

# 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 . . .

*“It is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.”* Matthew 15:11

Jesus says these words in response to a group of religious leaders who were criticizing the disciples for not following all the rules regarding food. Those rules were very well intended, but they had become excessive. Normal people could not consider themselves to be living a good and holy life. For example, it was law to wash your hands before you eat, which is a very good thing to do. However, if you are tending sheep in a pasture and have no access to water to wash with, then you are forced to decide between going hungry or breaking one of the rules of the day. Some people have suggested that this verse tells us that we can eat whatever we want, but I would suggest that a salad made with poison ivy would be a bad idea, so some limits are important.

Halloween comes at the end of October, and where I grew up, there were people who said that Halloween is evil. Some church leaders demanded that anything to do with this holiday should be avoided. The more I think about it, it's similar to the demands made on people regarding food in Jesus' day. Dressing up in a costume and eating a bunch of candy does not distance us from the love of God. With that said, there are extremes that, like eating poison ivy, should be avoided.

What I have decided is that excessive rules, regulations, and laws keep us from enjoying the fullness of life that God intends for us. Life is for loving. Jesus summed up all of the law with the words, “Love God; love your neighbor.” Christ does not teach us what not to do in order to live a life with God; instead, Jesus gives instruction on what to do- Love. If celebrating Halloween demonstrates the essence of loving God and neighbor, then I think God celebrates with us. When things go too far, and fear replaces the love our Lord intends, then those things should be avoided. Otherwise, enjoy the life God has given you with the people around you, and live in love.

Faithfully,  
Fr. Scott Lee

## Vestry 2018



Are you called to lead the church? There are many positions on the Vestry that will need to be filled in January. Please pray for the process of electing leaders in our church

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 October 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.

## Monthly Youth Sunday on October 1st



Kids, our monthly Youth Sunday will take place on October 1st. 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



Almost every Sunday night the youth meet from 5:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.. All middle school and high school students are welcome to join us for food, fun and conversation.

October 1<sup>st</sup> please plan on joining us at 4:00 p.m. for Fr. Scott's Celebration of New Ministry instead of our normal youth activity.

## Office Closed



The parish office will be closed on Monday, October 9th, in celebration of Columbus Day.

## 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!

## The Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Rhode Island

The Episcopal Church Women's Annual Meeting and Fall Ingathering of the United Thank Offering will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at St. Paul's Church in Portsmouth, R.I. beginning at 10 a.m. In addition to the annual meeting, we will be introduced to this year's recipient of the Distinguish Woman Award, Diocese of Rhode Island, celebrating her work in the church and community. Also, our guest speaker from Dorcas International will give a presentation about the work that is offered to women in our area. Dorcas is supported by Episcopal Charities.

Bishop Knisely will be the celebrant at the noontime Eucharist, with Installation of Officers and Presentation of Parish United Thank Offerings, followed by a luncheon. Twice a year, we gather and present our United Thank Offerings at a service of Thanksgiving. This is an ongoing collection throughout the year that reflects the many blessings in our daily lives.

Information packets have been sent to each parish in the diocese, including a flyer to be posted at your church and reservation forms. All are welcomed to attend, even if your parish does not have a formal E.C.W. ministry.

Reservations for the luncheon are required. Cost: \$10.00 per person. Deadline is October 23, 2017. Please mail you reservation, with check made payable to: Mrs. Carol Blackinton, 20 Judy Terrace, West Warwick, R.I. 02893

We look forward to seeing you!!! Blessings!!!

*Mrs. Linda Guest, President, Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of R.I. and Board*

*1<sup>st</sup> V.P. National E.C.W.*

*The Rev. Canon Elizabeth Habecker, U.T.O. Coordinator, Diocese of R.I.*



## Flu Clinic



A flu clinic will be held in Stevens Hall on Sunday, October 15th, 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 will still be able to 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!!!

## Are you interested in becoming an acolyte?



An acolyte is a minister of the church whose job is to assist the celebrant and to enhance the worship service. This is an important and fun ministry that offers young people the opportunity to fulfill an important function in the liturgy while learning more about the history and tradition of the Episcopal Church. The acolyte ministry at St. Barnabas is open to all children and teens age 8 and older. Acolytes are typically scheduled to serve approximately once every 3-5 weeks, as well as on major liturgical feast days such as Christmas, Easter, etc. New acolytes will have the opportunity to work with Paul or myself, and periodic training sessions will be announced. If your child is considering becoming an acolyte, please see one of us after the 10 a.m. service or contact Paul Schofield at Paul.Andrew.Schofield@GMail.com or Emily Seddon at EHopeS88@GMail.com. We hope to see the number of acolytes serving at St. Barnabas grow!

