 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting	19 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Bible Study	20 10: 00 a.m. Mornings with Mary	21	22
23 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. Rite I 10:00 a.m. Rite II 5:30 p.m. Youth Group ----- 30 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. Rite I 10:00 a.m. Rite II 5:30 Youth Group	24 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting ----- 31 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting	25 10: 00 a.m. Mornings with Mary 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting	26 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Bible Study	27 10: 00 a.m. Mornings with Mary	28	29