

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 . . .

“Jesus set his face towards Jerusalem” Luke 9:21

This verse is the turning point in the Gospel of Luke. Before this point, the ministry of Jesus is primarily to teach and heal. After setting his face toward Jerusalem, there is a sense of determination and purpose. However, Christ still teaches and heals, because God’s compassion will always come to the aid of those in need; however, the priority is for Jesus to complete the work he sets his face to complete.

We all have work to do. September, for many people, is a time to shift our focus, and set our face on the tasks in front of us. School starts, activities in our church and in the community ramp up, and life seems to take on a more deliberate purpose. We set our face to the work we have to do. Our Savior’s example suggests this is very appropriate because the work we endeavor to do brings purpose to our life. However, in the same way our Lord remained open to engage people, I urge you to remain open to the world outside of the tasks you are doing. Christ always made time to share a meal with others, to travel, visit with friends, and to go to worship, and that is a healthy example for us.

As you set your face to the important work you have to do, remember to leave yourself time for relationships, both with God and with others. Work gives life purpose, but relationships are what makes life meaningful.

Faithfully,
Fr. Scott Lee

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 at 4:00 p.m. Hor d’oeuvre reception immediately following downstairs in Schweitzer Hall.

THE WARDENS, VESTRY AND CONGREGATION
OF
ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, WARWICK
CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO ATTEND
THE CELEBRATION OF A NEW MINISTRY
AT WHICH
THE RIGHT REVEREND W. NICHOLAS KNISELY
BISHOP OF RHODE ISLAND
WILL INSTITUTE
THE REVEREND SCOTT R. LEE
AS TWENTY-FIRST RECTOR OF THE PARISH



YOUR PRAYERS AND PRESENCE ARE REQUESTED
AT THE SERVICE AND RECEPTION
ON OCTOBER 1, 2017 AT
4 O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON
ST. BARNABAS CHURCH
3257 POST ROAD, WARWICK, RI

*HORS D'OEUVRES RECEPTION
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING IN THE PARISH HALL*

Healing Prayers on September 3rd



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 September 3rd



Kids, our monthly Youth Sunday will take place on September 3rd. 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!

Youth Group



Youth group is going strong! 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.

Office Closed

Happy Labor Day

The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 4th, in celebration of Labor Day.

Blessing of the Backpack



On Sunday, September 10th, bring your backpacks to church for a special blessing for a successful new school year!

Grandparents Day



Sunday, September 10th is Grandparents Day. Invite your Grandmas and Grandpas to come to church with you as we honor these important family members on that day.

Sunday School Registration



Registration for this year will be held on Sunday, September 10th. Classes will be grouped and begin the following Sunday, September 17th. Weekly curriculum will be the same format as last year with special events along the way! Keep this ministry in your prayer as extra hands will be needed from time to time throughout the year.

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!

Save the Date for the Flu Clinic



A flu clinic will be held in Stevens Hall on Sunday, October 16th, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Come prepared with your medical information cards and get your flu shot that day. If you don't have medical insurance you can still get a flu shot for \$25.00.

Donate Pull Tabs for Recycling:

Shriners Hospitals for Children®



Collecting tab tops is the easiest way to support children in need!!! It costs no money to put aside the pull tab from a can of soda, soup, pet food or a beer. You can do it at home, provide a container for your place of work or recreation and tell folks about it. Tabs collected at St. Barnabas will be delivered to the Shriner's facility in Cranston. From there, the tabs are delivered to the Shriner's Burn Hospital in Boston where volunteers sort the tabs; weigh and sell the tabs as scrap aluminum to fund programs for hospitalized children, helping kids in all aspects of care and recovery. Amazingly, there is never a charge for children treated at a Shriner's Hospital. So, whenever you pop a top, say a prayer for the children, and bring your tops to our collection center! Keep those tab tops coming and transform them into blessings instead of sending them to the landfill. Just another small way you can make a difference!!! Thank You!!!

September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Youth Sunday Laying on of hands and anointing for healing will follow each service. 5:30 p.m. Youth Group	4 Labor Day Parish Office Closed 7:30 pm AA Meeting	5 10: 00 a.m. Mornings with Mary 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting	6 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study	7 10: 00 a.m. Mornings with Mary	8	9
10 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. - Rite I 10:00 a.m. - Rite II Sunday School registration 5:30 p.m. Youth Group	11 6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm AA Meeting	12 10: 00 a.m. Mornings with Mary 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting	13 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study	14 10: 00 a.m. Mornings with Mary	15	16
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