## Coffee Hour Assistance Requested



Would you help? We need volunteers to help with our coffee hour to make it a success! Not a baker, then there are other ways that you can help out. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church and downstairs at coffee hour. There's a lot you can do. We have created a list of all the things that volunteers can help with such as setting up coffee hour, cleanup, bring home baked treats or store bought and providing one of the favorites which is pizza. Questions on how you can help? Contact Christine Lindopp (946-6295) or Joan Newell (942-0771).

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Saturday, November 18, 2017 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Have you ever wanted to contribute to our annual bazaar without the responsibility of operating your own table? Our Christmas Bazaar depends on the support of ALL of our parishioners in MANY ways! Here's how YOU can help!!

**Set Up/Clean Up:** We are always in need of helping hands during these busy times! Set-up is Friday night, and clean-up begins at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. The more volunteers we have, the quicker the job gets done!

**Penny Social:** Keep this table in mind while you're out shopping for things like decorative items for the home, countertop appliances, electronics, dolls, children's toys, sports equipment, candles, etc. Also, if you are crafty and would like to create a small theme basket, feel free! New, unused items are a welcomed donation for this table!

**Baked Goods:** Now is the time to start thinking about your favorite sweet treats! We offer cakes, pies, cookies, fudge and even dog treats! All baked goods may be dropped off either on Friday night during set-up or first thing Saturday morning.

**Crafts:** Are you creative? Do you enjoy making crafts? The Craft Table accepts all hand-made craft items.

**Gifts-to-go & Christian Items:** These small gifts are packaged with love, and ready to go. We also offer Christian Items such as books, cards, crosses, medals, pendants and more. Donations are welcome!

**White Elephant:** A new season is here which means it's time to clean out those old but still good items! As they say, "one man's junk, is another man's treasure." All items should be dropped off prior to the date of the bazaar.  
*No clothing, please.*

**Luncheon Café:** If you are known for a particular recipe that you think may be a great hit, kindly see Joan Newell, Christine Lindopp, or Emily Seddon. Can't cook? That's okay! We can still use your help in the kitchen!

**Please label all items for which table you are donating.**

Please contact Emily Seddon with any questions, comments, or suggestions! EHopeS88@GMail.com or 401.499.9994

**Thank you!!**

## October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Youth Sunday Laying on of hands and anointing for healing will follow each service. 4:00 p.m. Fr. Scott's Installation	<b>2</b> 7:30 pm AA Meeting	<b>3</b> 10: 00 a.m. Mornings with Mary 7:30 p.m. AAA Meeting	<b>4</b> 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study	<b>5</b> 10: 00 a.m. Mornings with Mary 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	<b>6</b>  Ecclesia Rehearsal	<b>7</b>
<b>8 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Youth Sunday 5:30 p.m. Youth Group	<b>9</b> Columbus Day Parish Office Closed 7:30 pm AA Meeting	<b>10</b> 10: 00 a.m. Mornings with Mary 7:30 p.m. AAA Meeting	<b>11</b> 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study	<b>12</b> 10: 00 a.m. Mornings with Mary 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	<b>13</b>  Ecclesia Rehearsal	<b>14</b>
<b>15 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. - Rite I 10:00 a.m. - Rite II 5:30 p.m. Youth Group	<b>16</b> 6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm AA Meeting	<b>17</b> 10: 00 a.m. Mornings with Mary 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting	<b>18</b> 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study	<b>19</b> 10: 00 a.m. Mornings with Mary 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</b> Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. Rite I 10:00 a.m. Rite II 5:30 p.m. Youth Group	<b>23</b> 7:30 pm AA Meeting	<b>24</b> 10: 00 a.m. Mornings with Mary 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting	<b>25</b> 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study	<b>26</b> 10: 00 a.m. Mornings with Mary 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:00 a.m. Rite I 10:00 a.m. Rite II 5:30 p.m. Youth Group	<b>30</b> 7:30 pm AA Meeting	<b>31</b> 10: 00 a.m. Mornings with Mary 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting				