

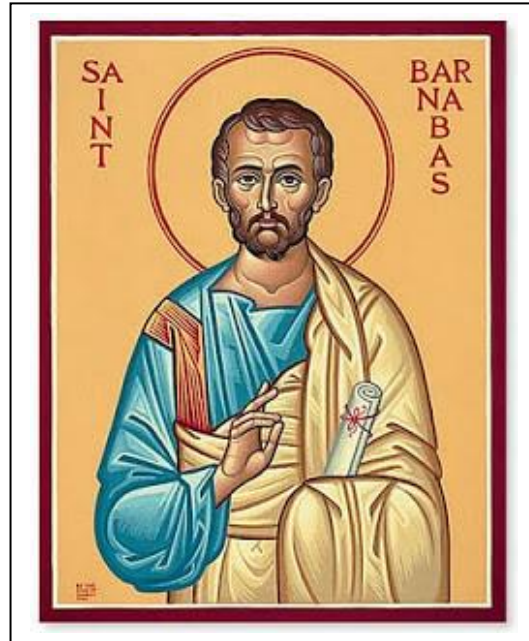
The Encourager

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 . . .

“(Christ) is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.” 1 John 2:2

It has been said that Holy Scripture is the language of God. The Bible is how the Lord speaks to us. The Church, therefore, uses Scripture when talking about God. That is why 87% of the Book of Common Prayer is direct quotes from Holy Scripture. So, when something jumps out to us in the Book of Common Prayer, we can go back to the source, the Bible, to cross reference, to check, and to search for understanding.

That is what I have been doing lately because something has been jumping out to me during Eucharist. Near the beginning of most of our Eucharistic Prayers, we restate the words from 1 John. “(Jesus) offered himself . . . (as) a perfect sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.” (BCP 362) Rite I, which uses more traditional language, adds more words for clarification, but the sentiment is the same, “God . . . didst give . . . Jesus Christ . . . to suffer death upon the cross . . . for the sins of the whole world.” (BCP 334)

Later in the service, we acknowledge Jesus taking the Cup of Salvation from the Passover that is being shared with the disciples, and says, “This is my blood . . . which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission (forgiveness) of sins.” (BCP 335, 363)

To get to the point: Which is it? Did Christ die for the whole world or for the sins of many? Remaining consistent with the tradition of our Church, I believe it is both. Jesus died for the sins of the whole world, but only many will receive the forgiveness that Christ offers to everyone. Therefore, the real question this brings up is: Am I receiving the forgiveness God wants to bestow upon me through Jesus?

One of the ways we receive forgiveness, obviously, is attending to worship. We name our sins during the Confession, and then we hear the Absolution, “forgive you all your sins.” (BCP 360) I encourage you to name your specific regrets, so you can hear those specific things being forgiven. Also in our worship, we hear how Our Saviour died for the sins of the whole world, including every single one of our misdoings.

God has forgiven each and every one of us for everything we have done wrong. The shackles from our sins are broken. There is nothing to be ashamed of. We stand in Church as people restored to the near perfection God created us to be. We are free!

Unfortunately, though we crave forgiveness, and accept it, we tend to pick up our guilt before we walk away. We second-guess the Almighty. “I am not worthy of God’s grace,” we argue. We diminish our worth to the point that we refuse the abundant life Christ offers us. Perhaps that is why we hear the shift from “the sins of the whole world” to “for many”. Grace is offered to all, but only many receive it.

As we begin another year, perhaps the best resolution is to be one of “many” who accepts the forgiveness that is offered to the whole world. Obviously, this is a gentle nudge to return to church because that is, in my opinion, the best place to receive grace. More importantly, once you accept the gift of forgiveness, try to resist the temptation to pick your guilt back up. Remain the near perfect person you are created to be. Remain free. Claim the abundant life Christ desires for you.

Faithfully,
Fr. Scott Lee

New Years Day Service



On New Years Day we will have a 10:00 a.m. service with Holy Eucharist.

St. Barnabas Church Christmas 2021 Memorials & Thanksgivings



Edward F. Fletcher, Phylis M. Taylor, B. Buck Taylor, Schuyler J. Taylor Sr. & Florence E. Taylor, Douglas DeBoer, Hope Thornton, Phyllis & Harry Hall by Sandy Fletcher.

Lil & Joe Whitehead, James Whitehead, Gayle Roper by Dianne Whitehead.

