

SUNDAYS 10AM SCHEDULE FOR JULY AND AUGUST

7/5	Holy Eucharist	Fr. Johnson Mathew
7/12	Holy Eucharist	Fr. Niles Chittendon
7/19	Holy Eucharist	Fr. Johnson Mathew
7/26	Morning Prayer	Lay Leaders
8/2	Holy Eucharist	Fr. Johnson Mathew
8/9	Morning Prayer	Lay Leaders
8/16	Holy Eucharist	Fr. Johnson Mathew
8/23	Morning Prayer	Lay Leaders
8/30	Holy Eucharist	Fr. Philip Yohannan

After a delicious lunch (Sharon particularly enjoyed the cookies!) and time spent with wardens from churches in Manhattan, Rye and Yonkers, the group heard directly from Bishop Matt who addressed the group and took question for about 90 minutes. Now in his second year as our bishop, he outlined his new direction. This new model and strategic plan focuses on providing greater support and resources to churches and using the data, leadership and wisdom to guide the allocation of resources across the diocese. This seems to be a different approach as he provided a strategy that meets churches where they are, supports them in their development or helps them to find new partners or ways of operating that provide longer-term stability. Two major initiatives have already happened--the lowering of every church's annual assessment (the amount we pay each year to the diocese) and the appointment of a regional canons who will be a direct source of support to our church and, in our case, the Westchester region.

The day wrapped up around 3 p.m. (our friends at St. Joseph's were incredible hosts) and we left the meeting hopeful that the diocese is making a significant effort to reach churches just like St. Barnabas. As we learn more over the coming months, we will keep you informed. In the meantime, we encourage you to sign up for Bishop Matt's Monday morning notes to learn about all of the work around the diocese: <https://dioceseny.org/connect-subscribe/>

2026 WARDEN'S CONFERENCE OUTLINES NEW DIOCESAN DIRECTION

Our thanks to Sharon DeVivo who wrote the following report on the Diocesan Warden's conference where many new plans that have evolved under the leadership of Bishop Heyd were announced.



"The Holy Spirit moves at ground level," are the words Senior Warden Kathy Wolf and Junior Warden Sharon DeVivo heard from New York's Bishop Matthew Heyd at the annual Warden's Conference held on Saturday, May 30, 2026 at St. Joseph of Arimathea in Elmsford. The day was filled with new

information about the direction being taken by Bishop Matt and his team as well as time to interact with other church leaders across the diocese.

The morning included a review by Canon Alissa Newton, the Canon to the Ordinary (she oversees all clergy in the diocese) about the role of the priest-in-charge, the wardens, the Vestry and the congregation as well as best practices concerning communication, building trust and how to handle difficult situations. Judi Allen, the chief of finance and operations, provided an overview of the new expanding property office and the development of a survey and task force to develop shared services (e.g. the diocese purchases a Quickbook license at a reduced cost that all churches could use). Allen clearly understood the single largest expense that all churches manage is their buildings and property and her team is seeking to understand the age, current state of repairs and anticipated maintenance so that funding can be made available based on the assessed need.



OUTREACH SUNDAYS JULY 5 AND AUGUST 2 REMOTE AREA MEDICAL (RAM)



With all the cuts the government has made in health care and medical insurance assistance the situation is becoming more dire especially for those with limited means and those who live in rural areas. Remote Area Medical (RAM) is a volunteer medical group serving those in need. Through pop-up clinics they transform fairgrounds, gymnasiums and civic centers into comprehensive health care centers where doctors, dentists and ophthalmologists provide free medical, dental and vision services. A 60 Minutes documentary about their operation revealed how many people arrive days in advance of the opening of a clinic and wait in their cars for the clinics to open. In a country as rich as the United States this is difficult to comprehend or accept. New York State welcomes RAM and its services (not every state does). Your Outreach donation to RAM will help RAM provide its much needed services to our fellow New Yorkers.