William F. Nicholson, Barbara R. Watson Nicholson, Louis A. Watson, Doris E. Redman Watson, Everett R. Jones, Beverly A. Watson Jones, William L. Smith III, Barbara Pendell Smith, Helen & Elwin Pendell, Helen & Elliott Healey, Jerry L. Marcus, Ruth & Mel Cohen, Elinor & Albert Conde, Barbara & Ralph R Matteson, Jr, Harriett & Mark H. Tripp, Debbie & Mark Tripp, Victoria & Frank Amalfetano, Artur Aguiar, Robert Swenson, Steve Boler, Rose & Ed McQueeney, Virginia & Joseph Gilmartin, June & Orazio E Nicolace, Betty & Rev. Howard C. Olsen, Christopher Lombardo, David L DeAngelis Jr., and Adam Trombino by Beverly Nicholson Smith.

Alberico Suppappola, Domenico & Speranza Suppappola, Fortunata, Suppappola, Albert & Annie Jones, William & Norma Briggs, Lawrence Jones, Herbert Jones, Richard Jones, Marcia Bowers, Eleanor Seddon, Rita Rose, Shoris Papandreou by Heidi Seddon.

Joseph Costa, Edith Costa, Arthur Gravelin & Jeannette Gravelin by George & Carol Gravelin.

Verne H. Bonenfant, Bonenfant & Budlong families, & all our friends gone before us by Richard Budlong & Ron Bonenfant.

Alfred & Janice VanPatten, Johann & Maria B. Greim, Maria Greim, Janet E. Shuster, Edward & Shirley Bouclin, Joseph & Johanna Zampini, Lewis & Lois Royal, Lillian, Joan & Alfred Villatico & Peter Donohue by Beatrice VanPatten.

Bernadette Tetreault by Paul Tetreault.

Gail Nugent, Carol Walker, Michael Rocha, Warren Newell, Doris Newell, William Lindopp, Thelma Lindopp, Howard Killion, Mildred Killion, Hope Bonnell, Harold Bonnell & Alfred Teolis by Joan Newell.

Fred, Florence & Skip Smith, William & Carmen Oehrle, John & Esther Shaw, Barbara Bowker Myers, Stanley W. Schofield Sr., Dorothy I. Schofield, Leslie Gomes, John & Elizabeth Slaven, John & Susan Slaven, George & Gertrude Schofield, William & Gertrude Colburn, Robert & Eleanor DeAvilla & Barbara Daniels by Stan & Joan Schofield.

John Pashkovsky, Amy Prado, Edward Charpentier, Frank M. & Ruth Crowther, Frank Crowther Jr., John Crowther, Barbara Meinel, Joseph Coffey, Jared Coffey, Carol Wells Barrett, Helen & George Wells, George Wells Jr., The Rev. William & Marjorie Kite, John & Olga Pashkovsky, & Nicholas Pashkovsky by Betty Pashkovsky.

Skip Smith, Armando & Ana Rodrigues, Frederick Smith Sr., & Florence Smith, Louise Macomber, Carol Bridge, Wilbur & Barbara Bridge, Walfred & Elizabeth Nyman, Charolette Rodrigues, Scott Francis, Sean Eagen, Tinker, Spunky, & Gerald Habershaw by the Rodrigues Family.

Frederick (Skip) Smith Jr., Florence & Frederick Smith Sr., Louise Macomber, Carol Bridge, Walfred & Betty Nyman, Wilber & Barbara Bridge, Spunky, & Tinker by Carolyn Smith.

John McLaughlin, Steve Springer, & Jim Lep by Heather McLaughlin.

Ann Marie Picard by Stephen Picard.

Robert S. Frueh, Jean & Bessie Ricci by Gail Frueh.

Robert D. & Barbara M. Whitaker, Elmer I. & Mildred B. Whitaker, James J., Kathryn & James F. Hackett, Thomas L., Brigita, Thomas L. Jr., Michael A. & Donna M. Bernard, Albert N. & Frieda M. Schmidt, & Charles A. & May B. Champlin by Lee R. & Catherine M. Whitaker.

William I. Varden, Emma A. Miller, Gustav Miller, Gertrude Varden, Joan & Wiley Holland, Berth & John Specht, Mary & Robert H. Taylor, & Marjorie Rancourt by the Varden Family.

Marjorie Rancourt by George Robinson & Donald Rancourt.

Amy Levangee.

Lee Gilbert by Michelle Gilbert.

Ella K. Mitchell, Hedwig Kenyon, Christopher Mitchell, Tamison Snow, Alton & Helen Conn, William S. Riley, Mary Garvey, & Agnes Spearman by Catherine & Michael Spearman.

John O'Neill by Kathleen O'Neill.

Alphonse & Emma Bourbeau, Bernice Hays, Charles Hays, Charles Hays Jr., Debra Hays, Stacy Creachbaum, Elvis Presley, Wm. Paul Shehan III, Father Olsen, Edward Provost, Carol Stackow, Fleur-Ange Hurdis, E.B. Hurdis Jr., Robert Petrarca, Ted Morgan, Ruth Sjogren, & Violet Loftus by Jerome & Patricia Loftus.

Teresa Turner, Erma Turner, Jerry Turner, Ada & Joseph Turner, & Ollie & Joseph Sheets by Jim Turner.

Alice & Jack Lederman, Wendy & Bob Nelson, Virginia & Orlando Malveto & Domenic Malveto by Alice Marie Malveto.

David A. Cannon, Larry Bayles, John & Phyllis Simonian, Vahan & Santook Simonian, Abraham & Betty Simonian, John & Helen Kirkman, Rev. Bjarne & Florence Erickson, Alan & Muriel McCoy, David & Lois Macaulay, Robert Macaulay, Edgar & Mable Pierce, Donald Shaw, Myra & Donald E. Shaw, Florence & Edwin Jenkins, Paul Mikowski, John Mikowski, Peter Patrick Cannon, Carrie & Henry Maksymowicz, Genevieve Jones, Jeff Thomas, Ed "Poppy" Babine, Louis Sanchez, Joan-Sandra McKnight, Cooper, Kingston, Oreo, Missy, and Sophie by Eric & Bonne Simonian.

Derek Andersen by Margaret Andersen.

Linda A. Stockwell, Dorothy (Dot) McBride, Lawrence McBride, and William F. Stockwell by Jayne & Stephen McBride.

In Thanksgiving for:

83 great years! by Bob Boss.

Our children and grandchildren, Jeremy, Jackie, Jack & Grace, Emily, Corey, & Remington by Heidi Seddon.

Carolyn Smith, Joseph, Ashley, & JR Rodrigues, Stan & Joan Schofield, Paul Schofield, Peter & Carolyn Schofield by the Rodrigues Family.

Heather, Joe, Ashley & JR Rodrigues, Donald Bridge, Stan & Joan Schofield by Carolyn Smith.

The people of St. Barnabas by Gail Frueh.

Marilyn Varden, Robert A. Taylor, & William G.Varden by the Varden Family.

The life of Amy Lavangee.

All our children & family by Jerome & Patricia Loftus.

Elsie Rocha by Joan Newell.

Healing Prayers January 2nd



You have the opportunity to participate in prayers for healing, the laying on of hands, and anointing with Holy Oil. At the end of the service, simply move to the front of the church. After Fr. Scott greets those leaving church he will join you as we pray for ourselves and those in need. If you ever need prayers for healing please speak to Fr. Scott, you do not need to wait until the first Sunday of the month.

Annual Meeting on January 30, 2022



Candidates for Election to Leadership Positions at St. Barnabas.

Sr. Warden – Heather Rodrigues

Jr. Warden – Stan Schofield

Treasurer – Stan Schofield

Clerk – Stephanie VanPatten

Vestry for Second Term – Jim Mixner

David Dolbashian

Vestry for New Term – Gail Frueh

Vestry Continuing – Marilyn Davis

*There are a few people who are considering these important positions. We can operate with fewer people than we have typically had on Vestry, but hopefully we will get at least 2 more spots filled. The problem we are having is that there is a general reluctance to get involved as we continue to be limited due to CoViD. If you are considering Vestry or serving as Jr. Warden in place of Stan (he would be very happy to let you), please speak to Fr. Scott. The commitment is a meeting once a month on Monday nights and the requirements are minimal. Also, please take time to thank those who do serve in leadership roles. They make certain that we have a safe and beautiful place for us to share in the abundance of God's love.

*The Annual Meeting will take place as usual, after the 10:00 service the last Sunday of January; however, due to the heightened restrictions around Covid, it is unlikely that we will share a meal like we normally do, and plan to wear a mask.

Happy Birthday



We would like to wish those celebrating birthdays in the month of January a Happy Birthday!