JULY 17 AND AUGUST 21 MIDNIGHT RUNS

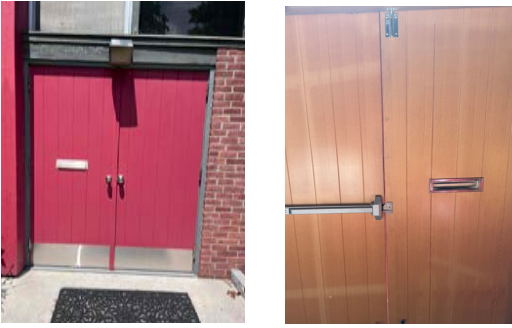
Sorting of clothes for the July run will be Wednesday July 15. For the August run it will be August 19. Come at 10 AM on those days if you can help. There is always something for everyone to do to participate in a run. Contribute food. Sort clothes. Make sandwiches or hard boiled eggs. Supply desserts or packages of crackers and cheese. Fill lunch bags before the run. Go on the run!

Calls regarding pastoral emergencies should be directed to Katherine Wolf 914-450-0794

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REMEMBER TO BRING DONATIONS FOR THE DOBBS FERRY FOOD PANTRY

OUR NEW FRONT DOORS



Parishioners will be happy to know it no longer requires a battering ram to open the front doors of St. Barnabas. The old doors were so warped, they were beyond repair. The new doors are installed and were painted the same red as the cross on the front of the church. Our thanks to Bill Sullivan and the door committee: Larry Wolf and Rick Weaver for their services in selecting the doors and arranging for installation. We're grateful to the Diocese for its contribution toward the cost.

REMEMBER WHEN...

For some of us it seems like yesterday that we said farewell to Joedy Kimball on June 9, 2019 as she left us for her new life in North Carolina. Joedy was a parishioner for 20 years and was an integral part of our church family. She is happily settled in her new home and is looking forward to becoming a grandmother, as her son, Brian, and his wife, Hanna, are expecting a new addition to the family in a matter of weeks. Pictured here is Joedy's farewell luncheon.



PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PLEDGE DURING THE SUMMER

It's summer and also vacation time, which means that many of us will be away for weeks or weekends. Vacations or not, the work of the church continues throughout the summer. The air conditioning and the lights must be turned on for church programs and those who rent space from us, the grass needs to be mowed, essential repairs for the church need to be made and the bills keep coming in for these things. This is why your pledges are so important to us throughout the summer.

A THANK YOU LETTER FROM FEEDING WESTCHESTER

It's always nice to learn when our Outreach donations are helping make a difference. We received a thank you letter from FEEDING WESTCHESTER for our donation of \$1062 made on April 1 of this year and for "being part of a community willing to take a stand in the fight against hunger". Their letter stressed their vision of a "community where all people have access to the food they need today" and where "children can thrive, seniors are well-nourished and hard-working parents can find the healthy food they need to provide for their families."

Our thanks to everyone at St. Barnabas who donated to this Outreach.

CHRISTMAS IN JUNE

Thanks to all who came and helped clear out the remnants of our past Christmas sales, which, alas, we no longer have enough hands to support. All of the decorations were boxed up and donated to The United Breast Cancer Foundation, and the "good stuff" i.e. gift items, china, glassware, etc. is being passed on to Zion Church in Dobbs Ferry for their thrift shop. They are very grateful for our donations and we are happy that they will go toward the support of the Episcopal church.

FR. MATHEW VISITS ELEANOR HERDINA

Before going on his sabbatical Fr. Mathew visited Eleanor in her assisted living residence. Eleanor frequently attends our Sunday Eucharists via zoom. Eleanor said to say "hello" to everyone at St. Barnabas, and we are happy to see she is doing so well. Zoom has turned out to be a real blessing for those who cannot be physically present for the Sunday morning service at St. Barnabas.



WHATEVER YOUR PLANS, HAVE A GREAT SUMMER. THE BEACON WILL RETURN IN SEPTEMBER.