Edwin Turner

Eric Simonian

George Gravelin

Joan Newell

Joe Meyer

Laura Willkomm

Sadie Gauthier

Sarah Tyson

Stephen Willkomm

Tate Tetreault

Theodore Walker

Victoria Silvestri

William Dodge

Rachel Riley-Schafer

Sarah DelSesto

Jason Hammond

Craig Newell

Joseph Rodrigues

Scott Lombari

Linda Petrarca

Aram Hinz

Bruce Balkom

Stefani Weber

Jean Suppappola

Ethel Bernardino

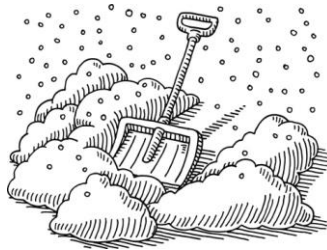
Brian Martin

2022 Stewardship Pledge Drive Update



Thank you to all who have made a pledge of financial support to our church. Our 2022 pledge drive has resulted in 95 pledges totaling \$143,729, which is still short of our goal of \$150,000. Some of you have not yet made a pledge but you faithfully put gifts in the offering plate each week. Please consider making this your pledge to support our church and help us reach a balanced budget for 2022. Pledge forms are available on the table at the rear of the church. Offering envelope boxes are available for pick up at the rear of the church for those who have already pledged. If you have any questions, please see Parish Treasurer Stan Schofield

Snow Angel Volunteers



With the weather beginning to change, St. Barnabas Church is looking for volunteers to aid in snow removal. Clear sidewalks, stairs, and doorways are required for the safety of our congregation. In the case of winter weather, Jr. Warden Heather Rodrigues shall notify volunteers and designate a meeting time at church. A volunteer sheet will be on the back table. Please sign your name and contact information for notifications. Thank you for your support! Volunteers please bring your shovels.

Donate Pull Tabs for Recycling



Did you know that we have donated many pounds of pull tabs? Minutes of expensive treatments and other support services for the children are supplemented by selling the recycled metal. Whenever you pop a top, say a prayer for the children and bring your tops to church and place in the collection containers! Keep those tab tops coming and transform them into a blessing instead of sending them to the landfill. Just another small way you can make a difference! **Thank You!!!**

Parish Office Closed



The Parish office will be closed on Monday, January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.



Prayer Chain

Our prayer chain is organized to meet the prayer needs of our parish family as well as those in our community of family, friends and neighbors. It functions as a rapid response to anyone in need of prayers. Because prayer requests are communicated by e-mail, the Prayer Chain is available 24/7. Robin Beckwith, our coordinator keeps a list of voluntary prayer intercessors, and we always welcome new volunteers! Please contact Robin Beckwith our prayer chain coordinator if you have a prayer request or would like to volunteer.

Morning Prayer



On Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Fr. Scott holds an abbreviated Morning Prayer Service. This gives us another chance to pray for this world, this nation, our church, our friends, family and even our enemies.



Thank you to those who continued donating food for the Food Bank during these difficult times. They are much appreciated and help local residents in need. Now that we are having in person services, donations can be left in the bins at the back of the church. Thank you to Richard Carr who has volunteered to bring the donations to Westbay.

It Takes Many People to Run a Church



As we are moving forward to our normal Church routine, there are many positions where we could use help. These include Ushers, Readers, Chalice Bearers, Acolytes, Altar Guild, Money Counters, Choir, lawn mowing, upkeep of flower beds, coffee hour. Please speak with Fr. Scott or call the parish office to find out about the opportunities where you can serve.

Missing Information



If your birthday has been omitted from the Encourager or Weekly Bulletin, or your address and/or email needs to be updated please call Robin in the office so that she may update your records.

Mid-week Eucharist & Bible Study



On Wednesdays, there is another opportunity for worship and study. At 10:00 a.m. there will be a Rite I Eucharist in the Parish Hall immediately followed by a Bible study. At 6:30 p.m. there will be a Healing Eucharist in the church, and then the same Bible study from the morning will be offered in the Parish hall at 7:00 p.m.



Happenings at St. Barnabas

Sunday Holy Eucharist

8:00 a.m. (Rite I)

10:00 a.m. (Rite II)

Morning Prayer

Tuesday & Thursday

10:00 a.m.

Worship and Bible Study

Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Bible Study



Fall Clean Up

I would like to thank the volunteers that assisted with the Fall Clean Up in November. Over 25 leaf bags were filled. Your help was greatly appreciated!

Heather Rodrigues, Jr. Warden



Thankful

On behalf of the St. Barnabas Vestry, I would like to send a gracious thank you to Richard Budlong and Ronald Bonefant for their donations of lawn care essentials. These donations will help St. Barnabas grounds stay beautiful and impeccable. We are blessed to have you both in our parish.

Thank you again, Heather Rodrigues, Jr. Warden & St. Barnabas Church Vestry